

faster executions for investors, while reducing the burden on the Exchange's specialists with respect to the manual execution of booked orders.

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

The Exchange 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. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposal 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 Phlx. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-Phlx-2003-30 and should be submitted by October 27, 2003.

IV. Commission's Findings and Order Granting Accelerated Approval of the Proposed Rule Change

After careful review, the Commission finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to a national securities exchange, and, in particular, the requirements of Section 6 of the Act.¹⁸ Specifically, the Commission finds that the proposal is consistent with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act, which requires that the rules of a national securities exchange be designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, as well as to remove impediments

to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest.¹⁹ The Commission believes that the proposed rule change, as amended, should help to facilitate the more efficient execution of orders when Auto-Quote or SQF locks or crosses the Exchange's best bid or offer in a series, as established by an order on the limit order book. Moreover, the Exchange proposes to implement the Book Sweep function as a six-month pilot program, which will enable the Exchange and the Commission to evaluate its operation before the function is permanently approved.

The Commission further finds good cause for approving the proposed rule change prior to the 30th day after the date of publication of notice thereof in the **Federal Register**. The Commission notes that the Exchange's proposed Book Sweep system is similar to functions that the Commission has previously approved for use on other exchanges,²⁰ and would be implemented on a pilot basis. Therefore, the Commission believes that it is appropriate to grant accelerated approval to the proposal.

V. Conclusion

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,²¹ that the proposed rule change (SR-Phlx-2003-30) is hereby approved on an accelerated basis, as a pilot program scheduled to expire on March 31, 2004.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.²²

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Request and Comment Request

The Social Security Administration (SSA) publishes a list of information collection packages that will require clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with

Pub. L. 104-13, the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, effective October 1, 1995. The information collection packages that may be included in this notice are for new information collections, approval of existing information collections, revisions to OMB-approved information collections, and extensions (no change) of OMB-approved information collections.

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. Written comments and recommendations regarding the information collection(s) should be submitted to the OMB Desk Officer and the SSA Reports Clearance Officer. The information can be mailed and/or faxed to the individuals at the addresses and fax numbers listed below: (OMB), Office of Management and Budget, Attn: Desk Officer for SSA, New Executive Building, Room 10235, 725 17th St., NW., Washington, DC 20503, Fax: 202-395-6974.

(SSA), Social Security Administration, DCFAM, Attn: Reports Clearance Officer, 1338 Annex Building, 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235, Fax: 410-965-6400.

I. The information collections listed below are pending at SSA and will be submitted to OMB within 60 days from the date of this notice. Therefore, your comments should be submitted to SSA within 60 days from the date of this publication. You can obtain copies of the collection instruments by calling the SSA Reports Clearance Officer at 410-965-0454 or by writing to the address listed above.

1. *Continuation of Full Benefit Standard for Persons Institutionalized—20 CFR 416.212—0960-0516.* SSA is required by law to establish procedures for collecting information on whether an Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipient who becomes institutionalized (e.g. hospital, nursing home) may be eligible for continued benefits, based on the full federal benefit rate, if a physician certifies that the expected period of medical confinement will last no more than 90 days. The individual (or someone acting on his/her behalf) must demonstrate the need to pay some or all of the expenses of maintaining the home. The respondents are applicants for SSI benefits.

Type of Request: Extension of an OMB-approved information collection.

¹⁸ In approving the proposal, the Commission has considered the rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

¹⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

²⁰ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 44468 (June 21, 2001), 66 FR 34505 (June 28, 2001) (SR-PCX-00-03) (Order approving PCX "Auto-Ex Book" system), and Securities Exchange Act Release No. 44462 (June 21, 2001), 66 FR 34495 (June 28, 2001) (SR-CBOE-00-22) (Order approving CBOE Autoquote Triggered EBook Execution system).

²¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

²² 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).