

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 Section 6(b)(4) of the Act,<sup>9</sup> which requires that Exchange rules provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among its Trading Permit Holders and other persons using its facilities.

First, the Exchange believes the proposal to eliminate the availability of product multipliers is reasonable because it no longer wishes to offer this additional incentive for order flow in the multiplier classes and it is not required to do so. The Exchange also notes that such multipliers were only used for purposes of the Discount Tier calculation. The Exchange believes the proposed changes to Tiers A3–A1 are reasonable because it provides higher discounts for satisfying the qualifying thresholds. Further, the Exchange believes the proposed discounts are commensurate with the corresponding qualifying thresholds. As noted above, the Exchange believes SCORE continues to provide an incremental incentive for Originating Firms to strive for the highest tier level, which provides increasingly higher discounts. The proposed increased discounts are designed to encourage increased Retail volume in the Qualifying Classes, which provides increased volume and greater trading opportunities for all market participants. The Exchange believes the proposed change is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because the qualifying volume thresholds apply to all registered Originating Firms uniformly.

#### *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 that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act because the proposed changes apply to all registered Originating Firms uniformly. The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change will not cause an unnecessary burden on intermarket competition because the Qualifying Classes are products that only trade on Cboe Options. To the extent that the proposed changes make the Exchange a more attractive marketplace for market

participants at other exchanges, such market participants are welcome to become Cboe Options market participants.

#### *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 Act<sup>10</sup> and paragraph (f) of Rule 19b–4<sup>11</sup> 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](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR–CBOE–2019–019 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–2019–019. 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 such 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–2019–019, and should be submitted on or before May 7, 2019.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>12</sup>

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#### **SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

[Release No. 34–85586; File No. SR–CboeBYX–2018–014]

#### **Self-Regulatory Organizations; Cboe BYX Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Withdrawal of Proposed Rule Change To Make Permanent Exchange Rule 11.24, Which Sets Forth the Exchange's Pilot Retail Price Improvement Program**

April 10, 2019.

On July 30, 2018, Cboe BYX Exchange, Inc. (“BYX” or the “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”), 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> a proposed rule change to make permanent Exchange Rule 11.24, which sets forth the Exchange's pilot Retail Price Improvement Program. The

<sup>12</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>9</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

<sup>10</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>11</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b–4(f).

proposed rule change was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on August 17, 2018.<sup>3</sup> On September 27, 2018, the Commission extended to November 15, 2018, the time period in which to approve, disapprove, or institute proceedings to determine whether to approve or disapprove, the proposed rule change.<sup>4</sup> On November 15, 2018, the Commission instituted proceedings under Section 19(b)(2)(B) of the Act<sup>5</sup> to determine whether to approve or disapprove the proposed rule change.<sup>6</sup> On December 26, 2018, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,<sup>7</sup> the Commission extended to April 14, 2019 the time period in which to issue an order approving or disapproving the proposed rule change.<sup>8</sup> The Commission received no comments on the proposed rule change. On April 3, 2019, the Exchange withdrew the proposed rule change (SR-CboeBYX-2018-014).

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

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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### Self-Regulatory Organizations; New York Stock Exchange LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Amend Its Price List To Modify the Supplemental Liquidity Provider Provide Tier 1 Credit for Securities Traded Pursuant to Unlisted Trading Privileges

April 10, 2019.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1)<sup>1</sup> of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act”)<sup>2</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>3</sup> notice is hereby given that, on March 29, 2019, New York Stock Exchange LLC (“NYSE” or the “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) the

<sup>3</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 83831 (August 13, 2018), 83 FR 41128 (“Notice”).

<sup>4</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 84297, 83 FR 49959 (October 3, 2018).

<sup>5</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78(s)(b)(2)(B).

<sup>6</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 84600, 83 FR 58802 (November 21, 2018).

<sup>7</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

<sup>8</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 84972, 84 FR 867 (January 31, 2019).

<sup>9</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

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

<sup>2</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78a.

<sup>3</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

proposed rule change as described in Items I and II, below, which Items have been prepared by the self-regulatory organization. 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 Price List to modify the Supplemental Liquidity Provider (“SLP”) Provide Tier 1 credit for securities traded pursuant to United [sic] Trading Privileges (“UTP”). The Exchange proposes to implement these changes to its Price List effective April 1, 2019. The proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s website at [www.nyse.com](http://www.nyse.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 self-regulatory organization 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 those 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 amend its Price List to modify the SLP Provide Tier 1 credit for UTP securities.

The Exchange proposes to implement these changes to its Price List effective April 1, 2019.

###### Proposed Rule Change

Currently, the Exchange offers tiered rates for displayed and nondisplayed orders by SLPs that add liquidity to the Exchange in UTP Securities priced at or above \$1.00. Specifically, SLP Provide Tier 1 provides a \$0.0032 per share credit per tape in an assigned UTP Security for SLPs adding displayed liquidity to the Exchange if the SLP (1) adds liquidity for all assigned UTP Securities in the aggregate of an CADV of at least 0.10% for Tape B and 0.075% for Tape C, and (2) quotes on an average daily basis, [sic] calculated monthly, in excess of the 10% average quoting

requirement in 400 or more assigned UTP Securities in Tapes B and C combined pursuant to Rule 107B, and (3) meets the 10% average or more quoting requirement in an assigned UTP Security pursuant to Rule 107B.<sup>4</sup> For SLPs meeting these requirements, the Exchange proposes to lower the applicable credit to \$0.0031 per share credit per tape.

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The proposed changes are not otherwise intended to address any other issues, and the Exchange is not aware of any problems that member organizations would have in complying with the proposed change.

###### 2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,<sup>5</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Sections 6(b)(4) and 6(b)(5) of the Act,<sup>6</sup> in particular, because it provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among its members, issuers and other persons using its facilities and does not unfairly discriminate between customers, issuers, brokers or dealers.

The Exchange believes the proposed lower Tier 1 credit for SLPs adding displayed liquidity to the Exchange is reasonable, equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because the proposed credit remains in line with the credits the Exchange currently credits SLPs for adding displayed and non-displayed liquidity in Tape A securities.<sup>7</sup> The Exchange notes that SLPs qualifying for the Tier 1 Adding Credit in UTP securities in both Tapes B and C on the Pillar Trading Platform would also be eligible for a lower adding liquidity requirement of 0.75% for SLP Tier 1 in Tape A. The Exchange further notes that SLPs that currently meet Tier 1 in both Tape B and Tape C receive a credit of \$0.00005 per share in addition to the Tape A SLP credit in Tape A assigned securities where the SLP meets the 10% quoting requirement pursuant to Rule 107B.

The Exchange believes that it is subject to significant competitive forces, as described below in the Exchange’s

<sup>4</sup> SLP Provide Tier 1 also provides a \$0.0014 per share credit per tape for SLPs adding non-displayed liquidity to the Exchange, and a \$0.0025 per share credit for MPL Orders adding liquidity, in an assigned UTP Security if the SLP meets the 10% average or more quoting requirement in an assigned UTP Security pursuant to Rule 107B.

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

<sup>6</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4) & (5).

<sup>7</sup> See page 5 of the current NYSE Price List, available at [https://www.nyse.com/publicdocs/nyse/markets/nyse/NYSE\\_Price\\_List.pdf](https://www.nyse.com/publicdocs/nyse/markets/nyse/NYSE_Price_List.pdf).