

basis, in accordance with the procedures set forth in Exchange Rule 8040(d). Upon receipt of a Directed Order from an OFP,⁹ an EP must either submit the Directed Order to the PIP, or send the Directed Order to the BOX Book.¹⁰ In addition, the BOX Trading Host will send the Directed Order to the BOX Book: (i) if the EP has not taken action within one second of receipt of a Directed Order; ¹¹ (ii) if the Market Maker that the order is directed to has not systematically indicated that it is an EP; ¹² (iii) upon receipt of a subsequent Directed Order for the same EP for the same series and side of the market if a Guaranteed Directed Order (“GDO”) ¹³ has been automatically generated and is pending; ¹⁴ or (iv) if a Directed Order is modified once the BOX Trading Host has established a GDO.¹⁵

As noted above, BOX proposes that if a Directed Order with an Auction Only designation would be sent to the BOX Book for any reason, it will instead be cancelled back to the OFP that submitted the Directed Order.¹⁶ The Exchange notes that, under the proposal, the Auction Only designation will be automatically applied by the system, and the designation will not be disclosed to the EP.¹⁷

The Exchange represents that it will provide at least two weeks’ notice to Participants via Circular prior to the launch of the proposed change, which the Exchange anticipates will be during the second quarter of 2018.¹⁸

as specialists on the Exchange for all purposes under the Act or Rules thereunder. See Exchange Rule 100(a)(31).

⁹ An OFP is an Options Participant representing as agent Customer Orders on the Exchange or a non-Market Maker Participant conducting proprietary trading. See Exchange Rule 100(a)(46).

¹⁰ See Exchange Rule 8040(d)(3).

¹¹ See Exchange Rule 8040(d)(4).

¹² See Exchange Rule 8040(d)(1).

¹³ If a Directed Order is executable against the current national best bid or offer (“NBBO”) and the EP is also quoting at such NBBO on the opposite side of the Directed Order, then the Trading Host will immediately upon receipt of the Directed Order take down the EP’s quote and guarantee the EP’s execution of the Directed Order for at least the price and size of the EP’s quote. This guarantee is the GDO, and the EP’s quote will not be reestablished until the Directed Order has been processed pursuant to Exchange Rule 8040(d). See Exchange Rule 8040(d)(2)(i).

¹⁴ See Exchange Rule 8040(d)(2)(ii).

¹⁵ See Exchange Rule 8040(d)(5).

¹⁶ The Exchange notes that interest on the BOX Book may still interact with a Directed Order that has an Auction Only designation via the PIP allocation. See Exchange Rule 7150(g).

¹⁷ The Exchange notes that existing restrictions on an EP’s behavior will continue to apply. Specifically, an EP shall not submit to the Exchange a contra order to the Directed Order for its proprietary account during the one second following submission of the Directed Order to the Exchange. See Exchange Rule 8040(d)(6)(i).

¹⁸ See Notice, *supra* note 4, at 7085.

III. Discussion and Commission’s Findings

After careful review, the Commission finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to a national securities exchange.¹⁹ In particular, the Commission finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,²⁰ which requires, among other things, that the rules of a national securities exchange be designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in regulating transactions in securities, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest, and not be designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers. The Commission also finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)(8) of the Act,²¹ which requires that the rules of an exchange not impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

The Commission believes that the Auction Only designation will provide OFPs with greater control over how their Directed Orders are handled by the EP, as OFPs will have certainty that their Directed Orders with the Auction Only designation will either be executed in the PIP or cancelled.²² In addition, should the Directed Order be entered into the PIP, the Directed Order will receive the opportunity for price improvement.²³ Moreover, the Commission notes that an EP will not be notified whether a Directed Order was submitted with the Auction Only designation,²⁴ and current restrictions on an EP’s behavior with respect to Directed Orders will continue to apply.²⁵ Accordingly, the Commission believes that the Exchange’s proposal is consistent with the Act.

¹⁹ In approving this proposed rule change, the Commission has considered the proposed rule’s impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

²⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

²¹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(8).

²² The Exchange notes that, pursuant to Exchange Rule 7150(f), a customer order that is submitted to the PIP must be submitted with a matching contra side order equal to the full size of the customer order and as such, the order is guaranteed to be fully executed. See Notice, *supra* note 4, at 7085 n.13.

²³ See Exchange Rule 7150.

²⁴ See proposed IM–8040–3 to Exchange Rule 8040.

²⁵ See *supra* note 17.

IV. Conclusion

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,²⁶ that the proposed rule change (SR–BOX–2018–06) be, and hereby is, approved.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.²⁷

Jill Peterson,

Assistant Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #15460 and #15461; PENNSYLVANIA Disaster Number PA–00083]

Administrative Declaration of a Disaster for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

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 03/27/2018.

Incident: Severe Storms and Tornadoes.

Incident Period: 02/15/2018 through 02/17/2018.

DATES: Issued on 03/27/2018.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 05/29/2018.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: 12/27/2018.

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, (202) 205–6734.

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: Fayette

Contiguous Counties:

Pennsylvania: Greene, Somerset,

Washington, Westmoreland

Maryland: Garrett

²⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

²⁷ 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).

West Virginia: Monongalia, Preston
The Interest Rates are:

| | Percent |
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| <i>For Physical Damage:</i> | |
| Homeowners with Credit Available Elsewhere | 3.625 |
| Homeowners without Credit Available Elsewhere | 1.813 |
| Businesses with Credit Available Elsewhere | 7.160 |
| Businesses without Credit Available Elsewhere | 3.580 |
| Non-Profit Organizations with Credit Available Elsewhere ... | 2.500 |
| Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere | 2.500 |
| <i>For Economic Injury:</i> | |
| Businesses & Small Agricultural Cooperatives without Credit Available Elsewhere | 3.580 |
| Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere | 2.500 |

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 15460 C and for economic injury is 15461 0.

The States which received an EIDL Declaration # are Pennsylvania, Maryland, West Virginia.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

Dated: March 27, 2018.

Linda E. McMahon,
Administrator.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Interest Rates

The Small Business Administration publishes an interest rate called the optional "peg" rate (13 CFR 120.214) on a quarterly basis. This rate is a weighted average cost of money to the government for maturities similar to the average SBA direct loan. This rate may be used as a base rate for guaranteed fluctuating interest rate SBA loans. This rate will be 2.625 percent for the April-June quarter of FY 2018.

Pursuant to 13 CFR 120.921(b), the maximum legal interest rate for any third party lender's commercial loan which funds any portion of the cost of a 504 project (see 13 CFR 120.801) shall be 6% over the New York Prime rate or, if that exceeds the maximum interest rate permitted by the constitution or laws of a given State, the maximum interest rate will be the rate permitted

by the constitution or laws of the given State.

Dianna L. Seaborn,
Director, Office of Financial Assistance.
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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #15466 and #15467; NEW YORK Disaster Number NY-00182]

Administrative Declaration of a Disaster for the State of NEW YORK

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a notice of an Administrative declaration of a disaster for the State of New York dated 03/27/2018.

Incident: Flooding.

Incident Period: 01/15/2018 through 01/16/2018.

DATES: Issued on 03/27/2018.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 05/29/2018.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: 12/27/2018.

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, (202) 205-6734.

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: Clinton

Contiguous Counties:

New York: Essex, Franklin

Vermont: Chittenden, Grand Isle

The Interest Rates are:

| | Percent |
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| <i>For Physical Damage:</i> | |
| Homeowners with Credit Available Elsewhere | 3.500 |
| Homeowners without Credit Available Elsewhere | 1.750 |
| Businesses with Credit Available Elsewhere | 6.770 |
| Businesses without Credit Available Elsewhere | 3.385 |
| Non-Profit Organizations with Credit Available Elsewhere ... | 2.500 |

| | Percent |
|---|---------|
| Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere | 2.500 |
| <i>For Economic Injury:</i> | |
| Businesses & Small Agricultural Cooperatives without Credit Available Elsewhere | 3.385 |
| Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere | 2.500 |

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 15466 6 and for economic injury is 15467 0.

The States which received an EIDL Declaration # are New York, Vermont.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

Linda E. McMahon,
Administrator.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

[Docket No: SSA-2018-0013]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Request and Comment Request

The Social Security Administration (SSA) publishes a list of information collection packages requiring clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with Public Law 104-13, the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, effective October 1, 1995. This notice includes revisions of OMB-approved information collections.

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 ways to minimize burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Mail, email, or fax your comments and recommendations on the information collection(s) to the OMB Desk Officer and SSA Reports Clearance Officer at the following addresses or fax numbers.

(OMB), Office of Management and Budget, Attn: Desk Officer for SSA, Fax: 202-395-6974, Email address: OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov (SSA), Social Security Administration, OLCA, Attn: Reports Clearance Director, 3100 West High Rise, 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235, Fax: 410-966-2830, Email address: OR.Reports.Clearance@ssa.gov