

transactions in equity options.¹³ Finally, the amount of the execution fee for all non-ISE Market Maker transactions shall be \$0.45 per contract.¹⁴ Further, since options on DBC, DBB, VTI, UUP, TIP, EPP, URE, and EFU are multiply-listed, the Exchange's Payment for Order Flow fee shall apply to all these products. The Exchange believes the proposed rule change will further the Exchange's goal of introducing new products to the marketplace that are competitively priced.

(b) *Basis*—The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the objectives of Section 6 of the Act,¹⁵ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(4),¹⁶ in particular, in that it is designed to provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among its members and other persons using its facilities.

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

The proposed rule change does not 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

The Exchange has not solicited, and does not intend to solicit, comments on this proposed rule change. The Exchange has not received any unsolicited written comments from members or other interested parties.

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

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3) of the Act¹⁷ and Rule 19b-4(f)(2)¹⁸ thereunder. 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 purposes of the Act.

¹³ The Exchange applies a sliding scale, between \$0.01 and \$0.18 per contract side, based on the number of contracts an ISE market maker trades in a month.

¹⁴ The amount of the execution fee for non-ISE Market Maker transactions executed in the Exchange's Facilitation and Solicitation Mechanisms is \$0.19 per contract.

¹⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78f.

¹⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

¹⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹⁸ 17 CFR 19b-4(f)(2).

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-ISE-2008-68 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

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

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-ISE-2008-68. 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, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of the filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the self-regulatory organization. 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-ISE-2008-68 and should be submitted on or before October 22, 2008.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁹

Florence E. Harmon,

Acting Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-58613; File No. SR-Phlx-2008-65]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; NASDAQ OMX PHLX, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Relating to the Administration and Enforcement of Certain Rules Pertaining to XLE

September 22, 2008.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,¹ and Rule 19b-4² thereunder, notice is hereby given that on September 5, 2008, NASDAQ OMX PHLX, Inc. ("Phlx" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II and III, below, which Items have been prepared by Phlx. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit 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 Exchange, pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Act³ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,⁴ proposes to change the administration and enforcement of certain rules in light of the fact that the Exchange will cease operation of the technology used to operate XLE[®],⁵ the Exchange's equity trading system, on or before October 24, 2008 (the "Shutdown"). At this time, the Exchange is not proposing to amend the text of any rules, but simply to change the administration and enforcement of certain rules, as described below. The Shutdown will not affect any other trading systems or markets at Phlx.

¹⁹ 17CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

⁵ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 54538 (September 28, 2006), 71 FR 59184 (October 6, 2006) (SR-Phlx-2006-43) (Order approving XLE[®]).

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 Exchange has 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 change the administration and enforcement of certain rules in light of the Shutdown. A more in-depth rule review may occur in the future; this proposal is intended to cover the specific rules that make trading available on XLE, which will no longer be the case after the Shutdown.

Background

The Exchange began XLE[®] in 2006. The Exchange has continued to operate XLE[®] through the July 2008 acquisition⁶ of the Exchange by the NASDAQ OMX Group, Inc. ("NASDAQ") and up to the present time. Following a review of the operations of the Exchange, including XLE[®] and the fact that it currently accounts for less than one-tenth of one percent of national share volume in equity securities, it was determined to cease operation of the technology used to operate XLE[®].

The Shutdown

The Exchange informed XLE Participants⁷ on August 4, 2008, that the Exchange intends to discontinue XLE[®] on or before October 24, 2008.⁸ As XLE Participants discontinue their operations on XLE[®] and disconnect from the system, they will not be permitted to re-connect. Depending on the rate of disconnections, the Exchange

may determine to implement the Shutdown before October 24, 2008. In that event, the Exchange would notify any remaining XLE Participants at least 14 calendar days prior to the Shutdown.

Current XLE Rules

Today, XLE[®] is available for the acceptance of orders from XLE Participants and the execution of those orders.⁹ On the day of the Shutdown and thereafter, XLE[®] would no longer be available to accept orders and would not be available to execute any transactions. Any executions that took place before the Shutdown would clear and settle normally, even if such settlement was scheduled to take place after the Shutdown.

Further, the Exchange's optional outbound router, facilitated through PRO Securities LLC ("PRO"),¹⁰ will cease to accept and route orders on the day of the Shutdown because PRO will no longer receive any instructions to route orders to other trading centers from XLE[®]. PRO was deemed to be a facility¹¹ of the Exchange because of its function as the provider of these outbound router services. Following the Shutdown, PRO would no longer act in its capacity as an outbound router for the Exchange; therefore, the Exchange would no longer administer PRO as its facility.

Finally, the Exchange currently allows member organization that are XLE Participants and the members associated with them to register as Market Makers¹² and Market Maker Authorized Trader ("MMATs"),¹³ respectively.¹⁴ After the Shutdown, the Exchange will cancel the registrations of any Market Makers and MMATs that remain on XLE[®]¹⁵ and such persons will cease to have the obligations associated with Market Makers and MMATs¹⁶ because after the Shutdown, there will be no venue for the Market Makers and MMATs to perform their functions. In addition, after the Shutdown, no further registrations for Market Makers or MMATs will be accepted because there will be no venue for Market Makers and MMATs to perform their functions.

⁹ See Phlx Rules 181 and 185.

¹⁰ See Phlx Rule 185(g). The function of PRO as the Exchange's optional outbound routing facility is more fully described in Section IV.D. of the SR-Phlx-2006-43 approval order. See *supra* note 5.

¹¹ 15 U.S.C. 78c(a)(2).

¹² See Phlx Rule 1(l).

¹³ See Phlx Rule 1(m).

¹⁴ See Phlx Rule 170(a), 171(b) and 172(a).

¹⁵ At this time, only one Market Maker, that has one MMAT, is registered in three securities on XLE[®].

¹⁶ See Phlx Rules 171 and 173.

To the extent that these rules state that orders "will" be accepted and registrations will be permitted, for example, that will not occur after the Shutdown. The trading rules applicable to XLE will continue to be in effect respecting trades that occurred before the Shutdown and remain in the Exchange's rulebook for ease of reference.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act¹⁷ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act¹⁸ in particular, in that it is designed 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, by providing notice of the Exchange's policy regarding the administration and enforcement of certain Phlx Rules in light of the Shutdown.

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition 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

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act and paragraph (f)(1) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder. 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.

The Exchange designates the proposed rule change as constituting a stated policy, practice, or interpretation with respect to, the meaning, administration, or enforcement of an existing rule. Specifically, as described above, the Exchange has stated its policy regarding how it will administer

¹⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

¹⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

⁶ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 58179 (July 17, 2008), 73 FR 42874 (July 23, 2008).

⁷ See Phlx Rule 1(nn).

⁸ At that time, XLE Participants were given information about applying for membership in the NASDAQ Stock Market as a means to continue their equity trading operations, if they so desired. XLE Participants are free to apply for membership at any trading venue. Nothing in this proposed rule change is intended to restrict their access at any other venue.

and enforce the enumerated portions of Phlx Rules 170–174, 181 and 185 regarding XLE®, Market Makers, MMATs and PRO in light of the Shutdown.

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–2008–65 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

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

All submissions should refer to File Number SR–Phlx–2008–65. 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, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. 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–2008–65 and should be submitted on or before October 22, 2008.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁹

Florence E. Harmon,

Acting Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–58629; File No. SR–NYSE–2008–85]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; New York Stock Exchange LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change Amending NYSE Rule 1000 (“Automatic Execution of Limit Orders Against Orders Reflected in NYSE Published Quotation”)

September 24, 2008.

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 September 17, 2008, New York Stock Exchange LLC (“NYSE” or the “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit 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 Exchange proposes to amend Exchange Rule 1000(a)(iv)(C) to modify the current LRP value ranges. The text of the proposed rule change is available at NYSE, <http://www.nyse.com>, and the Commission's Public Reference Room.

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 Exchange has 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 Exchange proposes to amend Exchange Rule 1000(a)(iv)(C) (Liquidity Replenishment Point) to widen the value ranges for the calculation of liquidity replenishment points (“LRPs”).

Background

Pursuant to NYSE Rule 1000(a)(iv), LRPs are pre-determined price points that function to moderate volatility, improve price continuity, and foster market quality in a particular security by temporarily converting the electronic market to an auction market and permitting new orders, the Crowd, or the specialist, to add liquidity.³

Pursuant to NYSE Rule 60, Autoquote is suspended when an LRP is reached and resumes in no more than five to ten seconds after the LRP is reached.⁴ Autoquote resumes unless there is interest on the NYSE Display Book® system⁵ that would lock or cross the market. In such case, Autoquote will resume with a manual transaction.⁶

LRPs are calculated by adding and subtracting a value to the security's last sale price. The LRP values are based on an examination of trading data and vary based on the security's NYSE average daily volume (“ADV”), price, and volatility. The values used to calculate the LRP's range do not change intraday

³ See also NYSE Rules 60(e)(i). It is important to note that not all securities on the NYSE are eligible for automatic executions. In accordance with Exchange Rule 1000(a)(vi) those securities that are priced at or more than \$1000 per share are defined as “high-priced” and do not receive automatic executions and, therefore, are not assigned an LRP value ranges.

⁴ See NYSE Rule 60(e)(ii)(C). Currently, in an effort to increase the availability of NYSE quotes eligible for automatic execution, the NYSE will revert to auto-quoting in situations where the LRP has been hit but the market is not locked or crossed in five seconds. See Liquidity Replenishment Points (LRPs) Timer Pilot (August 20, 2008), NYSE Trader Updates available at: http://traderupdates.nyse.com/2008/08/liquidity_replenishment_points_2.html.

⁵ The Display Book® system is an order management and execution facility. The Display Book system receives and displays orders to the specialists, contains the Book, and provides a mechanism to execute and report transactions and publish the results to the Consolidated Tape. The Display Book system is connected to a number of other Exchange systems for the purposes of comparison, surveillance, and reporting information to customers and other market data and national market systems.

⁶ See NYSE Rule 60(e)(ii)(C).

¹⁹ 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b–4.