

3.16, 6.5, and 9.1 will clarify the CBOE's rules because all special memberships on the CBOE have expired.³⁵

HH. Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change

The Commission believes that it is reasonable for the proposed rule change to become effective 30 days from the date of its approval by the Commission. The Commission believes that the 30-day period will provide the CBOE with an opportunity to notify the Exchange's membership of the effectiveness of the rule change.

The Commission finds good cause for approving Amendment No. 3 to the proposed rule change prior to the thirtieth day after the date of publication of notice of filing thereof in the **Federal Register**. Amendment No. 3 strengthens the CBOE's proposal by providing additional requirements for foreign organizations seeking to become CBOE members. Accordingly, the Commission believes that granting accelerated approval of Amendment No. 3 is appropriate and consistent with Sections 6(b)(5) and 19(b)(2) of the Act.³⁶

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning Amendment No. 3, including whether Amendment No. 3 is consistent with the Act. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609. 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 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 Amex. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-CBOE-99-15 and should be submitted by August 18, 2000.

V. Conclusion

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,³⁷ that the

proposed rule change (SR-CBOE-99-15), as amended, is approved.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.³⁸

Jonathan G. Katz,

Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change by the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Inc. Relating to Certain PACE Rule Provisions

July 20, 2000.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on June 30, 2000, the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Inc. ("Phlx" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the Phlx. On July 18, 2000, the Exchange submitted Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change.³ The Exchange has designated the proposed rule change as constituting a "non-controversial" rule change under paragraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 under the Act,⁴ which renders the proposal effective upon receipt of this filing by the Commission.⁵ The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit

³⁸ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ In Amendment No. 1, the Exchange modified its proposed change to the text of Supplementary Material .10(a)(i). The modification clarifies that qualifying marketable limit orders will continue to be executed at the price quoted in the Phlx Automated Communication and Execution System, whether or not executed automatically. See Letter from Edith Hallahan, Deputy General Counsel, Phlx, to Steven Johnston, Special Counsel, Division of Market Regulation, dated July 17, 2000 ("Amendment No. 1").

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

⁵ The Exchange has represented that the proposed rule change: (i) will not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) will not impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) will not become operative for 30 days after the date of this filing, unless otherwise accelerated by the Commission. The Exchange also has provided at least five business days notice to the Commission of its intent to file this proposed rule change, as required by Rule 19b-4(f)(6) under the Act. *Id.*

comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Phlx, pursuant to Rule 19b-4 under the Act,⁶ proposes to implement a change to the Phlx Automated Communication and Execution ("PACE") System. By incorporating two provisions into Phlx Rule 229 (concerning PACE), this change will provide an entering member organization with additional elections with respect to certain features of PACE similar to those currently provided for in the Rule. Specifically, the language "unless the entering member organization otherwise elects" is proposed to be added to both Supplementary Material .10(a)(i) and (ii).

The proposed change to Supplementary Material .10(a)(i) provides that round-lot orders up to 599 shares, and the round-lot portion of PRL⁷ limit orders up to 599 shares, that are entered at the PACE Quote, shall be executed at the PACE Quote.⁸ This proposal would codify that such execution guarantee can either be provided by the PACE System automatically or by the specialist, at the election of the entering member. This amendment does not change the fundamental principle of PACE that the specialist must provide the PACE Quote to eligible orders.

Second, the revision would permit the entering member organization to elect whether certain eligible non-marketable limit orders will be executed via PACE in accordance with the "primary market print protection" provision set forth in Supplementary Material .10(a)(ii) of the PACE Rule.

II. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, Phlx included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Exchange has

⁶ 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

⁷ The first paragraph of Rule 229 defines a PRL as a combined round-lot and odd-lot order.

⁸ The PACE Quote is defined in Rule 229 as the best bid/ask quote among the American, Boston, Cincinnati, Chicago, New York, Pacific or Philadelphia Stock Exchange, or the Intermarket Trading System/Computer Assisted Execution System ("ITS/CAES") quote, as appropriate.

³⁵ See note 22, *supra*.

³⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5) and 78s(b)(2).

³⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

The purpose of the proposed rule change is to extend to an entering member organization the ability to control all aspects of the handling of its orders in conjunction with the other elections already provided within the rule. Currently, entering member organizations can make an election regarding the price improvement provisions of Supplementary Material .07. An entering member organization may also elect manual, instead of default automatic execution of market orders if automatic execution would have occurred at a price outside of the day's primary market high-low range ("out-of-range protection"). Finally, under Supplementary Material .10(a)(iii), member organizations that enter limit orders after the opening may elect to have such orders executed manually at or within the New York market high-low range of the day. similar to the proposed elections, these provisions are intended to give member organizations greater flexibility as to the disposition of their orders, which should, in turn, enhance the Exchange's competitive position among firms seeking an appropriate venue for the execution of their order flow.⁹

The PACE System, as described in Rule 229, is the Exchange's automated order routing, delivery, execution and reporting system on the equity floor. PACE is available to member organizations, who are referred to here as either the entering member organizations sending order flow or the specialist on the equity trading floor, both of whom are users of the PACE System.

As stated above, the proposal is designed to provide entering member organizations with two elections similar to those currently noted within the rule. Member organizations may choose not to receive certain guarantees for many different reasons, which are often specific to their types of customers and business, as well as specific to certain securities, order types and sizes.

First, Supplementary material .10(a)(i) generally provides that marketable limit

orders up to 599 shares entered at the PACE Quote shall be executed at the PACE Quote. The rule does not currently state that such orders are automatically executed, only that they are to be executed at the PACE Quote. Specifically, the proposal reflects that the automatic execution price guarantee would be available if the order is executed by the specialist or automatically.

Second, the entering member organization could elect not to receive the execution guarantee resulting from primary market trading at that price. A member organization may not wish, for example, to receive a partial execution of 500 shares of a 10,000-share order, if only 1,000 shares trade on the primary market.¹⁰

The Exchange believes that automatic and other order handling features, such as those provided by PACE, generally facilitate the ability of members firms to satisfy their best execution and other fiduciary obligations to their customers when routing orders to the Phlx. However, as the Commission has recognized, there is no single benchmark for what constitutes "best execution" for all customers, all firms and all orders. Member firms consider a variety of factors in determining whether to route their equity orders to the Phlx or to handle their orders in some other fashion, and the Exchange believes that a "one size fits all" execution and order handling methodology for PACE-eligible orders could, in certain circumstances, be an impediment to firms in choosing to route eligible orders to the Phlx floor. The Phlx believes that entering members should have the greatest degree of flexibility in determining, based upon their business, their customers' desires, and the specific capabilities and characteristics of the Phlx equity floor, whether PACE-eligible orders would be equally well handled (or handled better) manually in some fashion other than that provided for in the pre-programmed PACE System.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange represents that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act in general,¹¹ and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5)¹² in particular, in that it is designed to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, as well as to promote just and

equitable principles of trade, by extending an entering member organization's election ability to control all aspects regarding the processing of that firm's orders. This flexibility should increase the Exchange's competitive position as well as provide a more tailored execution venue to member organizations.

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

The Phlx does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any inappropriate burden on competition that is 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

The Exchange neither received nor solicited written comments.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The proposed rule change has become effective upon filing pursuant to Rule 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder, because it: (i) Does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) does not impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) does not become operative for 30 days after the date of filing or such shorter period as the Commission may designate if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest; provided that the Exchange has given the Commission written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change at least five business days prior to the filing date of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission.

At any time within 60 days of the filing of such proposed rule change, the Commission may summarily abrogate such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purpose of the Act.

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. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609. Copies of

⁹Footnote deleted. Telephone conversation between Edith Hallahan, Deputy General Counsel, Phlx, and Steven Johnston, Special Counsel, Division of Market Regulation, Commission, July 19, 2000.

¹⁰ Amendment No. 1. *supra*.

¹¹ 15 U.S.C. 78f.

¹² 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

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 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 Phlx. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-Phlx-00-58 and should be submitted by August 18, 2000.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹³

Jonathan G. Katz,
Secretary.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Request and Comment Request

The Social Security Administration (SSA) publishes a list of information collection packages that will require clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with Pub. L. 104-13 effective October 1, 1995. The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. 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 on ways to minimize burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Written comments and recommendations regarding the information collection(s) should be submitted to the SSA Reports Clearance Officer and to the OMB Desk Officer at the following addresses:

(OMB): Attn: Desk Officer for SSA, New Executive Office Building, Room 10230, 725 17th St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20503

(SSA): Social Security Administration, DCFAM, Attn: Frederick W. Brickenkamp 1-A-21 Operations Bldg., 6401 Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235

I. The information collections listed below will be submitted to OMB within

60 days from the date of this notice. Your comments should be submitted to SSA within 60 days from the date of this publication. You can obtain a copy of the collection instruments by calling the SSA Reports Clearance Officer at 410-965-4145, or by writing to him at the address listed above.

1. Statement for Continuing Eligibility, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Cases—0960-0416. SSA uses form SSA-8203-BK for high-error-profile (HEP) redeterminations completed by field offices. SSA employees conduct telephone or face-to-face interviews with SSI recipients and representative payees of SSI recipients and document the information gathered during the interview on an SSA-8203-BK. Occasionally, due to systems limitations, the form is mailed to recipients for completion. A tear-off sheet (Pages 7 and 8 of the form) is given to recipients at the conclusion of a face-to-face interview or mailed to recipients at the completion of the telephone interview. It includes information about how, what, when, where, and why SSI recipients report when there is a change in income, resources, or living arrangements. The information collected is used to determine whether SSI recipients have met and continue to meet all statutory and regulatory requirements for SSI eligibility and whether they have been and are still receiving the correct payment amount. Periodic collection of this information is the only way SSA can make these determinations. The respondents are recipients of title XVI (SSI) benefits or their representative payees.

Number of Respondents: 920,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 17 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 260,667 hours.

2. Claimant's Statement About Loan of Food or Shelter (SSA-5062), and Statement About Food or Shelter Provided to Another (SSA-L5063)—0960-0529. Forms SSA-5062 and SSA-L5063 are used to obtain statements about food and/or shelter provided to an SSI claimant. SSA uses the information to determine whether food and/or shelter are a bona fide loan or should be counted as income. This determination can affect eligibility for SSI and the amount of SSI benefits payable. The respondents are claimants for SSI benefits and individuals who provide (loan) food or shelter to SSI Claimants.

	SSA-5062	SSA-L5063
<i>Number of Respondents</i>	65,540	65,540
<i>Frequency of Response</i>	1	1
<i>Average Burden Per Response (minute)</i>	10	10
<i>Estimated Annual Burden (hours)</i>	10,923	10,923

II. The information collections listed below have been submitted to OMB for clearance. Your comments on the information collections would be most useful if received by OMB and SSA within 30 days from the date of this publication. You can obtain a copy of the OMB clearance package by calling the SSA Reports Clearance Officer on (410) 965-4145, or by writing to him at the address listed above.

1. Request for Withdrawal of Application—0960-0015. Form SSA-521 is completed by SSA when an individual wishes to withdraw his or her application for Social Security benefits. The respondents are individuals who wish to withdraw their applications for benefits.

Number of Respondents: 100,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 5 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 8,333 hours.

2. Statement of Self-Employment Income—0960-0046. SSA uses the information on Form SSA-766 to expedite the payment of Social Security benefits to an individual who is self-employed and who is establishing insured status in the current year. The respondents are self-employed persons.

Number of Respondents: 5,000.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 5 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 417 hours.

3. Certification by Religious Group—0960-0093. The data that SSA collects via form SSA-1458 is used to determine if the religious group meets the qualifications set out in section 1402(g) of the Internal Revenue Code permitting its members to be exempt from payment of certain Social Security taxes. The respondents are spokespersons for a religious group or sect.

Number of Respondents: 180.

Frequency of Response: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 15 minutes.

Estimated Annual Burden: 45 hours.

4. You Can Make Your Payment by Credit Card—0960-0462. Forms SSA-4588 and SSA-4589 provide information to SSA on the debtor's

¹³ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).