

and substantially similar to the existing rules of the other options exchanges. The Commission previously approved these rules and, therefore, believes that accelerating such rules for Phlx XL on a six month pilot basis is appropriate, because the revisions do not raise new issues of regulatory concern. Therefore, the Commission finds that accelerated approval of Amendments No. 6 and 7 is consistent with section 19(b)(2) of the Act.⁵⁸

VI. Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, the Commission finds that the proposed rule change, as amended, is consistent with the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to a national securities exchange, and, in particular, with section 6(b)(5) of the Act.⁵⁹

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to section 19(b)(2) of the Act,⁶⁰ that the proposed rule change and Amendments No. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 (SR-Phlx-2003-59) are approved, that Amendments No. 6 and 7 thereto are approved on an accelerated basis, and that the opening procedures are approved on a pilot basis until January 31, 2005.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁶¹

Jill M. Peterson,

Assistant Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Disaster #P043]

State of South Dakota

As a result of the President's major disaster declaration for Public Assistance on July 20, 2004, the U.S. Small Business Administration is activating its disaster loan program only for private non-profit organizations that provide essential services of a governmental nature. I find that Haakon, Jackson, Marshall, Mellette, Minnehaha, Todd, Tripp, and Turner Counties, and the Rosebud Indian Reservation in the State of South Dakota constitute a disaster area due to damages caused by severe storms and flooding occurring on May 28, 2004, and continuing. Applications for loans for physical damage as a result of this disaster may be filed until the close of business on

September 20, 2004, at the address listed below or other locally announced locations: U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 3 Office, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155-2243.

The interest rates are:

	Percent
For Physical Damage:	
Non-Profit Organizations With-	
out Credit Available Else-	
where	2.750
Non-profit organizations with	
credit available elsewhere	4.875

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is P04306.

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

Dated: July 26, 2004.

Herbert L. Mitchell,

Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Notice of Action Subject to Intergovernmental Review Under Executive Order 12372

AGENCY: Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice of action subject to intergovernmental review.

SUMMARY: The Small Business Administration (SBA) is notifying the public that it intends to grant the pending applications of 42 existing Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs) for refunding on January 1, 2005, subject to the availability of funds. Fourteen states do not participate in the EO 12372 process therefore, their addresses are not included. A short description of the SBDC program follows in the supplementary information below.

The SBA is publishing this notice at least 120 days before the expected refunding date. The SBDCs and their mailing addresses are listed below in the address section. A copy of this notice also is being furnished to the respective State single points of contact designated under the Executive Order. Each SBDC application must be consistent with any area-wide small business assistance plan adopted by a State-authorized agency.

DATES: A State single point of contact and other interested State or local entities may submit written comments regarding an SBDC refunding within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice to the SBDC.

ADDRESSES:

Addresses of Relevant SBDC State Directors

- Mr. Greg Panichello, Acting State Director, Salt Lake Community College, 1623 South State Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84115, (801) 957-3493.
- Mr. Herbert Thweatt, Director, American Samoa Community College, P.O. Box 2609, Pago Pago, American Samoa 96799, 011-684-699-9155.
- Mr. John Lenti, State Director, University of South Carolina, 1710 College Street, Columbia, SC 29208, (803) 777-4907.
- Ms. Kelly Manning, State Director, Office of Business Development, 1625 Broadway, Suite 1710, Denver, CO 80202, (303) 892-3864.
- Mr. Henry Turner, Executive Director, Howard University, 2600 6th St., NW, Room 125, Washington, DC 20059, (202) 806-1550.
- Mr. Jerry Cartwright, State Director, University of West Florida, 401 East Chase Street, Suite 100, Pensacola, FL 32501, (850) 595-6060.
- Mr. Hank Logan, State Director, University of Georgia, Chicopee Complex, Athens, GA 30602, (706) 542-6762.
- Mr. Darryl Mleynek, State Director, University of Hawaii/Hilo, 200 West Kawili Street, Hilo, HI 96720, (808) 974-7515.
- Mr. Sam Males, State Director, University of Nevada/Reno, College of Business Administration, Room 411, Reno, NV 89557-0100, (775) 784-1717.
- Mr. Patrick Geho, Acting State Director, Tennessee Board of Regents, 1415 Murfreesboro Road, Suite 324, Nashville, TN 37217-2833, (615) 366-3931.
- Ms. Debbie Bishop Trocha, State Director, Economic Development Council, One North Capitol, Suite 420, Indianapolis, IN 46204, (317) 234-2086.
- Ms. Mary Collins, State Director, University of New Hampshire, 108 McConnell Hall, Durham, NH 03824, (603) 862-4879.
- Mr. John Massaua, State Director, University of Southern Maine, 96 Falmouth Street, Portland, ME 04103, (207) 780-4420.
- Ms. Carolyn Clark, State Director, Washington State University, 534 East Trent Avenue, Spokane, WA 99210-1495, (509) 358-7765.
- Ms. Christine Martin, State Director, University of North Dakota, P.O. Box 7308, Grand Forks, ND 58202, (701) 777-3700.
- Mr. Casey Jeszenka, Director, University of Guam, P.O. Box 5061—U.O.G.

⁵⁸ *Id.*

⁵⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

⁶⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

⁶¹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

Station, Mangilao, Guam 96923, (671) 735-2553.

Ms. Erica Kauten, State Director, University of Wisconsin, 432 North Lake Street, Room 423, Madison, WI 53706, (608) 263-7794.

Mr. Greg Higgins, State Director, University of Pennsylvania, The Wharton School, 444 Vance Hall, Philadelphia, PA 19104, (215) 898-1219.

Mr. Robert Hamlin, State Director, Bryant College, 1150 Douglas Pike, Smithfield, RI 02917, (401) 232-6111.

Mr. John Lenti, State Director, University of South Carolina, College of Business Administration, 1710 College Street, Columbia, SC 29208, (803) 777-4907.

Mr. Mark Slade, Acting Co-State Director, University of South Dakota, School of Business, 414 East Clark, Vermillion, SD 57069, (605) 367-5757.

Ms. Vi Pham, Region Director, California State University, Fullerton, 800 North State College Blvd., Fullerton, CA 92834, (714) 278-2719.

Ms. Debbie Trujillo, Region Director, Southwestern Community College District, 900 Otey Lakes Road, Chula Vista, CA 91910, (619) 482-6388.

Ms. Helen Sullivan, Region Director, University of California, Merced, 550 East Shaw, Suite 105A, Fresno, CA 93710, (559) 241-7414.

Ms. Janice Rhodd, Region Director, California State University, Chico Research Foundation, Chico, CA 95929-0765, (530) 898-4598.

Mr. Blake Escudier, Region Director, San Jose State University, College of Business SJSU, 84 West Santa Clara, Suite 100, San Jose, CA 95113, (408) 287-2310.

Ms. Wilma Worden, Region Director, California State University, 18111 Nordhoff Street, Northridge, CA 91330-8232, (818) 677-2467.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Antonio Doss, Associate Administrator for SBDCs, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 Third Street, SW., Sixth Floor, Washington, DC 20416.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description of the SBDC Program

A partnership exists between SBA and an SBDC. SBDCs offer training, counseling and other business development assistance to small businesses. Each SBDC provides services under a negotiated Cooperative Agreement with the SBA. SBDCs operate on the basis of a state plan to provide assistance within a state or geographic area. The initial plan must have the written approval of the

Governor. Non-Federal funds must match Federal funds. An SBDC must operate according to law, the Cooperative Agreement, SBA's regulations, the annual Program Announcement, and program guidance.

Program Objectives

The SBDC program uses Federal funds to leverage the resources of states, academic institutions and the private sector to:

- (a) Strengthen the small business community;
- (b) Increase economic growth;
- (c) Assist more small businesses; and
- (d) Broaden the delivery system to more small businesses.

SBDC Program Organization

The lead SBDC operates a statewide or regional network of SBDC service centers. An SBDC must have a full-time Director. SBDCs must use at least 80 percent of the Federal funds to provide services to small businesses. SBDCs use volunteers and other low cost resources as much as possible.

SBDC Services

An SBDC must have a full range of business development and technical assistance services in its area of operations, depending upon local needs, SBA priorities and SBDC program objectives. Services include training and counseling to existing and prospective small business owners in management, marketing, finance, operations, planning, taxes, and any other general or technical area of assistance that supports small business growth.

The SBA district office and the SBDC must agree upon the specific mix of services. They should give particular attention to SBA's priority and special emphasis groups, including veterans, women, exporters, the disabled, and minorities.

SBDC Program Requirements

An SBDC must meet programmatic and financial requirements imposed by statute, regulations or its Cooperative Agreement. The SBDC must:

- (a) Locate service centers so that they are as accessible as possible to small businesses;
- (b) Open all service centers at least 40 hours per week, or during the normal business hours of its state or academic Host Organization, throughout the year;
- (c) Develop working relationships with financial institutions, the investment community, professional associations, private consultants and small business groups; and
- (d) Maintain lists of private consultants at each service center.

Dated: July 29, 2004.

Antonio Doss,

Associate Administrator for Small Business Development Centers.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[STB Docket No. AB-872X]

Great Northwest Railroad, Inc.— Abandonment Exemption—in Clearwater County, ID

On July 14, 2004, Great Northwest Railroad, Inc. (GNR), filed with the Board a petition under 49 U.S.C. 10502 for exemption from 49 U.S.C. 10903 to abandon a line of railroad extending from milepost 3.5, at Orofino, ID, to milepost 31.0, near Jaype, ID, a distance of approximately 27.5 miles, in Clearwater County, ID. The line traverses U.S. Postal Service ZIP Codes 83544 and 83546 and includes no stations.

The line does not contain federally granted rights-of-way. Any documentation in GNR's possession will be made available promptly to those requesting it.

The interest of railroad employees will be protected by the conditions set forth in *Oregon Short Line R. Co.—Abandonment—Goshen*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

By issuance of this notice, the Board is instituting an exemption proceeding pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 10502(b). A final decision will be issued by November 1, 2004.

Any offer of financial assistance (OFA) under 49 CFR 1152.27(b)(2) will be due no later than 10 days after service of a decision granting the petition for exemption. Each offer must be accompanied by a \$1,100 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(25).

All interested persons should be aware that, following abandonment of rail service and salvage of the line, the line may be suitable for other public use, including interim trail use. Any request for a public use condition under 49 CFR 1152.28 or for trail use/rail banking under 49 CFR 1152.29 will be due no later than August 13, 2004. Each trail use request must be accompanied by a \$150 filing fee. See 49 CFR 1002.2(f)(27).

All filings in response to this notice must refer to STB Docket No. AB-872X and must be sent to: (1) Surface Transportation Board, 1925 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20423-0001; and