

The Exchange is also proposing to amend EFPAs 1-A, 1-B, 2-C and 3-A to conform with the proposed changes in recommended fine levels, and to eliminate references in the EFPAs to "4th," "5th," and "Subsequent" offenses.

In addition, the Exchange is proposing to remove the provision in EFPA 1-B that prohibits consumption of food and drink on the Los Angeles Trading Floor, and to remove the related provision from the MRP.

Finally, the Exchange is proposing to add its Recommended Fine Schedule to the text of the MRP. Accordingly, the Exchange is proposing to remove a provision from Rule 10.13(f) that requires the Exchange to maintain this Schedule and to circulate it to the Exchange's Membership periodically.

## 2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,<sup>5</sup> in general, and Sections 6(b)(5) and 6(b)(7) of the Act, in particular, in that it is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade and to assure that members, member organizations, and persons associated with members and member organizations are appropriately disciplined for violations of Exchange rules.

### *B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition*

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will 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 on the proposed rule change were neither solicited nor received.

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

This proposed rule change has been filed by the Exchange as a "noncontroversial" rule change pursuant to paragraph (e)(6) of Rule 19b-4.<sup>6</sup> Consequently, the rule change shall become operative 30 days after the date of filing, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act<sup>7</sup> and

subparagraph (e)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.

One of the changes that the PSE has proposed it to amend EFPAs 1-A, 1-B, 2-C, and 3-A to eliminate references to "4th," "5th," and "subsequent" offenses. The Commission believes that this amendment does not subsequently change the Exchange's flexibility with regard to discipline for 4th, 5th and subsequent violations of the MRP; the Exchange may still impose a fine or bring a formal disciplinary action for violation of a rule included in the MRP.

The Commission notes that the PSE still has general authority, subject to the requirements in Rule 10.13, to impose a fine, not to exceed \$5000, on any member, member organization, or person associated with a member or member organization, for violation of an Exchange rule that is included in the MRP.<sup>8</sup> In addition, Exchange Rule 10.3 provides the PSE with the authority to bring formal disciplinary action for a violation of a rule included in the MRP.<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 purposes of the Act.

## IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and arguments concerning the foregoing. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. 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 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 Room. Copies of such filings will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the PSE. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-PSE-96-39 and should be submitted by December 4, 1996.

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

Margaret H. McFarland,

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

### [Declaration of Disaster Loan Area #2907]

### **Florida (and Contiguous Counties in Georgia); Declaration of Disaster Loan Area**

As a result of the President's major disaster declaration on October 15, 1996, I find that the Counties of Baker, Citrus, Clay, Dixie, Duval, Hernando, Hillsborough, Levy, Manatee, Nassau, Pasco, Pinellas, Putnam, Sarasota, Taylor and Volusia in the State of Florida constitute a disaster area due to damages caused by storm surge, heavy rains, flooding and wind damage associated with Tropical Storm Josephine which occurred October 7, 1996 and continuing. Applications for loans for physical damages may be filed until the close of business on December 14, 1996, and for loans for economic injury until the close of business on July 15, 1997 at the address listed below:

U.S. Small Business Administration,  
Disaster Area 2 Office, One Baltimore  
Place, Suite 300, Atlanta, GA 30308

or other locally announced locations. In addition, applications for economic injury loans from small businesses located in the following contiguous counties may be filed until the specified date at the above location: Alachua, Bradford, Brevard, Charlotte, Columbia, De Soto, Flagler, Gilcrest, Hardee, Jefferson, Lafayette, Lake, Madison, Marion, Polk, Seminole, St. Johns, Sumter, and Union Counties in Florida, and Camden, Charlton, Clinch, and Ware Counties in Georgia.

#### Interest rates are:

| For Physical Damage:  | Percent |
|---|---------|
| Homeowners With Credit Available Elsewhere .....                                  | 8.000   |
| Homeowners Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....                               | 4.000   |
| 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 ..... | 7.125   |

<sup>5</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>6</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(e)(6).

<sup>7</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

<sup>8</sup> Exchange Rule 10.13(a).

<sup>9</sup> See Exchange Rule 10.3.

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

## For Economic Injury:

Businesses and Small Agricultural Cooperatives Without Credit Available Elsewhere ..... 4.000

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 290708. For economic injury the numbers are 922200 for Florida and 922300 for Georgia.

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

Dated: November 4, 1996.

James Rivera,

*Acting Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.*

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**[Declaration of Disaster Loan Area #2909]****Commonwealth of Massachusetts (and Contiguous Counties in New Hampshire and Rhode Island); Declaration of Disaster Loan Area**

As a result of the President's major disaster declaration on October 25, 1996, I find that the Counties of Essex, Middlesex, Norfolk, Plymouth, and Suffolk in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts constitute a disaster area due to damages caused by extreme weather conditions and flooding which occurred on October 20, 1996 and continuing. Applications for loans for physical damages may be filed until the close of business on December 24, 1996, and for loans for economic injury until

the close of business on July 25, 1997 at the address listed below:

U.S. Small Business Administration,  
Disaster Area 1 Office, 360 Rainbow Blvd., South 3rd Floor, Niagara Falls, NY 14303

or other locally announced locations. In addition, applications for economic injury loans from small businesses located in the following contiguous counties may be filed until the specified date at the above location: Barnstable, Bristol, and Worcester Counties in Massachusetts; Hillsborough and Rockingham Counties in New Hampshire; and Providence County in Rhode Island.

Interest rates are:

## For Physical Damage:

|   | Percent |
|---|---------|
| Homeowners With Credit Available Elsewhere .....                                  | 8.000   |
| Homeowners Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....                               | 4.000   |
| 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 ..... | 7.125   |

## For Economic Injury:

|   |       |
|---|-------|
| Businesses and Small Agricultural Cooperatives Without Credit Available Elsewhere ..... | 4.000 |
|---|-------|

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 290906. For economic injury the numbers are 924200 for Massachusetts, 924300 for New Hampshire, and 924400 for Rhode Island.

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

Dated: November 4, 1996.

James Rivera,

*Acting Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.*

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**[Declaration of Disaster Loan Area #2911]****New Hampshire; Declaration of Disaster Loan Area**

As a result of the President's major disaster declaration on October 29, 1996, I find that the Counties of Hillsborough, Rockingham and Strafford in the State of New Hampshire constitute a disaster area due to damages caused by a fall northeaster rainstorm which occurred October 20-23, 1996. Applications for loans for physical damages may be filed until the close of business on December 28, 1996, and for loans for economic injury until the close of business on July 29, 1997 at the address listed below:

U.S. Small Business Administration,  
Disaster Area 1 Office, 360 Rainbow Blvd., South 3rd Floor, Niagara Falls, NY 14303

or other locally announced locations. In addition, applications for economic injury loans from small businesses located in the following contiguous counties may be filed until the specified date at the above location: Belknap, Cheshire, Merrimack, and Sullivan Counties in New Hampshire. Any counties contiguous to the above-named counties and not listed herein have been previously declared.

Interest rates are:

## For Physical Damage:

|   | Percent |
|---|---------|
| Homeowners With Credit Available Elsewhere .....                                  | 8.000   |
| Homeowners Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....                               | 4.000   |
| 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 ..... | 7.125   |

## For Economic Injury:

|   |       |
|---|-------|
| Businesses and Small Agricultural Cooperatives Without Credit Available Elsewhere ..... | 4.000 |
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The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 291111 and for economic injury the number is 924800.

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

Dated: November 6, 1996.

Herbert L. Mitchell,

*Acting Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Bureau of Transportation Statistics****Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS), announces a new information collection request in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, and invites comments on "Customer Satisfaction Surveys" for which the BTS intends to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget.