

a proposed rule change is consistent with the Act and the applicable rules and regulations.³⁸ Moreover, “unquestioning reliance” on an SRO’s representations in a proposed rule change would not be sufficient to justify Commission approval of a proposed rule change.³⁹

The Commission believes that it should seek public comment on Amendment No. 1. The Commission questions whether the information and analysis provided by the Exchange in Amendment No. 1 support the Exchange’s conclusions that the Program “has demonstrated the effectiveness of a transparent, on-exchange retail order price improvement functionality, and while small relative to total consolidated volume, has achieved its goals of attracting retail order flow and providing those orders with price improvement totaling tens of thousands of dollars each month.” The Commission also questions whether the Exchange has provided sufficient information and analysis concerning the Program’s impact on the broader market; for example whether the Program has not had a material adverse impact on market quality. As noted above, the Exchange states that it has not detected any negative impact to market quality, and suggests that the size of the Program prevents the Exchange from providing additional information to support the view that the Program has not had a material adverse impact on market quality. The Commission believes it is appropriate to institute proceedings to allow for public comment on Amendment No. 1, sufficient consideration and comment on the issues raised herein, any potential response to comments or supplemental information provided by the Exchange, and any additional independent analysis by the Commission. The Commission believes that these issues raise questions as to whether the Exchange has met its burden to demonstrate, based on the data and analysis provided, that permanent approval of the Program is consistent with the Act, and specifically, with its requirements that the Program be designed to perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and the national market system, protect investors and the public interest, and not be unfairly discriminatory; or not impose an

unnecessary or inappropriate burden on competition.⁴⁰

IV. Procedure: Request for Written Comments

The Commission requests that interested persons provide written submissions of their views, data, and arguments with respect to the issues identified above, as well as any other concerns they may have with the proposal. In particular, the Commission invites the written views of interested persons concerning whether the proposal is consistent with Sections 6(b)(5) and 6(b)(8), or any other provision of the Exchange Act, or the rules and regulations thereunder. 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.⁴¹

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments regarding whether the proposal should be approved or disapproved by November 19, 2018. Any person who wishes to file a rebuttal to any other person’s submission must file that rebuttal by December 3, 2018.

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-BX-2018-025 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 Numbers SR-BX-2018-025. 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 these filings 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-BX-2018-025 and should be submitted on or before November 19, 2018. Rebuttal comments should be submitted by December 3, 2018.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁴²

Eduardo A. Aleman,

Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Public Law 94-409, the Securities and Exchange Commission will hold an Open Meeting on Wednesday, October 31, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: The meeting will be held in Auditorium LL-002 at the Commission’s headquarters, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549.

STATUS: This meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. (ET) and will be open to the public. Seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Visitors will be subject to security checks. The meeting will be webcast on the Commission’s website at www.sec.gov.

⁴² 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(57).

³⁸ See *id.*

³⁹ See *Susquehanna Int’l Group, LLP v. Securities and Exchange Commission*, 866 F.3d 442, 446-47 (D.C. Cir. 2017) (rejecting the Commission’s reliance on an SRO’s own determinations without sufficient evidence of the basis for such determinations).

⁴⁰ See 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4), (5), and (8).

⁴¹ Section 19(b)(2) of the Exchange Act, as amended by the Securities Act Amendments of 1975, Pub. L. 94-29 (June 4, 1975), 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 a self-regulatory organization. See Securities Act Amendments of 1975, Senate Comm. on Banking, Housing & Urban Affairs, S. Rep. No. 75, 94th Cong., 1st Sess. 30 (1975).

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The subject matter of the Open Meeting will be the Commission's consideration of:

- Whether to adopt amendments to modernize the property disclosure requirements for mining registrants and related guidance.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting items.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

For further information, please contact Brent J. Fields from the Office of the Secretary at (202) 551-5400.

Dated: October 24, 2018.

Brent J. Fields,

Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #15742 and #15743; FLORIDA Disaster Number FL-00140]

Presidential Declaration Amendment of a Major Disaster for the State of Florida

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Amendment 4.

SUMMARY: This is an amendment of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of Florida (FEMA-4399-DR), dated 10/11/2018.

Incident: Hurricane Michael.

Incident Period: 10/07/2018 through 10/19/2018.

DATES: Issued on 10/22/2018.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 12/10/2018.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: 07/11/2019.

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: The notice of the President's major disaster declaration for the State of Florida, dated 10/11/2018, is hereby amended to establish the incident period for this disaster as beginning 10/07/2018 and continuing through 10/19/2018.

All other information in the original declaration remains unchanged.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

James Rivera,

Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #15746 and #15747; NORTH CAROLINA Disaster Number NC-00100]

Presidential Declaration Amendment of a Major Disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of North Carolina

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Amendment 1.

SUMMARY: This is an amendment of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of North Carolina (FEMA-4393-DR), dated 10/12/2018.

Incident: Hurricane Florence.

Incident Period: 09/07/2018 through 09/29/2018.

DATES: Issued on 10/12/2018.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 12/11/2018.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: 07/12/2019.

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: The notice of the President's major disaster declaration for Private Non-Profit organizations in the State of North Carolina, dated 10/12/2018, is hereby amended to include the following areas as adversely affected by the disaster.

Primary Counties: Bertie, Davidson, Orange, Pitt

All other information in the original declaration remains unchanged.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

James Rivera,

Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #15778 and #15779; KANSAS Disaster Number KS-00121]

Presidential Declaration of a Major Disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of Kansas

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a Notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of Kansas (FEMA-4403-DR), dated 10/19/2018.

Incident: Severe Storms, Straight-line Winds, and Flooding.

Incident Period: 09/01/2018 through 09/08/2018.

DATES: Issued on 10/19/2018.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 12/18/2018.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: 07/19/2019.

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 President's major disaster declaration on 10/19/2018, Private Non-Profit organizations that provide essential services of a governmental nature may file disaster loan applications 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: Barber, Clay, Kingman, Kiowa, Marshall, Pratt, Rice, Riley.

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
<i>For Physical Damage:</i>	
Non-Profit Organizations with Credit Available Elsewhere ...	2.500
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere	2.500
<i>For Economic Injury:</i>	
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere	2.500

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 157786 and for economic injury is 157790.