

The new adjustment policy approved in File No. SR-OCC-2006-01 will take effect beginning with dividends announced on and after February 1, 2009. OCC intends this proposed rule change to take effect at the same time, but these changes will not be implemented until the exchanges have conducted appropriate educational efforts and definitive copies of an appropriate supplement to the options disclosure document, *Characteristics and Risks of Standardized Options*, are available for distribution.

III. Discussion

Section 17A(b)(3)(F) of the Act requires, among other things, that the rules of a clearing agency be designed to promote the prompt and accurate clearance and settlement of securities transactions.⁴ The Commission finds the proposed rule change to be consistent with this requirement because it should reduce inconsistencies in the adjustment of stock option contracts. As a result, OCC's proposed rule change should promote the prompt and accurate clearance and settlement of securities transactions.

IV. Conclusion

On the basis of the foregoing, the Commission finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of the Act and in particular Section 17A of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder.

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act, that the proposed rule change (File No. SR-OCC-2008-16) be and hereby is approved.⁵

For the Commission by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁶

J. Lynn Talyor,

Assistant Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #11434]

Maine Disaster #ME-00014

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a Notice of the Presidential declaration of a major

disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of Maine (FEMA-1788-DR), dated 09/09/2008.

Incident: Severe Storms, Flooding, and Tornadoes.

Incident Period: 07/18/2008 through 08/16/2008.

DATES: *Effective Date:* 09/09/2008.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 11/10/2008.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: 06/10/2009.

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 09/09/2008, Private Non-Profit organizations that provide essential services of governmental nature may file disaster loan applications 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: Androscoggin, Cumberland, York.

Contiguous Counties (Economic Injury Loans Only):

Maine: Franklin, Kennebec, Oxford, Sagadahoc.

New Hampshire: Carroll, Strafford.

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
Other (Including Non-Profit Organizations) with Credit Available Elsewhere	5.250
Businesses and Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere	4.000

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage and for economic injury is 11434.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers 59002 and 59008)

James E. Rivera,

Acting Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Request

The Social Security Administration (SSA) publishes a list of information collection packages requiring clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with Public Law (Pub. L.) 104-13, the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, effective October 1, 1995. This notice includes a revision to an OMB-approved information collection.

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 ways to minimize the burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Mail, e-mail, or fax your comments and recommendations on the information collection(s) to the OMB Desk Officer and the SSA Reports Clearance Officer to the addresses or fax numbers listed below.

(OMB), Office of Management and Budget, *Attn:* Desk Officer for SSA, *Fax:* 202-395-6974, *E-mail address:* OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov. (SSA), Social Security Administration, DCBPM, *Attn:* Reports Clearance Officer, 1333 Annex Building, 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235, *Fax:* 410-965-6400, *E-mail address:* OPLM.RCO@ssa.gov.

The information collection below is pending at SSA. SSA will submit it to OMB within 60 days from the date of this notice. Therefore, your comments would be most helpful if you submit them to SSA within 60 days from the date of this publication. Individuals can obtain copies of the collection instrument by calling the SSA Reports Clearance Officer at 410-965-0454 or by writing to the e-mail address listed above.

1. Accelerated Benefits Demonstration Project—0960-0747

Background

In early 2007, SSA obtained OMB approval for the Accelerated Benefits Demonstration Project. This multi-phase study, conducted by SSA's research contractors and health care experts, will assess if providing new Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) recipients with health care and other benefits would stabilize or improve their health and help them return to work early. In this long-term study, SSA's contractor divided new SSDI recipients into three

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78q-1(b)(3)(F).

⁵ In approving the proposed rule change, the Commission considered the proposal's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

⁶ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

groups: (1) A control group who would receive just regular SSDI benefits; (2) a treatment group who would receive immediate access to health care benefits; and (3) a treatment group who would receive health care benefits and additional care management, employment, and benefits services and support.

Update/Current Information Collection Request (ICR)

Having conducted baseline and 6-month follow-up surveys with the three participant groups, SSA is now ready to move on to the next phase of the study: a 12-month followup survey. This ICR is for the 12-month followup survey, which we plan to conduct beginning in March 2009. We will use telephone interviews for the survey, with in-person followup for non-responders as necessary. We will attempt to contact all 2,000 participants and expect to complete followup interviews with 1,600 of them (80 percent). The survey is intended to explore participants' experiences after one year in the program, which will provide initial data on the effects of the health care and "health care plus" treatments. The respondents are SSDI beneficiaries participating in the Accelerated Benefits Demonstration Project.

Burden Data for 12-Month Follow-Up Survey

Type of Request: Revision to an existing OMB-approved information collection.

Number of Respondents: 1,600.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 45 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,200 hours.

2. SSI Notice of Interim Assistance Reimbursement (IAR)—0960-0546

Section 1631(g) of the Social Security Act authorizes SSA to reimburse a state or local interim assistance reimbursement (IAR) agency from an individual's initial retroactive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payment for assistance the IAR agency gave the individual for meeting basic needs while an SSI claim was pending or SSI benefits were suspended or terminated. Under the IAR process, agencies are required to conduct an evaluation to determine if the applicant is disabled or employable. There are individual state general assistance requirements that the claimant must meet for IAR benefits. If the claimant meets these requirements, the IAR agency and the claimant enter into an agreement. Claimants also sign an authorization with an IAR agency to allow SSA to repay the IAR agency for funds paid in advance prior to eligibility approval. To be eligible for IAR benefits, the claimant must file or have filed an SSI claim.

Agencies who wish to enter into an IAR agreement with SSA must meet the following requirements:

(a) *Reporting Requirements.* Each IAR agency agrees to: (1) Notify SSA of receipt of authorization for new IAR claims and submit a copy of that authorization; (2) inform SSA of the amount of reimbursement; (3) submit a written request for dispute resolution on a determination; (4) notify SSA of interim assistance rendered (through the SSA-8125 and SSA-L8125, or electronically); (5) inform SSA of any deceased claimants who participate in the IAR program; and (6) review and sign an agreement with SSA.

(b) *Recordkeeping Requirements:* The IAR agencies agree to retain all notices, agreement, authorizations, and accounting forms for the period defined in the IAR agreement for the purposes of SSA verifying transactions covered under the agreement.

(c) *Third Party Disclosure Requirements:* Each participating IAR agency must agree to send written notices from the IAR agency to the recipient regarding payment amounts.

(d) *Periodic Review of Agency Accounting Process:* The IAR agency must make available for SSA review and verification the IAR accounting records of paid cases. SSA conducts an onsite review of the authorization forms, notices to the claimant and accounting forms. Upon completion of the review, SSA provides a written report of findings to the IAR agency director.

SSA is currently in the process of automating the IAR process. SSA completed Phase 1 of the automated process, called eIAR, in June 2008 by creating a database that will allow real-time updates for IAR cases. Phase 2 (targeted for 2009) will eliminate the paper Forms SSA-8125 and SSA-L8125-F6. SSA will receive and send all exchanges of information through electronic mail (email) and a secure Internet site. The eIAR process will store IAR agency accounting and SSA payment data for use by SSA regional office staff for auditing the IAR agency records. The IAR agency will have access to IAR information (past and present) for their purposes. Respondents are IAR agencies.

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

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Type of request	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Number of responses	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated annual burden hours (hours)
Notification of Receipt of Authorization (Electronic Process)	11	8,856	97,416	1	1,624
Submission of Copy of Authorization (Manual Process)	26	792	20,592	3	1,030
Notification to SSA of Amount of Reimbursement	39	577	22,503	30	11,252
Request for Determination—Dispute Resolution	2	1	2	15	1
Form SSA-8125	39	1,282	49,998	10	8,333
Form SSA-L8125-F6	39	1,282	49,998	10	8,333
eIAR Process	39	2,564	99,996	8	13,333
Notification to SSA of Deceased Claimant	20	2	40	15	10
Review/Signing Agreements	39	1	39	* 12	468

* Hours.

RECORDKEEPING REQUIREMENTS

	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Number of responses	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated annual burden hours
Maintenance of Authorization Forms	39	3,189	124,371	3	6,219
Maintenance of Accounting Forms and Notices	39	3,189	124,371	3	6,219

THIRD PARTY DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS

	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Number of responses	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated annual burden hours
Written Notice From IAR Agency to Recipient Regarding Amount of Payment	39	576	22,464	7	2,621

PERIODIC REVIEW OF AGENCY ACCOUNTING PROCESS

	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Number of responses	Average burden per response (hours)	Estimated annual burden hours
Retrieve and Consolidate Authorization and Accounting Forms	12	1	12	3	36
Participate in Periodic Review	12	1	12	16	192
Correct Administrative and Accounting Discrepancies	6	1	6	4	24

TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN

	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Number of responses	Average burden per response	Estimated annual burden hours
Totals	39	611,820	59,695

Date: September 18, 2008.

Elizabeth A. Davidson,

Reports Clearance Officer, Social Security Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6369]

**Executive Order 11423, as Amended;
Notice of Receipt of Application To
Amend Presidential Permit for an
International Bridge on the U.S.-Mexico
Border at Brownsville, TX and
Matamoros, Tamaulipas, Mexico**

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of State hereby gives notice that, on September 4, 2008, it received an application to amend the Presidential Permit that authorizes the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Veterans International Bridge at Los Tomates on the U.S.-Mexico border at Brownsville,

Texas and Matamoros, Tamaulipas, Mexico. Cameron County, Texas filed the application and is acting as the project sponsor. Cameron County proposes to build a second bridge, essentially identical to the existing four-lane bridge, to accommodate increasing traffic volume, to improve pedestrian safety, and to allow more efficient separation of different types of traffic as it approaches the border station owned by the General Services Administration and operated by the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection of the Department of Homeland Security. The proposed second bridge would not require changes to the border station itself.

The Department of State's jurisdiction over this application is based upon Executive Order 11423 of August 16, 1968, as amended. As provided in E.O. 11423, the Department is circulating this application to relevant federal and state agencies for review and comment. Under E.O. 11423, the Department has the responsibility to determine, taking into account input from these agencies and other stakeholders, whether this proposed amendment to the existing

Presidential Permit is in the U.S. national interest.

DATES: Interested members of the public are invited to submit written comments regarding this application on or before November 24, 2008 to Mr. Daniel Darrach, U.S.-Mexico Border Affairs Coordinator, via e-mail at WHA-BorderAffairs@state.gov, or by mail at WHA/MEX—Room 3909, Department of State, 2201 C St., NW., Washington, DC 20520.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Daniel Darrach, U.S.-Mexico Border Affairs Coordinator, via e-mail at WHA-BorderAffairs@state.gov; by phone at 202-647-9894; or by mail at WHA/MEX—Room 3909, Department of State, 2201 C St., NW., Washington, DC 20520. General information about Presidential Permits is available on the Internet at <http://www.state.gov/p/wha/rt/permit/>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This application and supporting documents are available for review in the Office of Mexican Affairs, Border Affairs Unit, Department of State, during normal business hours.