

option transaction charge will be increased from \$0.20 to \$0.25.

## (2) Statutory Basis

The exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with section 6(b) of the Act,<sup>6</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of section 6(b)(4),<sup>7</sup> in particular, in that it provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among its members. The Exchange believes the proposal is equitable and reasonable because the proposed broker-dealer equity option transaction charge is not substantially higher than other fees.

## 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 rule change establishes or changes a due, fee, or charge imposed by the Exchange and, therefore has become effective upon filing pursuant to rule 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act<sup>8</sup> and rule 19b-4(f)(2) hereunder.<sup>9</sup> At any time within 60 days of the filing of such proposed 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 purpose of the Act. The Exchange has stated that it intends to implement this fee on transactions settling on or after January 2, 2002.

## 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. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609. 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. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-Phlx-2001-113 and should be submitted by January 22, 2002.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>10</sup>

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*Deputy Secretary.*

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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 effective October 1, 1995, The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. 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 and at the following addresses:

(OMB)

Office of Management and Budget, Attn: Desk Officer for SSA, New Executive Office Building, Room 10230, 725 17th St., NW, Washington, DC 20503

(SSA)

Social Security Administration, DCFAM, Attn: Reports Clearance Officer, 1A-21 Operations Bldg., 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235

I. The information collections listed below 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 410-965-4145, or by writing to him at the address listed above.

#### 1. Authorization To Obtain Earnings Data For The Social Security Administration-0960-0602.

The information requested on Form SSA-581 is necessary only for identification of the earnings record, verification of the signature authorizing access to the earnings record and for disposition of the response. The respondents are individuals and various private/public organizations/agencies that need detailed earnings information.

*Number of Respondents:* 60,000.

*Frequency of Response:* 1.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 2 minutes.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 2,000 hours.

2. *Statement Regarding Contributions-0960-0020.* Form SSA-783 is used to make a determination and obtain information about the source of support for a child applicant who must meet a dependency requirement for entitlement to benefits. The respondents are persons giving information about child's sources of support for entitlement to child's benefits.

*Number of Respondents:* 30,000.

*Frequency of Response:* 1.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 17 minutes.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 8,500 hours.

3. *Credit Card Payment Acknowledgement Form-0960-NEW.* SSA will use the information collected on Form SSA-324 to process payments from separating and former employees who have outstanding debts owed to the agency. This form has been developed as a convenient method for respondents to satisfy such debts. The respondents are former employees who have debts still owed to the agency.

*Number of Respondents:* 6,000.

*Frequency of Response:* 1.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 5 minutes.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 500 hours.

4. *Online Authentication Information Collection Form-TEST-0960-NEW.*

## Background

The Government Paperwork Elimination Act (GPEA) of 1998 directed federal agencies to develop electronic service delivery instruments

<sup>6</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>7</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

<sup>8</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78(s)(b)(3)(A)(ii).

<sup>9</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

<sup>10</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

as an alternative to traditional paper based methods. The Social Security Administration plans to expand Internet services for all its applications to enable citizens to complete the application process as well as to process their requests for post-entitlement transactions online. A major requirement for filing applications and for processing transactional requests is SSA's ability to adequately authenticate the citizen. SSA cannot disclose information unless it is under the provisions of the FOIA and the Privacy Act of 1974. Because these transactions will be taking place online, SSA must authenticate citizens by asking for information that would positively identify the requester of the information as the proper party. This information will be validated against identifying information residing in databases outside of SSA. As a result SSA will conduct a test of the Treasury Department's Pay.Gov authentication engine as a possible tool for out-of-band authentication.

The Collection

The Social Security Administration will use the data collected on the Online Authentication Information Collection Form—TEST, to evaluate the Treasury Department's "Pay.Gov" authentication engine as a possible tool for SSA to

validate out-of-band online applicants. The respondents for this test are members of the general public who elect to complete the form for testing.

Number of Respondents: 161.  
Frequency of Response: 1.  
Average Burden Per Response: 5 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 13 hours.  
II. The information collections listed below have been submitted to OMB for clearance. Your comments on the information collections would be most useful if received by OMB and SSA within 30 days from the date of this publication. You can obtain a copy of the OMB clearance package by calling the SSA Reports Clearance Officer on (410) 965-4145, or by writing to him at the address listed above.

1. *Railroad Employment Questionnaire—0960-0078.* The Social Security Administration (SSA) uses Form SSA-671 to secure sufficient information to effect the required coordination with the Railroad Retirement Board for Social Security claims processing. It is completed whenever claimants give indications of having been employed in the railroad industry. The respondents are applicants for Social Security benefits, who have had railroad employment, or dependents of railroad workers.

Number of Respondents: 125,000.  
Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 5 minutes.  
Estimated Annual Burden: 10,417 hours.

2. *Employer Report of Special Wage Payments—0960-0565.* SSA gathers the information on Form SSA-131 to prevent earnings related overpayments to employees and to avoid erroneous withholding. The respondents are employers who provide special wage payment verification.

Number of Respondents: 30,000.  
Frequency of Response: 1.  
Average Burden Per Response: 20 minutes.  
Estimated Annual Burden: 10,000.

3. *Request for Address Information from Motor Vehicles Records, SSA-L711; Request for Address Information from Employment Commissions Records, SSA-L712—0960-0341.* SSA sends the SSA-L711 to State Motor Vehicle Administrations to obtain the last known address from driver's license and vehicle registration records. SSA sends the SSA-L712 to State Employment Commissions to obtain last known address from State unemployment/employment wage records. SSA uses the information to locate debtors to arrange for payment of a debt. The respondents are State Motor Vehicle Administrations and State Employment Commissions.

	SSA-L711	SSA-L712
Number of Respondents .....	1,300 .....	1,100 .....
Frequency of Response .....	1 .....	1 .....
Average Burden Per Response .....	2 minutes .....	2 minutes .....
Estimated Annual Burden .....	43 hours .....	37 hours .....

Dated: December 20, 2001.  
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

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Random Drug Testing Rate for Covered Crewmembers

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.  
ACTION: Notice of minimum random drug testing rate.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard has set the calendar year 2002 minimum random drug testing rate at 50 percent of covered crewmembers. An evaluation of

the 2000 Management Information System (MIS) data collection forms submitted by marine employers determined that random drug testing on covered crewmembers for the calendar year 2000 resulted in positive test results 1.81 percent of the time. Based on this percentage, we will maintain the minimum random drug testing rate at 50 percent of covered crewmembers for the calendar year 2002.

DATES: The minimum random drug testing rate is effective January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002. You must submit your 2001 MIS reports no later than March 15, 2002.

ADDRESSES: You must mail your annual MIS report to Commandant (G-MOA), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW, Room 2403, Washington, DC 20593-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions about this notice, please contact Lieutenant Commander Scott

Budka, Project Manager, Office of Investigations and Analysis (G-MOA), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, telephone 202-267-2026.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under 46 CFR 16.230, the Coast Guard requires marine employers to establish random drug testing programs for covered crewmembers on inspected and uninspected vessels. All marine employers are required to collect and maintain a record of drug testing program data for each calendar year, January 1 through December 31. You must submit this data by 15 March of the following year to the Coast Guard in an annual MIS report (Form CG-5573 found in Appendix B of 46 CFR 16). You may either submit your own MIS report or have a consortium or other employer representative submit the data in a consolidated MIS report. The chemical drug testing data is essential to analyze our current approach for