

general to protect investors and the public interest because it would provide another venue for electronically executing Complex QCC Orders with non-standard ratios. The proposed change would also increase opportunities for execution of Complex QCC Orders with non-standard ratios, which benefits all investors. The Exchange also believes that the proposed rule change would not permit unfair discrimination among market participants, as all market participants may opt to trade Complex QCC Orders with non-standard ratios.

The Exchange believes that the proposed clarifying changes would ensure accuracy of the proposed rule, which benefits all investors.²⁰

B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The Exchange does not believe that its proposed rule change will impose any burden on intra-market competition as it would apply equally to all market participants that opt to submit Complex QCC Orders with non-standard ratios for electronic processing, which orders the Exchange will process in a uniform manner.

The Exchange does not believe that its proposed rule change will impose any burden on inter-market competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act, rather the Exchange believes that its proposal will promote inter-market competition. As noted here, the proposed change is competitive as another options exchange currently permits Complex QCC Orders with non-standard ratios to be traded electronically. The Exchange's proposal will enhance inter-market competition by providing an additional venue where investors may electronically execute Complex QCC Orders with non-standard ratios, giving investors greater flexibility and a choice of where to send their orders. Market participants may find it more convenient to access one exchange over another or may choose to concentrate volume at a particular exchange to maximize the impact of volume-based incentive programs or may prefer the trade execution services of one exchange over another.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

No written comments were solicited or received with respect to the proposed rule change.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

Because the foregoing proposed rule change does not: (i) significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) become operative for 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, it has become effective pursuant to section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act²¹ and subparagraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.²²

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule should be approved or disapproved.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Comments

- Use the Commission's internet comment form (<https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include file number SR-NYSEAMER-2023-44 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090.

²¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

²² 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). In addition, Rule 19b-4(f)(6) requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The Exchange has satisfied this requirement.

All submissions should refer to file number SR-NYSEAMER-2023-44. This file number should be included on the subject line if email is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's internet website (<https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. Do not include personal identifiable information in submissions; you should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. We may redact in part or withhold entirely from publication submitted material that is obscene or subject to copyright protection. All submissions should refer to file number SR-NYSEAMER-2023-44 and should be submitted on or before October 19, 2023.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.²³

Sherry R. Haywood,

Assistant Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #18016 and #18017; Vermont Disaster Number VT-00046]

Presidential Declaration of a Major Disaster for the State of Vermont

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Amendment 6.

SUMMARY: This is an amendment of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of Vermont (FEMA-4720-DR), dated 07/14/2023.

²³ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

²⁰ See *supra* notes 15-16.

Incident: Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides, and Mudslides.
Incident Period: 07/07/2023 through 07/21/2023.

DATES: Issued on 09/19/2023.
Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 10/12/2023.
Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: 04/15/2024.

ADDRESSES: Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alan Escobar, Office of Disaster Recovery & Resilience, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205-6734.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of the President’s major disaster declaration for the State of Vermont, dated 07/14/2023, is hereby amended to re-establish the incident period for this disaster as beginning 07/07/2023 through 07/21/2023. All other information in the original declaration remains unchanged.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

Francisco Sánchez, Jr.,
Associate Administrator, Office of Disaster Recovery & Resilience.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #18191 and #18192; California Disaster Number CA-00388]

Administrative Declaration of a Disaster for the State of California

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a notice of an Administrative declaration of a disaster for the State of California dated 09/22/2023.

Incident: Tropical Storm Hilary.
Incident Period: 08/19/2023 through 08/21/2023.

DATES: Issued on 09/22/2023.
Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 11/21/2023.
Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: 06/24/2024.

ADDRESSES: Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Recovery &

Resilience, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205-6734.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that as a result of the Administrator’s disaster declaration, applications for disaster loans may be filed at the address listed above or other locally announced locations.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

Primary Counties: Riverside
Contiguous Counties: California Imperial, Orange, San Bernardino, San Diego
Arizona: La Paz
 The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
<i>For Physical Damage:</i>	
Homeowners with Credit Available Elsewhere	5.000
Homeowners without Credit Available Elsewhere	2.500
Businesses with Credit Available Elsewhere	8.000
Businesses without Credit Available Elsewhere	4.000
Non-Profit Organizations with Credit Available Elsewhere	2.375
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere	2.375
<i>For Economic Injury:</i>	
Businesses & Small Agricultural Cooperatives without Credit Available Elsewhere	4.000
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere	2.375

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 18191 8 and for economic injury is 18192 0.

The States which received an EIDL Declaration # is Arizona, California.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

Isabella Guzman,
Administrator.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36726]

Pan Am Southern LLC—Temporary Overhead Trackage Rights—Boston and Maine Corporation and Springfield Terminal Railway Corporation

Pan Am Southern LLC (PAS) has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(8) to acquire temporary overhead trackage rights over a line

owned by the Boston and Maine Corporation (B&M) and leased and operated by Springfield Terminal Railway Company (ST). That line generally extends between PAS’s existing connection to B&M/ST’s tracks at Engineering Station 215+89 at CPF 312 outside Ayer, Mass., and Engineering Station 225+00 outside Ayer, for a total distance of approximately 1,000 feet (the Line).¹

According to PAS, its use of the Line would be limited to repositioning locomotives. PAS states that Pittsburg & Shawmut Railroad, LLC d/b/a Berkshire & Eastern Railroad (B&E) currently serves as the contract operator of PAS and that PAS/B&E serve a facility located on PAS’s line, just west of its connection to the Line. PAS explains that due to a lack of space on PAS’s line between the facility and CPF 312, PAS/B&E do not have sufficient headroom to reposition PAS/B&E locomotives serving the facility, resulting in inefficiency and congestion on PAS’s network. PAS notes an urgent need to reduce congestion on the PAS network and states that the limited overhead temporary trackage rights sought in this docket would provide PAS/B&E with the necessary head and tail room to reposition locomotives while PAS pursues a long-term solution to the issue, namely installation of a “cross-over” on PAS’s line. PAS states that procurement and installation of the cross-over will take approximately 75 days, and that, based on that schedule, the parties have agreed that the temporary overhead trackage rights will expire on December 5, 2023.

On September 22, 2023, PAS filed a petition to waive the requirement under 49 CFR 1180.4(g) that a verified notice be filed at least 30 days before the transaction is consummated and to allow the exemption to take effect immediately, or no later than September 28, 2023. The effective date of the exemption will be addressed in a separate decision on the waiver request.

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the acquisition of the temporary trackage rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in *Norfolk & Western Railway—Trackage Rights—Burlington Northern, Inc.*, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Railway—Lease & Operate—California Western Railroad*,

¹ PAS filed a redacted copy of the draft written temporary trackage rights agreement as an exhibit to its verified notice, along with a separate motion for protective order pursuant to 49 CFR 1104.14. On September 22, 2023, PAS filed redacted and unredacted copies of the fully executed agreement. PAS’s motion for protective order is addressed in a separate decision.