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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of FOIA Services, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549-2736.

Extension:

Rule 17a-12/Form X-17A-5 Part IIB; SEC File No. 270-442, OMB Control No. 3235-0498.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (“PRA”) (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) a request for approval of extension of the previously approved collection of information provided for in Rule 17a-12 (17 CFR 240.17a-12) and Part IIB of Form X-17A-5 (17 CFR 249.617) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*).

Rule 17a-12 requires OTC derivatives dealers to file quarterly Financial and Operational Combined Uniform Single Reports (“FOCUS” reports) on Part IIB of Form X-17A-5, the basic document for reporting the financial and operational condition of over-the-counter (“OTC”) derivatives dealers. Rule 17a-12 also requires that OTC derivatives dealers file audited financial statements annually. The reports required under Rule 17a-12 provide the Commission with information used to monitor the operations of OTC derivatives dealers and to enforce their compliance with the Commission’s rules. These reports also enable the Commission to review the business activities of OTC derivatives dealers and to anticipate, where possible, how these dealers may be affected by significant economic events.

There are currently four registered OTC derivatives dealers. The staff expects that one additional firm will register as an OTC derivatives dealer within the next three years. The staff estimates that the average amount of time necessary to prepare and file the quarterly reports required by the rule is eighty hours per OTC derivatives

dealer¹ and that the average amount of time to prepare and file the annual audit report is 100 hours per OTC derivatives dealer per year, for a total reporting burden of 180 hours per OTC derivatives dealer annually. Thus the staff estimates that the total industry-wide reporting burden to comply with the requirements of Rule 17a-12 is 900 hours per year (180 × 5). Further, the Commission estimates that the total internal compliance cost associated with this requirement is approximately \$255,000 per year.² The average annual reporting cost per broker-dealer for an independent public accountant to examine the financial statements is approximately \$46,300 per broker-dealer. Thus, the total industry-wide annual reporting cost is approximately \$231,500 (\$46,300 × 5).

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The public may view background documentation for this information collection at the following Web site: www.reginfo.gov. Comments should be directed to: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503, or by sending an email to: Shagufta_Ahmed@omb.eop.gov; and (ii) Pamela Dyson, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Remi Pavlik-Simon, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549, or by sending an email to PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

¹ Based upon an average of 4 responses per year and an average of 20 hours spent preparing each response.

² Based on staff experience, an OTC derivatives dealer likely would have a Compliance Manager gather the necessary information and prepare and file the quarterly reports and annual audit report and supporting schedules. According to the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association Report on Management and Professional Earnings in the Securities Industry dated October 2013, which provides base salary and bonus information for middle-management and professional positions within the securities industry, the hourly cost of a compliance manager, which the Commission staff has modified to account for an 1800-hour work year and multiplied by 5.35 to account for bonuses, firm size, employee benefits, and overhead, is approximately \$283/hour. \$283/hour times 900 hours = \$254,700, rounded to \$255,000.

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Robert W. Errett,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-76419; File No. SR-BATS-2015-99]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; BATS Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change Related to Fees

November 10, 2015.

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 November 2, 2015, BATS Exchange, Inc. (the “Exchange” or “BATS”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II and III below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Exchange has designated the proposed rule change as one establishing or changing a member due, fee, or other charge imposed by the Exchange under Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act³ and Rule 19b-4(f)(2) thereunder,⁴ which renders the proposed rule change effective upon filing with the Commission. 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 filed a proposal to amend its fees and rebates applicable to Members⁵ and non-members of the Exchange pursuant to BATS Rules 15.1(a) and (c) (“Fee Schedule”).

The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Exchange’s Web site at www.batstrading.com, at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission’s Public Reference Room.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

⁵ The term “Member” is defined as “any registered broker or dealer, or any person associated with a registered broker or dealer, that has been admitted to membership in the Exchange [sic]. A Member will have the status of a “member” of the Exchange as that term is defined in Section 3(a)(3) of the Act.” See Exchange Rule 1.5(n).

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 parts 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 increase the fee for orders yielding fee code D, which results from an order routed to the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") using Destination Specific, RDOT, RDOX, TRIM or SLIM routing strategy. The Exchange has previously provided a discounted fee for certain orders routed to the largest market centers measured by volume (NYSE, NYSE Arca and NASDAQ), which, in each instance has been \$0.0001 less per share for orders routed to such market centers by the Exchange than such market centers currently charge for removing liquidity (referred to by the Exchange as "One Under" pricing). NYSE is implementing certain pricing changes effective November 2, 2015, including modification from a fee to remove liquidity of \$0.0027 per share to a fee of \$0.00275 per share.⁶ Based on the changes in pricing at NYSE, the Exchange is proposing to increase its fee for orders executed at NYSE that yield fee code D so that the fee remains \$0.0001 less per share for orders routed to NYSE. Specifically, the Exchange proposes to increase the fee charged for such orders from \$0.0026 per share to \$0.00265 per share.

In addition to the change proposed above, the Exchange proposes to change certain references on the Fee Schedule in connection with the launch of the options exchange operated by the Exchange's affiliate, EDGX Exchange, Inc. ("EDGX Options"). First, the Exchange propose [sic] to modify references in the Definitions section of the fee schedule and Unicast Access

section under BATS Connect fees to refer to "BZX Options" instead of "BATS Options". Second, the Exchange proposes to add reference to EDGX Options in the list of Exchange affiliates to which such fees do not apply.

Implementation Date

The Exchange proposes to implement these amendments to its Fee Schedule immediately.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the objectives of Section 6 of the Act,⁷ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(4),⁸ in particular, as it is designed to provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among its Members and other persons using its facilities. The Exchange believes that its proposal to increase the fee for Members' orders that yield fee code D from \$0.0026 per share to \$0.00265 per share represents an equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among Members and other persons using its facilities in that they are designed to provide a reduced fee for orders routed to NYSE through Exchange routing strategies as compared to applicable fees for executions if such routed orders were instead executed directly by the Member at NYSE. Furthermore, the Exchange notes that routing through the Exchange is voluntary. Lastly, the Exchange also believes that the proposed amendment is non-discriminatory because it applies uniformly to all Members. The Exchange also believes that the changes to add EDGX Options to the list of affiliates under Unicast Access and the re-naming of BATS Options as BZX Options is consistent with the Act. Such changes reflect and are in connection with the launch of EDGX Options but do not result in any material change to the Exchange's Fee Schedule or impose any new or different fee.

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

These proposed rule changes do not impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The Exchange does not believe that any of these changes represent a significant departure from previous pricing offered by the Exchange or pricing offered by the Exchange's competitors.

Additionally, Members may opt to disfavor the Exchange's pricing if they

believe that alternatives offer them better value. Accordingly, the Exchange does not believe that the proposed changes will impair the ability of Members or competing venues to maintain their competitive standing in the financial markets. The Exchange believes that its proposal to charge a fee of \$0.00265 per share for Members' orders that yield fee code D would increase intermarket competition because it offers customers an alternative means to route to NYSE at a discounted rate. The Exchange believes that its proposal would not burden intramarket competition because the proposed rate would apply uniformly to all Members.

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 unsolicited written comments from Members or other interested parties.

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 Act⁹ and paragraph (f) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.¹⁰ 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.

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-BATS-2015-99 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Secretary, Securities and Exchange

⁶ See NYSE Trader Update, Fee Changes Effective November 2, dated October 30, 2015, available at https://www.nyse.com/publicdocs/nyse/markets/nyse/NYSE_Client_Notice_Fee_Change_11_2015.pdf.

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f.

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹⁰ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f).

Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-BATS-2015-99. 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-BATS-2015-99, and should be submitted on or before December 8, 2015.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹¹

Robert W. Errett,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-76408; File No. SR-C2-2015-027]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; C2 Options Exchange, Incorporated; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change Relating to Qualification and Registration of Permit Holders

November 10, 2015.

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 November 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 Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to amend Interpretation and Policy .07 to Rule 3.4 (Qualification and Registration) regarding the categories of registration and respective qualification examinations required for individual Permit Holder [sic] and associated persons of Permit Holders that engage in the securities activities of the Permit Holder on the Exchange. Specifically, the Exchange proposes to replace the Proprietary Trader registration category and the Series 56 Proprietary Trader registration qualification examination for Proprietary Traders with the Securities Trader category of registration and the Series 57 Securities Trader registration qualification examination for Securities Traders respectively. The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's Web site (<http://www.cboe.com/AboutCBOE/CBOELegalRegulatoryHome.aspx>), 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 Interpretation and Policy .07 to Rule 3.4 (Qualification and Registration) to replace the Proprietary Trader (PT) registration category and qualification examination (Series 56) with the Securities Trader (TD) registration category and qualification examination (Series 57). In addition, the Exchange proposes to replace the Proprietary Trader Principal (TP) registration category with a Securities Trader Principal (TP) registration category for individual TPHs or associated person [sic] who either: (i) Supervise or monitor proprietary trading, market-making and/or brokerage activities for broker-dealers; (ii) supervise or train those engaged in proprietary trading, market-making and/or effecting transactions on behalf of a broker-dealer, with respect to those activities; and/or (iii) are officers, partners or directors of a Permit Holder, as described in paragraph (a)(2) of Interpretation and Policy .07 to Rule 3.4. The Exchange also proposes to replace the Proprietary Trader Compliance Officer (CT) registration category with the Securities Trader Compliance Officer (CT) registration category for Chief Compliance Officers (or individuals performing similar functions) of a TPH or TPH organization. This filing is, in all material respects, based upon SR-FINRA-2015-017, which was recently approved by the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC” or “Commission”).³

Rule 3.4 sets forth various qualification and registration requirements that individual Permit Holders and associated persons must satisfy in order to transact business on the Exchange. Among the qualification and registration requirements set forth in Rule 3.4, Interpretation and Policy .07 provides that individual Permit Holders and associated persons that engage in proprietary trading, market-making, or effect transactions on behalf of a broker-dealer must register and qualify as a Proprietary Trader (TP) in WebCRD.⁴ To qualify as a Proprietary

³ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 75783 (August 28, 2015) (Order Approving a Proposed Rule Change To Establish the Securities Trader and Securities Trader Principal Registration Categories) (SR-FINRA-2015-017).

⁴ WebCRD is a secure registration and licensing system operated by FINRA and is the central

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¹¹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.