of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act, which require, among other things, that the Exchange’s rules must be designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest, and not designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers and dealer, and Section 6(b)(4) of the Act, which requires that the Exchange’s rules provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among members and issuers and other persons using its facilities. IEX believes that the proposed change is consistent with the Act, and that the proposed fees are reasonable, equitably allocated and not unfairly discriminatory. In particular, IEX believes that the proposed change would treat all Equity ATSs trading OTC Equity Securities in a comparable manner when calculating applicable fees. In addition, the fee structure takes into consideration distinctions in securities trading operations of CAT Reporters, including all ATSs trading OTC Equity Securities.

B. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement on Burden on Competition

Section 6(b)(8) of the Act require that the Exchange’s rules not impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate. IEX does not believe that the proposed rule change will result in any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. As previously described, IEX believes that the proposed rule change fairly and equitably allocates costs among CAT Reporters. In particular, the proposed fee schedule is structured to impose comparable fees on similarly situated CAT Reporters. IEX believes that the proposed change would treat all Equity ATSs trading OTC Equity Securities in a comparable manner when calculating applicable fees. In addition, the fee structure takes into consideration distinctions in securities trading operations of CAT Reporters, including all ATSs trading OTC Equity Securities. Moreover, the Operating Committee believes that the proposed changes address certain competitive concerns raised by commenters related to ATSs trading OTC Equity Securities.

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

IEX set forth responses to comments received regarding the Original Proposal in the First Amendment. In addition, the proposed changes set forth in the Second Amendment further respond to comments made regarding ATSs trading OTC Equity Securities.

III. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposal, as amended by Amendment No. 1 and Amendment No. 2, is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- Use the Commission’s internet comment form (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml); or
- Send an email to rule-comments@ sec.gov. Please include File Number SR–IEX–2017–16 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

Send paper comments in triplicate to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549–1090. All submissions should refer to File Number SR–IEX–2017–16. This file number should be included on the subject line if email 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 website (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, 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 website viewing and printing in the Commission’s Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change. Persons submitting comments are cautioned that we do not redact or edit personal identifying information from comment submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR–IEX–2017–16, and should be submitted on or before January 5, 2018.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.29

Robert W. Errett,
Deputy Secretary.

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[Disaster Declaration #15293 and #15294; U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS Disaster Number VI–00009]

Presidential Declaration Amendment of a Major Disaster for the U.S. Virgin Islands

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Amendment 4.

SUMMARY: This is an amendment of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the U.S. Virgin Islands (FEMA–4335–DR), dated 09/07/2017.

Incident: Hurricane Irma.

Incident Period: 09/05/2017 through 09/07/2017.

DATES: Issued on 12/08/2017.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 01/08/2018.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: 06/07/2018.

ADDRESSES: Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of the President’s major disaster declaration for the U.S. Virgin Islands, dated 09/07/2017, is hereby amended to extend the deadline for filing applications for physical damages as a result of this disaster to 01/08/2018.

All other information in the original declaration remains unchanged.

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #15320 and #15321; U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS Disaster Number VI–00011]

Presidential Declaration Amendment of a Major Disaster for the U.S. Virgin Islands

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Amendment 4.

SUMMARY: This is an amendment of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS (FEMA–4340–DR), dated 09/20/2017.

Incident: Hurricane Maria.

Incident Period: 09/16/2017 through 09/22/2017.

DATES: Issued on 12/08/2017.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 01/08/2018.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: 06/20/2018.

ADDRESSES: Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of the President’s major disaster declaration for the U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS, dated 09/20/2017, is hereby amended to extend the deadline for filing applications for physical damages as a result of this disaster to 01/08/2018.

All other information in the original declaration remains unchanged.

James E. Rivera,
Associate Administrator, for Disaster Assistance.

BILLY R. EUSELL, Administrator, U.S. Small Business Administration.