

operative for 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, it has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act¹⁰ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.¹¹

A proposed rule change filed under Rule 19b-4(f)(6)¹² normally does not become operative prior to 30 days after the date of the filing. However, pursuant to Rule 19b4(f)(6)(iii),¹³ the Commission may designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Exchange has asked the Commission to waive the 30-day operative delay so that the proposal may become operative on November 16, 2018, to coincide with the effective date of Phlx's proposed rule change on which the proposal is based.¹⁴ The Exchange's proposal would conform the Exchange's rules relating to permitted number of long-term expiration months on SPY options to those of Phlx. Accordingly, the Commission believes that the proposal raises no new or novel regulatory issues and waiver of the 30-day operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Commission therefore waives the 30-day operative delay and designates the proposal operative on November 16, 2018.¹⁵

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend 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 email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-PEARL-2018-24 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-PEARL-2018-24. 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 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 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-PEARL-2018-24 and should be submitted on or before December 11, 2018.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁶

Eduardo A. Aleman,
Assistant Secretary.

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¹⁶ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration # 15796 and # 15797; Virginia Disaster Number VA-00077]

Administrative Declaration of a Disaster for the Commonwealth of Virginia

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a notice of an Administrative declaration of a disaster for the Commonwealth of Virginia dated 11/13/2018.

Incident: Tropical Storm Michael.
Incident Period: 10/10/2018 through 10/15/2018.

DATES: Issued on 11/13/2018. Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 01/14/2019. Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: 08/13/2019.

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 Areas/Cities: Independent Cities of Danville, Salem.

Contiguous Counties: Virginia—Pittsylvania, Roanoke, Roanoke City.

North Carolina—Caswell.

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
<i>For Physical Damage:</i>	
Homeowners with Credit Available Elsewhere	4.000
Homeowners without Credit Available Elsewhere	2.000
Businesses with Credit Available Elsewhere	7.350
Businesses without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.675
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	3.675

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹¹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4. In addition, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change, along with a brief description and text of the proposed rule change, at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The Exchange has satisfied this requirement.

¹² 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

¹³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

¹⁴ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 84449 (October 18, 2018), 83 FR 53699 (October 24, 2018) (SR-Phlx-2018-64).

¹⁵ For purposes only of waiving the 30-day operative delay, the Commission has also considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

	Percent
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere	2.500

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 15796 8 and for economic injury is 15797 0.

The States which received an EIDL Declaration # are Virginia, North Carolina.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

Dated: November 13, 2018.

Linda E. McMahon,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 10612]

U.S. Department of State Cuba Internet Task Force; Notice of Open Meeting

The U.S. Department of State will conduct a public meeting of the Cuba Internet Task Force, Thursday, December 6, 2018, from 3:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Harry S. Truman Building, 2201 C Street NW, Room 1107.

In accordance with the National Security Presidential Memorandum of June 16, 2017, on Strengthening the Policy of the United States Toward Cuba (NSPM-5), the Department of State created the Cuba internet Task Force and hosted its first public meeting on February 7, 2018. During the February meeting, the Task Force decided to create two subcommittees that would explore and develop recommendations on (1) the role of the media and the free, unregulated flow of information through independent media in Cuba, and (2) expanding internet access in Cuba. This meeting will be an opportunity to discuss the subcommittees' findings. The Cuba internet Task Force is composed of U.S. government and non-government representatives and its purpose is to examine technological challenges and opportunities for expanding internet access in Cuba.

As space is limited for this meeting, seats will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Those wishing to attend must RSVP by emailing CubaITF@state.gov with your name, organization, and contact information no later than November 30, 2018. Requests for reasonable accommodation

should be made prior to November 30, 2018.

Dale B. Eppler,
Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary,
Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 10613]

Call for Expert Reviewers To Contribute to the U.S. Government Review of the Second and Third Special Reports To Be Undertaken by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) During the Sixth Assessment Report (AR6) Cycle

The Department of State in cooperation with the United States Global Change Research Program (USGCRP), requests expert review of the second-order drafts of the IPCC Special Report on land and the IPCC Special Report on oceans, including the first draft of each report's Summary for Policymakers (SPM).

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) established the IPCC in 1988. As reflected in its governing documents (the IPCC's "principles and procedures"), the role of the IPCC is to assess on a comprehensive, objective, open, and transparent basis the scientific, technical, and socio-economic information relevant to understanding the scientific basis of risk of human-induced climate change, its potential impacts, and options for adaptation and mitigation. IPCC reports should be neutral with respect to policy, although they may need to deal objectively with scientific, technical, and socio-economic factors relevant to the application of particular policies. The principles and procedures for the IPCC and its preparation of reports can be found at: <https://www.ipcc.ch/pdf/ipcc-principles/ipcc-principles.pdf> and <http://ipcc.ch/pdf/ipcc-principles/ipcc-principles-appendix-a-final.pdf>.

At the 45th Session of the Panel (Guadalajara, Mexico, March 28-31, 2017), the IPCC approved the outlines for the Special Report on climate change, desertification, land degradation, sustainable land management, food security, and greenhouse gas fluxes in terrestrial ecosystems ("Land Special Report") and the Special Report on the ocean and cryosphere in a changing climate ("Oceans Special Report"). The Tables

of Contents for the Special Reports can be viewed here:

http://www.ipcc.ch/meetings/session45/Decision_Outline_SR_Oceans.pdf
http://www.ipcc.ch/meetings/session45/Decision_Outline_SR_LandUse.pdf

Review of IPCC documents involves both peer review by experts and review by governments. All IPCC reports go through two broad reviews: A "first-order draft" reviewed by experts and a "second-order draft" reviewed by both experts and governments. The purpose of these reviews is to ensure the reports present a comprehensive, objective, and balanced view of the areas they cover.

The IPCC Secretariat has informed the U.S. Department of State that the second-order drafts of the Special Reports are available for Expert and Government Review.

As part of the U.S. Government Review—starting on November 16, 2018 for the Oceans Special Report and November 19, 2018 for the Land Special Report—experts wishing to contribute to the U.S. Government review are encouraged to register via the USGCRP Review and Comment System (<https://review.globalchange.gov/>). Instructions and the second-order drafts of the Special Reports will be available for download via the system. In accordance with IPCC policy, drafts of the reports are provided for review purposes only and are not to be cited or distributed. The USGCRP coordination office will compile U.S. expert comments and submit them to the IPCC, on behalf of the Department of State, by the prescribed deadline. U.S. experts have the opportunity to submit comments via the USGCRP Review and Comment System (<https://review.globalchange.gov/>) from November 16 to December 19, 2018, for the Oceans Special Report and from November 19 to December 19, 2018, for the Land Special Report. To be considered for inclusion in the U.S. Government submission, comments on either of the two Special Reports must be received by December 19, 2018, in the proper format. All technical comments received that are relevant to the text under review will be forwarded to the IPCC authors for their consideration.

Experts may choose to provide comments directly through the IPCC's Expert Review process, which occurs in parallel with the U.S. Government Review:

<https://www.ipcc.ch/apps/comments/srocc/sod/register.php>
<https://www.ipcc.ch/apps/comments/srccl/sod/register.php>