to maintain Secret Service protection. This meeting will be closed to the public because such portion of the meeting is likely to disclose matters that are to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1). The precise date and time of this potential meeting has not yet been determined.

Public Comments: It is the policy of the PCAST to accept written public comments of any length, and to accommodate oral public comments whenever possible. The PCAST expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted oral or written statements.

The public comment period for this meeting will take place on March 12, 2010 at a time specified in the meeting agenda posted on the PCAST Web site at http://whitehouse.gov/ostp/pcast. This public comment period is designed only for substantive commentary on PCAST’s work, not for business marketing purposes.

Oral Comments: To be considered for the public speaker list at the March meeting, interested parties should register to speak at http://whitehouse.gov/ostp/pcast, no later than 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Friday, March 5, 2010. Phone or email reservations will not be accepted. To accommodate as many speakers as possible, the time for public comments will be limited to two (2) minutes per person, with a total public comment period of 30 minutes. If more speakers register than there is space available on the agenda, PCAST will randomly select speakers from among those who applied. Those not selected to present oral comments may always file written comments with the committee. Speakers are requested to bring at least 25 copies of their oral comments for distribution to the PCAST members.

Written Comments: Although written comments are accepted until the date of the meeting, written comments should be submitted to PCAST at least two weeks prior to each meeting date so that the comments may be made available to the PCAST members prior to the meeting for their consideration.

Information regarding how to submit comments and documents to PCAST is available at http://whitehouse.gov/ostp/pcast in the section entitled “Connect with PCAST.”

Please note that because PCAST operates under the provisions of FACA, all public comments and/or presentations will be treated as public documents and be made available for public inspection, including being posted on the PCAST Web site.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Information regarding the meeting agenda, time, location, and how to register for the meeting is available on the PCAST Web site at: http://whitehouse.gov/ostp/pcast. A live video webcast and an archive of the webcast after the event will be available at http://whitehouse.gov/ostp/pcast. The archived video will be available within one week of the meeting. Questions about the meeting should be directed to Dr. Deborah D. Stine, PCAST Executive Director, at dstine@ostp.eop.gov, (202) 456–6006. Please note that public seating for this meeting is limited and is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The President’s Council of Advisors on Science and Technology is an advisory group of the nation’s leading scientists and engineers who directly advise the President and the Executive Office of the President. See Executive Order 13226. PCAST makes policy recommendations in the many areas where understanding of science, technology, and innovation is key to strengthening our economy and forming policy that works for the American people. PCAST is administered by the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP). PCAST is co-chaired by Dr. John P. Holdren, Assistant to the President for Science and Technology, and Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President, The White House; Dr. Harold E. Varmus, President, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center; and Dr. Eric S. Lander, President and Director, Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard.

Meeting Accomodations: Individuals requiring special accommodation to access this public meeting should contact Dr. Stine at least ten business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

M. David Hodge, Operations Manager.

OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY
National Science and Technology Council, Committee on Technology
Capstone Workshop Risk Management Methods & Ethical, Legal, and Societal Implications of Nanotechnology: Public Meeting

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Nanotechnology Coordination Office (NNCO), on behalf of the Nanoscale Science, Engineering, and Technology (NSET) Subcommittee of the Committee on Technology, National Science and Technology Council (NSTC), will hold a workshop on March 30–31, 2010, to provide an open forum to discuss the state-of-the-art of the science related to environmental, health, and safety aspects of nanomaterials in two areas: Risk Management Methods and Ethical, Legal, and Societal Implications (ELSI) of Nanotechnology. Risk Management Methods is one of the five environmental, health, and safety research categories identified in the National Nanotechnology Initiative (NNI) Subcommititee document Strategy for Nanotechnology-Related Environmental, Health, and Safety Research (http://www.nano.gov/NNI_EHS_Research_Strategy.pdf), which was released February 14, 2008.

DATES: The public meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 30, 2010 from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. and on Wednesday, March 31, 2010 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Rosslyn-Key Bridge, 1900 N. Fort Myer Drive, Arlington, VA 22209 (Metro stop: Rosslyn on the Orange and Blue lines). For directions, please see http://www.holidayinn.com.

Registration: Due to space limitations, pre-registration for the workshop is required. People interested in attending the workshop should register online at http://www.nano.gov/html/meetings/capstone/register.html. Written notices of participation by e-mail should be sent to capstone@nnco.nano.gov.

Written notices may be mailed to the Capstone Workshop, c/o NNCO, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Stafford II, Suite 405, Arlington, VA 22230. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis until the location space limits are reached. Otherwise registration will close on March 23, 2010 at 4 p.m. EDT.

Those interested in presenting 3–5 minutes of public comments at the meeting should also register at http://www.nano.gov/html/meetings/capstone/register.html. Written or electronic comments should be submitted by e-mail to capstone@nnco.nano.gov until April 30, 2010.

Information about the meeting, including the agenda, is posted at http://www.nano.gov.

The main sessions will be Webcast. Please see http://www.nano.gov for more information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information regarding this Notice, please contact Diana Petreski. Telephone (703) 292–8626 or Liesl Hoeter telephone (703) 292–4533, National
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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Amend the CBOE Stock Exchange Fees Schedule To Increase the Maker Rebate for Transactions in Securities Priced Less Than $1 to 0.25% of the Dollar Value of the Transaction

February 19, 2010.

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 February 12, 2010, the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated (“Exchange” or “CBOE”)3 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”)4 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 its Fees Schedule to increase the Maker rebate for transactions in securities priced less than $1 to 0.25% of the dollar value of the transaction. This increase would serve to attract trading activity to CBSX and match the rebate offered by other stock exchanges, including NASDAQ OMX BX.5

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 self-regulatory organization 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 those 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 parts of such statements.

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

1. Purpose

CBSX proposes to amend its Fees Schedule to increase the Maker rebate for transactions in securities priced less than $1 to 0.25% of the dollar value of the transaction. This increase would serve to attract trading activity to CBSX and match the rebate offered by other stock exchanges, including NASDAQ OMX BX.5

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act”)6 and the rules and regulations thereunder and, in particular, the requirements of Section 6(b) of the Act.7 Specifically, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5)8 requirements that the rules of an exchange be designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts, to remove impediments to and to perfect the mechanism for a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. Specifically, increasing the Maker rebate encourages investment and trading activity.

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

CBOE 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 solicited or received with respect to the proposed rule change.

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

The proposed rule change is designated by the Exchange as establishing or changing a due, fee, or other charge, thereby qualifying for effectiveness on filing pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii)9 of the Act and subparagraph (f)(2) of Rule 19b–410 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.

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–CBOE–2010–017 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

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

All submissions should refer to File Number SR–CBOE–2010–017. 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 Web site viewing and

3 See NASDAQ OMX BX Price List—Trading & Connectivity.