general, to protect investors and the public interest.

The proposed rule change is intended to clarify the types of front running trading activity that FINRA believes are inconsistent with just and equitable principles of trade while also ensuring that members may continue to engage in transactions that do not present the risk of abusive trading practices that the rule is intended to prevent. The Commission finds that expanding the rule beyond options and security futures could enhance the protection of investors by further prohibiting the potential misuse of information from customer orders. Expanding the front running prohibition is reasonably designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, promote just and equitable principles of trade, and better protect investors and the public interest, while protecting imminent block transactions.

Moreover, the proposed rule change would help ensure that members would not unknowingly violate FINRA rules when such members rely on the rules of a particular national securities exchange.

For the foregoing reasons, the Commission believes that the proposed rule change, as modified by Amendment No. 1, is consistent with the requirements of the Act.

V. Conclusion

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,36 that the proposed rule change (SR–FINRA–2012–025), as modified by Amendment No. 1, be, and hereby is, approved.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.37

Kevin M. O’Neill,
Deputy Secretary.

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S U M M A R Y:

This is a Notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of New Mexico (FEMA–4079–DR), dated 08/24/2012. Incident: Flooding. Incident Period: 06/22/2012 through 07/12/2012. Effective Date: 08/24/2012. Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 10/23/2012. Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: 05/24/2013.

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 132526 and for economic injury is 132536.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Application for Employment as a Locally Employed Staff or Family Member

A G E N C Y : U.S. Small Business Administration.

S U M M A R Y : The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are requesting comments on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

D A T E S : The Department will accept comments from the public up to November 9, 2012.

A D D R E S S E S : You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

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