

publication of the notice of filing. The Commission finds good cause for approving the proposed rule change prior to the thirtieth day after publication of the notice of the filing because by so approving PHLX will be able to close on the Agreement and move forward on its plans to limit its clearance and settlement services and withdraw from the securities depository business.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing. Persons making such submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549. 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 Section, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of PHLX. All submissions should refer to the File No. SR-PHLX-97-59 and should be submitted by January 9, 1998.

It is therefore Ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act, that the proposed rule change (File No. SR-PHLX-97-59) be and hereby is approved.

For the Commission by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹¹

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[License No. 01/01-0337]

Pioneer Ventures Limited Partnership; Notice of Request for Exemption

On November 25, 1997, Pioneer Ventures Limited Partnership (the "Licensee"), a Massachusetts limited partnership and SBIC Licensee number

01/01-0337 filed a request to the SBA pursuant to Section 107.730(d) of the Regulations governing small business investment companies (13 CFR 107.730(d)(1997)) for an exemption allowing the Licensee to invest in Vibrint Corporation (Vibrint), of Bedford, Massachusetts. Vibrint received prior financial assistance from an Associate (as defined by Section 107.50 of the SBA Regulations) of the Licensee, and has itself become an Associate of the Licensee.

Vibrint is currently in need of additional capital, however, the Licensee can only offer this assistance to Vibrint upon receipt of a prior written exemption from SBA. The exemption requested is the basis for this notice, and is required pursuant to § 107.730(g) of the Regulations.

Notice is hereby given that any person may, not later than 15 days from the date of publication of this Notice, submit written comments on this exemption request to the Associate Administrator for Investment, Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, SW, Washington, DC 20416. A copy of this Notice will be published in a newspaper of general circulation in Bedford, Massachusetts.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Programs No. 59.011, Small Business Investment Companies)

Dated: December 12, 1997.

Don A. Christensen,
Associate Administrator for Investment.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Disaster #2996]

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

As a result of the President's major disaster declaration on December 8, 1997, I find that the Islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands constitute a disaster area as a result of damages caused by Super Typhoon Keith which occurred November 2-3, 1997. Applications for loans for physical damages as a result of this disaster may be filed until the close of business on February 6, 1998 and for economic injury until the close of business on September 8, 1998 at the address listed below or other locally announced locations: U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 4 Office, P.O. Box 13795, Sacramento, CA 95853-4795.

The interest rates are:

	Per- cent
For Physical Damage:	
Homeowners with credit available elsewhere	7.625
Homeowners without credit available elsewhere	3.812
Businesses with credit available elsewhere	8.000
Businesses and non-profit organizations without credit available elsewhere	4.000
Others (including non-profit organizations) with credit available elsewhere	7.125
For Economic Injury:	
Businesses and small agricultural cooperatives without credit available elsewhere	4.000

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 299606 and for economic injury the number is 967600.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

Dated: December 9, 1997.

Herbert L. Mitchell,
Acting Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Disaster #2997]

Commonwealth of Virginia (and Contiguous Counties in North Carolina)

Pittsylvania County and the contiguous Counties of Bedford, Campbell, Franklin, Halifax, and Henry in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and Caswell and Rockingham Counties in the State of North Carolina constitute a disaster area as a result of damages caused by a fire which occurred on November 27, 1997 in the Cabin Lake Condominium Complex in Danville, Virginia. Applications for loans for physical damage may be filed until the close of business on February 9, 1998 and for economic injury until the close of business on September 10, 1998 at the address listed below or other locally announced locations: U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 1 Office, 360 Rainbow Blvd., South 3rd Floor, Niagara Falls, NY 14303.

The interest rates are:

	Percent
For Physical Damage:	
Homeowners with credit available elsewhere	7.625
Homeowners without credit available elsewhere	3.812

¹¹ 17 CFR 200.30-3 (a)(12).

	Percent
Businesses with credit available elsewhere	8.000
Businesses and non-profit organizations without credit available elsewhere	4.000
Others (including non-profit organizations) with credit available elsewhere	7.125
For Economic Injury:	
Businesses and small agricultural cooperatives without credit available elsewhere	4.000

The numbers assigned to this disaster for physical damages are 299705 for Virginia and 299805 for North Carolina. For economic injury the numbers are 967700 for Virginia and 967800 for North Carolina.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

Dated: December 10, 1997.

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Acting Administrator.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection Requests and Comment Requests

This notice lists information collection packages that will require submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), as well as information collection packages submitted to OMB for clearance, in compliance with PL. 104-13 effective October 1, 1995, The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

I. The information collection(s) listed below require(s) extension(s) of the current OMB approval(s) or are proposed new collection(s):

1. Report by Former Representative Payee—0960-0112. The Social Security Administration (SSA) collects the information on Form SSA-625 when a mental facility is terminating its payee services and a successor payee is to be named. The information is needed to determine the proper disposition of any conserved funds. The respondents are State institutions or agencies which are

no longer serving as representative payee for beneficiaries who are incapable of managing benefits.

Number of Respondents: 8,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Average Burden: 2,000 hours.

2. Pre-1957 Military Service Federal Benefit Questionnaire—0960-0120. Form SSA-2512 is used by SSA to solicit sufficient information to make a determination of eligibility for military wage credits. Sections 217(a) and (e) of the Social Security Act provide for crediting military service to the wage earner's record and for using the data in the claims adjudication process to grant gratuitous military wage credits, when applicable. The respondents are individuals who are applying for Social Security benefits on a record where the wage earner has pre-1957 military service.

Number of Respondents: 56,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 10 minutes.

Estimated Average Burden: 9,333 hours.

3. Request for Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement—0960-0466. Form SSA-7004 is used by members of the public to request information about their Social Security earnings records and to get an estimate of their potential benefits. SSA provides information, in response to the request, from the individual's personal Social Security record. The respondents are Social Security numberholders who have covered earnings on record.

Number of Respondents: 3,350,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 5 minutes.

Estimated Average Burden: 279,167 hours.

4. Certificate of Support—0960-0001. The information collected on Form SSA-760-F4 is used to determine whether the deceased worker provided one-half support required for entitlement to parent's or spouse's benefits. The information will also be used to determine whether the Government pension offset would apply

to the applicant's benefit payment. The respondents are parents of deceased workers or spouses who may be subject to Government pension offset.

Number of Respondents: 18,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Average Burden: 4,500 hours.

Written comments and recommendations regarding the information collection(s) should be sent within 60 days from the date of this publication, directly to the SSA Reports Clearance Officer at the following address: Social Security Administration, DCFAM, Attn: Nicholas E. Tagliareni, 6401 Security Blvd., 1-A-21 Operations Bldg., Baltimore, MD 21235.

In addition to your comments on the accuracy of the agency's burden estimate, we are soliciting comments on 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.

II. The information collection(s) listed below have been submitted to OMB:

1. Request to Resolve Questionable Quarters of Coverage (SSA-512); Request for Quarters of Coverage History Based on Relationship (SSA-513)—0960-0575. The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act states that aliens admitted for lawful residence who have worked and earned 40 qualifying quarters of coverage (QCs) for Social Security purposes can generally receive State benefits. QCs can also be allocated to a spouse and/or to a child under age 18, if needed to obtain 40 qualifying QCs for the alien. Form SSA-512 is used by the States to request clarification from SSA on questionable QCs. Form SSA-513 is used by States to request QC information for an alien's spouse or parent in cases where the spouse or parent does not sign a consent form giving permission to access his/her social security records. The respondents are State agencies which require QC information in order to determine eligibility for benefits.

	SSA-512	SSA-513
Number of Responses	200,000	350,000.
Frequency of Response	1	1.
Average Burden Per Response	2 minutes	2 minutes.
Estimated Annual Burden	6,667 hours	11,667 hours.

2. Application for Retirement Insurance Benefits—0960-0007. The

information on Form SSA-1 is used by SSA to determine an individual's

entitlement to retirement insurance