

to conclude that the proposed increase to the maximum processing time for auction messages in non-FLEX classes other than SPX and the proposed non-application of any auction response processing time to FLEX auctions would be consistent with the Act. While the Exchange sets forth benefits that could accrue from the proposal, the data it proffers in support of the proposal is specific to its experience with non-FLEX SPX options. The proposal does not set forth data directly supporting the proposed increase in the maximum processing time for non-FLEX classes other than SPX.⁴³ The proposal also states that an increase in auction response processing time is unnecessary for FLEX SPX options in light of the fact that FLEX auctions may last three seconds to five minutes—a proposition with which the Commission agrees. But the proposal does not currently set forth support for the proposed non-application of any auction response processing time to any FLEX auction, which is an aspect of the proposal that, in the Commission's view, is distinct from not increasing the auction response processing time for FLEX SPX options. Lastly, the Commission also seeks comment on whether the proposal presents any market risk due to a longer auction processing time for auction responses or the cancellation of auction responses that have been submitted during the auction response period.

Accordingly, the Commission is instituting proceedings to allow for additional consideration and comment on the issues raised herein, including as to whether the proposal is consistent with the Act.⁴⁴

IV. Commission's Solicitation of Comments

The Commission requests written views, data, and arguments with respect to the concerns identified above as well as any other relevant concerns. Such comments should be submitted by January 12, 2026. Rebuttal comments should be submitted by January 26, 2026. Although there do not appear to be any issues relevant to approval or disapproval that would be facilitated by an oral presentation of views, data, and arguments, the Commission will consider, pursuant to Rule 19b-4, any

request for an opportunity to make an oral presentation.⁴⁵

The Commission asks that commenters address the sufficiency and merit of the Exchange's statements in support of the proposal, in addition to any other comments they may wish to submit about the proposed rule change.

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 (<https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include file number SR-CBOE-2025-074 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-CBOE-2025-074. 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 (<https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the filing will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. Do not include personal identifiable information in submissions; you should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. We may redact in part or withhold entirely from publication submitted material that is obscene or subject to copyright protection. All submissions should refer to file number SR-CBOE-2025-074 and should be submitted on or before January 12, 2026. Rebuttal comments should be submitted by January 26, 2026.

⁴⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2). Section 19(b)(2) of the Act grants the Commission flexibility to determine what type of proceeding—either oral or notice and opportunity for written comments—is appropriate for consideration of a particular proposal by an SRO. See Securities Acts Amendments of 1975, Report of the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs to Accompany S. 249, S. Rep. No. 75, 94th Cong., 1st Sess. 30 (1975).

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁴⁶

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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 4.50 percent for the January–March quarter of FY 2026.

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 12839]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Adoptive Family Relief Act Refund Application DS-7781

ACTION: Notice of request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are requesting comments on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

⁴³ See, e.g., 100 Millisecond Order, *supra* note 19, at 40878 n. 21 (stating that an Exchange review indicated that approximately 55% of auction responses had no opportunity to execute in their respective auctions notwithstanding being submitted within the auction response period).

⁴⁴ See 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5) and (8).

⁴⁶ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(57).