

transactions settling on or after March 1, 2005.

The Exchange is also proposing to make minor technical changes to correct two footnote numbers that appear on the Exchange's fee schedule.⁵

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Phlx's Web site (<http://www.phlx.com>), at the Phlx's Office of the Secretary, and at the Commission.

II. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, the Phlx included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Phlx has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

The purpose of the proposed rule change is to remain competitive in connection with the transaction charges assessed by the Exchange. Eliminating the \$.05 per contract floor brokerage transaction fee will, of course, decrease costs for those floor brokers to whom the fee has applied. The purpose of changing the numbers of the footnotes that appear on page 2 of the Exchange's Summary of Equity Option Charges and page 1 of the Exchange's Summary of Index Option and FXI Options Charges is to correct a typographical error in connection with the numbering of these footnotes.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal to amend its schedule of fees is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,⁶ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(4) of the Act,⁷ in particular, in that it is an equitable

allocation of reasonable fees among Exchange members.

B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any inappropriate burden on competition.

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

The foregoing proposed rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act⁸ and Rule 19b-4(f)(2)⁹ thereunder, because it changes a fee imposed by the Exchange. At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, as amended, 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-2005-15 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Jonathan G. Katz, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-Phlx-2005-15. 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. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the 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-2005-15 and should be submitted on or before April 5, 2005.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁰

Jill M. Peterson,

Assistant Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Disaster Declaration # 10057 and # 10058; Arizona Disaster # AZ-00001

AGENCY: Small Business Administration.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a notice of an Administrative declaration of a disaster for the State of Arizona, dated 03/02/2005.

Incident: Strong Winter Storms.
Incident Period: 12/28/2004 through 01/12/2005.

Effective Date: 03/02/2005.
Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 05/02/2005.

EIDL Loan Application Deadline Date: 12/02/2005.

ADDRESSES: Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster Area Office 1, 360 Rainbow Blvd. South 3RD Floor, Niagara Falls, NY 14303.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416.

⁵ Because the Phlx recently has filed several rule change proposals that affect the numbering of footnotes in the fee schedule, the Phlx intends to amend File No. SR-Phlx-2005-16 to further adjust this numbering. Telephone conversation between Cynthia Hoekstra, Counsel, Phlx, and Ira L. Brandriss, Assistant Director, Division of Market Regulation, Commission, March 8, 2005.

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(2).

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78(s)(b)(3)(A)(ii).

⁹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

¹⁰ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that as a result of the Administrator's disaster declaration on 03/02/2005, 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: Mohave.

Contiguous Counties:

Arizona:

Coconino, La Paz, Yavapai.

California:

San Bernardino.

Nevada:

Clark, Lincoln.

Utah:

Kane, Washington.

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
Homeowners With Credit Available Elsewhere:	5.875
Homeowners Without Credit Available Elsewhere:	2.937
Businesses With Credit Available Elsewhere:	5.800
Businesses & Small Agricultural Cooperatives Without Credit Available Elsewhere:	4.000
Other (Including Non-Profit Organizations) With Credit Available Elsewhere:	4.750
Businesses and Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere:	4.000

The number(s) assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 10057 B and for economic injury is 10058 0.

The States which received EIDL Decl # are Arizona, Nevada, California, and Utah.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers 59002 and 59008)

Dated: March 2, 2005.

Hector V. Barreto,
Administrator.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Public Federal Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Hearing; Region VII Regulatory Fairness Board

The Small Business Administration Region VII Regulatory Fairness Board and the SBA Office of the National Ombudsman will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 30, 2005 at 1 p.m. at Southeast Community College, Gallup Campus, 301 South 68 Street Place, Lincoln, NE 68510, phone (402) 221-4691, to receive comments and

testimony from small business owners, small government entities, and small non-profit organizations concerning regulatory enforcement and compliance actions taken by federal agencies.

Anyone wishing to attend or to make a presentation must contact Deb Wilson in writing or by fax, in order to be put on the agenda. Deb Wilson, Public Information Officer, SBA Nebraska District Office, 11145 Mill Valley Road, Omaha, NE 68154, phone (402) 221-7222, fax (402) 221-3680, e-mail: Deborah.Wilson@sba.gov.

For more information, see our Web site at <http://www.sba.gov/ombudsman>.

Dated: March 4, 2005.

Peter Sorum,

Senior Advisor, Office of the National Ombudsman.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Request and Comment Request

The Social Security Administration (SSA) publishes a list of information collection packages that will require clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with Pub. L. 104-13, the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, effective October 1, 1995. The information collection packages that may be included in this notice are for revisions to OMB-approved information collections and extensions (no change) of OMB-approved information collections.

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 on ways to minimize burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Written comments and recommendations regarding the information collection(s) should be submitted to the OMB Desk Officer and the SSA Reports Clearance Officer. The information can be mailed and/or faxed to the individuals at the addresses and fax numbers listed below: (OMB), Office of Management and Budget, Fax: 202-395-6974. (SSA), Social Security Administration, DCFAM, Attn: Reports Clearance Officer, 1338 Annex Building, 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235, Fax: 410-965-6400.

I. The information collection listed below is pending at SSA and will be

submitted to OMB within 60 days from the date of this notice. Therefore, your comments should be submitted to SSA within 60 days from the date of this publication. You can obtain copies of the collection instruments by calling the SSA Reports Clearance Officer at 410-965-0454 or by writing to the address listed above.

Social Security Benefits Application—20 CFR Subpart D, 404.310–404.311 and 20 CFR Subpart F, 404.601–404.603—0960-0618

One of the requirements for obtaining Social Security benefits is the filing of an application so that a determination may be made on the applicant's eligibility for monthly benefits. In addition to the traditional paper application, SSA has developed various options for the public to add convenience and operational efficiency to the application process. The total estimated number of respondents to all application collection formats is 3,874,369 with a cumulative total of 1,008,180 burden hours. The respondents are applicants for retirement insurance benefits (RIB), disability insurance benefits (DIB), and/or spouses' benefits.

Please note that burden hours for applications taken through the Modernized Claims System (MCS) are accounted for in the hardcopy collection formats. Guided by the MCS collection screens, an SSA representative interviews the applicant and inputs the information directly into the SSA's application database. MCS offers the representative prompts based on the type of application being filed and the circumstances of the applicant. These prompts facilitate a more complete initial application, saving both the agency and applicant time. MCS also propagates identity and similar information within the application, which saves additional time.

Internet Social Security Benefits Application (ISBA)

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection. (ISBA collection only).

ISBA, which is available through SSA's Internet site, is one method that an individual can choose to file an application for benefits. Individuals can use ISBA to apply for RIB, DIB and spouse's insurance benefits based on age. SSA gathers only information relevant to the individual applicant's circumstances and will use the information collected by ISBA to entitle individuals to RIB, DIB, and/or spouse's benefits. The respondents are applicants for RIB, DIB, and/or spouse's benefits.