

and (10), permit consideration of the scheduled matter at the Closed Meeting.

Commissioner Stein, as duty officer, voted to consider the items listed for the Closed Meeting in a closed session.

The subject matter of the Closed Meeting will be:

Settlement of an injunctive action; institution and settlement of administrative proceedings; and other matters relating to enforcement proceedings.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting items.

For further information and to ascertain what, if any, matters have been added, deleted or postponed, please contact the Office of the Secretary at (202) 551-5400.

Dated: January 30, 2014.

**Elizabeth M. Murphy,**  
Secretary.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meeting

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Public Law 94-409, that the Securities and Exchange Commission will hold an Open Meeting on Wednesday, February 5, 2014 at 3:00 p.m., in the Auditorium, Room L-002.

The subject matter of the Open Meeting will be:

- The Commission will consider whether to approve the 2014 budget of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board and will consider the related annual accounting support fee for the Board under Section 109 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

- The Commission will consider whether to adopt rules revising the disclosure, reporting, and offering process for asset-backed securities. The revisions would require asset-backed issuers to provide enhanced disclosures including information for certain asset classes about each asset in the underlying pool in a standardized, tagged format and revise the shelf offering process and eligibility criteria for asset-backed securities.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting items.

For further information and to ascertain what, if any, matters have been added, deleted or postponed, please contact:

The Office of the Secretary at (202) 551-5400.

Dated: January 29, 2014.

**Elizabeth M. Murphy,**  
Secretary.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-71416; File No. SR-Phlx-2014-05]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; NASDAQ OMX PHLX LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Inbound Routing of Options Orders

January 28, 2014.

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> notice is hereby given that on January 15, 2014, NASDAQ OMX PHLX LLC ("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 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 permit the Exchange to receive inbound orders in options routed through Nasdaq Execution Services, LLC ("NES") from affiliated exchanges, as described in detail below.

#### 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 filing is to permit the receipt of inbound orders routed from affiliated exchanges in options through NES. The Exchange filed a proposed rule change to use NES rather than Nasdaq Options Services LLC ("NOS") for the outbound routing of options orders and the Exchange also updated its equities and options rules to reflect the use of a third party unaffiliated routing broker.<sup>3</sup>

Now, the Exchange proposes to continue to receive orders from its affiliated exchanges. Specifically, the Exchange proposes to receive options orders, through NES directly from the options market of NASDAQ OMX BX, Inc. ("BX")<sup>4</sup> as well as from The NASDAQ Options Market ("NOM"),<sup>5</sup> under the same terms and conditions as NOS currently does. BX and NASDAQ have filed to use NES for outbound routing,<sup>6</sup> as well as to receive options orders routed from PHLX through NES.<sup>7</sup>

NOS and NES are broker-dealers and members of NASDAQ, PHLX and BX. Currently, NOS provides all options routing functions for BX Options, PHLX, and the NOM. BX, NASDAQ, NOM, PHLX and NOS are affiliates.<sup>8</sup> Accordingly, the affiliate relationship between PHLX and NOS, its member, raises the issue of an exchange's affiliation with a member of such exchange. Specifically, in connection with prior filings, the Commission has expressed concern that the affiliation of an exchange with one of its members raises the potential for unfair competitive advantage and potential conflicts of interest between an exchange's self-regulatory obligations and its commercial interests.<sup>9</sup> Similarly,

<sup>3</sup> See SR-Phlx-2014-04.

<sup>4</sup> Securities Exchange Act Release No. 67956 (June 13, 2013), 78 FR 36810 (June 19, 2013) (SR-Phlx-2013-42).

<sup>5</sup> Securities Exchange Act Release No. 65399 (September 26, 2011), 76 FR 60955 (September 30, 2011) (SR-Phlx-2011-111). NOM is a facility of The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC ("NASDAQ").

<sup>6</sup> See SR-BX-2014-003 and SR-NASDAQ-2014-007.

<sup>7</sup> See SR-BX-2014-004 and SR-NASDAQ-2014-008.

<sup>8</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 58324 (August 7, 2008), 73 FR 46936 (August 12, 2008) (SR-BSE-2008-02; SR-BSE-2008-23; SR-BSE-2008-25; SR-BSECC-2008-01) (order approving NASDAQ OMX's acquisition of BX); and 58179 (July 17, 2008), 73 FR 42874 (July 23, 2008) (order approving NASDAQ OMX's acquisition of PHLX).

<sup>9</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 59153 (December 23, 2008), 73 FR 80485 (December 31, 2008) (SR-NASDAQ-2008-098); and 62736 (August

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

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

under this proposal, the affiliate relationship between PHLX and NES raises this issue.

Recognizing that the Commission has previously expressed concern regarding the potential for conflicts of interest in instances where a member firm is affiliated with an exchange of which it is a member, the Exchange previously proposed, and the Commission approved, limitations and conditions on NOS's affiliation with the Exchange.<sup>10</sup> Also recognizing that the Commission has expressed concern regarding the potential for conflicts of interest in instances where a member firm is affiliated with an exchange to which it is routing orders, the Exchange previously proposed, and the Commission approved,<sup>11</sup> NOS's affiliation with the Exchange to permit the Exchange to accept inbound orders that NOS routes in its capacity as a facility of BX and NASDAQ, subject to certain limitations and conditions. The Exchange now proposes to permit PHLX to accept inbound options orders that NES (rather than NOS) routes in its capacity as a facility of BX and NASDAQ, subject to the same limitations that currently apply to PHLX accepting inbound orders from BX and NOM through NOS, as follows:

- First, the Exchange and FINRA maintain a Regulatory Contract, as well as an agreement pursuant to Rule 17d-2 under the Act ("17d-2 Agreement").<sup>12</sup> Pursuant to the Regulatory Contract and the 17d-2 Agreement, FINRA will be allocated regulatory responsibilities to review NES's compliance with certain Exchange rules.<sup>13</sup> Pursuant to the Regulatory Contract, however, PHLX retains ultimate responsibility for enforcing its rules with respect to NES.
- Second, FINRA will monitor NES for compliance with the Exchange's trading rules, and will collect and maintain certain related information.<sup>14</sup>

<sup>10</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 59995 (May 28, 2009), 74 FR 26750 (June 3, 2009) (SR-Phlx-2009-32).

<sup>11</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 59995 (May 28, 2009), 74 FR 26750 (June 3, 2009) (SR-Phlx-2009-32).

<sup>12</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 67956 (June 13, 2013), 77 [sic] FR 36810 (June 19, 2013) (SR-Phlx-2013-42).

<sup>13</sup> 17 CFR 240.17d-2.

<sup>14</sup> NES is also subject to independent oversight by FINRA, its designated examining authority, for compliance with financial responsibility requirements.

<sup>15</sup> Pursuant to the Regulatory Contract, both FINRA and the Exchange will collect and maintain all alerts, complaints, investigations and enforcement actions in which NES (in its capacity as a facility of BX and Nasdaq routing orders to PHLX) is identified as a participant that has

• Third, FINRA will provide a report to the Exchange's chief regulatory officer ("CRO"), on a quarterly basis, that: (i) Quantifies all alerts (of which FINRA is aware) that identify NES as a participant that has potentially violated Commission or Exchange rules, and (ii) lists all investigations that identify NES as a participant that has potentially violated Commission or Exchange rules.

• Fourth, the Exchange has in place PHLX Rule 985(c), which requires The NASDAQ OMX Group, Inc., as the holding company owning both the Exchange and NES, to establish and maintain procedures and internal controls reasonably designed to ensure that NES does not develop or implement changes to its system, based on non-public information obtained regarding planned changes to the Exchange's systems as a result of its affiliation with the Exchange, until such information is available generally to similarly situated Exchange members, in connection with the provision of inbound order routing to the Exchange.

By meeting the above conditions, the Exchange will have set up mechanisms that protect the independence of the Exchange's regulatory responsibility with respect to NES, as well as demonstrate that NES cannot use any information advantage it may have because of its affiliation with the Exchange.

For several weeks, the Exchange has been working with the Financial Regulatory Authority ("FINRA") and The Options Clearing Corporation ("OCC") to secure the necessary approvals for NES to perform these functions. The Exchange has now secured those approvals. The Exchange seeks to complete this process and implement this proposal in January or February.

## 2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act<sup>15</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act<sup>16</sup> 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, because the proposed rule change will

potentially violated applicable Commission or Exchange rules. The Exchange and FINRA will retain these records in an easily accessible manner in order to facilitate any potential review conducted by the Commission's Office of Compliance Inspections and Examinations.

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

<sup>16</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

allow the Exchange to continue to receive inbound orders from an affiliate (NES rather than NOS), acting in its capacity as a facility of BX and NASDAQ, in a manner consistent with prior approvals and established protections. The Exchange believes that these conditions establish mechanisms that protect the independence of the Exchange's regulatory responsibility with respect to NES, as well as ensure that NES cannot use any information it may have because of its affiliation with the Exchange to its advantage.

### (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. Receiving orders through NES rather than NOS does not raise any issues of intra-market competition because it involves inbound routing from an affiliated exchange. Nor does it result in a burden on competition among exchanges, because there are many competing options exchanges that provide routing services, including through an affiliate.

### (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

Because the foregoing 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 for 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, it has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act<sup>17</sup> and subparagraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.<sup>18</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: (i) Necessary or appropriate in the public interest; (ii) for the protection

<sup>17</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(a)(ii).

<sup>18</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). In addition, Rule 19b-4(f)(6) requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file 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 requirement.

of investors; or (iii) otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall 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 email to [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR-Phlx-2014-05 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-2014-05. 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-Phlx-

2014-05 and should be submitted on or before February 24, 2014.

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

**Kevin M. O'Neill,**

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-71422; File No. SR-OCC-2013-22]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; Options Clearing Corporation; Order Approving Proposed Rule Change To Make a Non-Material Housekeeping Rule Change So That OCC's Membership Qualifications Accurately Reflect Current Operational Practices

January 28, 2014.

#### I. Introduction

On December 6, 2013, the Options Clearing Corporation ("OCC") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") proposed rule change SR-OCC-2013-22 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> The proposed rule change was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on December 23, 2013.<sup>3</sup> The Commission received no comment letters in response to the proposed rule change. For the reasons discussed below, the Commission is approving the proposed rule change.

#### II. Description

The rule change modifies OCC's membership standards to reflect current operational practices. Prior to electronic trading, clearing members were required to have the operational capacity to manually compare trades and reconcile unconfirmed and advisory trades, in accordance with applicable exchange rules and procedures, on a timely and efficient basis so that financial markets, and specifically clearing operations, functioned in a prompt and accurate manner. Accordingly, Article V, Section 1, Interpretations and Policies .02(b) of OCC's By-Laws required clearing member applicants to have such operational capacity as a condition to admission as a clearing member.

<sup>19</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> Securities Exchange Act Release No. 71090 (Dec. 17, 2013), 78 FR 77525 (Dec. 23, 2013) (SR-FOCC-2013-22).

However, OCC only receives matched trades from exchanges so manual trade comparison and reconciliation by clearing members no longer occurs.

#### III. Discussion

Section 19(b)(2)(C) of the Act<sup>4</sup> directs the Commission to approve a self-regulatory organization's proposed rule change if the Commission finds that such proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to such organization. Section 17A(b)(3)(F) of the Act<sup>5</sup> requires, among other things, that the rules of a clearing agency registered with the Commission foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in the clearance and settlement of securities transactions and remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a national system for the prompt and accurate clearance and settlement of securities transactions.

The Commission finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 17A(b)(3)(F) of the Act.<sup>6</sup> The Commission believes that these clarifications will foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in the clearance and settlement of securities transactions and remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a national system for the prompt and accurate clearance and settlement of securities transactions by ensuring that OCC's By-Laws and membership standards reference only necessary requirements for operational capacity and current applicable industry standards.

#### IV. Conclusion

On the basis of the foregoing, the Commission concludes that the proposal is consistent with the requirements of the Act, particularly the requirements of Section 17A of the Act,<sup>7</sup> and the rules and regulations thereunder.

*It is therefore ordered*, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,<sup>8</sup> that the proposed rule change (File No. SR-OCC-2013-22) be and hereby is *approved*.<sup>9</sup>

<sup>4</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2)(C).

<sup>5</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78q-1(b)(3)(F).

<sup>6</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78q-1(b)(3)(B) and (F).

<sup>7</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78q-1.

<sup>8</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

<sup>9</sup> In approving the proposed rule change, the Commission considered the proposal's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).