

For the Commission by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁷

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; The Options Clearing Corporation; Order Granting Approval of Accelerated Delivery of Supplement to the Options Disclosure Document Reflecting Certain Changes to Disclosure Regarding Rate-Modified Cash-Settled Foreign Currency Options

April 4, 2007.

On March 13, 2007, The Options Clearing Corporation (“OCC”) submitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”), pursuant to Rule 9b-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”),¹ five preliminary copies of a supplement to its options disclosure document (“ODD”) reflecting certain changes to disclosure regarding rate-modified cash-settled foreign currency options (“Rate-Modified FCOs”).² On April 3, 2007, the OCC submitted to the Commission five definitive copies of the supplement.³

The ODD currently provides general disclosures on the characteristics and risks of trading standardized options. Recently, an options exchange amended its rules to permit the listing and trading of Rate-Modified FCOs.⁴ The proposed supplement, which supersedes and replaces the January 2007 Supplement to the ODD,⁵ provides disclosure on the characteristics of non-rate modified cash-settled foreign currency options (“Non-Rate Modified FCOs”) and adds new disclosure on the characteristics of Rate-Modified FCOs.

In addition to providing new disclosure on the characteristics of Rate-

Modified FCOs, the proposed supplement to the ODD also reorganizes the January 2007 Supplement to distinguish disclosures regarding Non-Rate Modified FCOs from Rate-Modified FCOs, as well as providing a separate heading for certain disclosures pertaining to all dollar-denominated cash-settled foreign currency options. Further, the proposed supplement adds new clarification regarding exercise settlement values of Rate-Modified FCOs. The proposed supplement is intended to be read in conjunction with the more general ODD, which, as described above, discusses the characteristics and risks of options generally.⁶

Rule 9b-1(b)(2)(i) under the Act⁷ provides that an options market must file five copies of an amendment or supplement to the ODD with the Commission at least 30 days prior to the date definitive copies are furnished to customers, unless the Commission determines otherwise, having due regard to the adequacy of information disclosed and the public interest and protection of investors.⁸ In addition, five copies of the definitive ODD, as amended or supplemented, must be filed with the Commission not later than the date the amendment or supplement, or the amended options disclosure document, is furnished to customers. The Commission has reviewed the proposed supplement and finds, having due regard to the adequacy of information disclosed and the public interest and protection of investors, that the proposed supplement may be furnished to customers as of the date of this order.

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Rule 9b-1 under the Act,⁹ that definitive copies of the proposed supplement to the ODD (SR-ODD-2007-01), reflecting disclosure regarding Non-Rate Modified FCOs and adding disclosure regarding Rate-Modified FCOs, may be furnished to customers as of the date of this order.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁰

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Remove References to Intermarket Trading System (“ITS”) Plan

April 2, 2007.

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 March 27, 2007, 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 substantially by the Exchange.

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

The Exchange is proposing to amend Phlx Rules 452 and 607 and the XLE Fee Schedule to remove references to the Intermarket Trading System (“ITS”) Plan and to delete Phlx Rules 2000-2002, which implemented the ITS Plan trading rules on the Exchange.

The text of the proposed rule change is available at Phlx, the Commission’s Public Reference Room and <http://www.phlx.com>.

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

In its filing with the Commission, the Exchange 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 Phlx has prepared summaries, set forth in Sections A, B, and C below, of the

⁷ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 17 CFR 240.9b-1.

² See letter from Jean M. Cawley, First Vice President and Deputy General Counsel, OCC, to Sharon Lawson, Senior Special Counsel, Division of Market Regulation (“Division”), Commission, dated March 5, 2007.

³ See letter from Jean M. Cawley, First Vice President and Deputy General Counsel, OCC, to Sharon Lawson, Senior Special Counsel, Division, Commission, dated April 3, 2007.

⁴ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 55575 (April 3, 2007) (approving File No. SR-ISE-2006-59).

⁵ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 55035 (December 29, 2006), 72 FR 1358 (January 11, 2007) (SR-ODD-2006-01) (“January 2007 Supplement”).

⁶ The Commission notes that the options markets must continue to ensure that the ODD is in compliance with the requirements of Rule 9b-1(b)(2)(i) under the Act, 17 CFR 240.9b-1(b)(2)(i), including when future changes are made regarding Non-Rate Modified FCOs and Rate-Modified FCOs. Any future changes to the rules of the options markets would need to be submitted to the Commission under Section 19(b) of the Act. 15 U.S.C. 78s(b).

⁷ 17 CFR 240.9b-1(b)(2)(i).

⁸ This provision permits the Commission to shorten or lengthen the period of time which must elapse before definitive copies may be furnished to customers.

⁹ 17 CFR 240.9b-1.

¹⁰ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(39).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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 conform the Exchange's rules to the recent elimination of the ITS Plan.³ Phlx Rules 2000–2002 were adopted to implement the ITS Plan on the Exchange. Those rules contain the trade-through and locked/crossed market rules that governed trading in certain securities pursuant to the ITS Plan. Those rules are now obsolete with the elimination of the ITS Plan. Trade-through and locked/crossed market rules are now mandated by Regulation NMS⁴ and codified in Phlx Rules 185 and 186. In addition, references to the ITS Plan are being removed from Phlx Rules 452 and 607 and the XLE Fee Schedule.

2. Statutory Basis

The proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,⁵ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,⁶ in particular, in that it is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to, and perfect the mechanism of, a free and open market and a national market system, and in general, to protect investors and the public interest.

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

The Phlx does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any 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

No written comments were either solicited or received.

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

Because the foregoing proposed rule change does not:

(i) Significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest;
(ii) impose any significant burden on competition; and

(iii) become operative for 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest, it has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act⁷ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.⁸ As required under Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) under the Act,⁹ the Exchange provided the Commission with written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change, along with a brief description and text of the proposed rule change, at least five business days prior to the date of the filing of the proposed rule change.

A proposed rule change filed under 19b-4(f)(6) normally may not become operative prior to 30 days after the date of filing.¹⁰ However, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii)¹¹ permits the Commission to designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Phlx has requested that the Commission waive the 30-day operative delay and render the proposed rule change operative immediately. The Commission believes that waiving the 30-day operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Commission has eliminated the ITS Plan, which makes the various Phlx rules that refer to and implement the trading rules of the ITS Plan obsolete. For the reasons stated above, the Commission therefore designates the proposal to become operative upon filing with the Commission.¹²

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the 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 purposes 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.

Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Comments

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an e-mail to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-Phlx-2007-31 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Nancy M. Morris, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-Phlx-2007-31. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail 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 Web site (<http://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 inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Phlx. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-Phlx-2007-31 and should be submitted on or before May 1, 2007.

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³ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 55397 (March 5, 2007), 72 FR 11066 (March 12, 2007) (File No. 4-208).

⁴ 17 CFR 242.610-611.

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁸ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

⁹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

¹⁰ *Id.*

¹¹ *Id.*

¹² For purposes of waiving the operative date of this proposal only, the Commission has considered the impact of the proposed rule on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

¹³ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).