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The self-regulatory organization must provide all required information, presented in a clear and comprehensible manner, to enable the public to provide meaningful comment on the proposal and for the Commission to determine whether the proposal is consistent with the Act and applicable rules and regulations under the Act.

**Exhibit 1 - Notice of Proposed Rule Change \***

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The Notice section of this Form 19b-4 must comply with the guidelines for publication in the Federal Register as well as any requirements for electronic filing as published by the Commission (if applicable). The Office of the Federal Register (OFR) offers guidance on Federal Register publication requirements in the Federal Register Document Drafting Handbook, October 1998 Revision. For example, all references to the federal securities laws must include the corresponding cite to the United States Code in a footnote. All references to SEC rules must include the corresponding cite to the Code of Federal Regulations in a footnote. All references to Securities Exchange Act Releases must include the release number, release date, Federal Register cite, Federal Register date, and corresponding file number (e.g., SR-[SRO]-xx-xx). A material failure to comply with these guidelines will result in the proposed rule change being deemed not properly filed. See also Rule 0-3 under the Act (17 CFR 240.0-3)

**Exhibit 1A- Notice of Proposed Rule Change, Security-Based Swap Submission, or Advance Notice by Clearing Agencies \***

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**Exhibit 2 - Notices, Written Comments, Transcripts, Other Communications**

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Copies of notices, written comments, transcripts, other communications. If such documents cannot be filed electronically in accordance with Instruction F, they shall be filed in accordance with Instruction G.

**Exhibit 3 - Form, Report, or Questionnaire**

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If the self-regulatory organization is amending only part of the text of a lengthy proposed rule change, it may, with the Commission's permission, file only those portions of the text of the proposed rule change in which changes are being made if the filing (i.e. partial amendment) is clearly understandable on its face. Such partial amendment shall be clearly identified and marked to show deletions and additions.

**Partial Amendment No. 1 to SR-Phlx-2015-94**

NASDAQ PHLX LLC (“Phlx” or “Exchange”) is filing this Partial Amendment No. 1 to SR-Phlx-2015-94 to make technical amendments regarding the pending 19b-4 proposal. SR-Phlx-2015-94 proposes to amend Phlx Rule 1079 to make permanent a pilot program that eliminates minimum value sizes for opening transactions in new series of FLEX Options (the “Pilot Program”).

- 1) The Exchange submitted as Exhibit 3 to the 19b-4 proposal a public report (“Report”) detailing the Exchange’s experience with the Pilot Program. Attached to this Partial Amendment is a supplement to the Report (“Supplement”).
- 2) The Exchange notes the following:
  - a. During the period December 2014 through December 2015, the 457 FLEX Equity Option transactions covered by the Pilot Program<sup>1</sup> accounted for approximately 6.3% of the total volume of all opening FLEX Equity Option transactions in new series (i.e., opening transactions covered by the Pilot Program as well as opening transactions with value sizes above the pre-Pilot Program minimum) and approximately 3.7% of the total value of all opening FLEX Equity Option transactions in new series. In addition, during the period December 2014 through December 2015, the 12 FLEX Index Option transactions covered by the Pilot Program<sup>2</sup> accounted for approximately 8.8% of the total volume of all opening FLEX Index Option transactions in new series and approximately 4.1% of the total value of all opening FLEX Index Option transactions in new series.
  - b. FLEX Option trading accounts for less than 1.37% of the Exchange’s combined trading volume for standardized options and FLEX Options.

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<sup>1</sup> 457 is the combined total from the Report covering Dec. 2014 through July 2015 and the Supplement covering Aug. 2015 through Dec. 2015.

<sup>2</sup> 12 is the combined total from the Report covering Dec. 2014 through July 2015 and the Supplement covering Aug. 2015 through Dec. 2015.

The proposal SR-Phlx-2015-94, as amended, remains consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act<sup>3</sup> in general and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act<sup>4</sup> in particular.

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<sup>3</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

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

**Philadelphia Stock Exchange  
FLEX Pilot Program Report Supplement**

This report regarding the FLEX pilot program of the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Inc. that eliminates minimum value sizes for FLEX index options and FLEX equity options (“Flex Pilot”) is compiled pursuant to the request of the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) for a report if an exchange desires to extend, expand, or seek permanent approval of its Flex Pilot (“Report”). Based on the Report as detailed below, the Exchange believes that there is clear support for the Commission to permanently approve the FLEX Pilot.

This Report details the PHLX’s experience with the FLEX trades, for the review period from August 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015 (the “Review Period”). During this Review Period, there have been 179 FLEX equity option trades; where the minimum size of an opening transaction of a FLEX trade was between 0 and 249 contracts-and the underlying value was less than \$1 million. In addition, there was 1 FLEX index option trades; where the underlying value was less than \$10 million.

***(1) Data and written analysis on the open interest and trading volume for  
FLEX equity options between 0 & 249 contracts and less than \$1 million in  
underlying value***

Volume of all FLEX trades with the parameters of the FLEX Program traded on  
PHLX

The total PHLX volume of all FLEX trades, between 0-249 contracts & less than \$1 million in underlying value during the Review Period was 17,484 contracts. There were 179 opening transactions during the Review Period. Of this amount, 4 trades were done by Retail customers, 16 were High Net Worth customers and 160 were Institutional clients.

Open Interest

Open interest during the Review Period, for the most part, has expired out due to the expiration date(s) of the FLEX options created. At current, there are 7,127 contracts of open interest in the FLEX options series that fall within this contract size and threshold range.

***(2) Data and written analysis on the open interest and trading volume for  
FLEX index options with a minimum opening size of less than \$10 million  
in underlying value***

Volume of all FLEX trades with the parameters of the FLEX Program traded on  
PHLX

The total PHLX volume of all FLEX index trades with less than \$10 million in underlying value during the Review Period was 100 contracts. There was 1 opening transaction during the Review Period. Of this amount, no trades were done by Retail customers, no trades by High Net Worth customers and 1 by an Institutional client.

### Open Interest

Open interest during the Review Period has expired out due to the expiration date(s) of the FLEX options created. At current, there are 0 contracts of open interest in the FLEX options series that fall within this threshold range.

### ***(3) Analysis on the types of investors who initiated FLEX opening transactions***

During the operation of the FLEX Pilot, a large majority of the FLEX opening transactions were done by firms that represent a significant amount of liquidity. These firms have accounts that encompass different lines of business. Certain firms, such as RBC Capital Markets Corporation and Deutsche Bank Securities, almost exclusively handle Institutional customers. Certain firms, such as Raymond James Financial, mostly represent High Net Worth (non-institutional) customers. Yet other firms, such as UBS Securities LLC, perform some combination of Retail, High Net Worth and Institutional business. Each of these multi-faceted firms has its own asset classification system indicating how a Retail customer differs from a High Net Worth and an Institutional customer.

The Exchange therefore established reasonable categorizations for the three different types of customers. Given that the average retail account does not exceed \$50,000, any FLEX trades that exceeded the value of such an account, that is, trades with an option premium greater than \$50,000, are considered to be trades for an Institutional customer. Trades with option premiums below \$50,000, on the other hand, represent either Retail or High Net Worth customers. Retail customers likely make trades that involve no more than 10% of the total retail account. We therefore surmised that trades with option premiums less than \$5,000 would be done by Retail customers, and trades with option premiums between \$5,000 and \$49,999 would be done by High Net Worth customers.

Applying these categories to the trades in this review period, we concluded that 85% of the trades were done by Institutional customers (where the option premiums exceed \$50,000), 11% were done by High Net Worth customers (where the option premiums are between \$5,000 and \$49,999), while 4% of the trades were done by Retail customers (where the option premiums are below \$5,000).

This is consistent with the categorizations that we established in previous FLEX pilot program Reports. We note that we have, in preparation of this Report, talked to numerous firms involved with FLEX options trading, and have not become aware of information that would cause us to modify our analysis.

***(4) Any additional information that would help to assess the operation of the Pilot Program***

The PHLX feels that the Report clearly shows the propriety of the Commission permanently approving the FLEX Pilot.