

price intervals as low as \$0.05.<sup>13</sup> The Exchange is not, in this filing, proposing to go to sub-\$0.50 strike price intervals but is proposing reasonable, requested, and needed \$0.50 intervals only where the strike price of the underlying is less than \$75.

By establishing \$0.50 strike intervals for SLV and USO options, investors would have greater flexibility for trading and hedging the underlying ETFs or hedging market exposure<sup>14</sup> through establishing appropriate options positions tailored to meet their investment, trading and risk profiles.

Finally, in terms of housekeeping the Exchange is making non-substantive changes to Commentary .06 of Rule 1009 to improve its readability. The Exchange proposes language indicating that Exchange Trade Fund Shares may represent interests in several listed optionable trusts, in lieu of current language that shares may be issued by such trusts.

## 2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act<sup>15</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act<sup>16</sup> in particular, in that it is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, 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. This would be achieved by establishing \$0.50 strike intervals for SLV and USO options so that traders, market participants, and investors in general may have greater flexibility for trading and hedging the underlying ETFs or hedging market exposure through establishing appropriate options positions tailored to meet their investment, trading and risk profiles.

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose

<sup>13</sup> Per the NYMEX Web site, <http://www.cmegroup.com/product-codes-listing/nymex-market.html>, options on silver futures are listed for the first three months at strike price intervals of \$.05. An additional ten strike prices will be listed at \$.25 increments above and below the highest and lowest five-cent increment, respectively, beginning with the strike price evenly divisible by \$.25. For all other trading months, strike prices are at an interval of \$.05, \$.10, and \$.25 per specified parameters.

<sup>14</sup> A trader or investor may, for example, use a commodity-oriented ETF such as the SLV Trust or USO Fund to counter-balance (hedge) an equity or ETF position that tends to move inversely to the price movement of SLV or USO.

<sup>15</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>16</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

### 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

Within 45 days of the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** or within such longer period (i) as the Commission may designate up to 90 days of such date if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or (ii) as to which the Exchange consents, the Commission will:

(A) By order approve or disapprove such proposed rule change, or

(B) Institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved.

### 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. 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](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR-Phlx-2011-175 on the subject line.

#### Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Elizabeth M. Murphy, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-Phlx-2011-175. 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 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 Web site 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 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. 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-Phlx-2011-175 and should be submitted on or before January 12, 2012.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>17</sup>

**Kevin M. O'Neill**,  
Deputy Secretary.

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## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #12740 and #12741]

### Texas Disaster Number TX-00380

**AGENCY:** U.S. Small Business Administration.

**ACTION:** Amendment 4.

**SUMMARY:** This is an amendment of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of Texas (FEMA-1999-DR), dated 08/15/2011.

*Incident:* Wildfires.  
*Incident Period:* 04/06/2011 Through 08/29/2011.

*Effective Date:* 12/13/2011.

*Physical Loan Application Deadline Date:* 10/14/2011.

*Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date:* 05/14/2012.

**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:** The notice of the President's major disaster

<sup>17</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

declaration for Private Non-Profit organizations in the State of Texas, dated 08/15/2011, is hereby amended to include the following areas as adversely affected by the disaster.

*Primary Counties:* Childress, Deaf Smith.

All other information in the original declaration remains unchanged.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers 59002 and 59008)

**James E. Rivera,**  
*Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.*

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**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

[Disaster Declaration #12963 and #12964]

**California Disaster #CA-00181**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Small Business Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This is a notice of an Administrative declaration of a disaster for the State of California dated 12/14/2011.

*Incident:* Sequoia Apartment Complex Fire.

*Incident Period:* 11/18/2011.

*Effective Date:* 12/14/2011.

*Physical Loan Application Deadline Date:* 02/13/2012.

*Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date:* 09/14/2012.

**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 disaster declaration, 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:* Alameda.

*Contiguous Counties:* California:

Contra Costa, San Joaquin, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Stanislaus.

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
For Physical Damage:	
Homeowners With Credit Available Elsewhere .....	4.125
Homeowners Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	2.063
Businesses With Credit Available Elsewhere .....	6.000
Businesses Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	4.000
Non-Profit Organizations With Credit Available Elsewhere ...	3.125
Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	3.000
For Economic Injury:	
Businesses & Small Agricultural Cooperatives Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	4.000
Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere .....	3.000

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 12963 5 and for economic injury is 12964 0.

The State which received an EIDL Declaration # is California.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers 59002 and 59008)

Dated: December 14, 2011.

**Karen G. Mills,**  
*Administrator.*

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**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

[Disaster Declaration #12740 and #12741]

**Texas Disaster Number TX-00380**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Small Business Administration.

**ACTION:** Amendment 3.

**SUMMARY:** This is an amendment of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of Texas (FEMA-1999-DR), dated 08/15/2011.

*Incident:* Wildfires.

*Incident Period:* 04/06/2011 through 08/29/2011.

*Effective Date:* 12/13/2011.

*Physical Loan Application Deadline Date:* 10/14/2011.

*Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date:* 05/14/2012.

**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:** The notice of the President's major disaster declaration for Private Non-Profit organizations in the State of Texas, dated 08/15/2011, is hereby amended to re-establish the incident period for this disaster as beginning 04/06/2011 and continuing through 08/29/2011.

All other information in the original declaration remains unchanged.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers 59002 and 59008)

**James E. Rivera,**  
*Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

[Public Notice 7738]

**Determination Under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as Amended, Relating to Assistance to St. Kitts and Nevis**

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 620(q) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended (FAA); Executive Order 12163, as amended by Executive Order 13346; and Delegation of Authority 245-1, I hereby determine that continued assistance to St. Kitts and Nevis from the date upon which the restriction took effect is in the national interest of the United States and thereby waive the application of section 620(q) of the FAA for such assistance.

This Determination shall be reported to Congress and published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: December 8, 2011.

**Thomas R. Nides,**  
*Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

[Public Notice 7543]

**Industry Advisory Panel: Notice of Charter Renewal**

The Under Secretary for Management has approved the renewal of the charter for the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations' (OBO) Industry Advisory Panel for an additional two-year period. The panel meets semi-annually in the Harry S Truman Building at the U.S. Department