
2. Pursuant to § 305.505, JP Klingenberg is appointed to serve as an officer of the Commission to represent the interests of the general public in these proceedings (Public Representative).

3. Comments are due no later than October 21, 2015.

4. The Secretary shall arrange for publication of this order in the Federal Register.

By the Commission.

Ruth Ann Abrams,
Acting Secretary.

ACTION:
AGENCY: Postal Service™.

SUMMARY: The Postal Service gives notice of filing a request with the Postal Regulatory Commission to add Global Expedited Package Services—Non-Published Rates 8 (GEPS—NPR 8) to the Competitive Products List.

DATES: Effective date: October 20, 2015.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The United States Postal Service® hereby gives notice that, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3642, on October 9, 2015, it filed with the Postal Regulatory Commission a Request of the United States Postal Service to add Global Expedited Package Services—Non-Published Rates 8 (GEPS—NPR 8) to the Competitive Products List, and Notice of Filing GEPS—NPR 8 Model Contract and Application for Non-Public Treatment of Materials Filed Under Seal.


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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION


Self-Regulatory Organizations; C2 Options Exchange, Incorporated; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change to Amend the Fees Schedule

October 14, 2015.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act”), and Rule 19b–4 thereunder, notice is hereby given that on October 2, 2015, C2 Options Exchange, Incorporated (the “Exchange” or “C2”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “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 the Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

C2 Options Exchange, Incorporated (the “Exchange” or “C2”) proposes to amend the Fees Schedule. The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s Web site (http://www.c2exchange.com/Legal/), at the Exchange’s Office of the Secretary, 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 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 Exchange proposes to amend the Fees Schedule. Specifically, the Exchange proposes to make changes to the Continuing Education Fees section of the Fees Schedule to provide that continuing education for all registration except the Series 56 will be $55 if conducted via Web-delivery. Continuing education for all registration except the Series 56 will remain $100 if conducted at a testing center.

On August 8, 2015, the Securities and Exchange Commission approved SR–FINRA–2015–015 relating proposed changes to FINRA Rule 1250 to provide a Web-based delivery method for completing the Regulatory Element of the continuing education requirements. Pursuant to the rule change, effective October 1, 2015, the Regulatory Element of the Continuing Education Programs for the S106 for Investment Company and Variable Contracts Representatives, the S201 for registered principals and supervisors, and the S901 for Operations Professionals will be administered through Web-based delivery or such other technological manner and format as specified by FINRA. The Regulatory Element of these Continuing Education Programs will continue to be offered at testing centers through January 4, 2016. Pursuant to the


Approval Order to SR–FINRA–2015–015, the fee for test-center delivery of the Regulatory Element of the S106, S201, and S901 Continuing Education Programs will continue to be $100 per session through January 4, 2016 when the programs will no longer be offered at testing centers. The fee for Web-based delivery of the Regulatory Elements of the S106, S201, and S901 Continuing Education Programs, however, will be $55.

The Exchange currently utilizes FINRA’s Continuing Education Programs for its own continuing education requirements. Consistent with SR–FINRA–2015–015, the Exchange proposed to follow the changes set forth in SR–FINRA–2015–015 with respect to Web-based delivery of the Regulatory Element of the Continuing Education Programs for the S106 for Investment Company and Variable Contracts Representatives, the S201 for registered principles and supervisors, and the S901 for Operations Professionals. Consistent with SR–CBOE–2015–084, this proposed rule change, proposes to amend the Fees Schedule to provide that effective immediately, the fee for Web-based delivery of the Regulatory Elements of the S106, S201, and S901 Continuing Education Programs will be $55. The fee test-center delivery of the Regulatory Element of the S106, S201, and S901 Continuing Education Programs will continue to be $100 per session through January 4, 2016 when the programs will no longer be offered at testing centers. At that time, the Exchange will file another fee filing to remove the test center option for delivery of the Regulatory Element from the Fees Schedule.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to the Exchange and, in particular, the requirements of Section 6(b) of the Act. Specifically, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5) requirements that the rules of an exchange be designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in regulating, clearing, settling, processing information with respect to, and facilitating transactions in securities, 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.

Additionally, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5) requirement that the rules of an exchange not be designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers. In particular, the Web-based delivery method for continuing education is in the interest of investors and free and open markets. In general, Web-based delivery will remove time parameters that exist with respect to taking continuing education at testing centers. Having additional time to take continuing education may result in better learning outcomes, which should enhance investor protection. In addition, the option to have Web-based delivery of the Regulatory Element of the S106, S201, and S901 Continuing Education Programs at a reduced cost lowers barriers to entry and removes impediments to a free and open market and national market system by making it easier and less costly for Trading Permit Holders to participate in the market. Accordingly, the Exchange believes that Web-based delivery of the Regulatory Element of the S106, S201, and S901 Continuing Education Programs and reducing the costs of continuing education in general are goals that are consistent with the Act.

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 that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. As FINRA has stated, the proposed rule change is specifically intended to reduce the burdens of continuing education on market participants while preserving the integrity of the S106, S201, and S901 Continuing Education Programs. In general, reduction in cost and removal of barriers to entry encourages competition among market participants, particularly in situations where such rules are employed universally across the markets. By bringing the Exchange’s fees structure in line with that of FINRA, the Exchange believes it is removing impediments to free and open markets and encouraging competition between the Exchange and other markets that use the S106, S201, and S901 Continuing Education Programs.

Accordingly, the Exchange further believes that the proposed rule change will relieve burdens on, and otherwise promote competition.

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

The Exchange neither solicited nor received written comments on the proposed rule change.

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) of the Act and paragraph (f) of Rule 19b–4 thereunder. 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 will institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change 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. Please include File Number SR–C2–2015–024 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549–1090. All submissions should refer to File Number SR–C2–2015–024. 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 offices 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–C2–2015–024, and should be submitted on or before November 10, 2015.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.10

Robert W. Errett,
Deputy Secretary.
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Provide a Web-Based Delivery Method for Completing the Regulatory Element of the Continuing Education Requirements Pursuant to Rule G–3(i)(i)

October 14, 2015.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act” or “Exchange Act”)1 and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,2 notice is hereby given that on September 29, 2015, the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the “MSRB” or “Board”)3 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by the MSRB. 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 MSRB filed with the Commission proposed amendments to Rule G–3(i)(i), Continuing Education Requirements, Regulatory Element, to facilitate the Web-based delivery method for meeting the requirements of Rule G–3(i)(i) (the “proposed rule change”). The proposed rule change, which is based on Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (“FINRA”) Rule 1250, has been filed for immediate effectiveness.3 In order to align the MSRB’s implementation for Web-based delivery of the Regulatory Element with FINRA’s, which begins on October 1, 2015, the MSRB requests that the Commission waive the 30 day operative requirement under Rule 19b–4(f)(6) and the proposed rule change become operative on October 1, 2015. The proposed rule change is not making any changes to the Firm Element component of the Continuing Education Requirements (Rule G–3(i)(iii)).


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 MSRB 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 MSRB has prepared summaries, set forth in Sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

Securities and Exchange Act Release No. 58092 (July 3, 2008), 73 FR 40144 (July 11, 2008): The Commission believes that a proposed rule change appropriately may be filed as an immediately effective rule so long as it is based on and similar to another SRO’s rule and each policy issue raised by the proposed rule (i) has been considered previously by the Commission when the Commission approved another exchange’s rule (that was subject to notice and comment), and (ii) the rule change resolves such policy issue in a manner consistent with such prior approval.


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

1. Purpose

Background

The MSRB has established a professional qualifications program that establishes competency standards for municipal securities brokers and municipal securities dealers (collectively, “dealers”) and their associated persons. Section 15B(b)(2)(A) of the Act provides that the rules of the MSRB shall require associated persons of dealers to meet such standards of training, experience, competence, and such other qualifications as the MSRB finds necessary or appropriate in the public interest or for the protection of investors and municipal entities or obligated persons. The purpose of the continuing education requirements (“CE requirements”) is to keep registered persons of dealers informed of issues that affect their job responsibilities and of product and regulatory developments. MSRB Rule G–3(i) sets forth a two-pronged approach for CE requirements consisting of a Regulatory Element and a Firm Element; the proposed rule change would amend only the Regulatory Element.

The requirements for compliance with the Regulatory Element component of the MSRB’s CE requirements are identical to the requirements for the Regulatory Element component of FINRA’s CE requirements. Both the MSRB and FINRA require certain registered persons, subsequent to their initial qualification and registration with a registered securities association, to complete a periodic computer-based training program within 120 days of the second anniversary of their registration approval dates and every three years thereafter. The computer-based training program is developed by the Securities Industry Regulatory Council on Continuing Education (“CE Council”), of which both the MSRB and FINRA are members. The training developed by the CE Council is focused on compliance, regulatory, ethical and sales practice standards. The Regulatory Element’s content is derived from

3 See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 58092 (July 3, 2008), 73 FR 40144 (July 11, 2008): The Commission believes that a proposed rule change appropriately may be filed as an immediately effective rule so long as it is based on and similar to another SRO’s rule and each policy issue raised by the proposed rule (i) has been considered previously by the Commission when the Commission approved another exchange’s rule (that was subject to notice and comment), and (ii) the rule change resolves such policy issue in a manner consistent with such prior approval.

5 The MSRB defines a registered person as any individual associated with a dealer maintaining a registration category pursuant to MSRB Rule G–3.
6 The CE Council is composed of up to 20 industry members from broker-dealers, representing a broad cross section of industry firms, and representatives from the MSRB and other SROs as well as liaisons from the SEC and the North American Securities Administrators Association. See http://www.cecouncil.com.