

RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD**Civil Monetary Penalty Inflation Adjustment**

AGENCY: Railroad Retirement Board.

ACTION: Notice announcing updated penalty inflation adjustments for civil monetary penalties for 2017.

SUMMARY: As required by Section 701 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015, entitled the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015, the Railroad Retirement Board (Board) hereby publishes its 2017 annual adjustment of civil penalties for inflation.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 701 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015, Public Law 114-74 (Nov. 2, 2015), entitled the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015 (the 2015 Act), amended the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990 (28 U.S.C. 2461 note) (Inflation Adjustment Act) to require agencies to publish regulations adjusting the amount of civil monetary penalties provided by law within the jurisdiction of the agency not later than July 1, 2016, and annual adjustments thereafter. The Board published an interim final rule in the **Federal Register** in accordance with this requirement on May 2, 2016 (see 81 FR 26127).

For the 2017 annual adjustment for inflation of the maximum civil penalty under the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, the Board applies the formula provided by the 2015 Act and the Board's interim final rule of May 2, 2016. In accordance with the 2015 Act, the amount of the adjustment is based on the percent increase between the CPI-U for the month of October preceding the date of the adjustment and the CPI-U for the October one year prior to the October immediately preceding the date of the adjustment. If there is no increase, there is no adjustment of civil penalties. The percent increase between the CPI-U for October 2016 and October 2015, as provided by Office of Management and Budget Memorandum M-17-11 (December 16, 2016) is 1.01636 percent. Therefore, the new maximum penalty under the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act is \$10,957 (the 2016 maximum penalty of \$10,781 multiplied by 1.01636, rounded to the nearest

dollar). The new minimum penalty under the False Claims Act is \$10,957 (the 2016 minimum penalty of \$10,781 multiplied by 1.01636, rounded to the nearest dollar), and the new maximum penalty is \$21,916 (the 2016 maximum penalty of \$21,563 multiplied by 1.01636, rounded to the nearest dollar). The adjustments in penalties will be effective October 27, 2017.

By Authority of the Board.

Martha P. Rico,
Secretary to the Board.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-81924; File No. SR-BatsBZX-2017-69]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Bats BYX Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change Relating to Its Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation

October 23, 2017.

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 October 13, 2017, Bats BZX Exchange, Inc. (the "Exchange" or "BZX") 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 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 seeks to amend its Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation. The text of the proposed rule change is provided below. (additions are *italicized*; deletions are [bracketed])

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Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Bats BZX Exchange, Inc.

The name of the corporation is Bats BZX Exchange, Inc. The corporation filed its original Certificate of Incorporation with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware on November 1, 2007 *under the name BATS Exchange,*

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

Inc. This Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the corporation, which restates and integrates and also further amends the provisions of the corporation's Certificate of Incorporation, was duly adopted in accordance with the provisions of Sections 242 and 245 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware and by the written consent of its sole stockholder in accordance with Section 228 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware. The [Amended and Restated] Certificate of Incorporation of the corporation is hereby amended, integrated and restated to read in its entirety as follows:

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The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Exchange's Web site at www.bats.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 parts of such statements.

(A) Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change**1. Purpose**

BZX recently amended its Certificate of Incorporation in connection with a corporate transaction (the "Transaction") involving, among other things, the recent acquisition of BZX, along with Bats BZY Exchange, Inc. ("Bats BYX"), Bats EDGX Exchange, Inc. ("Bats EDGX"), and Bats EDGA Exchange, Inc. ("Bats EDGA" and, together with Bats BYX, Bats EDGX, and Bats BZX, the "Bats Exchanges") by CBOE Holdings, Inc. ("CBOE Holdings"). CBOE Holdings is also the parent of Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated ("CBOE") and C2 Options Exchange, Incorporated ("C2"). Particularly, the filing proposed, among other things, to amend and restate the certificate of incorporation of the Exchange based on certificates of

incorporation of CBOE and C2.³ The Exchange notes that in conforming the Exchange's Certificate to the certificates of CBOE and C2, it inadvertently (1) did not comply with a provision of Delaware law and (ii) referred to an inaccurate version of the Certificate in the introductory paragraph. The Exchange seeks to correct those errors.

Particularly, Section 245(c) of the Delaware General Corporation Law (DGCL) requires that a restated certificate of incorporation "shall state, either in its heading or in an introductory paragraph, the corporation's present name, and, if it has been changed, the name under which it was originally incorporated, and the date of filing of its original certificate of incorporation with the secretary of state." The Exchange notes that the conformed Certificate did not reference the name under which the corporation was originally incorporated (*i.e.*, "BATS Exchange, Inc."). In order to comply with Section 245(c) of the DGCL, the Exchange proposes to amend its Certificate to add a reference to its original name.

The Exchange also notes that the last sentence of the introductory paragraph which provides that the current certificate is "amended, integrated and restated to read in its entirety as follows:" mistakenly references the new title of the amended Certificate (*i.e.*, "Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation") instead of the title of the then current (and now previous) Certificate ("Certificate of Incorporation"). As such, the Exchange proposes to eliminate the new title reference "Amended and Restated" from that sentence to accurately reflect the correct version of the Certificate that was amended and restated.

The Exchange notes that the proposed changes are concerned solely with the administration of the Exchange and do not affect the meaning, administration, or enforcement of any rules of the Exchange or the rights, obligations, or privileges of Exchange members or their associated persons in any way.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act") and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to the Exchange and, in particular, the requirements of Section 6(b) of the Act.⁴ Specifically, the Exchange believes the proposed rule

change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5)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)⁶ requirement that the rules of an exchange not be designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

In particular, the Exchange believes correcting inadvertent non-substantive, technical errors in its Certificate in order to comply with Delaware law and reflect the correct and accurate version of the Certificate that was amended will avoid potential confusion, thereby removing impediments to, and perfecting the mechanism for a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, protecting investors and the public interest of market participants. As noted above, the proposed changes do not affect the meaning, administration, or enforcement of any rules of the Exchange or the rights, obligations, or privileges of Exchange members or their associated persons in any way.

(B) Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

The Exchange does not believe the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. Rather, the proposed rule change is merely attempting to correct inadvertent technical errors in the Exchange's introductory paragraph of its Certificate. The proposed rule change has no impact on 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 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 Act⁷ and paragraph (f) of Rule 19b-4⁸ 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-BatsBZX-2017-69 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Brent J. Fields, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-BatsBZX-2017-69. 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

³ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 81497 (August 30, 2017), 82 FR 42181 (September 6, 2017) (SR-BatsBZX-2017-55).

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

⁶ *Id.*

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁸ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f).

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. Persons submitting comments are cautioned that we do not redact or edit personal identifying information from comment submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-BatsBZX-2017-69 and should be submitted on or before November 17, 2017.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁹

Eduardo A. Aleman,
Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-81917; File No. SR-NASDAQ-2017-111]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Relating to the Exchange's Name Change

October 23, 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 October 18, 2017, The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC ("Nasdaq" 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 its rules as well as certain corporate documents of the Exchange to reflect legal name changes.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's Web site at <http://nasdaq.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 purpose of this filing is to reflect in the Exchange's governing documents (and the governing documents of its parent company)³ and the Exchange's Rulebook a non-substantive corporate branding change to the Exchange's name.⁴ Specifically, current references will be changed as follows:

- References to "NASDAQ" will be changed to "Nasdaq"
- References to "The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC" or "NASDAQ Stock Market LLC" will be changed to "The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC"
- References to "NASDAQ PHLX LLC" or "NASDAQ PHLX" will be changed to "Nasdaq PHLX LLC" or "Nasdaq PHLX"
- References to "NASDAQ BX, Inc." or "NASDAQ BX" will be changed to "Nasdaq BX, Inc." or "Nasdaq BX"
- References to "NASDAQ OMX PSX" or "NASDAQ PSX" will be changed to "Nasdaq PSX"
- References to "The NASDAQ OMX Group, Inc." or "NASDAQ OMX Group, Inc." will be changed to "Nasdaq, Inc."⁵

• In addition to the preceding changes, all references to "OMX" will be removed from the Rulebook.⁶

³ The Exchange proposes to amend: (i) The Certificate of Formation; (ii) Second Amended Limited Liability Company Agreement; (iii) By-Laws; and (iv) Rule Book.

⁴ NASDAQ PHLX LLC and NASDAQ BX, Inc. will also be filing similar rule changes.

⁵ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 75421 (July 10, 2015), 80 FR 42136 (July 16, 2015) (SR-BSECC-2015-001, SR-BX-2015-030, SR-NASDAQ-2015-058, SR-Phlx-2015-46, SR-SCCP-2015-01).

⁶ *Id.*

- References to "NASDAQ Options Market LLC" will be replaced with "The Nasdaq Options Market LLC"
- References to "NASDAQ Execution Services, LLC" will be changed to "Nasdaq Execution Services, LLC"
 - In all instances where the word "the" should have been capitalized, (e.g., Rule 4758(b)(1)), the Exchange will make the appropriate correction.

No other changes are being proposed in this filing. The Exchange represents that these changes are concerned solely with the administration of the Exchange and do not affect the meaning, administration, or enforcement of any rules of the Exchange or the rights, obligations, or privileges of Exchange members or their associated persons in any way. Accordingly, this filing is being submitted under Rule 19b-4(f)(3). In lieu of providing a copy of the marked changes, the Exchange represents that it will make the necessary non-substantive revisions to the Certificate of Formation, Second Amended Limited Liability Company Agreement, By-Laws, the Rulebook and post updated versions of each on the Exchange's Web site pursuant to Rule 19b-4(m)(2).

The Exchange notes that the following references are not being amended in the Exchange's governing documents and the Exchange's Rulebook:

- Any name with a trademark (TM) or service mark (SM) attached to the name.
- Any references in the Certificate of Formation or Second Amended Limited Liability Company Agreement which references [sic] a prior name of the Exchange and reflects [sic] a historical date wherein that name was in effect.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,⁷ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,⁸ 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 by avoiding confusion with the name. The Exchange proposes to conform its name to that of its parent, Nasdaq Inc., by changing the capitalization in the word "NASDAQ" to "Nasdaq." The Exchange also proposes to amend the names of affiliated markets in a similar manner, by changing the name "NASDAQ" to "Nasdaq." The name change of the Exchange as well as other name changes

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

⁹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.