

business combination. The proposed rule change was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on December 6, 2017.<sup>4</sup> The Commission received two comments on the proposal.<sup>5</sup>

Section 19(b)(2) of the Act<sup>6</sup> provides that within 45 days of the notice publication of the filing of a proposed rule change, or within such longer period up to 90 days as the Commission may designate if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding, or as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission shall either approve the proposed rule change, disapprove the proposed rule change, or institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved. The 45th day after publication of the notice for this proposed rule change is January 20, 2018. The Commission is extending this 45-day time period.

The Commission finds it appropriate to designate a longer period within which to take action on the proposed rule change so that it has sufficient time to consider the proposal and the comment letters. Accordingly, the Commission, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,<sup>7</sup> designates March 6, 2018, as the date by which the Commission shall either approve or disapprove, or institute proceedings to determine whether to disapprove, the proposed rule change (File No. SR-NYSE-2017-53).

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>8</sup>

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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### Self-Regulatory Organizations; Cboe Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Delete Obsolete Rules

January 18, 2018.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”),<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on January 3, 2018, Cboe Exchange, Inc. (the “Exchange” or “Cboe Options”) 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 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 delete Rules that no longer apply to the Exchange and make other nonsubstantive changes to the Rules. The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s website (<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 purpose of this rule change is to delete Rules that no longer apply to the

Exchange and to make other nonsubstantive changes to the Rules.

###### Deletion of Rules

The Exchange proposes to delete the following rules and chapters from its rulebook:

- *Rule 2.40—Market-Maker Surcharge for Brokerage.* Rule 2.40 operated as a pilot program until March 30, 2000, at which time the program expired (and the Exchange did not request renewal). The Exchange does not impose a surcharge on Market-Maker transactions pursuant to this rule. Any fees and rebates applicable to any Market-Maker transactions are included in the Cboe Options Fees Schedule.

- *Rule 6.2—Trading Rotations.* Rule 6.2 states the Exchange may use the procedures described in current Rules 6.2, 6.2A, or 6.2B to conduct trading rotations in all options listed on the Exchange. Currently, the Exchange only uses the procedures set forth in current Rule 6.2B to conduct trading rotations, and no longer conducts trading rotations pursuant to current Rule 6.2. Therefore, this provision no longer applies to trading on the Exchange.<sup>3</sup>

- *Rule 6.2A—Rapid Opening System (“ROS”).* The Exchange used ROS prior to open options prior to implementation of the Exchange’s Hybrid Trading System, which includes the Hybrid 3.0 Platform. Currently, all options listed on the Exchange trade on its Exchange’s Hybrid Trading System. As stated in Rule 6.2A, ROS does not apply to series trading on the Hybrid Trading System, which open on the Cboe Options Hybrid Opening System (“HOSS”) (pursuant to Rule 6.2B). Therefore, Rule 6.2A no longer applies to any options listed for trading on the Exchange.<sup>4</sup>

- *Rules 6.8—RAES Operations and 6.9—Automatic ORS Order Execution Against Booked Orders.* The Exchange’s Retail Automatic Execution System (“RAES”) was an automated execution system feature of the Exchange’s Order Routing System (“ORS”) operated by the Exchange and that provided automated order execution and reporting services for options. RAES and ORS are no longer used, as all options

<sup>3</sup> The proposed rule change makes corresponding changes to the following rules to delete references to ROS and the rule proposed to be deleted: Rules 6.6, 6.18, 6.25(b)(1), 6.73(c), 8.60(c)(7) and Interpretation and Policy .02, 21.11, 22.11, and 24.13.

<sup>4</sup> The proposed rule change makes corresponding changes to the following rules to delete references to ROS and the rule proposed to be deleted: Rules 1.1(fff) and (ggg), 6.2, 6.6, 6.18, 6.25(b)(1), 8.60(c)(7) and Interpretation and Policy .02, 22.11, 24.13. Because the proposed rule change deletes both Rules 6.2 and 6.2A, the proposed rule change also renumbers Rule 6.2B to be Rule 6.2, and makes corresponding changes throughout the Rules.

<sup>4</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 82180 (November 30, 2017), 82 FR 57632 (December 6, 2017) (“Notice”).

<sup>5</sup> See Letters to Brent J. Fields, Secretary, Commission, from Michael Kitlas, dated November 30, 2017 (“Kitlas Letter”) and Jeffrey P. Mahoney, General Counsel, Council of Institutional Investors, dated December 20, 2017 (“CII Letter”).

<sup>6</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

<sup>7</sup> *Id.*

<sup>8</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(31).

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

trading on the Exchange currently occurs on the Hybrid Trading System, which includes Exchange's Order Handling System ("OHS"). Therefore, RAES and ORS no longer apply to any options listed for trading on the Exchange.<sup>5</sup>

• **Rule 6.10—LOU System Operations.** The Large Order Utility ("LOU") System was a facility of the Exchange that provided order routing, handling, and execution for eligible options orders routed electronically to the Exchange. The LOU System is no longer used, as all options trading on the Exchange trade on the Hybrid Trading System. Therefore, the LOU System no longer applies to any options listed for trading on the Exchange.

• **Rule 6.13B—Penny Price Improvement.** Pursuant to Rule 6.13B, the Exchange may designate one or more options trading on the Hybrid Trading System in a Penny Price Improvement Program, which allows Trading Permit Holders to provide price improvement beyond the Exchange's disseminated quote for classes not already quote in penny increments and for which the simple auction liaison system is not in effect. The Exchange currently has not designated, and has no intention to designate, any options for participation in this program. Therefore, this program no longer applies to any options listed for trading on the Exchange.<sup>6</sup>

• **Rule 6.54(a)—Accommodation Liquidation (Cabinet Trades) for Classes Not Trading on the Cboe Options Hybrid**

<sup>5</sup> The proposed rule change makes corresponding changes to the following rules to delete references to RAES and ORS, change references from ORS to OHS, and the rules proposed to be deleted: Rules 1.1(fff) and (ggg), 6.3, Interpretation and Policy .05, 6.6(b) and (e) and Interpretation and Policy .01, 6.7(b) (the Hybrid System includes OHS and the book), 6.8C (which the proposed rule change renumbers as 6.8), 6.13(a) and (c), 6.18, 8.7(b)(iii) and Interpretations and Policies .07 (which is being deleted in its entirety, as described below) .11(a) (the Exchange deleted the paragraph letter for current paragraph (b), as it will be the only paragraph in that Interpretation and Policy, as well as the introduction to that paragraph regarding its applicability to classes on the Hybrid System, because all classes are on the Hybrid System), 8.13, 8.16, 8.51(c)(1)(a)(iii), 8.60(c)(7) (the proposed rule change renumbers provisions (8) through (10) as (7) through (9)) and Interpretation and Policy .02, 8.85(a)(ix) (the proposed rule change renumbers subparagraphs (x) and (xi) as (ix) and (x), and deletes from current subparagraph (x) (proposed subparagraph (xi) the introduction to that paragraph regarding its applicability to classes on the Hybrid System, because all classes are on the Hybrid System), 23.7, 24.15, 24.17, 24.21(j)(1), and 24B.15.

<sup>6</sup> The proposed rule change makes corresponding changes to the following rules to delete references to the Penny Price Improvement Program and the rules proposed to be deleted: Rules 1.1(fff) and (ggg), 6.45, Interpretations and Policies .01 and .02, Rule 6.47, Interpretation and Policy .02, and Rule 6.74, Interpretation and Policy .09.

*System.* Rule 6.54 describes cabinet trading permitted on the Exchange. Paragraph (a) describes cabinet trading for classes not trading on the Hybrid System, while paragraph (b) describes cabinet trading for classes trading on the Hybrid System. All options trading on the Exchange currently trade on the Hybrid Trading System, and thus Rule 6.54 (a) no longer applies to any options listed for trading on the Exchange.<sup>7</sup>

• **Chapter VII—Order Book Officials.** Order Book Officials were Exchange employees responsible for maintaining the book with respect to classes assigned to them, effecting proper executions of orders placed with them, displaying bids and offers, and monitoring the market for classes assigned to them. The Exchange currently has no employees designated as, and does not intend to designate any employees as, Order Book Officials, as Order Book Official functions are generally obsolete now that most trading occurs electronically.

The proposed rule change deletes Rules 7.1 through 7.3, 7.4 except for subparagraph (a)(1) (which is being moved to Rule 6.11, with some modifications described below), 7.5, 7.7 through 7.10, and Chapter VII, Section B, as they relate solely to responsibilities of Order Book Officials.

Rule 7.4(a)(1) states public customer orders in Hybrid and Hybrid 3.0 classes are eligible for entry into the electronic book, and the Exchange may determine on a class-by-class basis other orders that are eligible for entry into the electronic book. Currently, after a class is open for trading (see Rule 6.2B for a description of orders the System accepts prior to opening), the System accepts for entry into the Book (1) quotes of all Market-Makers and order of any origin code in Hybrid classes and (2) quotes of Lead Market-Makers ("LMMs") and orders of priority customers in Hybrid 3.0 classes, while the Exchange continues to have flexibility to permit orders of other origin codes be eligible for book entry. The Exchange proposes to codify this current book eligibility (which is consistent with the Exchange's authority in current Rule 7.4(a)(1)) in Rule 6.11. The proposed rule change also deletes the provision in current Rule 7.4(a)(1) that states Trading Permit Holders submitting orders or quotes for entry in to the book must do so electronically and in the format

<sup>7</sup> The proposed rule change makes a corresponding change to current paragraph (b), eliminates paragraph lettering for paragraph (b) (as that will be the only paragraph in the rule), and reletters subparagraphs (i) and (ii) as (a) and (b), consistent with paragraph lettering throughout the rules.

announced by the Exchange. It is redundant to state orders and quotes for entry in the electronic book must be submitted electronically, and Rule 6.53A describes the types of order formats Trading Permit Holders must use.<sup>8</sup>

Rule 7.5, Interpretation and Policy .03 states every Floor Broker who represents a Market-Maker with an order in any options class must, by public outcry at the post, indicate the identify of such Market-Maker at the request of any Trading Permit Holder or Order Book Official. The proposed rule change moves this provision (with the reference to Order Book Official deleted) to Rule 6.73, which relates to responsibilities of Floor Brokers.

Rule 7.6 regarding the requirement for PAR Official to report unusual activity is proposed to move to Rule 6.12B(b)(vi).<sup>9</sup> The proposed rule change moves currently applicable provisions in Rule 7.12 (regarding PAR Officials) to Rule 6.12B (with some nonsubstantive changes).<sup>10</sup> PAR Officials are Exchange employees or independent contractors whom the Exchange may designate as being responsible for operating a PAR workstation and effecting proper executions of orders placed with them. PAR Officials no longer maintain the book with respect to assigned classes, as the electronic book manages electronic

<sup>8</sup> The proposed rule change makes corresponding changes to the following rules to change cross-references to Rule 7.4 to Rule 6.11: Rules 6.13(b)(i)(A)(2) and (iii), 23.3(b), and 24.11A (the proposed rule change also deletes the Interpretations and Policies section of this rule, as there are currently none).

<sup>9</sup> The proposed rule change makes corresponding changes to the following rules to delete references to Order Book Officials and the rules proposed to be deleted: Rules 6.2 and Interpretation and Policy .01 (the proposed rule change also indicates the exchange may direct how trading rotations occur in Interpretation and Policy .01, which is consistent with the remainder of Rule 6.2), 6.3, Interpretations and Policies .01 and .02 (these interpretations also delete references to post directors, which are no longer used at the Exchange), 6.6(b) and (e) (which also deletes references to post directors, which are no longer used at the Exchange), 6.12A, 6.20(a) and Interpretations and Policies .02 and .04(ii), 6.43(A), 6.45, Interpretations and Policies .01 and .02 (the proposed rule change replaces references to Order Book Officials to PAR Officials, consistent with Interpretation and Policy .02, which indicates PAR Officials may perform the functions of Order Book Officials for purposes of that rule), 6.73 Interpretation and Policy .01, 8.7(c) (the Exchange notes Market-Makers not permitted to enter a trading station in a floor brokerage capacity, as set forth in Rule 8.8) and Interpretation and Policy .09 (changes cross-reference to Rule 7.5 to Rule 8.7(d)(iv), which describes current Market-Maker obligations, including the obligation of Market-Maker to provide a quote upon Exchange request), and 24.13 and Interpretation and Policy .03 (which the proposed rule change renumbers to .02).

<sup>10</sup> The proposed rule change makes corresponding changes to the following rules to change cross-references to Rule 7.12 to Rule 6.12B: Rules 6.12A, 6.18(d)(i), and 6.20(a).

orders and quotes. The proposed rule change deletes the provision in current Rule 7.12(b)(i) regarding the definition of customer limit orders, as customer orders are now defined in Rule 1.1(www) and (yyy) (which are proposed to be relettered as (yyy) and (zzz), as described below). The proposed rule change deletes current Rule 7.12(b)(i)(C) and (e), which apply to the Intermarket Options Linkage Plan that no longer exists,<sup>11</sup> and Rule 7.12(b)(1)(E), which relates to orders received during a trading rotation pursuant to Rule 6.2 or HOSS pursuant to Rule 6.2B, as those rules describe how orders received prior or before a rotation are handled. The proposed rule change deletes Rule 7.12(b)(iii), as PAR Officials no longer maintain the book (as described above) and do not have the ability to remove orders from the book. The proposed rule change replaces the term “senior Trading Operations official” with “senior Help Desk personnel” in current Rule 7.12(b)(iv) (proposed Rule 6.12B(b)(iii), which term is used throughout the rules. The proposed rule change deletes Rule 7.12, Interpretation and Policy .01, as it relates to the Exchange’s responsibility to appoint PAR Officials to trading stations prior to March 24, 2006. The Exchange currently has PAR Officials appointed to all trading stations on the trading floor.

- *Autoquote*. Autoquote was an Exchange electronic quotation system that automatically monitored and updated market quotes using a mathematical formula measuring certain characteristics of the option and underlying interest. Rules related to LMMs and DPMs require them to provide continuous electronic quotes in appointed classes using Autoquote or a proprietary automated quotation updating system. Currently, all Market-Makers that submit electronic quotes use a proprietary system, and Autoquote is no longer used. The proposed rule change deletes Rule 8.7, Interpretation and Policy .07, which describes Autoquote, as well as the requirement of LMMs and DPMs to provide electronic quotes, which requirement is included in Rules 8.15 and 8.85, respectively.<sup>12</sup>

<sup>11</sup> Chapter VI, Section E describes Exchange responsibilities pursuant to the current linkage plan, the Options Order Protection and Locked/Crossed Market Plan.

<sup>12</sup> The proposed rule change also deletes references to Autoquote in Rules 6.43(b), 8.15(c), 8.51(c)(1)(a)(iii), 8.60 Interpretation and Policy .02, Rules 8.7, Interpretation and Policy .07, 8.15(c), and 8.85(a)(x) provide components of a formula used for automated quoting by Market-Makers using proprietary automated quoting systems will be disclosed unless the Exchange exempts them from disclosing this information. For competitive

- *S&P 100 Modified Opening Rotation*. Rule 24.13, Interpretation and Policy .02 provides a modified opening rotation that the Exchange may use for S&P 100 options, but the rule also provides the Exchange with the authority to open this class using HOSS pursuant to Rule 6.2B. The Exchange currently uses HOSS to open S&P 100 options, and does not intend to use the modified opening in the future. Therefore, this provision no longer applies to the opening of S&P 100 options.<sup>13</sup>

- *Rule 8.7(c)—Market-Maker Entry into Trading Station in Unappointed Class other than As Floor Broker*. Rule 8.7(c) states whenever a Market-Maker enters the trading station for a class of options contracts in a class in which it is not appointed, in other than a floor brokerage capacity, the Market-Maker must fulfill obligations established in Rule 8.7(b) and, for the rest of the trading day, as well as undertake certain additional obligations. This rule text essentially requires a Market-Maker to act like a Market-Maker when it enters a trading station in the capacity of a Market-Maker in an unappointed class. However, pursuant to Rule 8.3, on the trading floor, Market-Makers have an appointment to trade in all hybrid classes, so if it goes to any trading station on the floor as a Market-Maker, it has an appointment for the classes at that station and is subject to Market-maker obligations. That provision, in conjunction with the restriction on acting as a Market-Maker and Floor Broker on the same day, make the provision in Rule 8.7(c) unnecessary and duplicative. Therefore, the proposed rule change deletes this provision.

- *Chapter XXIVA—Flexible Exchange Options (“FLEX Options”)*. When the Exchange began offering FLEX Options for trading, FLEX Options traded pursuant to Rule XXIVA on the trading floor. The Exchange then developed the FLEX Hybrid Trading System on which FLEX Options could trade both on the trading floor and electronically. Chapter XXIVB describes FLEX Options trading on this system, and provides the Exchange with ability to permit FLEX trading pursuant to Chapter XXIVA or XXIVB. The open outcry rules in Chapter XXIVA are substantially similar to those in Chapter XXIVB. The Exchange has determined all FLEX trading must occur on the FLEX Hybrid

reasons, the Exchange exempts all Market-Makers from disclosing this information, so the proposed rule change deletes those provisions.

<sup>13</sup> The proposed rule change also renumbers current Interpretation and Policy .03 to .02.

Trading System pursuant to Chapter XXIVB. Therefore, Chapter XXIVB no longer applies to the trading of any FLEX Options.<sup>14</sup>

- *Chapter XXVI—Market Baskets*. Chapter XXVI describes rules applicable to market basket contracts, which are contracts obligating the seller to sell and the purchaser to purchase a designated number of shares of each of the stocks comprising the index on which the market basket is based. The Exchange currently does not list, and does not intend to list in the future, market basket contracts for trading. Therefore, Chapter XXVI no longer applies to any options trading on the Exchange.<sup>15</sup>

- *Chapter XXVII—Buy-Write Option Unitary Derivatives (“BOUNDS”)*. Chapter XXVIII describes rules applicable to BOUNDS, which are securities issued, or subject to issuance, by the Options Clearing Corporation pursuant to its rules, which gives holders and writers thereof such rights and obligations as may be provided in its rules. The Exchange currently does not list, and does not intend to list in the future, BOUNDS for trading. Therefore, Chapter XXVII no longer applies to any options trading on the Exchange.

- *Chapter XXXI—Approval of Securities for Original Listing*. Chapter XXXI describes rules pursuant to which the Exchange may list equity securities for listing on the Exchange. The Exchange currently does not list any equity securities on the Exchange. Therefore, Chapter XXXI currently applies to no securities listed on the Exchange.<sup>16</sup>

Section 957 of the Dodd-Frank adopted Section 6(b)(10) of the Act,<sup>17</sup> which requires the rules of each national securities exchange to prohibit any member that is not the beneficial owner of a security registered under Section 12 of the Act<sup>18</sup> from granting a proxy to vote the security in connection

<sup>14</sup> The proposed rule change also deletes references to Chapter XXIVA in the following rules: Rules 3.2(b), 5.9, 6.1A(c), 6.20A, Interpretation and Policy .05, 6.49A(c)(6), Introduction to Chapter XX, 20.12, Introduction to Chapter XXII, 22.16, Introduction to Chapter XXIVB, 24B.3, 28.17, 29.18, and Introduction to Chapter XXIX.

<sup>15</sup> The proposed rule change also deletes references to market baskets and the rules proposed to be deleted in: Rules 8.8, Interpretation and Policy .02 and 24B.10 (which is proposed to be renumbered as 24A.10).

<sup>16</sup> Options may be listed for trading on the Exchange pursuant to Chapter V and XXIV. The proposed rule change leaves a placeholder in Chapters XXX and XXXI for rules related to listing and trading of equity securities. The Exchange would file a proposed rule change to adopt new rules if it determines to list and trade equity securities in the future.

<sup>17</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(10).

<sup>18</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78l.

with certain shareholder votes, unless the beneficial owner of the security has instructed the member to vote the proxy in accordance with the voting instructions of the beneficial owner. The shareholder votes covered by Section 957 include any vote with respect to (1) the election of a member of the board of directors of an issuer (except for a vote with respect to the uncontested election of a member of the board of directors of any investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Investment Company Act"), (2) executive compensation, or (3) any other significant matter, as determined by the Commission, by rule.<sup>19</sup>

Rules 31.82 through 31.88 currently include provisions that cover these proxy voting requirements with respect to Trading Permit Holders. However, because this proposed rule change deletes Chapter XXXI, the proposed rule change adds Rule 4.25 to retain these provisions in accordance with Section 957.

- *Chapters XL through XLIX—Screen-Based Trading.* Chapters XL through XLIX describe trading on the Exchange's screen-based trading system. The screen-based trading system is no longer used, as all options trading on the Exchange trade on the Hybrid Trading System. Therefore, the screen-based trading rules no longer apply to any options listed for trading on the Exchange.<sup>20</sup>

- *Chapters L through LIV—CBOE Stock Exchange ("CBSX").* Chapters L through LIV describe trading on CBSX, which is the Exchange's facility for trading stocks, warrants, IPRs, IPSs, and Trust Issued Receipts (non-options securities). CBSX ceased market operations on April 30, 2014. Therefore, the CBSX rules no longer apply to any trading on the Exchange.<sup>21</sup> The Exchange would file a proposed rule change to adopt new rules if it determines to list and trade non-options securities in the future.

#### Additional Nonsubstantive Changes

In addition to nonsubstantive changes described above, the proposed rule change makes the following nonsubstantive changes:

- The proposed rule change moves Interpretation and Policy .01 to the

definition of Professional in Rule 1.1(ggg) to Interpretation and Policy .06 to Rule 1.1, so that all Interpretations and Policies to Rule 1.1 are in the same place.

- Currently, there are two paragraphs erroneously lettered as (mmm) and (ppp). The proposed rule change corrects this lettering and updates the paragraph lettering to reflect these corrections.

- The proposed rule change makes updates throughout the rules to conform paragraph lettering and numbering to other rules, as well as to reflect deleted rule provisions.

- Rule 6.2, Interpretation and Policy .01(b) and (c) erroneously refer to LMMs as LLMs. The proposed rule change corrects those erroneous references.

- The proposed rule change amends Rule 6.43(b) to indicate it only applies to Hybrid 3.0 classes, which is consistent with the current rule text and current trading practices.

- Renumber Chapter XXIVB and the rules in that chapter to Chapter XXIVA, and update cross-references throughout the rules.

#### 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.<sup>22</sup> Specifically, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5)<sup>23</sup> 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)<sup>24</sup> requirement that the rules of an exchange not be designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

In particular, by deleting rules that no longer apply to Cboe Options trading (which rules have generally not been applicable in years), and making other nonsubstantive changes to better organize and more consistently number

and letter rules, the rules will more clearly identify currently applicable rules, which the Exchange believes removes impediments to and perfects the mechanism of a free and open market. The Exchange believes the proposed rule change will eliminate confusion regarding which rules apply to current trading, which ultimately protects investors and the public interest. The proposed rule change has no impact on current trading on Cboe Options.

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

Cboe Options 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. The proposed rule change deletes rules that no longer apply to Cboe Options trading and makes other nonsubstantive changes, and thus has no impact on current trading on Cboe Options. Therefore, the proposed rule change has no impact on competition. The proposed rule change eliminates confusion with respect to rules applicable to current trading on Cboe Options.

#### 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

Because the foregoing proposed rule change does not:

A. Significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest;

B. impose any significant burden on competition; and

C. become operative for 30 days from 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<sup>25</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)<sup>26</sup> thereunder.<sup>27</sup> At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if

<sup>19</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(10)(B).

<sup>20</sup> The proposed rule change makes corresponding changes to the following rules to delete references to screen-based trading and the rules proposed to be deleted: Rules 1.1(fff) and (ggg), 3.2(b), and 3.3.

<sup>21</sup> The proposed rule change makes corresponding changes to the following rules to delete references to CBSX and the rules proposed to be deleted: Rules 3.1A, 3.2(b), 3.3, and 6.20A, Interpretation and Policy .01.

<sup>22</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>23</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

<sup>24</sup> *Id.*

<sup>25</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>26</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

<sup>27</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). In addition, Rule 19b-4(f)(6) requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The Exchange has satisfied this requirement.

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](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR-CBOE-2018-003 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-CBOE-2018-003. 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 website (<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 website 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. 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-CBOE-2018-003 and should be submitted on or before February 14, 2018.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>28</sup>

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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### Self-Regulatory Organizations; The Options Clearing Corporation; Notice of Designation of Longer Period for Commission Action on Proposed Rule Change Related to The Options Clearing Corporation's Margin Methodology

January 18, 2018.

On November 13, 2017, The Options Clearing Corporation ("OCC") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") proposed rule change SR-OCC-2017-022 ("Proposed Rule Change") pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> related to OCC's margin methodology.<sup>3</sup> The Proposed Rule Change was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on December 4, 2017.<sup>4</sup> To date, the

<sup>28</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

<sup>3</sup> On November 13, 2017, OCC also filed this proposal as advance notice SR-OCC-2017-811 ("Advance Notice") with the Commission pursuant to Section 806(e)(1) of Title VIII of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, entitled the Payment, Clearing, and Settlement Supervision Act of 2010 (12 U.S.C. 5465(e)(1)) and Rule 19b-4(n)(1)(i) of the Act (17 CFR 240.19b-4(n)(1)(i)). Notice of filing of the Advance Notice was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on December 26, 2017. Securities Exchange Act Release No. 82355 (Dec. 19, 2017), 82 FR 61060 (Dec. 26, 2017) (SR-OCC-2017-811).

On January 11, 2018, the Commission sent OCC a request for additional information, which tolls the Commission's 60-day review period for the Advance Notice. See Memorandum from Office of Clearance and Settlement, Division of Trading and Markets, dated January 12, 2018, available at <https://www.sec.gov/comments/sr-occ-2017-022/occ2017022.htm>. The new review period will be 60 days from the date the Commission receives the information requested. See Section 806(e)(1). The proposal in the Proposed Rule Change and the Advance Notice shall not take effect until all regulatory actions required with respect to the proposal are completed.

<sup>4</sup> Securities Exchange Act Release No. 82161 (Nov. 28, 2017), 82 FR 57306 (Dec. 4, 2017) (SR-OCC-2017-022).

Commission has received one comment letter to the Proposed Rule Change.<sup>5</sup>

Section 19(b)(2) of the Act<sup>6</sup> provides that, within 45 days of the publication of notice of the filing of a proposed rule change, or within such longer period up to 90 days as the Commission may designate if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding, or as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission shall either approve the proposed rule change, disapprove the proposed rule change, or institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved. The 45th day after publication of the notice for this Proposed Rule Change is January 18, 2018. The Commission is extending this 45-day time period.

In order to provide the Commission with sufficient time to consider the Proposed Rule Change, the Commission finds that it is appropriate to designate a longer period within which to take action on the Proposed Rule Change.

Accordingly, the Commission, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,<sup>7</sup> designates March 4, 2018 as the date by which the Commission shall either approve, disapprove, or institute proceedings to determine whether to disapprove proposed rule change SR-OCC-2017-022.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> See letter from Michael Kitlas, dated November 28, 2017, to Eduardo A. Aleman, Assistant Secretary, Commission, available at <https://www.sec.gov/comments/sr-occ-2017-022/occ2017022.htm>. Since the proposal contained in the Proposed Rule Change was also filed as an Advance Notice, the Commission is considering all public comments received on the proposal regardless of whether the comments are submitted to the Proposed Rule Change or the Advance Notice.

<sup>6</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

<sup>7</sup> *Id.*

<sup>8</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(31).