

Commission may designate, if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) under the Act¹³ requires that the self-regulatory organization give the Commission written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change, along with a brief description and text of the proposed rule change, at least five business days prior to the filing date. The PCX has complied with this requirement¹⁴. Therefore, the proposed rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act¹⁵ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)¹⁶ thereunder.

A proposed rule change filed under Rule 19b-4(f)(6)¹⁷ does not become operative prior to 30 days after the date of filing or such shorter time as the Commission may designate if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The PCX has requested, in order to permit the Exchange to maintain competition and efficiency, that the Commission accelerate the operative date of the proposed rule change so that it may take effect immediately. The Commission believes that waiving the 30-day operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. For these reasons, the Commission designates the proposal to be effective and operative upon filing with the Commission.¹⁸ Accordingly, the proposed rule change became effective on August 26, 2002, the date on which Amendment No. 1 was filed with the Commission.

At any time within 60 days of August 26, 2002, the Commission may summarily abrogate 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.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change, as amended, is consistent with the Act. Persons making written submissions should file six copies

thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609. 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 inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the PCX. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-PCX-2002-50 and should be submitted by October 18, 2002.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁹

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Economic Injury Disaster #9R57]

State of Louisiana; Disaster Loan Areas

Cameron, Jefferson, Lafourche and Terrebonne Parishes and the contiguous Parishes of Assumption, Calcasieu, Jefferson Davis, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist, St. Mary and Vermillion in the State of Louisiana; and Jefferson and Orange Counties in the State of Texas constitute an economic injury disaster loan area as a result of an extensive cold front reaching far into the coastal areas of Southern Louisiana on May 13 through May 23, 2002. Eligible small businesses and small agricultural cooperatives without credit available elsewhere may file applications for economic injury assistance as a result of this disaster until the close of business on June 20, 2003 at the address listed below or other locally announced locations: Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 3 Office, 4400 Amon Carter Blvd., Suite 102, Ft. Worth, TX 76155.

The interest rate for eligible small businesses and small agricultural cooperatives is 3.5 percent.

The number assigned for economic injury for this disaster is 9R5700 for the State of Louisiana and 9R5800 for the State of Texas.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 59002.)

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Hector V. Barreto,
Administrator.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Disaster #3443]

State of Wyoming; Disaster Loan Areas

Johnson County and the contiguous counties of Big Horn, Campbell, Converse, Natrona, Sheridan and Washakie in the State of Wyoming constitute a disaster area as a result of severe storms and flooding that occurred on August 27 and August 28, 2002. Applications for loans for physical damage as a result of this disaster may be filed until the close of business on November 19, 2002 and for economic injury until the close of business on June 20, 2003 at the address listed below or other locally announced locations: Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 3 Office, 4400 Amon Carter Blvd., Suite 102, Ft. Worth, TX 76155.

The interest rates are:

	Percent
For Physical Damage:	
Homeowners with credit available elsewhere	6.625
Homeowners without credit available elsewhere	3.312
Businesses with credit available elsewhere	7.000
Businesses and non-profit organizations without credit available elsewhere	3.500
Others (including non-profit organizations) with credit available elsewhere	6.375
For Economic Injury:	
Businesses and small agricultural cooperatives without credit available elsewhere	3.500

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 344311 and for economic damage is 9R5900.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008).

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¹³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

¹⁴ See letter from Michael D. Pierson, Vice President, Regulatory Policy, PCX, to Nancy J. Sanow, Assistant Director, Division of Market Regulation, dated July 17, 2002.

¹⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹⁶ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

¹⁷ *Id.*

¹⁸ For purposes of accelerating the operative date of the proposed rule change only, the Commission notes that it has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

¹⁹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).