

previously approved pilot program until November 30, 2001. No changes to Rule 98 are being proposed at this time and the Commission has not received any comments on the pilot program. In addition, the Exchange appropriately filed a pre-filing notice as required by Rule 19b-4(f)(6).¹⁶

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. 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 Phlx. All submissions should refer to the File No. SR-Phlx-2001-70 and should be submitted by September 7, 2001.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁷

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Mercantile Capital Partners I, L.P. 05/75-0260

Notice is hereby given that Mercantile Capital Partners I, L.P. (Mercantile), 1372 Shermer Road, Northbrook, Illinois, a Federal Licensee under the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, as amended ("Act") in connection with the financing of a small concern has sought an exemption under Section 312 of the Act and section 107.730 which constitutes Conflicts of Interest under 13 CFR 107.730(2000). Mercantile proposes to provide debt security financing to ITracs Corporation (ITracs), One IBM

Plaza, 330 N. Wabash, 40th Floor, Chicago, Illinois. The financing is contemplated for expansion.

The financing is brought under the purview of Sec 107.730(a)(1) of the regulations because Jackson National Life Insurance Company and Mercantile Equity Partners I, L.P. currently own greater than ten percent of ITracs and ITracs is considered an Associate of Mercantile as defined in Sec. 107.50 of the regulations.

Notice is hereby given that any interested person may submit written comments on the transaction to the Associate Administrator for Investments, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 Third Street SW., Washington, DC 20416.

Dated: August 13, 2001.

Harry Haskins,

Acting Associate Administrator for Investments.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Office of the Secretary

[Delegation of Authority No. 246]

Delegation of Functions Under the Latin American Development Act of 1960 From the Secretary of State to the Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Secretary of State, including the State Department Basic Authorities Act and the Presidential Delegation of Responsibilities Related to the Latin American Development Act of 1960 dated May 30, 2001, 66 FR 110, in which the President delegated the functions conferred upon him by the Latin American Development Act of 1960, 22 U.S.C. 1942 *et seq.*, I hereby delegate those functions to the Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development.

This delegation shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: July 15, 2001.

Colin L. Powell,

Secretary of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

[FHWA Docket No. FHWA-2001-9706]

Outdoor Advertising Control

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) proposes to amend the Highway Beautification Federal/State Agreement dated August 26, 1974, between the United States of America represented by the Secretary of Transportation and the State of Oregon, in order to permit the use of tri-vision signs adjacent to routes controlled under Highway Beautification Act.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before September 17, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Mail or hand deliver comments for the docket number that appears in the heading of this documents to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Dockets Management Facility, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001, or submit electronically at <http://dms.dot.gov/submit>. All comments should include the docket number that appears in the heading of this document. All comments received will be available for examination and copying at the above address from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Those desiring notification of receipt of comments must include a self-addressed, stamped postcard or you may print the acknowledgement page that appears after submitting comments electronically.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Burney, Realty Specialist, Office of Real Estate Services, HEPR (202) 366-4842; or Mr. Robert Black, Office of Chief Counsel, HCC-31, (202) 366-1359, Federal Highway Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Office hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Access and Filing

You may submit or retrieve comments online through the Document Management System (DSM) at: <http://dms.dot.gov/submit>. Acceptable formats include: MS Word (versions 95 to 97), MS Word for Mac (versions 6 to 8), Rich Text File (RTF), American Standard Code Information Interchange (ASCII)(TXT), Portable Document

¹⁶ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

¹⁷ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).