

obligations by enhancing its ability to efficiently operate the quotation collection and trade reporting aspects of the ADF and to conduct the relevant surveillance.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

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

Within 45 days of the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** or within such longer period (i) as the Commission may designate up to 90 days of such date if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or (ii) as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission will:

- (A) By order approve or disapprove such proposed rule change, or
- (B) institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be 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 email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-FINRA-2013-053 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-FINRA-2013-053. This file number should be included on the subject line if email 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 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of FINRA. 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-FINRA-2013-053, and should be submitted on or before January 16, 2014.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.³¹

Kevin O. Neill,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-71141; File No. SR-TOPAZ-2013-21]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Topaz Exchange, LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Extend the Penny Pilot Program

December 19, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on December 18, 2013, the Topaz Exchange, LLC (d/b/a ISE Gemini) (the "Exchange" or "Topaz") filed with the Securities and Exchange 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.

³¹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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

Topaz proposes to amend its rules relating to a pilot program to quote and to trade certain options in pennies ("Penny Pilot Program"). The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's Web site at www.ise.com, at the Exchange's principal office and at 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 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 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 the Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

Under the Penny Pilot Program, the minimum price variation for all participating options classes, except for the Nasdaq-100 Index Tracking Stock ("QQQQ"), the SPDR S&P 500 Exchange Traded Fund ("SPY") and the iShares Russell 2000 Index Fund ("IWM"), is \$0.01 for all quotations in options series that are quoted at less than \$3 per contract and \$0.05 for all quotations in options series that are quoted at \$3 per contract or greater. QQQQ, SPY and IWM are quoted in \$0.01 increments for all options series. The Penny Pilot Program is currently scheduled to expire on December 31.³ The Exchange proposes to extend the time period of the Penny Pilot Program through June 30, 2014, and to provide revised dates for adding replacement issues to the Penny Pilot Program. The Exchange proposes that any Penny Pilot Program issues that have been delisted may be replaced on the second trading day following January 1, 2014. The replacement issues will be selected based on trading activity for the six month period beginning June 1, 2013, and ending November 30, 2013. This

³ See Exchange Act Release No. 70636 (October 9, 2013), 78 FR 62838 (October 22, 2013) (SR-TOPAZ-2013-05).

filing does not propose any substantive changes to the Penny Pilot Program: all classes currently participating will remain the same and all minimum increments will remain unchanged. The Exchange believes the benefits to public customers and other market participants who will be able to express their true prices to buy and sell options have been demonstrated to outweigh the increase in quote traffic.

2. Statutory Basis

The basis under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") for this proposed rule change is found in Section 6(b)(5), in that the proposed rule change is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, 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. In particular, the proposed rule change, which extends the Penny Pilot Program for an additional six months, will enable public customers and other market participants to express their true prices to buy and sell options for the benefit of all market participants.

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

This proposed rule change does not impose any burden on competition. Specifically, the Exchange believes that, by extending the expiration of the Penny Pilot Program, the proposed rule change will allow for further analysis of the Penny Pilot Program and a determination of how the Penny Pilot Program should be structured in the future. In doing so, the proposed rule change will also serve to promote regulatory clarity and consistency, thereby reducing burdens on the marketplace and facilitating investor protection.

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 written comments from members or other interested parties.

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

The Exchange has filed the proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act⁴ and Rule

19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.⁵ Because the 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 prior to 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, the proposed rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act⁶ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) thereunder.⁷

A proposed rule change filed under Rule 19b-4(f)(6) normally does not become operative prior to 30 days after the date of the filing.⁸ However, pursuant to Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii),⁹ the Commission may designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Exchange has asked the Commission to waive the 30-day operative delay so that the proposal may become operative immediately upon filing. The Commission believes that waiving the 30-day operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest because doing so will allow the Pilot Program to continue without interruption in a manner that is consistent with the Commission's prior approval of the extension and expansion of the Pilot Program and will allow the Exchange and the Commission additional time to analyze the impact of the Pilot Program.¹⁰ Accordingly, the Commission designates the proposed rule change as operative upon filing with the Commission.¹¹

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

⁵ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁷ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

⁸ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). In addition, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) requires the Exchange to give the Commission written notice of the Exchange's intent to file the proposed rule change along with a brief description and the text of the proposed rule change, at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The Exchange has satisfied this pre-filing requirement.

⁹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

¹⁰ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 61061 (November 24, 2009), 74 FR 62857 (December 1, 2009) (SR-NYSEArca-2009-44). See also *supra* note 3.

¹¹ For purposes only of waiving the operative delay for this proposal, the Commission has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

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 email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-TOPAZ-2013-21 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-TOPAZ-2013-21. This file number should be included on the subject line if email 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 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 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-TOPAZ-2013-21 and should be submitted on or before January 16, 2014.

¹² 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

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

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; OneChicago, LLC; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change To Amend Rules 143 and 417 Relating to Block Trade Reporting

December 19, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(7) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act"),¹ notice is hereby given that on December 18, 2013, OneChicago, LLC ("OneChicago," "OCX," or the "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission") the proposed rule change described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by the self-regulatory organization. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons. OneChicago has also filed this proposed rule change with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC"). OneChicago filed a written certification with the CFTC under Section 5c(c) of the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA") on September 10, 2012.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Description of the Proposed Rule Change

On September 10, 2012, OneChicago filed with the CFTC to launch a pilot program to decrease its minimum block size to twenty-five contracts, update its Rule 143, and consolidate its block trade reporting requirements in Rule 417. OneChicago is currently filing identical changes with the SEC as they relate to reporting and recordkeeping; the reporting and recordkeeping changes herein are filed separately from the minimum block size pilot program that OneChicago filed with the CFTC on September 10, 2012.

Rule 143 is being amended to clarify that "OCX.BETS" is a trade reporting and trade matching central order book for block trades and EFP (Exchange of Future for Physical) trades.

The filing will also amend various sections of Rule 417. Subparagraph (a)

of Rule 417 will be amended to remove the phrase "outside the OneChicago System," making it clear that market participants may enter block transactions directly on OCX.BETS as well as by privately negotiating the transactions and then reporting them to OCX.BETS. The filing will also amend subparagraph (a)(i) of Rule 417 by codifying in that subparagraph the minimum block size, which had previously been stated in a Notice to Members.

Rule 417(d) will be amended to clarify that the reporting and recordkeeping requirements in that rule apply to bilateral block trades. Additional text is being added to subparagraph (d) to establish the reporting and recordkeeping requirements that apply to block trades transacted on OCX.BETS, rather than those block trades bilaterally transacted and merely reported to OCX.BETS. The proposed additions to Rule 417(d) further distinguish between reporting and recordkeeping requirements of trades transacted on OCX.BETS; specifically, Rule 417 will distinguish between the requirements for block orders capable of being immediately entered into OCX.BETS and the requirements for block orders that cannot be immediately entered into OCX.BETS.

Finally, subparagraph (h) will be added to Rule 417. Subparagraph (h) will state that block trades can be competitively executed on the OCX.BETS system by placing anonymous bids or offers, or can be privately negotiated and reported as bilateral transactions using the OCX.BETS system.

The text of the proposed rule change is attached as *Exhibit 4* to the filing submitted by the Exchange but is not attached to the published notice of the filing.

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

In its filing with the Commission, OneChicago 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 self-regulatory organization 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 OneChicago's filing is to consolidate and clarify its block trading reporting and recordkeeping rules, which had previously been listed in a Notice to Members. OneChicago believes that codifying these requirements in the OCX Rulebook, as opposed to a Notice to Members, will help apprise market participants of their reporting and recordkeeping obligations.

Rule 143 will be amended to expand the definition of OCX.BETS. Previously OCX.BETS was merely defined as "the OneChicago Block & EFP Trading System." The filing will expand that definition to explain that OCX.BETS is a trade reporting and trade matching central order book for block trades and EFP trades.

Rule 417(a) will be amended to delete the phrase "outside the OneChicago System" because the term "OneChicago System" had been amended in the OCX Rulebook to include OCX.BETS. That amendment was made in Notice to Members 2007-03, which was issued on July 20, 2007, and filed with the CFTC and the SEC. Since OCX.BETS has both block reporting and trading functionality, Rule 417(a) needs to be amended to clarify that block trades will no longer be limited to bilateral transactions that take place outside the OneChicago System, but rather can take place on or off the OneChicago System.

Subparagraph (d) of Rule 417 will be amended to specify that the reporting and recordkeeping requirements in that subparagraph apply to bilateral block trades. The purpose of this specification is to allow for the insertions of the second and third paragraph in subparagraph (d), which together identify the reporting and recordkeeping requirements for trades entered directly into OCX.BETS, and not just those trades reported to OCX.BETS. The reporting requirements had previously been described in Notice to Members 2010-13, which was reissued as Notice to Members 2012-25. Those insertions are further divided to clarify the requirements for block orders that are capable of being immediately entered into OCX.BETS, as opposed to block orders which cannot be immediately entered into OCX.BETS.

Specifically, for block orders capable of being immediately entered into OCX.BETS, each authorized trade reporter entering the order must input for each block order the price, quantity, product, expiration month, account

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(7).