

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-GEMX-2017-24 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-GEMX-2017-24. 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-GEMX-2017-24, and should be submitted on or before July 14, 2017.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.²¹

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Assistant Secretary.

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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:

Form F-4. SEC File No. 270-288, OMB Control No. 3235-0325

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget this request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

Form F-4 (17 CFR 239.34) is used by foreign issuers to register securities in business combinations, reorganizations and exchange offers pursuant to federal securities laws pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77a *et seq.*). The information collected is intended to ensure that the information required to be filed by the Commission permits verification of compliance with securities law requirements and assures the public availability of such information. The information provided is mandatory and all information is made available to the public upon request. Form F-4 takes approximately 1,457 hours per response and is filed by approximately 39 respondents. We estimate that 25% of the 1,457 hours per response (364.25 hours) is prepared by the registrant for a total annual reporting burden of 14,206 hours (364.25 hours per response × 39 responses).

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 control number.

The public may view the 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: ShaguftaAhmed@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 send an email to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: June 19, 2017.

Eduardo A. Aleman,

Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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Extension:

Rule 163. SEC File No. 270-556, OMB Control No. 3235-0619.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget this request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

Rule 163 (17 CFR 230.163) provides an exemption from section 5(c) (15 U.S.C. 77e(c)) under the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77a *et seq.*) for certain communications by or on behalf of a well-known seasoned issuer. The information filed under Rule 163 is publicly available. We estimate that it takes approximately 0.24 burden hours per response to provide the information required under Rule 163 and is filed by approximately 53 issuers. We estimate that 25% of the 0.24 hours per response (0.06 hours) is prepared by the issuer for an annual reporting burden of 3 hours (0.06 hours per response × 53 responses).

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The public may view the 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,

²¹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

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 send an email to: *PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov*. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; NASDAQ PHLX LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Amend Rule 1049, Communications to Customers

June 19, 2017.

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 8, 2017, 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, 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 Rule 1049, Communications to Customers. The proposed rule change is intended to update and modernize Rule 1049, to be retitled “Options Communications,” and to conform it to rules of other options exchanges regarding communications to customers. It makes both organizational and substantive changes that have previously been made by other options exchanges.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s Web site at <http://nasdaqphlx>

.*chwallstreet.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 is a party to a 17d-2 agreement with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (“FINRA”) and other options exchanges (the “Options Multiparty 17d-2 Agreement” or the “17d-2 Agreement”).³ The 17d-2 Agreement allocates regulatory responsibilities with respect to broker-dealers, and persons associated therewith, that are members of more than one Participant (the “Common Members”) and conduct a public business for compliance with specified common rules relating to the conduct by broker-dealers and associated persons of accounts for listed options, index warrants, currency index warrants, and currency warrants (collectively, “Covered Securities”). Pursuant to the 17d-2 Agreement, FINRA is the Designated Options Examining Authority (“DOEA”) for its broker-dealer members that also are members of Phlx. Thus, FINRA has certain examination and enforcement responsibilities relating to compliance by Common Members with the rules of Phlx that are substantially similar to the

rules of FINRA (the “Common Rules”) identified in the 17d-2 Agreement.

Phlx Rule 1049, Communications to Customers, is not currently a Common Rule under the 17d-2 Agreement. Rule 1049 sets forth a range of requirements applicable to members, member organizations, or persons associated with a member organization utilizing any advertisement, educational material, sales literature or other communications to any customer or member of the public. The purpose of this proposed rule change is to update, clarify and conform Rule 1049 to the rules of FINRA and other options exchanges regarding options communications to customers that are included as Common Rules under the 17d-2 Agreement, so that it too may qualify as a Common Rule under the 17d-2 Agreement. The proposed rule change would make both organizational and substantive changes that have previously been made by other exchanges in order to conform to FINRA rules.⁴

Specifically, this proposed rule change is based upon, and makes changes that have previously been made to, Chicago Board Options Exchange (“CBOE”) Rule 9.21 (a Common Rule) over the past ten years, on a cumulative basis, by SR-CBOE-2013-043,⁵ SR-CBOE-2010-035⁶ and SR-CBOE-2007-30.⁷ Current Phlx Rule 1049 is very similar in content and organization to CBOE Rule 9.21 as it existed prior to approval of SR-CBOE-2007-30. Upon implementation of the amendments proposed herein, Exchange Rule 1049 would once again track CBOE Rule 9.21 nearly word for word.⁸ The

⁴ See, e.g., FINRA Rule 2220, CBOE Rule 9.21, MIAX Rule 1322, and ISE Rule 623.

⁵ See Securities Exchange Act Release 69807 (June 20, 2013), 78 FR 38423 (June 26, 2013) (SR-CBOE-2013-043).

⁶ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 62034 (May 4, 2010), 75 FR 26303 (May 10, 2010) (SR-CBOE-2010-35). This was an interim rule change relating to market letters which are no longer addressed in CBOE rules and are thus not addressed in this proposed rule change.

⁷ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 58823 (October 21, 2008), 73 FR 63747 (October 28, 2008) (SR-CBOE-2007-30).

⁸ The only substantive difference between CBOE Rule 9.21 and proposed Phlx Rule 1049 is with respect to index warrants. Current Phlx Rule 1049 states at section (f) that the provisions of Rule 1049 are applicable to index warrants, and at Commentary .05 that, for purposes of the rule the term “option” is deemed to include index warrants and the term “The Options Clearing Corporation” is deemed to mean the issuer(s) of such warrants. CBOE Rule 9.21 does not contain comparable provisions. No changes are proposed with respect to these provisions. Provisions relating to index warrants were added to Rule 1049 by Phlx in 1994 as part of a comprehensive proposed rule change establishing rules for the listing and trading of stock index, currency and currency index warrants. See

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ See Agreement by and among Bats BZX Exchange, Inc., BOX Options Exchange, LLC, the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated, C2 Options Exchange, Incorporated, the International Securities Exchange, LLC, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc., Miami International Securities Exchange, LLC, the NYSE MKT LLC, the NYSE Arca, Inc., The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC, NASDAQ BX, Inc., the NASDAQ PHLX LLC, ISE Gemini, LLC, Bats EDGX Exchange, Inc., ISE Mercury, LLC and MIAX PEARL, LLC, Pursuant to Rule 17d-2 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. See also Securities Exchange Act Release No. 79929 (February 2, 2017), 82 FR 9757 (February 8, 2017).