

fees, trading post/booth space fees and the technology fee on a monthly basis rather than the semi-annual or quarterly basis currently utilized. The amounts of the charges of fees will remain unchanged; only the frequency of billing for such dues, fees or charges will change to a monthly basis. The proposed effective date of this amendment is at the opening of business, January 3, 2000. The text of the proposed change to the Phlx fee schedule is available for inspection at the places specified in Item IV below.

II. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statements of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, the Exchange included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

According to the Exchange, the purpose of this proposed rule change is to amend its fee schedule to change the frequency that members, foreign currency options participants and member and participant organizations are billed for membership dues, foreign currency user fees, foreign currency participation fees, trading post/booth space and the technology fee.

This change is being instituted on the recommendation of the Exchange's Finance Committee and is designed to enhance operational efficiency by billing monthly for such dues, fees and charges. The change in frequency of billing for such items will allow the Exchange's Accounting Department to operate more effectively, while allowing members and participants to more accurately gauge their operating expenses on a monthly basis and to reduce operational cash flow burdens which may result from the current payment schedule. The Phlx believes that the proposed amendments to the billing cycles for membership dues, foreign currency user fees, foreign currency participation fees, trading post/booth space and the technology fee are reasonable and equitable because

they only change the frequency of billing not the amount billed.

2. Basis

The Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with section 6 of the Act,⁴ in general, and in particular, with section 6(b)(4),⁵ because it provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among its members and other persons using its facilities.

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

The Phlx does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any inappropriate burden on competition.

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

No written comments were either solicited or received.

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

The foregoing rule change establishes or changes a due, fee or charged imposed by the Exchange and, therefore, has become effective upon filing pursuant to section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act⁶ and Rule 19b-4(f)(2)⁷ thereunder. The Exchange intends to implement the fee changes on January 3, 2000. At any time within 60 days of the filing of such proposed rule change, the Commission may summarily abrogate such rate 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 purpose 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. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549-0609. 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 inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Phlx. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-Phlx-99-61 and should be submitted by March 24, 2000.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁸

Jonathan G. Katz,
Secretary.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Request and Comment Request

In compliance with Public Law 104-13, the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, SSA is providing notice of its information collections that require submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). 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 on ways to minimize burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

The information collections listed below have been submitted to OMB for clearance. Written comments and recommendations on the information collections would be most useful if received within 30 days from the date of this publication. Comments should be directed to the SSA Reports Clearance Officer and the OMB Desk Officer at the addresses listed after this publication. You can obtain a copy of the OMB clearance package by calling the SSA Reports Clearance Officer on (410) 965-4145, or by writing to him.

1. *Report to United States Social Security Administration by Person Receiving Benefits for a Child or Adult Unable to Handle Funds-0960-0049.* The information on Forms SSA-7161-OCR-SM and 7162-OCR-SM is used by the Social Security Administration (SSA) to determine continuing entitlement and proper benefit amounts for Social Security beneficiaries who live outside the United States (U.S.). The respondents are persons living outside the U.S. who are entitled to

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78f.

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁷ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

⁸ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

benefits or who are representative payees for beneficiaries.

	SSA-7161-OCR-SM	SSA-7162-OCR-SM
Number of Respondents	30,000	200,000
Frequency of Response	1	1
Average Burden Per Response (minutes)	15	5
Estimated Annual Burden (hours)	7,500	16,667

2. *State Agency Schedule for Equipment Purchases for SSA Disability Programs-0960-0406.* SSA uses the information collected on Form SSA-871 to budget and account for expenditures of funds for equipment purchases by the State Disability Determination Services (DDS) that administer the disability determination program. The respondents are State governments that make disability determinations.

Number of Respondents: 54.

Frequency of Response: 4.

Average Burden Per Response: 60 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 216 hours.

3. *Physical Residual Functional Capacity Assessment; Mental Residual Functional Capacity Assessment-0960-0431.* The information collected on forms SSA-4734-BK and SSA-4734-BK-SUP is needed by SSA to assist in the adjudication of disability claims involving physical and/or mental impairments. The forms assist the State DDS to evaluate impairment(s) by providing a standardized data collection format to present findings in a clear, concise and consistent manner. The respondents are State DDSs administering title II and title XVI disability programs.

Number of Responses: 1,130,772.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 20 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 376,924 hours.

(SSA Address)

Social Security Administration,
DCFAM, Attn: Frederick W.
Brickenkamp, 6401 Security Blvd., 1-
A-21 Operations Bldg., Baltimore, MD
21235.

(OMB Address)

Office of Management and Budget,
OIRA, Attn: Desk Officer for SSA, New
Executive Office Building, Room 10230,
725 17th St., NW, Washington, DC
20503.

Dated: February 28, 2000.

Frederick W. Brickenkamp,
*Reports Clearance Officer, Social Security
Administration.*

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Second Amendment to Delegation of Authority 221]

Delegation of Authority 221-2

Section 1. Functions Delegated

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Secretary of State in Delegation of Authority 148-1, dated September 9, 1981, and Delegation of Authority 198, dated September 16, 1992, I hereby delegate to the Director General of the Foreign Service and Director of Personnel the authority vested in me:

(a) To prescribe regulations arising under the Foreign Service Act of 1980, the Civil Service Reform Act, and any other laws administered by or relating to the Bureau of Personnel and the Office of Medical Services;

(b) To exercise the functions of the Secretary under:

(1) § 308 of the Foreign Service Act of 1980, as amended (relating to the recall and reemployment of retired career members of the Service).

(2) § 401(b) of the Foreign Service Act of 1980, as amended (relating to the continuation of the official services of the chief of mission for up to 50 days after relinquishment of charge of the mission).

(3) § 413 of the Foreign Service Act of 1980, as amended (relating to payment of a death gratuity to surviving dependents of any Foreign Service employee who dies as a result of injuries sustained in the performance of duty abroad);

(4) § 605(b) of the Foreign Service Act of 1980, as amended (relating to removing names from rank order lists or delaying promotions);

(5) § 607(b) of the Foreign Service Act of 1980, as amended (relating to limited career extensions);

(6) § 609(b)(1) of the Foreign Service Act of 1980, as amended (relating to accelerating or combining installments);

(7) § 808 of the Foreign Service Act of 1980, as amended (relating to disability retirement and related determinations);

(8) § 901(6) of the Foreign Service Act of 1980, as amended (relating to rest and recuperation travel, including extraordinary rest and recuperation travel);

(9) § 901(8) of the Foreign Service Act of 1980, as amended (relating to designation of posts as imminent danger areas from which family visitation travel is permitted);

(10) 5 U.S.C. § 5753 and § 5754 (relating to recruitment and relocation bonuses and retention allowances).

Section 2. Delegations Revoked

Delegation of Authority No. 224, dated September 2, 1998, Delegation of Authority No. 132, dated July 8, 1975, 40 Federal Register 28646, and Delegation of Authority 221-1 dated October 1, 1999 are hereby revoked.

Section 3. General Provisions

(a) As used in this delegation of authority, the word "function" includes any duty, obligation, power, authority, responsibility, right, privilege, discretion, or activity.

(b) The parenthetical descriptions used in this delegation of authority shall not be construed as words of limitation.

(c) This authority may only be re-delegated to a Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Personnel to the extent consistent with the law.

(d) Notwithstanding any provisions of this delegation of authority, the Secretary, the Deputy Secretary, and the Under Secretary of State for Management may at any time exercise the functions herein delegated.

(e) The exercise by the Director General, or any person acting on behalf of the Director General, of the functions prescribed herein, prior to the effective date of this Delegation of Authority is hereby confirmed and ratified.

(f) An act, executive order, regulation or procedure subject to, or affected by, this delegation shall be deemed to be such act, executive order, regulation or