

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-57113; File No. SR-CTA-2007-02]

Consolidated Tape Association; Order Approving the Eleventh Substantive Amendment to the Second Restatement of the Consolidated Tape Association Plan

January 8, 2008.

I. Introduction

On November 5, 2007, the Consolidated Tape Association (“CTA”) Plan Participants (“Participants”)¹ filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC” or “Commission”) pursuant to section 11A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”),² and Rule 608 thereunder,³ a proposal to amend the Second Restatement of the CTA Plan (the “Plan”) to permit Participants to report to the Processor under the CTA Plan the actual number of shares for each transaction (exclusive of odd-lots), rather than to report the number of round lots for each transaction. The proposed Plan amendment was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on December 12, 2007.⁴ No comment letters were received in response to the Notice. This order approves the proposed Plan amendment.

II. Description of the Proposal

The Plan currently requires Participants to include in their transaction reports to the CTA Plan’s processor the stock symbol of the Eligible Security, the price at which the transaction was executed, and the volume, in round lots, involved in the transaction.

The Eleventh Substantive Amendment proposes to replace the requirement that Participant report each transaction’s volume in round lots with a requirement that each Participant report the actual number of shares for each transaction, exclusive of odd lots. The Participants believe that it remains

¹ Each Participant executed the proposed amendment. The Participants are the American Stock Exchange LLC; Boston Stock Exchange, Inc.; Chicago Board Options Exchange, Inc.; Chicago Stock Exchange, Inc.; International Securities Exchange, LLC; The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC; National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. (n/k/a the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority); National Stock Exchange, Inc.; New York Stock Exchange LLC; NYSE Arca, Inc.; and Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Inc.

² 15 U.S.C. 78k-1.

³ 17 CFR 242.608.

⁴ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 56904 (December 5, 2007), 72 FR 70621 (“Notice”).

appropriate to exclude odd lots from CTA trade reporting because the small size of odd-lot trades adds little to marketplace transparency and because the number of odd-lot trades would clutter data feeds and make it more difficult for investors to obtain a true view of the markets for Eligible Securities.

The Participants propose to implement the change soon after receipt of Commission approval of the Amendment.

III. Discussion

The Commission finds that the proposed CTA Plan amendment is consistent with the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder.⁵ Specifically, the Commission finds that the amendment to report transactions in the actual number of shares traded is consistent with Rule 608(b)(2)⁶ of the Act in that it is necessary for the protection of investors, the maintenance of fair and orderly markets, and to remove impediments to a national market system.

The proposed amendment would add greater transparency to the market place. Thus, the proposed amendment is consistent with, and would further, one of the principal objectives for the national market system set forth in section 11A(a)(1)(C)(iii)⁷ of the Act—increasing the availability of market information to broker-dealers and investors.

IV. Conclusion

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to section 11A of the Act,⁸ and the rules thereunder, that the proposed amendment to the CTA Plan (SR-CTA-2007-02) is approved.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁹

Florence E. Harmon,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting; Federal Register Citation of Previous Announcement: [to be published]

STATUS: Open Meeting.

⁵ The Commission has considered the proposed amendment’s impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

⁶ 17 CFR 242.608(b)(2).

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78k-1(a)(1)(C)(iii).

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78k-1.

⁹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(27).

PLACE: 100 F Street, NE., L-002, Auditorium, Washington, DC.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ADDITIONAL MEETING: Open Meeting.

The Commission has scheduled an Open Meeting for Wednesday, January 16, 2008 at 10 a.m., in the Auditorium, Room L-002.

The subject matter of the January 16, 2008 Open Meeting will be:

The Commission will consider whether to approve a proposed rule change submitted by the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated (“CBOE”) to interpret the “Exercise Right” in Article Fifth(b) of CBOE’s Certificate of Incorporation (File No. SR-CBOE-2006-106).

Commissioner Nazareth, as duty officer, determined that no earlier notice of the Open Meeting was possible.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting items. For further information and to ascertain what, if any, matters have been added, deleted or postponed, please contact:

The Office of the Secretary at (202) 551-5400.

Dated: January 11, 2008.

Nancy M. Morris,

Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration # 11148 and # 11149]

Nevada Disaster # NV-00008

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a Notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of Nevada (FEMA-1738-DR), dated 01/08/2008.

Incident: Severe Winter Storms and Flooding.

Incident Period: 01/05/2008 and continuing.

Effective Date: 01/08/2008.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 03/10/2008.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: 10/08/2008.

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 President's major disaster declaration on 01/08/2008, 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 (Physical Damage and Economic Injury Loans): Lyon
Contiguous Counties (Economic Injury Loans Only):

Nevada: Carson City, Churchill, Douglas, Mineral, Storey, Washoe.
California: Mono.

The Interest Rates are:

| | Percent |
|---|---------|
| <i>For Physical Damage:</i> | |
| Homeowners With Credit Available Elsewhere | 5.875 |
| Homeowners Without Credit Available Elsewhere | 2.937 |
| Businesses With Credit Available Elsewhere | 8.000 |
| Other (Including Non-Profit Organizations) With Credit Available Elsewhere | 5.250 |
| Businesses And Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere | 4.000 |
| <i>For Economic Injury:</i> | |
| Businesses and Small Agricultural Cooperatives Without Credit Available Elsewhere | 4.000 |

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 111486 and for economic injury is 111490.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers 59002 and 59008)

Herbert L. Mitchell,

Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration # 11146 and # 11147]

Indiana Disaster # IN-00015

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a notice of an Administrative declaration of a disaster for the State of INDIANA dated 01/08/2008.

Incident: Severe Storms and Tornadoes.

Incident Period: 10/18/2007.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 01/08/2008.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 03/10/2008.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: 10/08/2008.

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: Elkhart.

Contiguous Counties:

Indiana: Kosciusko, Lagrange, Marshall, Noble, St. Joseph.
Michigan: Cass, St. Joseph.

The Interest Rates Are:

| | Percent |
|---|---------|
| Homeowners With Credit Available Elsewhere | 5.875 |
| Homeowners Without Credit Available Elsewhere | 2.937 |
| Businesses With Credit Available Elsewhere | 8.000 |
| Businesses & Small Agricultural Cooperatives Without Credit Available Elsewhere | 4.000 |
| Other (Including Non-Profit Organizations) With Credit Available Elsewhere | 5.250 |
| Businesses and Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere | 4.000 |

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 11146 C and for economic injury is 11147 O.

The States which received an EIDL Declaration # are Indiana, Michigan.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers 59002 and 59008)

Dated: January 8, 2008.

Steven C. Preston,
Administrator.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Advisory Committee on Veterans Business Affairs; Public Meeting

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), pursuant to the Veterans Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development Act of 1999 (Pub.

L. 106-50), SBA Advisory Committee on Veterans Business Affairs will host a public meeting on Tuesday, January 8, 2008 starting at 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. The meeting will be held at the U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, SW., Washington, DC 20416, Eisenhower's Conference Room, Side B, 2nd Floor.

The purpose for this meeting is to examine issues pertaining to SBA's programs and outreach services for veterans and service-disabled veterans. Anyone wishing to attend must contact Cheryl Clark, Program Liaison, in the Office of Veterans Business Development at (202) 205-6773 or send an e-mail to *cheryl.clark@sba.gov*.

Cherylyn Lebon,

Committee Management Officer.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration # 11150]

Iowa Disaster # IA-00013

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a Notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of IOWA (FEMA-1737-DR), dated 01/04/2008.

Incident: Severe Winter Storm.

Incident Period: 12/10/2007 through 12/11/2007.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 01/04/2008.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 03/04/2008.

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, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that as a result of the President's major disaster declaration on 01/04/2008, Private Non-Profit organizations that provide essential services of a governmental nature may file disaster loan applications 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: