

reasonable fees and other charges among Exchange members and other persons using its facilities.

The Exchange believes that it is reasonable to remove DNDN, MSI and XHB from its list of Select Symbols and add VXX to its list of Select Symbols to attract additional order flow to the Exchange. The Exchange anticipates that the addition of VXX to Section I of the Fee Schedule would attract market participants to transact equity options at the Exchange because of the available rebates. In addition, the Exchange believes that applying the fees in Section II, entitled "Equity Options Fees"<sup>6</sup> to DNDN, MSI and XHB, including the opportunity to receive payment for order flow, would also attract order flow to the Exchange.

The Exchange believes that it is equitable to amend the list of Select Symbols by removing DNDN, MSI and XHB and adding VXX because the list of Select Symbols would apply uniformly to all categories of participants in the same manner. All market participants who trade the Select Symbols would be subject to the rebates and fees in Section I of the Fee Schedule. Also, all market participants would be uniformly subject to the fees in Section II.

#### *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)(ii) of the Act.<sup>7</sup> At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend 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. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall

<sup>6</sup> Section II includes options overlying equities, ETFs, ETNs, indexes and HOLDERS which are Multiply Listed.

<sup>7</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule should be approved or disapproved.

### **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](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR-Phlx-2011-85 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-Phlx-2011-85. 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 printing 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-2011-85 and should be submitted on or before July 19, 2011.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>8</sup>

**Cathy H. Ahn,**  
*Deputy Secretary.*

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## **SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**[Release No. 34-64725; File No. SR-CBOE-2011-044]**

### **Self-Regulatory Organizations; Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated; Order Approving Proposed Rule Change, as Modified by Amendment No. 1, to Reduce the Minimum Size of the Nominating and Governance Committee**

June 22, 2011.

#### **I. Introduction**

On April 27, 2011, Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated ("CBOE" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> a proposed rule change to reduce the minimum size of the Nominating and Governance Committee ("NGC") from seven to five. On May 18, 2011, the Exchange filed Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change.<sup>3</sup> The proposed rule change was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on May 10, 2011.<sup>4</sup> The Commission received no comment letters regarding the proposal. This order approves the proposed rule change, as modified by Amendment No. 1.

#### **II. Description of the Proposal**

CBOE is proposing to reduce the minimum size of its NGC from seven to five directors. Section 4.4 of the Second Amended and Restated Bylaws of CBOE ("Bylaws") currently provides, in

<sup>8</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

<sup>3</sup> At the time CBOE submitted the original proposed rule change, it had not yet obtained formal approval from its Board of Directors for the specific Bylaw changes set forth in this proposed rule change. CBOE stated that once that approval was obtained, it would file a technical amendment to its proposed rule change to reflect that approval. In Amendment No. 1, the Exchange notes that the CBOE Board of Directors approved the specific Bylaw changes set forth in SR-CBOE-2011-044 on May 17, 2011 and stated that no further action was necessary in connection with its proposal. Because Amendment No. 1 is technical in nature, the Commission is not required to publish it for public comment.

<sup>4</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 64395 (May 4, 2011), 76 FR 27125 ("Notice").

pertinent part, that the NGC shall consist of at least seven directors, including both Industry and Non-Industry Directors; that a majority of the directors on the Committee shall be Non-Industry Directors; and that the exact number of members on the Committee shall be determined from time to time by CBOE's Board of Directors (the "Board" or "CBOE Board"). Pursuant to the proposed rule change, Section 4.4 of the Bylaws would be amended to provide that the NGC shall consist of at least five directors. The other provisions of Section 4.4 of the Bylaws would remain unchanged.<sup>5</sup>

In outlining the purpose behind its proposal, the Exchange noted that the size of its Board declined from its initial size of twenty-three to nineteen directors in 2009 and again to sixteen directors in 2011.<sup>6</sup> As the size of its Board has declined, the Exchange noted that it has become more challenging to populate larger-size Board committees since there are fewer directors to serve on a multitude of committees.<sup>7</sup> The Exchange's proposal to reduce the minimum size of the NGC is intended to help address this issue.

### III. Discussion

After careful review of the proposal, the Commission finds that the proposed rule change, as modified by Amendment No. 1, is consistent with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to a national securities exchange.<sup>8</sup> In particular, the Commission finds that the proposal is consistent with Section 6(b)(1) of the Act,<sup>9</sup> which requires a national securities exchange to be so organized and have the capacity to carry out the purposes of the Act and to comply, and to enforce compliance by its members and persons associated with its members, with the provisions of the Act, as well as Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,<sup>10</sup> 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, in general, to protect investors and

the public interest. While the Exchange has proposed to reduce the minimum size of the NGC, it has not proposed any other changes to the composition of the committee or the scope or exercise of its responsibilities. In its filing, the Exchange affirmatively represented that the NGC "will continue to be able to appropriately perform its functions" despite the reduction in minimum required size.<sup>11</sup> The Commission further finds that the proposal, as modified by Amendment No. 1, is consistent with the requirements of Section 6(b)(3) of the Act,<sup>12</sup> which requires that one or more directors of an exchange shall be representative of issuers and investors and not be associated with a member of the exchange, broker or dealer.

In particular, the Commission notes that the Exchange will continue to provide for the fair representation of CBOE Trading Permit Holders in the selection of directors and the administration of the Exchange consistent with Section 6(b)(3) of the Act<sup>13</sup> following this rule change. Specifically, the CBOE Bylaws will continue to require that at least thirty percent of the directors on the Board be Industry Directors and that at least twenty percent of CBOE's directors be Representative Directors elected by permit holders.<sup>14</sup> Further, the NGC will continue to include both Industry and Non-Industry Directors (including a majority Non-Industry Directors) and have an Industry-Director Subcommittee that is composed of all of the Industry Directors serving on the Committee. Representative Directors will continue to be nominated (or otherwise selected through a petition process) by the Industry-Director Subcommittee. Additionally, CBOE Trading Permit Holders will continue to be able to nominate alternative Representative Director candidates to those nominated by the Industry Director Subcommittee, in which case a Run-off Election will be held in which CBOE's Trading Permit Holders vote to determine which candidates will be elected to the Board to serve as Representative Directors. Furthermore, the Commission notes that the Exchange's proposal to reduce the minimum size of its NGC is consistent with a proposal that the Commission previously approved for another self-regulatory organization in which that self-regulatory organization reduced the minimum size of its nominating and

governance committee from six to four members.<sup>15</sup>

Finally, the Exchange has represented that, although the proposed rule change would permit the Exchange to appoint a five-person NGC and the Exchange may elect to do so in the future, it is the current intention of the Exchange to appoint a six-person NGC.<sup>16</sup>

### IV. Conclusion

*It is therefore ordered*, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,<sup>17</sup> that the proposed rule change (SR-CBOE-2011-044), as modified by Amendment No. 1, be, and hereby is, approved.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>18</sup>

**Cathy H. Ahn,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-64722; File No. SR-CBOE-2011-055]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change to Trade Options on the CBOE Silver ETF Volatility Index

June 22, 2011.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act"),<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on June 15, 2011, the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated ("Exchange" or "CBOE") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "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.

<sup>15</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 54494 (September 25, 2006), 71 FR 58023 (October 2, 2006) (SR-CHX-2006-23) (approving reduction of the Chicago Stock Exchange's Nominating and Governance Committee from six directors to four directors). See also Article II, Section 3 of the Bylaws of the Chicago Stock Exchange, Inc. (providing for a Nominating and Governance Committee with four directors).

<sup>16</sup> See Notice, *supra* note 4, at 27126.

<sup>17</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

<sup>18</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

<sup>5</sup> Additionally, the title of the Bylaws would be changed to the Third Amended and Restated Bylaws of CBOE.

<sup>6</sup> Section 3.1 of the Bylaws provides that the CBOE Board shall consist of not less than eleven and not more than twenty-three directors, with the exact size determined by the Board.

<sup>7</sup> See Notice, *supra* note 4, at 27125-26.

<sup>8</sup> In approving this proposed rule change, the Commission has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

<sup>9</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(1).

<sup>10</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

<sup>11</sup> See Notice, *supra* note 4, at 27126.

<sup>12</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(3).

<sup>13</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(3).

<sup>14</sup> See Section 3.2 of the CBOE Bylaws (defining "Representative Director").