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.

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

No written comments were either solicited or received.

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

Because the foregoing rule change does not: (1) Significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (2) impose any significant burden on competition; and (3) become operative for 30 days after the date of this filing, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, it has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act <sup>25</sup> and Rule 19b–4(f)(6) thereunder.<sup>26</sup>

A proposed rule change filed under 19b-4(f)(6) normally may not become operative prior to 30 days after the date of filing.<sup>27</sup> However, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) 28 permits the Commission to designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Exchange has requested that the Commission waive the 30-day operative delay. The Commission believes that waiving the 30-day operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest because such waiver would allow the Exchange to implement the delta hedging exemption from equity options position limits without needless delay. The Commission notes that it recently approved a substantially similar proposal filed by the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated.<sup>29</sup> The Commission believes that Phlx's proposal to create a delta hedging exemption from equity

options position limits raises no new issues. For these reasons, the Commission designates the proposed rule change to be operative upon filing with the Commission.<sup>30</sup>

At any time within 60 days of the filing of such proposed rule change 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 is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

## Electronic Comments

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml); or
- Send an e-mail to *rule-comments@sec.gov*. Please include File Number SR–Phlx–2008–07 on the subject line.

## Paper Comments

• Send paper comments in triplicate to Nancy M. Morris, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549–1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-Phlx-2008-07. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail 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 Web site (http://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 inspection and copying 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 Phlx. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR–Phlx–2008–07 and should be submitted on or before March 21, 2008.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.  $^{31}$ 

#### Florence E. Harmon,

Deputy Secretary.

**ACTION:** Notice.

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# SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION [Disaster Declaration #11176 and #11177]

# Alabama Disaster Number AL-00012

**AGENCY:** U.S. Small Business Administration.

**SUMMARY:** This is a notice of an Administrative declaration of a disaster for the State of Alabama dated 02/21/2008.

Incident: Severe storm and tornadoes. Incident Period: 02/05/2008 through 02/06/2008.

**DATES:** Effective Date: 02/21/2008. Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 04/21/2008.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: 11/21/2008.

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 Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, SW., Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416.

**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: Lawrence Walker Contiguous Counties:

<sup>25 15</sup> U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b–4(f)(6)(iii). In addition, Rule 19b–4(f)(6)(iii) requires that a self-regulatory organization submit to 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 date of filing of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The Exchange has satisfied the five-day pre-filing notice requirement.

<sup>28</sup> Id

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 56970 (December 14, 2007), 72 FR 72428 (December 20, 2007) (SR-CBOE-2007-99).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> For the purposes only of waiving the 30-day operative delay, the Commission has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. *See* 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

<sup>31 17</sup> CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

Alabama: Blount, Colbert, Cullman, Fayette, Franklin, Jefferson, Lauderdale, Limestone, Marion, Morgan, Tuscaloosa, Winston The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
Llamana Milla Consilia Assail	
Homeowners With Credit Available Elsewhere	5.500
Homeowners Without Credit Available Elsewhere	2.750
Businesses With Credit Available	0.000
Elsewhere	8.000
Cooperatives Without Credit Available Elsewhere	4.000
Other (Including Non-Profit Organizations) With Credit Available	
Elsewhere	5.250
nizations Without Credit Avail-	
able Elsewhere	4.000

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 11176 C and for economic injury is 11177 0.

The State which received an EIDL Declaration # is Alabama.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers 59002 and 59008)

Dated: February 21, 2008.

#### Steven C. Preston,

Administrator.

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# SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #11174 and #11175]

## Alabama Disaster Number AL-00013

**AGENCY:** U.S. Small Business

Administration. **ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This is a notice of an Administrative declaration of a disaster for the State of ALABAMA dated 02/21/2008.

*Incident:* Severe Storms and Tornadoes.

Incident Period: 02/17/2008.

**DATES:** Effective Date: 02/21/2008. Physical Loan Application Deadling

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 04/21/2008.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: 11/21/2008.

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 Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, SW., Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416.

**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: Autauga Autauga Contiguous Counties:

Alabama: Chilton, Dallas, Elmore, Lowndes, Montgomery The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
Homeowners With Credit Avail-	
able Elsewhere Homeowners Without Credit	5.500
Available Elsewhere  Businesses With Credit Available	2.750
Elsewhere	8.000
Cooperatives Without Credit Available Elsewhere	4.000
Other (Including Non-Profit Orga- nizations) With Credit Available Elsewhere	5.250
Businesses and Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Avail-	3.230
able Elsewhere	4.000

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 11174 C and for economic injury is 11175 0.

The State which received an EIDL Declaration # is Alabama.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers 59002 and 59008)

Dated: February 21, 2008.

## Steven C. Preston,

Administrator.

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# SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #11166]

## Arkansas Disaster Number AR-00016

**AGENCY:** U.S. Small Business Administration.

**ACTION:** Amendment 1.

**SUMMARY:** This is an amendment of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of Arkansas (FEMA–1744–DR), dated 02/07/2008.

*Incident:* Severe Storms, Tornadoes, and Flooding.

*Incident Period*: 02/05/2008 and continuing.

DATES: Effective Date: 02/20/2008. Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 04/07/2008.

**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 Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, SW., Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The notice of the President's major disaster declaration for Private Non-Profit organizations in the State of Arkansas, dated 02/07/2008, is hereby amended to include the following areas as adversely affected by the disaster.

Primary Counties:

Newton Marion

All other information in the original declaration remains unchanged.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

## James E. Rivera,

Acting Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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# **SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

[Disaster Declaration #11169 and #11170]

# Arkansas Disaster Number AR-00015

**AGENCY:** Small Business Administration. **ACTION:** Amendment 3.

**SUMMARY:** This is an amendment of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of Arkansas (FEMA-1744-DR), dated 02/08/2008.

Incident: Severe Storms, Tornadoes, and Flooding.

*Incident Period:* 02/05/2008 and continuing through 02/12/2008.

DATES: Effective Date: 02/12/2008. Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 04/08/2008.

EIDL Loan Application Deadline Date: 11/10/2008.

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 Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, SW., Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The notice of the President's major disaster declaration for the State of Arkansas, dated 02/08/2008 is hereby amended to establish the incident period for this disaster as beginning 02/05/2008 and continuing through 02/12/2008.