

number should be included on the subject line if e-mail 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 Web site (<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 inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room, on official business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the CBOE. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-CBOE-2008-34 and should be submitted on or before April 25, 2008.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹³

Florence E. Harmon,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-57587; File No. SR-CHX-2007-21]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Chicago Stock Exchange, Inc.; Order Granting Approval of Proposed Rule Change, as Modified by Amendment No. 1, To Amend Rules Relating to Registration Requirements

March 31, 2008.

I. Introduction

On October 9, 2007, the Chicago Stock Exchange, Inc. ("CHX" or "Exchange"), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule

19b-4 thereunder,² a proposed rule change to amend rules relating to registration requirements. On February 14, 2008, CHX filed Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change. The proposed rule change, as amended by Amendment No. 1, was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on February 28, 2008.³ The Commission received no comments on the proposal. This order approves the proposed rule change, as amended.

II. Description of the Proposal

The Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc.'s ("FINRA") Web Central Registration Depository ("Web CRD") system is a centralized, web-based system used by securities exchanges and broker-dealers across the country to track registration and qualification information about firms and the individuals who work for those firms. CHX entered into an agreement with FINRA to allow the Exchange's participants to use Web CRD to register certain of its associated persons. Therefore, the Exchange proposes to amend its registration rules relating to registration requirements and to adopt related fees and to delete an outdated provision in its rules.

First, the Exchange proposes to require Exchange participants to use Web CRD to register their associated persons who are required to register with the Exchange under CHX rules.⁴ Similarly, the Exchange also seeks to require participants to submit a Form U-5 to the Web CRD following the termination of the associated person.⁵

Second, the Exchange proposes that it be allowed to direct its participants to submit fingerprint cards to the Exchange or to FINRA for processing during the registration process.⁶ Current CHX rules require participants to submit fingerprints to the Exchange. The Exchange seeks flexibility so that it could determine, from time to time, which fingerprint processing method would be most efficient for the Exchange and for its participants.

Because FINRA would assess charges to CHX participants for using the Web

CRD system and for processing any fingerprints that are submitted, the Exchange also is amending its Fee Schedule to include applicable registration, processing and termination fees, as well as various fingerprint charges.⁷

Finally, CHX proposes to delete Interpretation and Policy .03 of Article 6, Rule 2 that requires firms to notify CHX of the termination of any non-registered, associated person's employment. CHX believes that this requirement has become somewhat obsolete with the elimination of its physical trading floor because the requirement had been largely focused on the employment status of clerks working on the Exchange's trading floor.⁸

III. Discussion and Commission Findings

The Commission has carefully reviewed the proposed rule change and finds that it is consistent with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to a national securities exchange.⁹ In particular, the Commission finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,¹⁰ which, among other things, requires that the rules of a national securities exchange be designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in regulating transactions in securities, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest.

The Commission believes that Exchange's proposal to require its participant firms to use Web CRD system to register certain associated persons and to submit a Form U-5 following the termination of the associated person would eliminate the need for manual processing currently performed by Exchange staff. Significantly, it would also allow for the

² 17 CFR 240.19B-4.

³ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 57363 (February 20, 2008), 73 FR 10846 (February 28, 2008).

⁴ See proposed Article 6, Rule 2, Interpretation and Policy .01.

⁵ See proposed Article 6, Rule 2, Interpretation and Policy .02.

The Exchange plans to allow its participants to transition to the use of the Web CRD system over the course of a six to nine-month period. At the end of this period, CHX participants would be required to use Web CRD for submitting any registration materials required by CHX rules.

⁶ See proposed Article 6, Rule 10, Interpretation and Policy .01.

⁷ These charges include an \$85 registration fee; a \$95 disclosure processing fee; a \$30 annual processing fee; and termination fees of \$40 and \$80. Fingerprint processing fees would be \$30.25 per card for an initial submission; \$13 per card for a second submission; and \$30.25 per card for a third submission. These fees reflect the charges assessed by FINRA for these services; CHX would not be charging any additional fees of its own.

⁸ Moreover, CHX regularly receives an updated list of a firm's associated persons when it conducts its annual examinations.

⁹ In approving this proposed rule change, the Commission has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

¹³ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1)

compilation of information related to the registration of associated persons in one central repository for access by regulators and broker-dealers, and could allow the Exchange's regulatory group, as well as the firms themselves, to better determine whether a registrant has met applicable continuing education requirements. The Commission believes this should increase regulatory efficiency and capabilities without imposing an undue burden on participants.

The Commission also believes that it is reasonable to provide the Exchange with the flexibility to determine whether it, or FINRA, would be best suited to process fingerprint cards, while participants would continue to have the obligation to submit fingerprints.

Furthermore, the Commission believes that it is appropriate for the Exchange to amend its Fee Schedule to reflect fees that FINRA would charge for services rendered in connection with the use of Web CRD and the fingerprinting services set forth in the proposal. The Commission notes that CHX would not be charging any additional fees of its own.

Finally, the Commission agrees that it is appropriate for CHX to delete Interpretation and Policy .03 of Article 6, Rule 2 relating to the firms' requirement to notify the Exchange of the termination of any non-registered, associated person's employment, since it has become obsolete given CHX's new trading model and since CHX regularly receives an updated list of a firm's associated persons when it conducts its annual examinations.

IV. Conclusion

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,¹¹ that the proposed rule change (SR-CHX-2007-21), as amended, be, and hereby is, approved.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹²

Florence E. Harmon,
Deputy Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #11206 and #11207]

Arkansas Disaster #AR-00018

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a Notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of Arkansas (FEMA-1751-DR), dated 03/28/2008.

Incident: Severe Storms, Tornadoes, and Flooding.

Incident Period: 03/18/2008 and continuing.

Effective Date: 03/28/2008.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 05/27/2008.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: 12/29/2008.

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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that as a result of the President's major disaster declaration on 03/28/2008, 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 Counties (Physical Damage and Economic Injury Loans):

Baxter, Jackson, Madison, Stone, Benton, Lawrence, Marion, Woodruff, Independence, Logan, Randolph.

Contiguous Counties (Economic Injury Loans Only):

Arkansas: Boone, Cleburne, Cross, Greene, Monroe, Pope, Searcy, St. Francis, White, Carroll, Craighead, Franklin, Izard, Newton, Prairie, Sebastian, Van Buren, Yell, Clay, Crawford, Fulton, Johnson, Poinsett, Scott, Sharp, Washington. Missouri: Barry, Ozark, McDonald, Ripley, Oregon, Taney.

Oklahoma: Adair, Delaware.

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
<i>For Physical Damage:</i>	
Homeowners with credit available elsewhere:	5.500
Homeowners without credit available elsewhere:	2.750
Businesses with credit available elsewhere:	8.000
Other (including non-profit organizations) with credit available elsewhere:	5.250
Businesses and non-profit organizations without credit available elsewhere:	4.000

	Percent
<i>For Economic Injury:</i> Businesses & small agricultural cooperatives without credit available elsewhere:	4.000

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 112066 and for economic injury is 112070.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers 59002 and 59008)

James E. Rivera,

Acting Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #11205]

Iowa Disaster #IA-00014 Declaration of Economic Injury

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a notice of an Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) declaration for the State of Iowa, dated 03/31/2008.

Incident: Structural Fire.

Incident Period: 01/19/2008.

Effective Date: 03/31/2008.

EIDL Loan Application Deadline Date: 12/31/2008.

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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that as a result of the Administrator's EIDL declaration, applications for economic injury 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 Counties: Jackson.

Contiguous Counties:

Iowa: Clinton, Dubuque, Jones.

Illinois: Carroll, Jo Daviess.

The Interest Rate is: 4.000.

The number assigned to this disaster for economic injury is 112050.

The States which received an EIDL Declaration # are Iowa and Illinois.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59002)

¹¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

¹² 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).