

regarding the current excess spread rule's effect on price competition in the Nasdaq market.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to Amendment No. 1 that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to Amendment No. 1 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 the NASD. All submissions should refer to file number SR-NASD-96-50 and should be submitted by February 14, 1997.

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Exchange Act, that the proposed rule change SR-NASD-96-50 be, and hereby is, approved effective January 20, 1997 through July 1, 1997.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁵

Jonathan G. Katz,

Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Disaster Loan Area #2925]

California; Declaration of Disaster Loan Area

As a result of the President's major disaster declaration on January 4, 1997, and amendments thereto on January 7, 9, and 13, I find that Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, Contra Costa, Del Norte, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Madera, Marin, Mariposa, Mendocino, Merced, Modoc, Mono, Monterey, Napa, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, San Mateo, San Joaquin, San Benito, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Solano, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Tulare, Tuolumne, Yolo, and

Yuba Counties in the State of California constitute a disaster area due to damages caused by severe storms, flooding, and mud and land slides beginning on December 28, 1996 and continuing. Applications for loans for physical damages may be filed until the close of business on March 5, 1997, and for loans for economic injury until the close of business on October 6, 1997 at the address listed below: U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 4 Office, P. O. Box 13795, Sacramento, CA 95853-4795, or other locally announced locations. In addition, applications for economic injury loans from small businesses located in the following contiguous counties may be filed until the specified date at the above location: Alameda, Inyo, Kern, Kings, San Francisco, and San Luis Obispo Counties in California; Esmeralda County, Nevada; and Curry, Jackson, Josephine and Klamath Counties in Oregon. Any counties contiguous to the above-named counties and not listed herein have been covered in a previous declaration for the same occurrence.

Interest rates are:

	Percent
For Physical Damage:	
Homeowners with credit available elsewhere	8.000
Homeowners without credit available elsewhere	4.000
Businesses with credit available elsewhere	8.000
Businesses and non-profit organizations without credit available elsewhere	4.000
Others (including non-profit organizations) with credit available elsewhere	7.250
For Economic Injury:	
Businesses and small agricultural cooperatives without credit available elsewhere	4.000

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 292511. For economic injury the numbers are 933600 for California, 933700 for Nevada, and 933800 for Oregon.

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Herbert L. Mitchell,

Acting Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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[Declaration of Disaster Loan Area #2924]

Idaho; Declaration of Disaster Loan Area

As a result of the President's major disaster declaration on January 4, 1997, and an amendment thereto on January 10, I find that Adams, Boise, Bonner, Boundary, Clearwater, Elmore, Gem, Idaho, Latah, Nez Perce, Payette, Shoshone, Valley and Washington Counties in the State of Idaho constitute a disaster area due to damages caused by severe storms, flooding, and mud and land slides beginning on December 27, 1996 and continuing. Applications for loans for physical damages may be filed until the close of business on March 5, 1997, and for loans for economic injury until the close of business on October 6, 1997 at the address listed below: U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 4 Office, P. O. Box 13795, Sacramento, CA 95853-4795, or other locally announced locations. In addition, applications for economic injury loans from small businesses located in the following contiguous counties may be filed until the specified date at the above location: Ada, Benewah, Blaine, Camas, Canyon, Custer, Gooding, Kootenai, Lemhi, Lewis, Nez Perce, Owyhee, and Twin Falls Counties in Idaho; Lincoln, Mineral, Missoula, Ravalli, and Sanders Counties in Montana; Baker, Malheur, and Wallowa Counties in Oregon; and Asotin, Pend Oreille, Spokane, and Whitman Counties in Washington.

Interest rates are:

	Percent
For Physical Damage:	
Homeowners with credit available elsewhere	8.000
Homeowners without credit available elsewhere	4.000
Businesses with credit available elsewhere	8.000
Businesses and non-profit organizations without credit available elsewhere	4.000
Others (including non-profit organizations) with credit available elsewhere	7.250
For Economic Injury:	
Businesses and small agricultural cooperatives without credit available elsewhere	4.000

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 292411. For economic injury the numbers are 933200 for Idaho, 933300 for Montana, 933400 for Oregon, and 933500 for Washington.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

¹⁵ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

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 Herbert L. Mitchell,
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[Declaration of Disaster Loan Area #2923]

Nevada; Declaration of Disaster Loan Area

As a result of the President's major disaster declaration on January 3, 1997, I find that Douglas, Lyon, Storey and Washoe Counties, and the Independent City of Carson City in the State of Nevada constitute a disaster area due to damages caused by severe storms, flooding, and mud and land slides beginning on December 20, 1996 and continuing. Applications for loans for physical damages may be filed until the close of business on March 4, 1997, and for loans for economic injury until the close of business on October 3, 1997 at the address listed below: U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 4 Office, P. O. Box 13795, Sacramento, CA 95853-4795, or other locally announced locations. In addition, applications for economic injury loans from small businesses located in the following contiguous counties may be filed until the specified date at the above location: Churchill, Humboldt, Mineral, and Pershing Counties in Nevada, and Harney and Lake Counties in Oregon. Any counties contiguous to the above-named counties and not listed herein have been covered under a separate declaration for the same occurrence.

Interest rates are:

	Percent
For Physical Damage:	
Homeowners with credit available elsewhere	8.000
Homeowners without credit available elsewhere	4.000
Businesses with credit available elsewhere	8.000
Businesses and non-profit organizations without credit available elsewhere	4.000
Others (including non-profit organizations) with credit available elsewhere	7.250
For Economic Injury:	
Businesses and small agricultural cooperatives without credit available elsewhere	4.000

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 292311. For economic injury the numbers are 933000 for Nevada and 933100 for Oregon.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection Request

The Social Security Administration publishes a list of information collection packages that will require submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance in compliance with P.L. 104-13 effective October 1, 1995, The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection(s) listed below requires extension of the current OMB approval(s):

0960-0030—Statement of Employer.
 The information collected on form SSA-7011 is used by the Social Security Administration to substantiate allegations of wages paid to workers when those wages do not appear in SSA's records of earnings and the worker does not have proof that they were paid. This information is used to process claims for social security benefits and to resolve discrepancies in earnings records. The respondents are certain employers who can verify allegations of wages made by the wage earner.

Number of Respondents: 925,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 20 minutes.

Estimated Average Burden: 308,333.

To receive a copy of the form(s) or clearance packages (s), call the SSA Reports Clearance Officer on (410) 965-4125 or write to her at the address listed below. Written comments and recommendations regarding the information collection(s) should be sent within 60 days from the date of this publication, directly to the SSA Reports Clearance Officer at the following address: Social Security Administration, DCFAM, Attn: Judith T. Hasche, 6401 Security Blvd., 1-A-21 Operations Bldg., Baltimore, MD 21235.

In addition to your comments on the accuracy of the agency's burden estimate, we are soliciting comments on 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.

The Social Security Administration publishes a list of information collection packages that have been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance in compliance with P.L. 104-13 effective October 1, 1995, The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection(s) listed below, which were published in the Federal Register on November 1 and November 20, 1996, have been submitted to OMB.

1. *Statement of Funds You Provided to Another; Statement of Funds You Received—0960-0481.* The information collected on forms SSA-2854 and SSA-2855 is used by the Social Security Administration to determine if money borrowed on an informal basis from a noncommercial lender (friend or relative) is income to the borrower/claimant. The information is needed to insure that an individual is properly eligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments. The respondents are applicants for and recipients of SSI payments.

Number of Respondents: 40,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 10 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 6,667 hours.

2. *Employer Classification Update—0960-0262.* The information on form SSA-L378 is needed by the Social Security Administration in situations where an employer submits an SS-4, Employer Identification Form, with incomplete or missing information. The data from the SSA-L378 is used, in conjunction with tax return data, for program planning, revenue estimates and employment studies. The respondents are employers with 11 or more employees.

Number of Respondents: 75,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 3 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 3,750 hours.

3. *Certificate of Election for Reduced Spouse's Benefits—0960-0398.* A qualified spouse, age 62 to 64, can elect to receive a reduced Social Security benefit by completing a form SSA-25. The information collected on the form is used by the Social Security Administration to pay a reduced Social Security benefit. The respondents are qualified spouses of Social Security beneficiaries who are entitled to reduced Social Security benefits.

Number of Respondents: 30,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.