

and regulations thereunder, applicable to a national securities exchange,⁶ and, in particular, with the requirements of section 6(b) of the Act⁷ and the rules and regulations thereunder. The Commission finds that the proposed rule change, as amended, is consistent with section 6(b)(4) of the Act,⁸ which requires that the rules of the Exchange provide for the equitable allocation or reasonable dues, fees and other charges among its members and other persons using its facilities. The Commission believes that the extension of the Linkage fee pilot until July 31, 2005 will give the Exchange and the Commission further opportunity to evaluate whether such fees are appropriate.

The Commission finds good cause, pursuant to section 19(b)(2) of the Act,⁹ for approving the proposed rule change, as amended, prior to the thirtieth day after the date of publication of the notice of the filing thereof in the **Federal Register**. The Commission believes that granting accelerated approval will preserve the Exchange's existing pilot program for Linkage fees without interruption as the PCX and the Commission further consider the appropriateness of Linkage fees.

V. Conclusion

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to section 19(b)(2) of the Act¹⁰ that the proposed rule change, as amended, (SR-PCX-2004-68) is hereby approved on an accelerated basis for a pilot period to expire on July 31, 2005.

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

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Economic Injury Disaster #9ZN2]

State of Alaska

Fairbanks North Star Borough and the Alaska Gateway Regional Education Attendance Area (REAA) and the contiguous areas of Denali Borough, Copper River REAA, Delta/Greely REAA, Yukon Flats REAA, and the

Yukon-Koyukuk REAA in the State of Alaska constitute an economic injury disaster area as a result of wildfires that began on June 7, 2004, and continue to burn. The wildfires were caused by lightning strikes, hot temperatures, low humidity, winds and prevailing dry conditions and have caused businesses to suffer substantial economic losses due to smoke and road closures. Eligible small businesses and small agricultural cooperatives without credit available elsewhere may file applications for economic injury assistance for this disaster until the close of business on April 22, 2005, at the address listed below or other locally announced locations: U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 4 Office, P.O. Box 419004, Sacramento, CA 95610.

The interest rate for eligible small businesses and small agricultural cooperatives is 2.750 percent.

The number assigned for economic injury for this disaster is 9ZN200.

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

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Hector V. Barreto,

Administrator.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Disaster # 3599]

State of Maryland

Cecil County and the contiguous counties of Harford and Kent in the State of Maryland; New Castle County in the State of Delaware; and Chester and Lancaster Counties in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania constitute a disaster area as a result of flooding that occurred on July 12 and 13, 2004. Applications for loans for physical damage as a result of the disaster may be filed until the close of business on September 21, 2004 and for economic injury until the close of business on April 25, 2005 at the address listed below or other locally announced locations: U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 1 Office, 360 Rainbow Blvd., South 3rd Floor, Niagara Falls, NY 14303.

The interest rates are:

	Percent
For Physical Damage:	
Homeowners With Credit Available Elsewhere	5.750
Homeowners Without Credit Available Elsewhere	2.875

	Percent
Businesses With Credit Available Elsewhere	5.500
Businesses and Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere	2.750
Others (Including Non-Profit Organizations) With Credit Available Elsewhere	4.875
For Economic Injury:	
Businesses and Small Agricultural Cooperatives Without Credit Available Elsewhere	2.750

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 359906 for Maryland, 360006 for Delaware, and 360106 for Pennsylvania. The number assigned to this disaster for economic injury is 9ZM800 for Maryland, 9ZM900 for Delaware, and 9ZN100 for Pennsylvania.

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

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Hector V. Barreto,

Administrator.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Disaster #3595]

State of Michigan; Amendment #1

In accordance with a notice received from the Department of Homeland Security—Federal Emergency Management Agency—effective July 22, 2004, the above numbered declaration is hereby amended to include Eaton, Muskegon, Saginaw, and Washtenaw Counties as disaster areas due to damages caused by severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding occurring on May 20 and continuing through May 24, 2004.

In addition, applications for economic injury loans from small businesses located in the contiguous county of Oceana in the State of Michigan may be filed until the specified date at the previously designated location. All other counties contiguous to the above named primary counties have previously been declared.

All other information remains the same, *i.e.*, the deadline for filing applications for physical damage is August 30, 2004, and for economic injury the deadline is March 30, 2005.

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

⁶ In approving this rule, the Commission notes that it has considered its impact on efficiency, competition and capital formation. 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

¹⁰ *Id.*

¹¹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).