

The Exchange believes the proposed rule change is also consistent with the Section 6(b)(7)¹¹ requirements that the rules of an exchange provide a fair procedure for the denial of membership to any person seeking membership therein and the prohibition or limitation by an exchange of any person with respect to access to services offered by the exchange.

Specifically, with respect to the proposed automatic termination provision when a Permit Holder does not have a required letter of guarantee or authorization for ninety consecutive days, the Exchange believes that that provision establishes a fair procedure because it strikes the appropriate balance between giving a deficient Permit Holder an adequate amount of time to cure the deficiency of not having a required letter of guarantee or authorization and allowing the Exchange to appropriately limit access to its marketplace only to those Permit Holders with a financial guarantee. Furthermore, the automatic termination provision does not prohibit or limit a previously terminated Permit Holder from seeking to gain access again to the Exchange by applying to become a Permit Holder subsequent to the termination if the Permit Holder is able to again acquire the required letter of guarantee and authorization.

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

C2 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 Exchange does not believe the proposed rule change will pose any burden on intramarket competition because it is applied to all TPHs equally as all will have the same requirements with respect to letters of guarantee. Additionally, the Exchange does not believe the proposed rule change will pose any burden on intermarket competition because the proposed rule change merely allows the Exchange to clarify and codify existing and well-established principles regarding activities permitted by Clearing Participants. Therefore, there would be no further impact on intermarket 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

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 Act¹² and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)¹³ 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-C2-2013-018 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Elizabeth M. Murphy, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-C2-2013-018. 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-C2-2013-018 and should be submitted on or before May 16, 2013.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁴

Elizabeth M. Murphy,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; NASDAQ OMX BX, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Relating to Routing Fees

April 18, 2013.

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 April 9, 2013, NASDAQ OMX BX, Inc. ("BX" 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.

¹⁴ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

¹¹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(7).

¹² 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

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

The Exchange proposes to amend Chapter XV, Section 2 entitled "BX Options Market—Fees and Rebates" to amend various fees for routing options to away markets.

While these amendments are effective upon filing, the Exchange has designated the proposed amendments to be operative on May 1, 2013.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's Web site at <http://nasdaqomxbx.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 the Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

The purpose of this filing is to recoup costs that the Exchange incurs for routing and executing certain orders in equity options to away markets. Today, the Exchange assesses Non-Customers a flat rate of \$0.95 per contract on all Non-Customer orders routed to any away market and the Exchange assesses Customer orders a fixed fee plus the actual transaction fee dependent on the away market. Specifically, the Exchange assesses Customer orders routed to The NASDAQ Options Market LLC ("NOM") and NASDAQ OMX PHLX LLC ("PHLX") [sic] a fixed fee of \$0.05 per contract in addition to the actual transaction fee assessed by the away market. The Exchange assesses Customer orders routed to all other away markets, except NOM and PHLX, a fixed fee of \$0.11 per contract in addition to the actual transaction fee assessed by the away market, unless the away market pays a rebate, then the Routing Fee is \$0.00.

The fixed fees are based on costs that are incurred by the Exchange when routing to an away market in addition to the away market's transaction fee. For example, the Exchange incurs a fee when it utilizes Nasdaq Options Services LLC ("NOS"), a member of the Exchange and the Exchange's exclusive order router,³ to route orders in options listed and open for trading to destination markets. Each time NOS routes to away markets NOS incurs a clearing-related cost⁴ and, in the case of certain exchanges, a transaction fee is also charged in certain symbols, which fees are passed through to the Exchange. The Exchange also incurs administrative and technical costs associated with operating NOS, membership fees at away markets, Options Regulatory Fees ("ORFs") and technical costs associated with routing options. For Customer orders, the transaction fee assessed by the Exchange is based on the away market's actual transaction fee or rebate for a particular market participant at the time that the order was entered into the Exchange's trading system. This transaction fee is calculated on an order-by-order basis for Customer orders, since different away markets charge different amounts. In the event that there is no transaction fee or rebate assessed by the away market, the only fee assessed is the fixed Routing Fee.

The Exchange is proposing to amend the Routing Fees to all other options exchanges, except NOM and PHLX, to increase the fixed fee from \$0.11 to \$0.15 per contract.⁵ The Exchange currently does not recoup all of its costs to route to away markets other than NOM and PHLX. As mentioned herein, the Exchange incurs costs when routing to away markets including away market transaction fees, ORFs, clearing fees, Section 31 related fees, connectivity and membership fees. The Exchange is not recouping its costs currently with the \$0.11 per contract fixed fee and proposes to increase the fixed fee to \$0.15 per contract.

2. Statutory Basis

BX believes that its proposal to amend its pricing is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act⁶ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(4) of the

³ See BX Rules at Chapter VI, Section 11(e) (Order Routing).

⁴ The Options Clearing Corporation ("OCC") assesses a clearing fee of \$0.01 per contract side. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 68025 (October 10, 2012), 77 FR 63398 (October 16, 2012) (SR-OCC-2012-18).

⁵ The Exchange is not proposing to amend Non-Customer Routing Fees or Routing Fees for Customer orders routed to NOM or PHLX.

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

Act,⁷ in particular, in that it is an equitable allocation of reasonable fees and other charges among its Participants.

The Exchange believes that amending the Customer Routing Fee to other away markets, other than NOM and PHLX, from a fixed fee of \$0.11 to \$0.15 per contract, in addition to the actual transaction fee, is reasonable because the proposed fixed fee for Customer orders is an approximation of the costs the Exchange will be charged for routing orders to away markets. For example, today, NYSE MKT LLC ("Amex") does not assess a Customer transaction fee.⁸ Today, the Exchange would therefore assess a Customer order that was routed to Amex an \$0.11 per contract Routing Fee. The Exchange's effective per contract expenses to route to Amex which include the ORF, OCC clearing charges, Section 31 related fees, connectivity and membership fees, are not covered by the \$0.11 per contract and are slightly higher than the \$0.15 per contract. As a general matter, the Exchange believes that the proposed fees will allow it to recoup and cover its costs of providing optional routing services for Customer orders because it better approximates the costs incurred by the Exchange for routing such orders. While, each destination market's transaction charge varies and there is a cost incurred by the Exchange when routing orders to away markets, including OCC clearing costs, administrative and technical costs associated with operating NOS, membership fees at away markets, ORFs and technical costs associated with routing options, the Exchange believes that the proposed Routing Fees will enable it to recover the costs it incurs to route Customer orders to away markets. Today, the Exchange is paying a higher average cost per contract to route Customer orders to away markets, other than NOM and PHLX.

The Exchange believes that the proposed pricing for Customer Routing Fees to all other away markets, except NOM and PHLX, is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because the Exchange would assess the same fixed fee when routing orders to an away market in addition to the away market transaction fee. The proposal would apply uniformly to all market participants when routing to an away market that pays a rebate. Market participants may submit orders to the Exchange as ineligible for routing or

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

⁸ See Amex's Fee Schedule.

“DNR” to avoid Routing Fees.⁹ It is important to note that when orders are routed to an away market they are routed based on price first.¹⁰

Further, the Exchange believes that it is reasonable to continue to not assess a Customer Routing Fee when routing to all other options exchanges, except NOM and PHLX, if the away market pays a rebate. The Exchange will continue to assess a fixed fee, which fee is being increased with this proposal, plus the actual transaction charge assessed by the away market when routing to all other options exchanges, except NOM and PHLX, unless the away market pays a rebate. The Exchange would continue to not assess a Routing Fee if the away market pays a rebate because the Exchange believes it is reasonable to retain the rebate to offset the Routing Fee. The Exchange believes that market participants will have more certainty as to the Customer Routing Fee that will be assessed by the Exchange by simply not assessing a Routing Fee for Customer orders routed to away markets, other than NOM and PHLX, that pay a rebate.

The Exchange believes that it is reasonable, equitable and not unfairly discriminatory to continue to assess Customer orders that are routed to NOM and PHLX a fixed fee of \$0.05 per contract and orders that are routed to other away markets, other than NOM and PHLX, a fixed fee of \$0.15 per contract because the cost, in terms of actual cash outlays, to the Exchange to route to NOM and PHLX is lower. For example, costs related to routing to PHLX are materially lower as compared to other away markets because NOS is utilized by all three exchanges to route orders.¹¹ NOS and the three NASDAQ OMX options markets have a common data center and staff that are responsible for the day-to-day operations of NOS. Because the three exchanges are in a common data center, Routing Fees are reduced because costly expenses related to, for example, telecommunication lines to obtain connectivity are avoided when routing orders in this instance. The costs related to connectivity to route orders to other NASDAQ OMX exchanges are de minimis. When routing orders to non-NASDAQ OMX exchanges, the Exchange incurs costly connectivity charges related to telecommunication lines and other related costs. The Exchange believes it is reasonable, equitable and not unfairly

discriminatory to pass along savings realized by leveraging NASDAQ OMX's infrastructure and scale to market participants when those orders are routed to BX Options.

Finally, the Exchange believes that it is reasonable, equitable and not unfairly discriminatory to assess different fees for Customers orders as compared to non-Customer orders because the Exchange has traditionally assessed lower fees to Customers as compared to non-Customers. Customers will continue to receive the lowest fees or no fees when routing orders, as is the case today. Other options exchanges also assess lower Routing Fees for customer orders as compared to non-customer orders.¹²

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 Exchange does not believe that the proposal creates a burden on intra-market competition because the Exchange is applying the same Routing Fees and credits to all market participants in the same manner dependent on the routing venue, with the exception of Customers. The Exchange will continue to assess separate Customer Routing Fees. Customers will continue to receive the lowest fees or no fees when routing orders, as is the case today. Other options exchanges also assess lower Routing Fees for customer orders as compared to non-customer orders.¹³

The Exchange's proposal would allow the Exchange to continue to recoup its costs when routing orders to away markets when such orders are designated as available for routing by the market participant. The Exchange continues to pass along savings realized by leveraging NASDAQ OMX's infrastructure and scale to market participants when those orders are routed to BX Options and is providing those savings to all market participants. Members and member organizations may choose to mark the order as ineligible for routing to avoid incurring these fees.¹⁴ Today, other options exchanges also assess fixed routing fees to recoup costs incurred by the

Exchange to route orders to away markets.¹⁵

The Exchange operates in a highly competitive market, comprised of eleven exchanges, in which market participants can easily and readily direct order flow to competing venues if they deem fee levels at a particular venue to be excessive. Accordingly, the fees that are assessed by the Exchange must remain competitive with fees charged by other venues and therefore must continue to be reasonable and equitably allocated to those members organizations that opt to direct orders to the Exchange rather than competing venues.

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

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act.¹⁶ 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 shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule should be approved or disapproved.

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- Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-BX-2013-030 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Elizabeth M. Murphy, Secretary,

⁹ See BX Rules at Chapter VI, Section 11(e) (Order Routing).

¹⁰ *Id.*

¹¹ See Chapter VI, Section 11 of the NASDAQ and BX Options Rules and PHLX Rule 1080(m)(iii)(A).

¹² BATS assesses lower customer routing fees as compared to non-customer routing fees per the away market. For example BATS assesses ISE customer routing fees of \$0.30 per contract and an ISE non-customer routing fee of \$0.57 per contract. See BATS BZX Exchange Fee Schedule.

¹³ *Id.*

¹⁴ See *supra* note 9.

¹⁵ See CBOE's Fees Schedule and ISE's Fee Schedule.

¹⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090.

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For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁷

Kevin M. O'Neill,
Deputy Secretary.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Request

The Social Security Administration (SSA) publishes a list of information collection packages requiring clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with Public Law 104-13, the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, effective October 1, 1995. This notice includes revisions of OMB-approved information collections.

SSA is soliciting comments on the accuracy of the agency's burden estimate; the need for the information; its practical utility; ways to enhance its quality, utility, and clarity; and ways to minimize burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Mail, email, or fax your comments and recommendations on the information collection(s) to the OMB Desk Officer and SSA Reports Clearance Officer at the following addresses or fax numbers. (OMB), Office of Management and Budget, Attn: Desk Officer for SSA, Fax: 202-395-6974, Email address: OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov. (SSA), Social Security Administration, DCRDP, Attn: Reports Clearance Director, 107 Altmeyer Building, 6401

Security Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21235, Fax: 410-966-2830, Email address: OR.Reports.Clearance@ssa.gov.

The information collections below are pending at SSA. SSA will submit them to OMB within 60 days from the date of this notice. To be sure we consider your comments, we must receive them no later than June 24, 2013. Individuals can obtain copies of the collection instruments by writing to the above email address.

1. Report to United States Social Security Administration by Person Receiving Benefits for a Child or for an Adult Unable to Handle Funds; Report to United States Social Security Administration—0960-0049. Section 203 (c) of the Social Security Act (Act) requires the Commissioner of SSA to make benefit deductions from the following categories: (1) Entitled individuals who engage in remunerative activity outside of the United States in excess of 45 hours a month and (2) beneficiaries who fail to have in their care the specified entitled child beneficiaries. SSA uses the information Form SSA-7161-OCR-SM and SSA-7162-OCR-SM provide to: (1) Determine continuing entitlement to Social Security benefits; (2) correct benefit amounts for beneficiaries outside the United States, and (3) monitor the performance of representative payees outside the United States. The respondents are individuals living outside the United States who are receiving benefits on their own (or for someone else) under title II of the Act.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

Modality of completion	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated total annual burden (hours)
SSA-7161-OCR-SM	43,000	1	15	10,750
SSA-7162-OCR-SM	364,000	1	5	30,333
Total	407,000	41,083

2. Cost Reimbursable Research Request—20 CFR 401.165—0960-0754.

Qualified researchers need SSA administrative data for a variety of projects. To request SSA's program data for research, we require the researcher to submit a completed research application, Form SSA-9901 (How to Request SSA Program Data for Research) for SSA's evaluation. In the application, the requesting researcher provides basic

project information and describes the way in which the proposed project will further SSA's mission to promote the economic security of the Nation's people through its administration of the Old Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance programs, or the Supplemental Security Income program. SSA reviews the application, and once we approve it, the researcher signs Form SSA-9903 (SSA Agreement Regarding

Conditions for Use of SSA Data), which outlines the conditions and safeguards for the research project data exchange. The researcher may only use the data for research and statistical purposes and we require them to complete Form SSA-9902 (Confidentiality Agreement). SSA recovers all expenses incurred in providing this information as part of this reimbursable service. The respondents are Federal and State

¹⁷ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).