

The new adjustment policy approved in File No. SR-OCC-2006-01 will take effect beginning with dividends announced on and after February 1, 2009. OCC intends this proposed rule change to take effect at the same time, but these changes will not be implemented until the exchanges have conducted appropriate educational efforts and definitive copies of an appropriate supplement to the options disclosure document, *Characteristics and Risks of Standardized Options*, are available for distribution.

### III. Discussion

Section 17A(b)(3)(F) of the Act requires, among other things, that the rules of a clearing agency be designed to promote the prompt and accurate clearance and settlement of securities transactions.<sup>4</sup> The Commission finds the proposed rule change to be consistent with this requirement because it should reduce inconsistencies in the adjustment of stock option contracts. As a result, OCC's proposed rule change should promote the prompt and accurate clearance and settlement of securities transactions.

### IV. Conclusion

On the basis of the foregoing, the Commission finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of the Act and in particular Section 17A of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder.

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act, that the proposed rule change (File No. SR-OCC-2008-16) be and hereby is approved.<sup>5</sup>

For the Commission by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>6</sup>

**J. Lynn Talyor,**

*Assistant Secretary.*

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## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

### [Disaster Declaration #11434]

### Maine Disaster #ME-00014

**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 Maine ( FEMA-1788-DR), dated 09/09/2008.

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

*Incident Period:* 07/18/2008 through 08/16/2008.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* 09/09/2008.

*Physical Loan Application Deadline Date:* 11/10/2008.

*Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date:* 06/10/2009.

**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 09/09/2008, Private Non-Profit organizations that provide essential services of 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:* Androscoggin, Cumberland, York.

*Contiguous Counties (Economic Injury Loans Only):*

Maine: Franklin, Kennebec, Oxford, Sagadahoc.

New Hampshire: Carroll, Strafford.

*The Interest Rates are:*

	Percent
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 and for economic injury is 11434.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers 59002 and 59008)

**James E. Rivera,**

*Acting Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.*

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## SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Request

The Social Security Administration (SSA) publishes a list of information collection packages requiring clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with Public Law (Pub. L.) 104-13, the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, effective October 1, 1995. This notice includes a revision to an OMB-approved information collection.

SSA is soliciting comments on the accuracy of the agency's burden estimate; the need for the information; its practical utility; ways to enhance its quality, utility, and clarity; and ways to minimize the burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Mail, e-mail, or fax your comments and recommendations on the information collection(s) to the OMB Desk Officer and the SSA Reports Clearance Officer to the addresses or fax numbers listed below.

(OMB), Office of Management and Budget, *Attn:* Desk Officer for SSA, *Fax:* 202-395-6974, *E-mail address:* [OIRA\\_Submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov). (SSA), Social Security Administration, DCBPM, *Attn:* Reports Clearance Officer, 1333 Annex Building, 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235, *Fax:* 410-965-6400, *E-mail address:* [OPLM.RCO@ssa.gov](mailto:OPLM.RCO@ssa.gov).

The information collection below is pending at SSA. SSA will submit it to OMB within 60 days from the date of this notice. Therefore, your comments would be most helpful if you submit them to SSA within 60 days from the date of this publication. Individuals can obtain copies of the collection instrument by calling the SSA Reports Clearance Officer at 410-965-0454 or by writing to the e-mail address listed above.

### 1. Accelerated Benefits Demonstration Project—0960-0747

#### Background

In early 2007, SSA obtained OMB approval for the Accelerated Benefits Demonstration Project. This multi-phase study, conducted by SSA's research contractors and health care experts, will assess if providing new Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) recipients with health care and other benefits would stabilize or improve their health and help them return to work early. In this long-term study, SSA's contractor divided new SSDI recipients into three

<sup>4</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78q-1(b)(3)(F).

<sup>5</sup> In approving the proposed rule change, the Commission considered the proposal's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

<sup>6</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).