

limit on fines from \$5,000 to \$10,000 and add clarifying language to Rule 970.

On November 6, 2009, Phlx filed Amendment No. 1. The proposed rule change, as amended, was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on November 17, 2009.³ The Commission received no comments on the proposal. This order approves the proposed rule change.

After careful consideration, the Commission finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to a national securities exchange.⁴ In particular, the Commission believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act⁵ in that it is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general to protect investors and the public interest. The Commission believes the proposed rule change may facilitate prompt, appropriate, and effective discipline for violations of Rule 60 and the regulations thereunder designed to maintain order on the Exchange.

With regard to the proposed rule change's amendments to the Phlx's Minor Rule Plan ("MRP"), the Commission also believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Sections 6(b)(1) and 6(b)(6) of the Act,⁶ which require that the rules of an exchange enable the exchange to enforce compliance with, and provide appropriate discipline for, violations of Commission and Exchange rules. Furthermore, the Commission believes that the proposed changes to the MRP should strengthen the Exchange's ability to carry out its oversight and enforcement responsibilities as a self-regulatory organization in cases where full disciplinary proceedings are unsuitable in view of the minor nature of the particular violation. Therefore, the Commission finds that the proposed rule change amending the MRP is consistent with the public interest, the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act, as required by Rule 19d-1(c)(2) under the Act,⁷ which governs minor rule violation plans.

In approving this proposed rule change, the Commission in no way minimizes the importance of compliance with Phlx rules and all other rules subject to the imposition of fines under the MRP. The Commission believes that the violation of any self-regulatory organization's rules, as well as Commission rules, is a serious matter. However, the MRP provides a reasonable means of addressing rule violations that do not rise to the level of requiring formal disciplinary proceedings, while providing greater flexibility in handling certain violations. The Commission expects that Phlx will continue to conduct surveillance with due diligence and make a determination based on its findings, on a case-by-case basis, whether a fine of more or less than the recommended amount is appropriate for a violation under the MRP or whether a violation requires formal disciplinary action.

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act⁸ and Rule 19d-1(c)(2) under the Act,⁹ that the proposed rule change (SR-Phlx-2009-84), as amended, be, and hereby is, approved and the minor rule plan amendment is declared effective.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁰

Florence E. Harmon,
Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6858]

In the Matter of the Review of the Designation of al-Jihad AKA Egyptian Islamic Jihad AKA Egyptian al-Jihad AKA Jihad Group AKA New Jihad as a Foreign Terrorist Organization Pursuant to Section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as Amended

Based upon a review of the Administrative Record assembled in this matter pursuant to Section 219(a)(4)(C) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended (8 U.S.C. 1189(a)(4)(C)) ("INA"), and in consultation with the Attorney General and the Secretary of the Treasury, I conclude that there is a sufficient factual basis to find that al-Jihad, also known as Egyptian Islamic Jihad, also

known as Egyptian al-Jihad, also known as Jihad Group, also known as New Jihad, has merged with al-Qa'ida, and that the relevant circumstances described in Section 219(a)(1) of the INA still exist with respect to that organization.

Therefore, I hereby determine that the amendment of the designation of al-Jihad, and its aliases, as a foreign terrorist organization, pursuant to Section 219 of the INA (8 U.S.C. 1189), shall be maintained as a designated alias of al-Qa'ida, as provided for in 74 FR 4069 (January 22, 2009).

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

Dated: December 18, 2009.

James B. Steinberg,

Deputy Secretary of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

Environmental Impact Statement for the California High-Speed Train Project from Merced to Sacramento, CA

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: This notice is to advise the public that FRA and the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) will jointly prepare a project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and a project Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Merced to Sacramento Section of the Authority's proposed California High-Speed Train (HST) System in compliance with relevant State and Federal laws, in particular the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission (SJRR) is interested in providing intercity and commuter regional rail passenger services within this section of the HST System connecting to the Altamont Corridor Rail Project. FRA is issuing this Notice to alert interested parties and solicit public and agency input into the development of the scope of the EIS and to advise the public that outreach activities conducted by the Authority and their representatives will be considered in the preparation of the combined EIR/EIS. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers may serve as a cooperating agency for the preparation of the EIR/EIS.

³ Securities Exchange Act Release No. 60961 (November 6, 2009), 74 FR 59279.

⁴ In approving this proposed rule change, the Commission notes that it has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5) and 78f(b)(6).

⁷ 17 CFR 240.19d-1(c)(2).

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

⁹ 17 CFR 240.19d-1(c)(2).

¹⁰ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12); 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(44).