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. The proposal extends existing pilots that apply to all Exchange members, and enables the Exchange to be competitive in respect of other option exchanges that have similar programs.

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 after 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) of the Act and subparagraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b–4 thereunder.16

A proposed rule change filed under Rule 19b–4(f)(6) 17 normally does not become operative for 30 days after the date of filing. However, pursuant to Rule 19b–4(f)(6)(iii), the Commission may designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Exchange requested that the Commission waive the 30-day operative delay. The Exchange stated that the proposed rule change does not involve any substantive changes to the Exchange’s Rules and only seeks to extend the previously approved PRISM pilot. The Exchange also stated that the extension will ensure fair competition among exchanges by allowing the Exchange to continue with this pilot similar to other options exchanges that operate auctions. Finally, the Exchange stated that the waiver is consistent with the protection of investors and the proposed rule change because it will permit the PRISM pilot to continue without interruption and will allow the Exchange to gather more information in connection with the pilot.

The Commission believes that waiving the 30-day operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest, as it will allow the PRISM pilot to continue uninterrupted, thereby avoiding any potential investor confusion that could result from a temporary interruption in the pilot. Therefore, the Commission designates the proposed rule change to be operative on July 18, 2016.19

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–BX–2016–038 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–BX–2016–038 on the subject line.

I. Introduction


June 30, 2016.

For purposes only of waiving the operative delay, the Commission has considered the proposed rule’s impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).
such that the SDR Relief will expire on the earlier of (1) the date the Commission grants registration to an SDR and (2) June 30, 2016.2 The Commission granted the exemptions to help facilitate the potential submission of any SDR applications at the time. Since March 18, 2016, two entities have filed applications to register with the Commission as SDRs.4 To allow the Commission additional time to review these applications prior to the compliance date for the SDR Rules and the expiration of the SDR Relief, the Commission is extending the exemptions granted in the March 18, 2016 order.

II. Discussion

The SDRs Rules Release states that SDRs were required to be in compliance with the SDR Rules by March 18, 2016. The SDRs Rules Release also notes that, absent an exemption, any SDR must be registered with the Commission and in compliance with the federal securities laws and the rules and regulations thereunder (including the applicable Dodd-Frank Act provisions and all of the SDR Rules) by March 18, 2016.5

Since March 18, 2016, two entities have filed applications to register with the Commission as SDRs. ICE Trade Vault, LLC (“ICE Trade Vault”) filed with the Commission a Form SDR seeking registration as an SDR on March 29, 2016 and amended that form on April 11, 2016. The Commission’s notice of ICE Trade Vault’s application for registration as an SDR was published in the Federal Register on April 28, 2016.6 DTCC Data Repository (U.S.) LLC (“DDR”) filed with the Commission a Form SDR seeking registration as an SDR on April 6, 2016 and amended that form on April 25, 2016. The Commission’s notice of DDR’s application for registration as an SDR was published in the Federal Register on July 7, 2016.7 Rule 13n–1(c) provides that, within 90 days of the publication of notice of the filing of an application for registration (or within such longer period as to which the applicant consents), the Commission will either grant the registration by order or institute proceedings to determine whether registration should be granted or denied.

Subject to certain exceptions, section 36 of the Exchange Act authorizes the Commission, by rule, regulation, or order, to exempt, either conditionally or unconditionally, any person, security, or transaction, or any class or classes of persons, securities, or transactions, from any provision or provisions of the Exchange Act or any rule or regulation thereunder, to the extent that such exemption is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, and is consistent with the protection of investors. The Commission finds that it is necessary and appropriate in the public interest, and consistent with the protection of investors, to grant a temporary exemption from compliance with the SDR Rules and an extension of the SDR Relief. The applications filed by ICE Trade Vault and DDR are the first SDR applications submitted to the Commission and therefore present issues of first impression for the Commission’s consideration. Therefore, to allow the Commission additional time prior to the compliance date for the SDR Rules and the expiration of the SDR Relief to review the applications and consider issues related to the first applications for registration of SDRs, the Commission hereby grants, pursuant to Section 36 of the Exchange Act, a temporary exemption from compliance with the SDR Rules and an extension of the SDR Relief until October 5, 2016, which is 90 days from publication of notice of DDR’s application for registration as a SDR.

By the Commission.

Brent J. Fields,
Secretary.

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Self-Regulatory Organizations;
NASDAQ PHLX LLC; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change To Adopt Limit Order Protection

July 7, 2016.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”),1 and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,2 notice is hereby given that on June 24, 2016, NASDAQ PHLX LLC (“Phlx” or “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC” or “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.

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

The Exchange proposes to amend NASDAQ PSX Rule 3307, entitled “Processing of Orders” to adopt a Limit Order Protection or “LOP” for members accessing PSX.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s Web site at http://nasdaqomxphlx.cchwallstreet.com, at the principal office of the Exchange, 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 adopt a new mechanism to protect against