

and (C) below, of the most significant aspects of these statements.⁴

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

The proposed rule change would reduce OCC's currently discounted clearing fees for securities options and

security futures where at least one side of the trade is cleared by an OCC clearing member for the period September 1, 2006, through December 29, 2006. Clearing fees for such contracts will be reduced as reflected in the following chart.

Contracts/trade	Discounted fee effective July 1, 2005	Discounted fee effective September 1, 2006 through December 29, 2006
1–500	\$0.05/contract	\$0.035/contract.
501–1,000	\$0.04/contract	\$0.028/contract.
1,001–2,000	\$0.03/contract	\$0.021/contract.
>2,000	\$55.00 (capped)	\$35.00 (capped)

The additional fee reduction recognizes the increased contract volume experienced by OCC through the first six months of 2006. OCC believes that this fee reduction will financially benefit clearing members and other market participants without adversely affecting OCC's ability to meet its expenses and maintain an acceptable level of retained earnings.

OCC believes the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 17A of the Act because it financially benefits clearing members by reducing clearing fees and allocates such fees among clearing members in a fair and equitable manner. The proposed rule change is not inconsistent with the existing rules of OCC, including any other rules proposed to be amended.

(B) Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

OCC does not believe that the proposed rule change would impose any burden on competition.

(C) Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

Written comments were not and are not intended to be solicited with respect to the proposed rule change, and none have been received.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The foregoing rule change has become effective upon filing pursuant to section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act⁵ and Rule 19b-4(f)(2)⁶ thereunder because the proposed rule establishes or changes a due, fee, or other charge. At any time within sixty days of the filing of such rule change, 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-OCC-2006-14 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Nancy M. Morris, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-OCC-2006-14. 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 Section, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of OCC and on OCC's Web site at <http://www.optionsclearing.com>. 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-OCC-2006-14 and should be submitted on or before October 27, 2006.

For the Commission by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁷

Nancy M. Morris,
Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration # 10610 and # 10611]

Maryland Disaster # MD-00005

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a notice of an Administrative declaration of a disaster for the State of Maryland dated 09/18/2006.

Incident: Tropical Storm Ernesto.

Incident Period: 09/01/2006 through 09/02/2006.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 09/18/2006.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 11/17/2006.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: 06/18/2007.

ADDRESSES: Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business

⁴ The Commission has modified the text of the summaries prepared by OCC.

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

⁶ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

⁷ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

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 Administrator's disaster declaration, 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: Calvert, St. Mary's.

Contiguous Counties: Maryland: Anne Arundel, Charles, Prince George's.

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
Homeowners With Credit Available Elsewhere	6.250
Homeowners Without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.125
Businesses With Credit Available Elsewhere	7.934
Businesses & Small Agricultural Cooperatives Without Credit Available Elsewhere	4.000
Other (Including Non-Profit Organizations) With Credit Available Elsewhere	5.000
Businesses and Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere	4.000

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 10610 B and for economic injury is 10611 O.

The State which received an EIDL Declaration # is Maryland.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers 59002 and 59008)

Steven C. Preston,
Administrator.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration # 10612 and # 10613]

Pennsylvania Disaster # PA-00005

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a notice of an Administrative declaration of a disaster for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania dated 09/18/2006.

Incident: Severe Storms and Flooding.

Incident Period: 08/29/2006 through 09/02/2006.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 09/18/2006.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 11/17/2006.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: 06/18/2007.

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 Administrator's disaster declaration, 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: Venango.

Contiguous Counties: Pennsylvania: Butler, Clarion, Crawford, Forest, Mercer, Warren.

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
Homeowners With Credit Available Elsewhere	6.250
Homeowners Without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.125
Businesses With Credit Available Elsewhere	7.934
Businesses & Small Agricultural Cooperatives Without Credit Available Elsewhere	4.000
Other (Including Non-Profit Organizations) With Credit Available Elsewhere	5.000
Businesses and Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere	4.000

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 10612 6 and for economic injury is 10613 O.

The State which received an EIDL Declaration # is Pennsylvania.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers 59002 and 59008)

Steven C. Preston,
Administrator.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Privacy Act of 1974; Computer Matching Program

AGENCY: Small Business Administration (SBA).

ACTION: Notice of a computer matching program—SBA and the Louisiana Office of Community Development (LOCD).

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended by the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988, the Computer Matching Privacy Act Amendments of 1990, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Guidelines on the Conduct of Matching Programs, and OMB Bulletin 89-22, "Instructions on Reporting Computer Matching Programs to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Congress and the Public", the Small Business Administration (SBA) is issuing a public notice of its intent to conduct a computer matching program with LOCD which uses a computer information system of SBA. The purpose of the computer matching program is to ensure that there is no duplication of benefits (DOB), as prohibited by the Small Business Act, between SBA disaster loans made to homeowners in Louisiana affected by the 2005 Gulf Coast hurricanes and LOCD grants to the same homeowners.

DATES: This matching program is expected to begin October 26, 2006. Any public comment must be received before this expected start date.

ADDRESSES: Any interested party may submit written comments to: Small Business Administration, Office of Disaster Assistance, 409 3rd Street, SW., Washington, DC 20416.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: On the matching program: Becky Brantley, Disaster External Affairs Liaison, 202-205-6734, and on the Privacy Act: Lisa Babcock, Chief, Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts Office, 202-401-8203.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to subsection (o) of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (15 U.S.C. 552a), the SBA and LOCD have concluded an agreement to conduct a computer matching program between the agencies. The purpose of the computer matching program is to exchange personal data to identify individuals who have been approved for an SBA home disaster loan as a result of the 2005 Gulf Coast hurricanes and who seek to obtain a grant from the LOCD for the same loss. Matching the information will prevent a DOB between an SBA disaster loan and an LOCD grant to the same homeowner. Section 7(b)(1) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(b)(1)) prohibits SBA, in making physical disaster loans, from duplicating the benefits that recipients of such loans may receive from other sources.