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 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of such 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 No. SR–BATS–2013–014 and should be submitted on or before April 8, 2013.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.[12]

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Deputy Secretary.

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[12] 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–69124; File Nos. SR–CBOE–2013–016; SR–ISE–2013–08]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated; International Securities Exchange, LLC; Order Granting Accelerated Approval of Proposed Rule Changes To Permit the Minimum Price Variation for Mini Options To Be the Same as Permitted for Standard Options on the Same Underlying Security

March 12, 2013.

I. Introduction

On January 31, 2013, Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated (''CBOE'') and on February 6, 2013, International Securities Exchange, LLC (''ISE,'' and together with CBOE, ''Exchanges'') filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (''Commission''), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (''Act'')[1] and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,[2] proposed rule changes to permit the minimum price variation for Mini Options to be the same as the minimum price variation for standard options on the same underlying security. CBOE's proposed rule change was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on February 14, 2013,[3] and the Commission received three comment letters on the proposal.[4] On March 8, 2013, CBOE submitted a response letter.[5] ISE's proposed rule change was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on February 20, 2013,[6] and the Commission received one comment letter on the proposal.[7] The Commission is approving the Exchanges' proposals on an accelerated basis.

II. Description of the Proposed Rule Changes

CBOE and ISE currently have rules that provide for the listing and trading of options (''Mini Options'') that deliver 10 physical shares of SPDR S&P 500 (''SPY''), Apple Inc. (''AAPL''), SPDR Gold Trust (''GLD''), Google Inc. (''GOOG''), and Amazon.com, Inc. (''AMZN'').[8] The Exchanges now propose to amend their rules to provide that the minimum price variation for bids and offers for Mini Options be the same as the minimum price variation for standard options on the same underlying security.[9] For example, if standard options on a security participate in the Penny Pilot Program, Mini Options on the same underlying security would be quoted in the same minimum increments (*i.e.,* $0.01 for series that are quoted at less than $3 per contract and $0.05 for series that are quoted at $3 per contract or greater, and $0.01 for all SPY options series). Of the five securities on which Mini Options are permitted, SPY, AAPL, GLD, and AMZN participate in the Penny Pilot Program. As proposed, for Mini Options on AAPL, GLD, and AMZN, the minimum price variation would be $0.01 for quotations in series that are quoted at less than $3 per contract and $0.05 for quotations in series that are quoted at $3 per contract or greater.[10] For Mini Options on SPY, the minimum price variation would be $0.01 for all quotations in all series.[11] Because GOOG does not participate in the Penny Pilot Program, the minimum price variation for Mini Options on GOOG would be $0.05 for series that are quoted at less than $3 per contract and $0.10 for series that are quoted at $3 per contract or greater.[12]

III. Discussion and Commission Findings

The Commission finds that the proposed rule changes filed by the Exchanges are consistent with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to a national securities exchange.[13] Specifically, the Commission finds that the proposed rule changes are consistent with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,[14] which requires, among other things, that the rules of a national securities exchange be 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.

The Commission believes that permitting Mini Options on SPY, AAPL, GLD, GOOG, and AMZN to have the same minimum price variation as standard options on the same underlying securities, in the manner proposed by the Exchanges, is consistent with the Act.[15] In addition,

[1] 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

[2] 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

[3] *See* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 68873 (February 8, 2013), 78 FR 10671 (''CBOE Notice'').

[4] *See* letters from David Schmueck, Director, Chief Regulatory Officer, LiquidPoint LLC, dated March 11, 2013 (''LiquidPoint Letter''); Ellen Greene, Vice President, Financial Services Operations, Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association (''SIFMA''), dated March 6, 2013 (''SIFMA Letter''); and Michael L. Sheedy, dated February 22, 2013 (''Sheedy Letter'').

[5] *See* letter from Jenny Golding, Senior Attorney, Legal Division, CBOE, dated March 8, 2013 (''CBOE Response Letter'').

[6] *See* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 68919 (February 13, 2013), 78 FR 11921 (''ISE Notice'').

[7] *See* letter from Gary J. Sjostedt, Director, Order Routing Strategy, TD Ameritrade, Inc. (''TD Ameritrade''), dated January 30, 2013 (''TD Ameritrade Letter'').

[8] *See* Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 68656 (January 15, 2013), 78 FR 4526 (January 22, 2013) (SR–CBOE–2013–001) (''CBOE Mini Options Notice'') and 67948 (September 28, 2012), 77 FR 60735 (October 4, 2012) (SR–ISE–2012–58) (''ISE Mini Options Order'').

[9] *See* CBOE Rule 5.5, Interpretation and Policy .22(d) and ISE Rule 504, Supplementary Material .13(d). While the Exchanges propose these minimum price variations for Mini Options, they are not proposing to include any Mini Option in the Penny Pilot Program. *See* CBOE Notice, *supra* note 3, at 10672 and ISE Notice, *supra* note 6, at 11922. As CBOE states, because Mini Options are a separate class from standard options on the same underlying security, Mini Options would have to qualify separately for entry into the Penny Pilot Program, which they do not, at least initially. *See* CBOE Notice, *supra* note 3, at 10672.

[10] *See* CBOE Rule 6.42(3) and ISE Rule 710, Supplementary Material .01.

[11] *See* CBOE Rule 6.42(3) and ISE Rule 710, Supplementary Material .01.

[12] *See* CBOE Rules 6.42(1) and (2) and ISE Rule 710(a).

[13] In approving these proposed rule changes, the Commission has considered the proposed rules' impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. *See* 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

[14] 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

[15] Mini Options are currently limited to overlie SPY, AAPL, GLD, GOOG, and AMZN, and any expansion of the Mini Options program would require that a subsequent proposed rule change be submitted to the Commission. *See* CBOE Mini Options Notice, *supra* note 8, at n.4 and ISE Mini Options Order, *supra* note 8, at n.12. In addition,

the Commission believes that it is important to clearly establish the minimum price variation for Mini Options prior to the anticipated commencement of trading on March 18, 2013.

Commenters offer strong support for the Exchanges' proposals.[16] In their letters, SIFMA and LiquidPoint state that they strongly agree with CBOE's request to mimic the pricing convention of standard options with mini-option contract pricing and note that they believe it is appropriate to allow penny-pricing for Mini Options on securities for which standard options already trade in pennies, specifically SPY, AAPL, GLD, and AMZN.[17]

In its letter, SIFMA notes that given the significant liquidity in the market for the standard options on SPY, AAPL, GLD, GOOG, and AMZN, ''investor confusion could be profound if the standard and mini-options are not aligned with respect to the minimum price variation.''[18] LiquidPoint also expressed similar concern in its letter.[19] Further, in its letter, TD Ameritrade states that ''[i]nvestor confusion would invariably result if Mini Options did not retain the important characteristics, such as the trading increments,'' of the standard options on the same underlying security.[20] The Commission believes that allowing the same minimum price variation for Mini Options as standard options on the same underlying security should help prevent investor confusion.

Maintaining consistency between Mini Options and standard options as to the minimum price variation may also provide additional market benefits. In this regard, the Commission notes that, in its proposal, CBOE states its belief that matched pricing for Mini Options and standard options on the same underlying security would attract additional liquidity providers who would make markets in these options and that the ability to quote Mini Options and standard options on the same underlying security in the same minimum increments would hopefully result in more efficient pricing via arbitrage and possible price improvement in both contracts on the same underlying security.[21] SIFMA and LiquidPoint also note that penny pricing for Mini Options ''would benefit anticipated users by providing additional price points, particularly as the product is intended to be an investment tool with more affordable and realistic prices for the average retail investor.'' [22] Further, TD Ameritrade states that the proposal will allow market makers to ''provide better fills to investors by quoting and trading within a lesser spread than the existing Rule 710 allows.'' [23]

The Commission notes that the proposed minimum price variation treatment is also consistent with the current operation of member firms' systems. Specifically, in its proposal, CBOE states that it has polled its member firms with customers who would be potential users of Mini Options, and these firms have indicated a preference that the premium pricing for Mini Options match what is currently permitted for standard options on the same underlying securities.[24] CBOE states that its firms' systems are configured using the ''root symbol'' of an underlying security and cannot differentiate, for purposes of minimum price variations, between contracts on the same underlying security.[25] In its letter, SIFMA also notes that its members' systems are programmed using ''root symbols,'' and would not be able to assign different minimum price variations to Mini Options and standard options on the same underlying security.[26] Further, LiquidPoint notes that its systems are programmed such that it would be difficult and confusing to systems users to assign different minimum price variations to Mini Options and standard options on the same underlying security.[27]

Lastly, the Commission notes that, with respect to the impact of the proposals on the Exchanges' systems capacity, each of the Exchanges represents that it and the Options Price Reporting Authority have the necessary systems capacity to handle the potential additional traffic associated with this proposal.[28] The Exchanges state that they do not believe that the increased traffic will become unmanageable because Mini Options are limited to a fixed number of underlying securities.[29]

Accordingly, for the reasons stated above, and in consideration of the anticipated Mini Options launch date of March 18, 2013, the Commission finds good cause, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act, [30] for approving the Exchanges' proposals prior to the 30th day after the publication of the notices in the **Federal Register**.

IV. Conclusion

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,[31] that the proposed rule changes (SR–CBOE–2013–016; SR–ISE–2013–08), be, and hereby are, approved on an accelerated basis.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.[32]

Kevin M. O'Neill,

Deputy Secretary.

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the current proposals are limited to the five approved Mini Options, and the Exchanges must submit subsequent proposed rule changes to extend such treatment of minimum price variations to new Mini Options. *See* CBOE Notice, *supra* note 3, at n.7.

[16] *See* SIFMA Letter, *supra* note 4; LiquidPoint Letter, *supra* note 4; and TD Ameritrade Letter, *supra* note 7. In his comment letter, Sheedy suggested that Mini Options should not be settled by using a portion of a standard option such that a standard option would be ''split,'' resulting in a fractional ownership of a standard option. Sheedy also opined that the option symbols designating each type of option should be distinct and easily identifiable in order to minimize inadvertent mistakes in rapidly changing markets. *See* Sheedy Letter, *supra* note 4. In its response letter, CBOE notes that the deliverable security for standard options will not be used to settle Mini Options on the same underlying security. *See* CBOE Response Letter, *supra* note 5, at 1–2. CBOE also reiterates that Mini Options will be designated with different trading symbols than standard options on the same underlying security. *See id.,* at 2. Further, CBOE notes that the industry-wide symbology for Mini Options will be the use of the same symbol that currently exists for standard options on the same underlying security, followed by ''7.'' *See id.*

[17] *See* SIFMA Letter, *supra* note 4, at 1–2 and LiquidPoint Letter, *supra* note 4, at 1.

[18] *See* SIFMA Letter, *supra* note 4, at 2.

[19] *See* LiquidPoint Letter, *supra* note 4, at 2.

[20] *See* TD Ameritrade Letter, *supra* note 7, at 1.

[21] *See* CBOE Notice, *supra* note 3, at 10673.

[22] *See also* SIFMA Letter, *supra* note 4, at 2 and LiquidPoint Letter, *supra* note 4, at 2.

[23] *See* TD Ameritrade Letter, *supra* note 7, at 1.

[24] *See* CBOE Notice, *supra* note 3, at 10672.

[25] *See id.*

[26] *See* SIFMA Letter, *supra* note 4, at 2.

[27] *See* LiquidPoint Letter, *supra* note 4, at 2.

[28] *See* CBOE Notice, *supra* note 3, at 10673 and ISE Notice, *supra* note 6, at 11922.

[29] *See* CBOE Notice, *supra* note 3, at 10673 and ISE Notice, *supra* note 6, at 11922.

[30] 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

[31] 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

[32] 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

[Docket No. SSA–2012–0048]

Service Delivery Plan; Correction

AGENCY: Social Security Administration.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments; Correction.

SUMMARY: The Social Security Administration published a document in the **Federal Register** of March 12, 2013, in FR Doc. 2013–05595, on page 15797, in the third column; in the **SUMMARY** caption insert the following hyper-links. In the first sentence after the words, ''Service Delivery Plan (SDP) insert *http://www.ssa.gov/open/SDP.* In