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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 12b-25

| | NOTIFICATION OF LATE FILING | SEC File Number 000-28050 | | | | |
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| (Check One): [] Form 10-K [X] Form 10-Q | [] Form 11-K [] Form N-SAR | [] Form 20-F | | | | |
| For Period | l Ended: June 30, 2003 | | | | | |
| [] Transition | | [] Transition Report on Form 10-Q [] Transition Report on Form N-SA | | | | |
| For the Tr | ransition Period Ended: | | | | | |
| | | paring Form. Please Print or Type. | | | | |
| NOTHING IN THIS FORM SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO IMPLY THAT THE COMMISSION HAS VERIFIED ANY INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN. | | | | | | |
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| | PART I REGISTRANI | I INFORMATION | | | | |
| ONYX ACCEPTANO | E CORPORATION | | | | | |
| Full Name of F | egistrant | | | | | |
| Former Name if | Applicable | | | | | |
| 27051 Towne Ce | ntre Dr. | | | | | |
| Address of Pri | ncipal Executive Office (Stre | eet and Number) | | | | |
| Foothill Ranch | , CA 92610 | | | | | |
| City, State an | d Zip Code | | | | | |
| | PART IIRULES 12b-2 | 25(b) AND (c) | | | | |
| and the regist | - | thout unreasonable effort or expense Rule 12b-25(b), the following riate) | | | | |

(a) The reasons described in reasonable detail in Part

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III of this form could not be eliminated without
unreasonable effort or expense;

- [X] (b) The subject annual report, semi-annual report, transition report on Form 10-K, Form 20-F, Form 11-K or Form N-SAR, or portion thereof, will be filed on or before the fifteenth calendar day following the prescribed due date; or the subject quarterly report or transition report on Form 10-Q, or portion thereof will be filed on or before the fifth calendar day following the prescribed due date; and
 - (c) The accountant's statement or other exhibit required by Rule 12b-25(c) has been attached if applicable.

PART III--NARRATIVE

State below in reasonable detail the reasons why Forms 10-K, 20F, 11-K, 10-Q, N-SAR or the transition report portion thereof could not be filed within the prescribed time period.

Management is reviewing the amortization method used for certain loan premiums. The basis of the review is to determine the appropriate timing, and therefore, amount of amortization to record. The periods under review are the third and fourth quarters of 2002, and the first quarter of 2003. Until Management completes its review, including a determination of the impact on current and previously reported periods, the registrant is unable to complete its financial statements and file its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q within the prescribed period without unreasonable effort and expense.

(ATTACH EXTRA SHEETS IF NEEDED) SEC 1344 (11/91)

PART IV - OTHER INFORMATION

| (1) | Name a | and | telephone | number | of | person | to | contact | in | regard | to | this |
|-----|--------------|-----|-----------|--------|----|--------|----|---------|----|--------|----|------|
| | notification | | | | | | | | | | | |

| Don P. Duffy | (949) | 465-3505 |
|--------------|-------------|--------------------|
| | | |
| (Name) | (Area Code) | (Telephone Number) |

(2) Have all other periodic reports required under Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter) period that the registrant was required to file such reports) been filed? If answer is no, identify report(s).

[X] Yes [] No

(3) Is it anticipated that any significant change in results of operations from the corresponding period for the last fiscal year will be reflected by the earnings statements to be included in the subject report or portion thereof?

[] Yes [X] No

If so, attach an explanation of the anticipated change, both narratively and quantitatively, and, if appropriate, state the reasons why a reasonable estimate of the results cannot be made.

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ONYX ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION

(Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

has caused this notification to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: August 15, 2003

By: /s/ DON P. DUFFY

Don P. Duffy Executive Vice President CFO and Principal Financial Officer

INSTRUCTION: The form may be signed by an executive officer of the registrant or by any other duly authorized representative. The name and title of the person signing the form shall be typed or printed beneath the signature. If the statement is signed on behalf of the registrant by an authorized representative (other than an executive officer), evidence of the representative's authority to sign on behalf of the registrant shall be filed with the form.

ATTENTION

INTENTIONAL MISSTATEMENTS OR OMISSIONS OF FACT CONSTITUTE FEDERAL CRIMINAL VIOLATIONS (SEE 18 U.S.C. 1001)

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. This form is required by Rule 12b-25 (17 CFR 240.12b-25) of the General Rules and Regulations under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- One signed original and four conformed copies of this form and amendments thereto must be completed and filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, D.C. 20549, in accordance with Rule 0-3 of the General Rules and Regulations under the Act. The information contained in or filed with the form will be made a matter of public record in the Commission files.
- A manually signed copy of the form and amendments thereto shall be filed with each national securities exchange on which any class of securities of the registrant is registered.
- 4. Amendments to the notifications must also be filed on Form 12b-25 but need not restate information that has been correctly furnished. The form shall be clearly identified as an amended notification.
- 5. Electronic Filers. This form shall not be used by electronic filers unable to timely file a report solely due to electronic difficulties. Filers unable to submit a report within the time period prescribed due to difficulties in electronic filing should comply with either Rule 201 or Rule 202 of Regulation S-T (section 232.201 or section 232.202 of this chapter) or apply for an adjustment in filing date pursuant to Rule 13(b) of Regulation S-T (section 232.13(b) of this chapter).