

now available on the Exchange, coupled with the fall in real prices due to inflation.

External Distributors Receive Additional Value

External Distributors receive additional value not available to Internal Distributors by disseminating information externally and typically charging for the service. This additional value supports higher fees for external distribution for TOPO, PHLX Orders, and TOPO Plus Orders. Higher fees for external distribution of data are common throughout the industry, and nearly universal among exchanges. The difference in value between internal and external distribution is also reflected in the current fee schedule, which has previously been shown to be consistent with the Exchange Act.

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In summary, the proposal represents an equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges because: (i) customers have a choice in trading venue, and will exercise that choice and trade at another venue if exchange fees are not set competitively; (ii) the top of book data sent in the TOPO feed are also sent to OPRA, and customers have the option of relying on OPRA data; (iii) the purchase of PHLX Orders is entirely optional as it is a low-cost alternative to the PHLX Depth of Market product; (iv) the proposed fees are comparable to those of other exchanges; (v) exchange fees have fallen in real terms while the amount of liquidity available on the exchange has increased, and (vi) external vendors receive additional value from distributing data to their own customers and typically charging for the service, and therefore charging higher fees for external distribution is fair and reasonable.

No Unfair Discrimination

The Proposal is not unfairly discriminatory. The three market data feeds at issue here—TOPO, PHLX Orders, and TOPO Plus Orders—are used by a variety of market participants for a variety of purposes. Users include regulators, market makers, competing exchanges, media, retail, academics, portfolio managers. Market data feeds will be available to members of all of these groups on a non-discriminatory basis.

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

Nothing in the Proposal burdens inter-market competition (the competition among self-regulatory organizations) because approval of the Proposal does not impose any burden on the ability of other options exchanges to compete. PHLX fees are comparable to, and in some cases less than, those of other exchanges, as discussed above.

Nothing in the Proposal burdens intra-market competition (the competition among consumers of exchange data) because PHLX market data is available to any customer under the same fee schedule as any other customer, and any market participant that wishes to purchase PHLX market data can do so on a non-discriminatory basis.

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

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act.⁵⁹

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is: (i) necessary or appropriate in the public interest; (ii) for the protection of investors; or (iii) otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule should be approved or 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 (<https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include file number SR-Phlx-2024-15 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 number SR-Phlx-2024-15. 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 (<https://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 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. Do not include personal identifiable information in submissions; you should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. We may redact in part or withhold entirely from publication submitted material that is obscene or subject to copyright protection. All submissions should refer to file number SR-Phlx-2024-15 and should be submitted on or before April 18, 2024.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁶⁰

Sherry R. Haywood,

Assistant Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #20172 and #20173; MAINE Disaster Number ME-20003]

Presidential Declaration of a Major Disaster for the State of Maine

AGENCY: Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a Notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of MAINE (FEMA-4764-DR), dated 03/20/2024.

Incident: Severe Storms and Flooding.

⁵⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

⁶⁰ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

Incident Period: 01/09/2024 through 01/13/2024.

DATES: Issued on 03/20/2024.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 05/20/2024.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: 12/23/2024.

ADDRESSES: Visit the MySBA Loan Portal at <https://lending.sba.gov> to apply for a disaster assistance loan.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alan Escobar, Office of Disaster Recovery & Resilience, 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 03/20/2024, applications for disaster loans may be submitted online using the MySBA Loan Portal <https://lending.sba.gov> or other locally announced locations. Please contact the SBA disaster assistance customer service center by email at disastercustomerservice@sba.gov or by phone at 1-800-659-2955 for further assistance.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

Primary Counties (Physical Damage and Economic Injury Loans):

Cumberland, Hancock, Knox, Lincoln, Sagadahoc, Waldo, Washington, York.

Contiguous Counties (Economic Injury Loans Only):

Maine: Androscoggin, Aroostook, Kennebec, Oxford, Penobscot, Somerset

New Hampshire: Strafford, Rockingham, Carroll

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
<i>For Physical Damage:</i>	
Homeowners with Credit Available Elsewhere	5.375
Homeowners without Credit Available Elsewhere	2.688
Businesses with Credit Available Elsewhere	8.000
Businesses without Credit Available Elsewhere	4.000
Non-Profit Organizations with Credit Available Elsewhere ...	3.250
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.250
<i>For Economic Injury:</i>	
Business and Small Agricultural Cooperatives without Credit Available Elsewhere	4.000
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.250

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 201726 and for economic injury is 201730.

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Francisco Sánchez, Jr.,
Associate Administrator Office of Disaster Recovery & Resilience.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #20196 and #20197; Rhode Island Disaster Number RI-20002]

Presidential Declaration of a Major Disaster for the State of Rhode Island

AGENCY: Small Business Administration.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a Notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of Rhode Island (FEMA-4765-DR), dated 03/20/2024.

Incident: Severe Storm and Flooding.

Incident Period: 12/17/2023 through 12/19/2023.

DATES: Issued on 03/20/2024.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 05/20/2024.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: 12/23/2024.

ADDRESSES: Visit the MySBA Loan Portal at <https://lending.sba.gov> to apply for a disaster assistance loan.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alan Escobar, Office of Disaster Recovery & Resilience, 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 03/20/2024, applications for disaster loans may be submitted online using the MySBA Loan Portal <https://lending.sba.gov> or other locally announced locations. Please contact the SBA disaster assistance customer service center by email at disastercustomerservice@sba.gov or by phone at 1-800-659-2955 for further assistance.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

Primary Counties (Physical Damage and Economic Injury Loans): Kent, Providence, Washington.

Contiguous Counties (Economic Injury Loans Only):

Rhode Island: Bristol
Connecticut: Windham, New London
Massachusetts: Norfolk, Worcester,

Bristol

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
<i>For Physical Damage:</i>	
Homeowners with Credit Available Elsewhere	5.375
Homeowners without Credit Available Elsewhere	2.688
Businesses with Credit Available Elsewhere	8.000
Businesses without Credit Available Elsewhere	4.000
Non-Profit Organizations with Credit Available Elsewhere ...	3.250
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.250
<i>For Economic Injury:</i>	
Business and Small Agricultural Cooperatives without Credit Available Elsewhere	4.000
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.250

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 201966 and for economic injury is 201970.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

Francisco Sánchez, Jr.,
Associate Administrator Office of Disaster Recovery & Resilience.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #20198 and #20199; Rhode Island Disaster Number RI-20003]

Presidential Declaration of a Major Disaster for the State of Rhode Island

AGENCY: Small Business Administration.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a Notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of Rhode Island (FEMA-4766-DR), dated 03/20/2024.

Incident: Severe Storms and Flooding.
Incident Period: 01/09/2024 through 01/13/2024.

DATES: Issued on 03/20/2024.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 05/20/2024.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: 12/23/2024.

ADDRESSES: Visit the MySBA Loan Portal at <https://lending.sba.gov> to apply for a disaster assistance loan.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alan Escobar, Office of Disaster Recovery & Resilience, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205-6734.