

public interest. The Commission finds the proposal is also consistent with section 6(b)(6)⁹ of the Act, which requires that the rules of an exchange provide that its members and associated persons be appropriately disciplined for violations of the Act and the rules of the Exchange. The Commission believes that the proposed rule change should assist the Exchange in exercising its responsibilities as self-regulatory organization to properly conduct surveillance and to diligently monitor its members for compliance with the securities laws. The Commission also believes that increasing the fines for Minor Rule Plan violations will serve as a deterrent, and hopefully will result in fewer violations. The Commission notes, however, that the Exchange must continue to exercise its discretion under PCX Rule 10.13(f) and pursue violations of the rules included in the Minor Rule Plan as formal disciplinary matters if the facts and circumstances of the violation warrant such action.

IV. Conclusion

It Is Therefore Ordered, pursuant to section 19(b)(2) of the Act,¹⁰ that the proposed rule change (SR-PCX-00-37), as amended, is approved.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹¹

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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[Declaration of Economic Injury Disaster #9K85]

State of Georgia

Bryan, Glynn, and McIntosh Counties and the contiguous counties of Brantley, Bulloch, Camden, Chatham, Effingham, Evans, Liberty, Long, and Wayne in the State of Georgia constitute an economic injury disaster loan area as a result of extended cold and severe freezes that occurred between December 17, 2000 and January 7, 2001. Eligible small businesses and small agricultural cooperatives without credit available elsewhere may file applications for economic injury assistance as a result of this disaster until the close of business on *November 26, 2001* at the address listed below or other locally announced locations: U.S. Small Business

Administration, Disaster Area 2 Office, One Baltimore Place, Suite 300, Atlanta, GA 30308.

The interest rate for eligible small businesses and small agricultural cooperatives is 4 percent.

The number assigned for economic injury for the State of Georgia is 9K8500.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 59002.)

Dated: February 26, 2001.

John Whitmore,

Acting Administrator.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Economic Injury Disaster #9K86]

State of Iowa

Hardin County, Iowa and the contiguous counties of Butler, Franklin, Hamilton, Grundy, Marshall, Story, and Wright constitute an economic injury disaster loan area as a result of a natural gas explosion in the City of Hubbard on December 7, 2000. Eligible small businesses and small agricultural cooperatives without credit available elsewhere may file applications for economic injury assistance as a result of this disaster until the close of business on November 26, 2001 at the address listed below or other locally announced locations: U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 3 Office, 4400 Amon Carter Blvd., Suite 102, Ft. Worth, TX 76155.

The interest rate for eligible small businesses and small agricultural cooperatives is 4 percent.

The number assigned for economic injury for the State of Iowa is 9K8600.

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John Whitmore,

Acting Administrator.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Disaster #3318]

State of Mississippi

As a result of the President's major disaster declaration on February 23, 2001, I find that Holmes, Lowndes and Oktibbeha Counties in the State of Mississippi constitute a disaster area due to damages caused by Severe Storms and Tornadoes on February 16,

2001. Applications for loans for physical damage as a result of this disaster may be filed until the close of business on April 24, 2001 and for economic injury until the close of business on November 23, 2001 at the address listed below or other locally announced locations: U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 2 Office, One Baltimore Place, Suite 300, Atlanta, GA 30308.

In addition, applications for economic injury loans from small businesses located in the following contiguous counties in Mississippi may be filed until the specified date at the above location: Attala, Carroll, Choctaw, Clay, Humphreys, Leflore, Madison, Monroe, Noxubee, Webster, Winston and Yazoo; Lamar and Pickens counties in the State of Alabama.

The interest rates are:

	Percent
For Physical Damage:	
Homeowners With Credit Available Elsewhere	7.000
Homeowners Without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.500
Businesses With Credit Available Elsewhere	8.000
Businesses and Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere	4.000
Others (Including Non-Profit Organizations) With Credit Available Elsewhere	7.000
For Economic Injury:	
Businesses and Small Agricultural Cooperatives Without Credit Available Elsewhere ...	4.000

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 331811. For economic injury the number is 9K8300 for Mississippi, and 9K8400 for Alabama.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008).

Dated: February 26, 2001.

Herbert L. Mitchell,

Associate Administrator, For Disaster Assistance.

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⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(6).

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

¹¹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).