SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION


September 14, 2016.


Section 19(b)(2) of the Act 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 September 17, 2016. The Commission is extending this 45-day time period.

The Commission finds that it is 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 proposed rule change. Accordingly, the Commission, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act, designates November 14, 2016, 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 Number SR–NYSEArca–2016–100).

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.6

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; NASDAQ PHLX LLC; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change To Describe Changes to System Functionality Necessary To Implement the Tick Size Pilot Program

September 14, 2016.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”), and Rule 19b–4 thereunder, notice is hereby given that on September 7, 2016, NASDAQ PHLX LLC (“Phlx” 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 Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to adopt paragraph (d) and Commentary .12 to Exchange Rule 3317 to describe changes to System6 functionality necessary to implement the Regulation NMS Plan to Implement a Tick Size Pilot Program (“Plan”). The Exchange is also proposing amendments to Rule 3317(a) and (c) to clarify how the Trade-at exception may be satisfied.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s Web site at http://nasdaqphlx.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

On August 25, 2014, NYSE Group, Inc., on behalf of Bats BZX Exchange, Inc. (f/k/a BATS Exchange, Inc.), Bats BYX Exchange, Inc. (f/k/a BATS Y-Exchange, Inc.), Chicago Stock Exchange, Inc., EDGA Exchange, Inc., EDGX Exchange, Inc., the Exchange, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (“FINRA”), NASDAQ BX, Inc., The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC, New York Stock Exchange LLC, NYSE Arca, Inc., and the NYSE MKT LLC (collectively “Participants”), filed the Plan with the Commission pursuant to Section 11A of the Act and Rule 608 of Regulation NMS thereunder. The Participants filed the Plan to comply with an order issued by the Commission that display with attribution to PSX Participants’ MPIDs all Quotes and Displayed Orders on both the bid and offer side of the market for all price levels within the PSX Market, and that disseminate such additional information about Quotes, Orders, and transactions within PSX as shall be reflected in the PSX Rules. See Rule 3301(a).

2. Background

On May 6, 2015, 80 FR 27513 (May 13, 2015) ("Approval Order").
on June 24, 2014 (the “June 2014 Order”). The Plan was published for comment in the Federal Register on November 7, 2014, and approved by the Commission, as modified, on May 6, 2015.

The Plan is designed to allow the Commission, market participants, and the public to study and assess the impact of increment conventions on the liquidity and trading of the common stocks of small capitalization companies. The Commission plans to use the Tick Size Pilot Program to assess whether wider tick sizes enhance the market quality of Pilot Securities for the benefit of issuers and investors. Each Participant is required to comply with, and to enforce compliance by its members, as applicable, with the provisions of the Plan.

On October 9, 2015, the Operating Committee approved the Exchange’s proposed rules as model Participant rules that would require compliance by a Participant’s members with the provisions of the Plan, as applicable, and would establish written policies and procedures reasonably designed to comply with applicable quoting and trading requirements specified in the Plan. As described more fully below, the proposed rules would require members to comply with the Plan and provide for the widening of quoting and trading increments for Pilot Securities, consistent with the Plan.

The Plan will include stocks of companies with $3 billion or less in market capitalization, an average daily trading volume of one million shares or less, and a volume weighted average price of at least $2.00 for every trading day. The Plan will consist of a control group of approximately 1,400 Pilot Securities and three test groups with 400 Pilot Securities in each selected by a stratified sampling. During the pilot, Pilot Securities in the control group will be quoted at the current tick size increment of $0.01 per share and will trade at the currently permitted increments. Pilot Securities in the first test group (“Test Group One”) will be quoted in $0.05 minimum increments but will continue to trade at any price increment that is currently permitted. Pilot Securities in the second test group (“Test Group Two”) will be quoted in $0.05 minimum increments and will trade at $0.05 minimum increments subject to a midpoint exception, a retail investor exception, and a negotiated trade exception. Pilot Securities in the third test group (“Test Group Three”) will be subject to the same terms as Test Group Two and also will be subject to the “Trade-at” requirement to prevent price matching by a person not displaying at a price of a Trading Center’s “Best Protected Bid” or “Best Protected Offer,” unless an enumerated exception applies. In addition to the exceptions provided under Test Group Two, an exception for Block Size orders and exceptions that closely resemble those under Rule 611 of Regulation NMS will apply to the Trade-at requirement. The Plan also contains requirements for the collection and transmission of data to the Commission and the public. A variety of data generated during the Plan will be released publicly on an aggregated basis to assist in analyzing the impact of wider tick sizes on smaller capitalization stocks.

As noted above, the Plan requires the Exchange to establish, maintain, and enforce written policies and procedures that are reasonably designed to comply with the applicable quoting and trading requirements specified in the Plan. Accordingly, the Exchange adopted paragraph (c) of Rule 3317 to require members to comply with the quoting and trading provisions of the Plan. The Exchange also adopted paragraph (b) of Rule 3317 to require members to comply with the data collection provisions under Appendix B and C of the Plan. The Exchange is proposing to adopt paragraph (d) of Rule 3317 to describe the changes to System functionality necessary to implement the Plan and to amend certain rules under Rule 3317.

As discussed below, certain of these proposed changes are intended to reduce risk in the System by eliminating unnecessary complexity or by eliminating functionality that would serve no purpose or meaningful benefit to the market. The Exchange believes that all of the proposed changes are designed to directly comply with the Plan and to assist the Exchange in meeting its regulatory obligations thereunder.

Proposed System Changes

Proposed paragraph (d) of Rule 3317 would set forth the Exchange’s specific procedures for handling, executing, repricing, and displaying of certain Order Types and Order Attributes applicable to Pilot Securities. Unless otherwise indicated, paragraph (d) of Rule 3317 would apply to Order Types and Order Attributes in Test Groups One, Two, and Three and not to Pilot Securities included in the Control Group. The Exchange is proposing to adopt new Rule 3317(d)(1) to make it clear that it will not accept an Order in a Test Group Pilot Security that is not entered in the Pilot’s minimum price increment of $0.05, applied to all Order Types that require a price and do not otherwise qualify for an exemption to the $0.05 minimum price increment required by the Plan. The Exchange is also clarifying under new Rule 3317(d)(1) that it will use the $0.05 minimum price increment when the System reprice an Order, including when it rounds a derived price up or down. Although not required by the Plan nor prohibited, the Exchange has determined to apply the Trade-at-restrictions during the Pre-Market Hours and Post-Market Hours trading sessions, in addition to the regular

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8 Unless otherwise specified, capitalized terms used in this rule filing are based on the defined terms of the Plan.
10 See Tick Plan Approval Order, supra note 4. See also Securities Exchange Act Release No. 77277 (March 3, 2016), 81 FR 12162 (March 8, 2016) (File No. 4-657), which amended the Plan to add National Stock Exchange, Inc. as a Participant.
11 The Operating Committee is required under Section III(C)(2) of the Plan to “monitor the procedures established pursuant to the Plan and advise Participants with respect to any deficiencies, problems, or recommendations as the Operating Committee may deem appropriate.” The Operating Committee is also required to “establish specifications and procedures for the implementation and operation of the Plan that are consistent with the provisions of the Plan.”
12 See Section V of the Plan for identification of Pilot Securities, including criteria for selection and grouping.
13 See Section VII(B) of the Plan. Pilot Securities in Test Group One will be subject to a midpoint exception and a retail investor exception.
14 See Section VII(C) of the Plan.
15 See Section VII(D) of the Plan.
16 17 CFR 242.611.
17 See Section VII of the Plan.
19 An “Order Type” is a standardized set of instructions associated with an Order that defines how it will behave with respect to pricing, execution, and/or posting to the PSX Book when submitted to PSX. See Rule 3301(e).
20 An “Order Attribute” is a further set of variable instructions that may be associated with an Order to further define how it will behave with respect to pricing, execution, and/or posting to the PSX Book when submitted to PSX. The available Order Types and Order Attributes, and the Order Attributes that may be associated with particular Order Types, are described in Rules 3301A and 3301B. One or more Order Attributes may be assigned to a single Order; provided, however, that if the use of multiple Order Attributes would provide contradictory instructions to an Order, the System will reject the Order or remove non-conforming Order Attributes. Id.
21 As used in this proposal, the term “Market Hours” means the period of time beginning at 9:30 a.m. ET and ending at 4:00 p.m. ET (or such earlier time as may be designated by the Exchange on a day when PSX closes early). The term “System Hours” Continued
Market Hours trading session. The Exchange believes that applying the same process and requirements in Test Group Three Pilot Securities will simplify processing of Orders by the Exchange, avoiding market participant confusion that may be caused by applying only some of the Plan requirements and not others during the different market sessions.

In determining the scope of the proposed changes to implement the Plan, the Exchange carefully weighed the impact on the Plan, System complexity, and the usage of such Order Types and Order Attributes in Pilot Securities. The Exchange found that it can support nearly all Order Type and Order Attribute functionality; however, as described in detail below, it must amend such functionality in a handful of cases to address the requirements of the Plan. Thus, in addition to the changes of broad application discussed above, the Exchange is proposing the following select and discrete amendments to the operation of the Plan.

Order Types and Order Attributes, as discussed in detail below: (i) Price to Comply Orders; (ii) Non-Displayed Orders; (iii) Post-Only Orders; (iv) Market Maker Peg Orders; (v) Midpoint Peg Post-Only Order; (vi) Midpoint Pegging; (vii) Reserve Size; and (viii) Good-till-Cancelled.

The Exchange is also proposing to amend existing rules under Rule 3317 to clarify the operation of the Plan on the Exchange. Specifically, the Exchange is proposing to amend Rule 3317(a)(1)(D)(ii), which defines the term “Trade-at Intermarket Sweep Order,” and Rule 3317(c)(3)(D)(iii), which describes an exception to the Trade-at prohibition of the Plan involving the use of Trade-at Intermarket Sweep Orders, as described in detail below.

Lastly, the Exchange is proposing to adopt new Commentary .12 to Rule 3317 to describe what qualifies as a Block Order for purposes of the Trade-at exception under Rule 3317(c)(3)(D)(iii).

Price To Comply Orders

The Price To Comply Order is an Order Type designed to comply with Rule 610(d) under Regulation NMS by having its price and display characteristics adjusted to avoid the display of quotations that lock or cross any Protected Quotation in a System Security during Market Hours. The Price to Comply Order is also designed to provide potential price improvement. The System does not have a “plain vanilla” limit order that attempts to execute at its limit price and is then posted at its price or rejected if it cannot be posted; rather, the Price to Comply Order, with its price and display adjustment features, is one of the primary Order Types used by Participants to access and display liquidity in the System. The price and display adjustments of the Order Type enhance efficiency and investor protection by offering an Order Type that first attempts to access available liquidity and then to post the remainder of the Order at prices that are designed to maximize their opportunities for execution.

When a Price to Comply Order is entered by a market participant, the Price to Comply Order will be executed against previously posted Orders on the Exchange Book that are priced equal to or better than the price of the Price to Comply Order, up to the full amount of such previously posted Orders, unless such executions would trade through a Protected Quotation. Any portion of the Order that cannot be executed in this manner will be posted on the Exchange Book (and/or routed if it has been designated as Routable). During Market Hours, the price at which a Price to Comply Order is posted is determined in the following manner. If the entered limit price of the Price to Comply Order would lock or cross a Protected Quotation and the Price to Comply Order could not execute against an Order on the Exchange Book at a price equal to or better than the price of the Protected Quotation, the Price to Comply Order will be displayed on the Exchange Book at a price one minimum price increment below the current Best Offer (for a Price to Comply Order to buy) or to the current Best Bid (for a Price to Comply Order to sell). The posted Order will then be available for execution at its non-displayed price, thus providing opportunities for price improvement to incoming Orders.

A Price to Comply Order in a Test Group Pilot Security will operate as described in Rule 3301A(b)(1) except the Exchange is proposing to change how it handles a Price to Comply Order in a Test Group Three Pilot Security to ensure that it conforms with the Trade-at prohibition of the Plan. First, the Exchange is proposing that if the Exchange received a Price to Comply Order for a Test Group Three Pilot Security that locks or crosses a Protected Quotation of another market center, is partially executed upon entry, and the remainder of the Order would lock a Protected Quotation of another market center, the unexecuted portion of the Order will be cancelled. Second, if the limit price of a buy (sell) Price to Comply Order in a Test Group Three Pilot Security would lock or cross a Protected Quotation of another market center, and is not executable against any previously posted Orders on the Exchange Book, the Order will display at one minimum price increment below (above) the Protected Quotation, and the order will be added to the Exchange Book at the midpoint of the order’s displayed price and the National Best Offer (National Best Bid). Thus, the Order would avoid possible execution at a prohibited price, but potentially receive price improvement and be displayed at a permissible price away from the Protected Quotation. Due to the Trade-at requirement of Test Group Three Pilot Securities, the Exchange is also proposing to adjust such Orders repeatedly towards the limit price of the order in accordance with changes to the NBBO until such time as the Price to Comply Order is able to be ranked and displayed at its original entered limit price.

Non-Displayed Orders

A Non-Displayed Order is an Order Type that is not displayed to other

23 When the market is locked, the price and display logic for Orders that would lock or cross an away market is slightly different. Displayed Orders at the locking price will post at the locking price if there are other orders already posted on PSX at that price (i.e., PSX is part of the locked market). Otherwise, the order will post at one minimum price increment away from the locking price. Non-displayed Orders received when the market is locked will always post one minimum price increment away from the locking price.

24 The repricing of Price to Comply and Post-Only Orders in Test Group Three Pilot Securities described in this rule filing are not subject to the limitations on Order updates, as described in Rule 3306(a)(4).
The Exchange is proposing a change to how a Non-Displayed Order in a Test Group Three Pilot Security would be treated to comply with the Trade-at requirement. Currently, for a Non-Displayed Order that is entered through a RASH or FIX port, if, after being posted to the Exchange Book, the NBBO changes such that the Non-Displayed Order would cross a Protected Quotation, the Non-Displayed Order would be repriced at a price that would lock the new NBBO and receive a new timestamp. For a Non-Displayed Order entered through OUCH or FLITE, if, after the Non-Displayed Order is posted to the Exchange Book, the NBBO changes such that the Non-Displayed Order would cross a Protected Quotation, the Non-Displayed Order will be cancelled back to the Participant. The Exchange is proposing to trigger repricing of a Non-Displayed Order in a Test Group Three Pilot Security if the Order would lock or cross a Protected Quotation by posting the Order to the Exchange Book at either one minimum price increment below (above) the National Best Offer (National Best Bid) or at the midpoint of the NBBO, whichever is higher (lower). Thus, the Order is repriced to avoid execution at the Protected Quotation, but may also receive price improvement. If market conditions allow, a Non-Displayed Order in a Test Group Three Pilot Security will be adjusted repeatedly in accordance with changes to the NBBO up (down) to the Order’s limit price. For a Non-Displayed Order in a Test Group Three Pilot Security entered through OUCH or FLITE, if after being posted to the Exchange Book, the NBBO changes such that the Non-Displayed Order would no longer be executable at its posted price due to the requirements of Regulation NMS or the Plan, the Non-Displayed Order will be repriced to a price that is at either one minimum increment below (above) the National Best Offer (National Best Bid) or at the midpoint of the NBBO, whichever is higher (lower). Thus, the Order would avoid possible execution at a prohibited price, but potentially receive price improvement or post at a permissible price away from the Protected Quotation. After posting and if conditions allow, such an Order will be adjusted repeatedly in accordance with changes to the NBBO up (down) to the Order’s limit price.

Participants, but nevertheless remains available for potential execution against incoming Orders until executed in full or cancelled. In addition to the Non-Displayed Order Type, there are other Order Types that are not displayed on the Exchange Book. Thus, “Non-Display” is both a specific Order Type and an Order Attribute of certain other Order Types.

When a Non-Displayed Order is entered, the Non-Displayed Order will be executed against previously posted Orders on the Exchange Book that are priced equal to or better than the price of the Non-Displayed Order, up to the full amount of such previously posted Orders, unless such executions would trade through a Protected Quotation. Any portion of the Non-Displayed Order that cannot be executed in this manner will be posted to the Exchange Book (unless the Non-Displayed Order has a Time-in-Force of IOC) and/or routed if it has been designated as Routable.

During Market Hours, if the entered limit price of the Non-Displayed Order would lock a Protected Quotation, the Non-Displayed Order will be placed on the Exchange Book at the locking price. If the Non-Displayed Order would cross a Protected Quotation, the Non-Displayed Order will be repriced to a price that would lock the Protected Quotation and will be placed on the Exchange Book at that price.

To avoid possible execution of a Non-Displayed Order at the Protected Quote on the Exchange in a Test Group Three Pilot Security, the Exchange is proposing to not allow execution of a Non-Displayed Order in a Test Group Three Pilot Security at the price of a Protected Quotation unless the incoming Order otherwise qualifies for an exception to the Trade-at prohibition. If the limit price of a buy (sell) Non-Displayed Order in a Test Group Three security would lock or cross a Protected Quotation of another Market Center, the Order will be added to the Exchange Book at either one minimum price increment ($0.05) below (above) the National Best Offer (National Best Bid) or at the midpoint of the NBBO, whichever is higher (lower). Thus the Order would avoid possible execution at a prohibited price, but potentially receive price improvement or post at a permissible price away from the Protected Quotation. After posting and if conditions allow, such an Order will be adjusted repeatedly in accordance with changes to the NBBO up (down) to the Order’s limit price.

The repricing of Non-Displayed Orders in Test Group Three Pilot Securities in accordance with changes to the NBBO up (down) to the Order’s limit price are not subject to the limitations on Order Updates, as described in Rule 3306(a)(4).

Post-Only Orders

A Post-Only Order is an Order Type designed to have its price adjusted as needed to post to the Exchange Book in compliance with Rule 610(d) under Regulation NMS by avoiding the display of quotations that lock or cross any Protected Quotation in a System Security during Market Hours, or to execute against locking or crossing quotations in circumstances where economically beneficial to the Participant entering the Post-Only Order.

Post-Only Orders in Test Group Three Pilot Securities will operate as described under Rule 3301A(b)(4), however, the Exchange is proposing changes to the handling of a Post-Only Order in Test Group Three Pilot Securities to ensure that the Trade-at prohibition is enforced. Specifically, the Exchange is proposing to modify how a Post-Only Order in a Test Group Three Pilot Security is handled if it locks or crosses the Protected Quotation of another market center. If the limit price of a buy (sell) Post-Only Order in a Test Group Three Pilot Security would lock or cross a Protected Quotation of another market center.

Second, in Test Group Three Pilot Securities, if a Non-Displayed Order is posted at the midpoint and the NBBO moves such that its posted price is no longer a valid increment, the Order will be adjusted as described above. For example, if the NBBO is $10.00 and the NBO is $10.05 in a Test Group Three Pilot Security, and a Non-Displayed Order to buy 100 shares of the security with a limit price of $10.05 is received by the System, the Order would be repriced and posted at $10.025 (the midprice of the NBBO) to avoid locking the market. If subsequently the NBBO changes to $9.95 and the NBO to $10.05, then the Order would no longer be eligible for the midpoint exception to the Plan’s minimum price increment requirement and therefore would be adjusted and/or cancelled as described above. Third, in Test Group Three Pilot Securities, if the NBBO moves such that the Order’s posted price locks a protected quotation, it is no longer executable due to the Trade-at prohibition under the Plan and would be adjusted and/or cancelled as described above.

The repricing of Non-Displayed Orders in Test Group Three Pilot Securities in accordance with changes to the NBBO up (down) to the Order’s limit price.44

44 The repricing of Non-Displayed Orders in Test Group Three Pilot Securities in accordance with changes to the NBBO up (down) to the Order’s limit price.
center, the Order will display at one minimum price increment below (above) the Protected Quotation, and the Order will be added to the Exchange Book at the midpoint of the Order’s displayed price and the National Best Offer (National Best Bid). Thus the Order would avoid possible execution at a prohibited price, but potentially receive price improvement or post at a permissible price away from the Protected Quotation. Thereafter and if market conditions allow, the Post-Only Order will be adjusted repeatedly towards its limit price in accordance with changes to the NBBO or the best price on the Exchange Book, as applicable, until such time as the Post-Only Order is able to be ranked and displayed at its original entered limit price.36

Market Maker Peg Orders

A “Market Maker Peg Order” is an Order Type designed to allow a Market Maker to maintain a continuous two-sided quotation at a price that is compliant with the quotation requirements for Market Makers set forth in Rule 3213(a)(2).37 The price of the Market Maker Peg Order is set with reference to a “Reference Price” in order to keep the price of the Market Maker Peg Order within a bounded price range. A Market Maker Peg Order may be entered through RASH or FIX only. A Market Maker Peg Order must be entered with a limit price between which the Order may not be priced. The Reference Price for a Market Maker Peg Order to buy (sell) is the then-current Best Bid (Best Offer) (including PSX), or if no such Best Bid or Best Offer, the most recent reported last-sale eligible trade from the responsible single plan processor for that day, or if none, the previous closing price of the security as adjusted to reflect any corporate actions (e.g., dividends or stock splits) in the security.

Upon entry, the price of a Market Maker Peg Order to buy (sell) is automatically set by the System at the Designated Percentage (as defined in Rule 3213) away from the Reference Price in order to comply with the quotation requirements for Market Makers set forth in Rule 3213(a)(2). For example, if the Best Bid is $10 and the Designated Percentage for the security is 8%, the price of a Market Maker Peg Order to buy would be $9.20. If the limit price of the Order is not within the Designated Percentage, the Order will be sent back to the Participant.

Once a Market Maker Peg Order has posted to the Exchange Book, its price is adjusted if needed as the Reference Price changes. Specifically, if as a result of a change to the Reference Price, the difference between the price of the Market Maker Peg Order and the Reference Price reaches the Defined Limit (as defined in Rule 3213), the price of a Market Maker Peg Order to buy (sell) will be adjusted to the Designated Percentage away from the Reference Price. In the foregoing example, if the Defined Limit is 9.5% and the Best Bid increased to $10.17, such that the price of the Market Maker Peg Order would be more than 9.5% away, the Order will be repriced to $9.35, or 8% away from the Best Bid. Note that calculated prices of less than the minimum increment will be rounded in a manner that ensures that the posted price will be set at a level that complies with the percentages stipulated by this rule. If the limit price of the Order is outside the Defined Limit, the Order will be sent back to the Participant.

Similarly, if as a result of a change to the Reference Price, the price of a Market Maker Peg Order to buy (sell) is within one minimum price variation more than (less than) a price that is 4% less than (more than) the Reference Price, rounded up (down), then the price of the Market Maker Peg Order to buy (sell) will be adjusted to the Designated Percentage away from the Reference Price. For example, if the Best Bid is $10 and the Designated Percentage for the security is 8%, the price of a Market Maker Peg Order to buy would initially be $9.20. If the Best Bid then moved to $9.57, such that the price of the Market Maker Peg Order would be a minimum of $0.01 more than a price that is 4% less than the Best Bid, rounded up (i.e., $9.57 – ($9.57 × 0.04) = $9.1872, rounding up to $9.19), the Order will be repriced to $8.81, or 8% away from the Best Bid.

A Market Maker may enter a Market Maker Peg Order with a more aggressive offset than the Designated Percentage, but such an offset will be expressed as a price difference from the Reference Price. Such a Market Maker Peg Order will be repriced in the same manner as a Price to Display Order with Attribution and Primary Pegging. As a result of this, the price of the Order will be adjusted whenever the price to which the Order is pegged is changed.

A new timestamp is created for a Market Maker Peg Order each time that its price is adjusted. In the absence of a Reference Price, a Market Maker Peg Order will be cancelled or rejected. If, after entry, a Market Maker Peg Order is priced based on a Reference Price other than the NBBO and such Market Maker Peg Order is established as the Best Bid or Best Offer, the Market Maker Peg Order will not be subsequently adjusted in accordance with this rule until a new Reference Price is established.

In light of the minimum price increment requirement of the Plan, the Exchange is proposing to require the displayed price of a Market Maker Peg Order in a Test Group One, Two or Three Pilot Security to be rounded up (down) to the nearest minimum price increment for bids (offers), if it would otherwise display at an increment smaller than minimum price increment. For example, if the NBB is $10.05 and the NBO is $10.15, and the Designated Percentage is 28%, the displayed price of a Market Maker Peg Order to buy 100 shares of a Test Group Pilot Security would be $7.25 (i.e., $10.05 – ($10.05 × 0.28) = $7.236, rounded up to $7.25). Using the same market, but with a Market Maker Peg Order to sell 100 shares, the Order would be displayed at $12.95 (i.e., $10.15 + ($10.15 × 0.28) = $12.992, rounded down to $12.95).

Thus, the rounding done to derive the price of the Market Maker Peg Order in a Test Group Pilot Security will conform to the minimum price increment requirement of the Plan.

As a consequence of conforming the Market Maker Peg Order to the minimum price increment of the Plan, a Market Maker Peg Order may have a higher likelihood of execution, particularly in lower priced securities. For example, if a member entered a Market Maker Peg Order to buy 100 shares of a Test Group Pilot Security with a limit price of $1.70 when the NBB is $1.60 and the NBO is $1.65, if the security is a Tier 2 security, the Order would be pegged at 28% from the NBB, which is $1.20 ($1.60 × 0.28 = $1.152 which rounds up to $1.20). If the market subsequently moves downward to a NBB of $1.20 and NBO of $1.30, the buy Market Maker Peg Order would not reprice because it had not reached one minimum price increment more than a price that is 4% less than the NBB (i.e., $1.20 × .96 = $1.152, which rounds up to $1.20 and which is not greater than the NBB + $0.05). Thus, the Market Maker Peg Order may receive an execution prior to reaching a point at which it would reprice, a decreased likelihood of execution of Market Maker Peg Orders would occur in any Order in

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36 As discussed above, repricing of Price to Comply and Post-Only Orders in Test Group Three Pilot Securities described in this rule filing are not subject to the limitations on Order updates, as described in supra note 33.
37 As with other Order Types, the Market Maker Peg Order must be an Order either to buy or to sell; thus, at least two Orders would be required to maintain a two-sided quotation.
a Test Group Pilot Security with a price less than $1.25.

Midpoint Peg Post-Only Orders

A “Midpoint Peg Post-Only Order” is an Order Type with a Non-Display Order Attribute that is priced at the midpoint between the NBBO and that will execute upon entry against locking or crossing quotes only in circumstances where economically beneficial to the party entering the Order. Because the Order is priced at the midpoint, it can provide price improvement to incoming Orders when it is executed after posting to the Exchange Book. The Midpoint Peg Post-Only Order is available during Market Hours only.

The Plan allows Orders in Test Group Pilot Securities priced to execute at the midpoint of the NBBO to be ranked and accepted in increments less than the Plan’s minimum price increment of $0.05. Thus, the Exchange is proposing to make it clear that Midpoint Peg Post-Only Orders in any of the Test Group Pilot Securities may execute in an increment other than the minimum price increment of the Plan.

Midpoint Pegging

Pegging is an Order Attribute that allows an Order to have its price automatically set with reference to the NBBO. An Order with a Pegging Order Attribute may be referred to as a “Pegged Order.” Midpoint Pegging means Pegging with reference to the midpoint between the Inside Bid and the Inside Offer (the “Midpoint”). Thus, if the Inside Bid was $10.50 and the Inside Offer was $11.06, an Order with Midpoint Pegging would be priced at $11.03. An Order with Midpoint Pegging is not displayed. An Order with Midpoint Pegging may be executed in sub-pennies if necessary to obtain a midpoint price.

As discussed above, the Plan allows Orders in Test Group Pilot Securities priced to execute at the midpoint of the NBBO to be ranked and accepted in increments less than the Plan’s minimum price increment of $0.05. Thus, the Exchange is proposing to make it clear that an Order in a Test Group Pilot Security with Midpoint Pegging may execute in an increment other than the minimum price increment of the Plan.

Reserve Size

Reserve Size is an Order Attribute that permits a Participant to stipulate that an Order Type that is displayed may have its displayed size replenished from additional non-displayed size. An Order with Reserve Size may be referred to as a “Reserve Order.” At the time of entry, the displayed size of such an Order selected by the Participant must be one or more normal units of trading; an Order with a displayed size of a mixed lot will be rounded down to the nearest round lot. A Reserve Order with displayed size of an odd lot will be accepted but with the full size of the Order displayed. Reserve Size is not available for Orders that are not displayed; provided, however, that if a Participant enters Reserve Size for a Non-Displayed Order with a Time-in-Force of IOC, the full size of the Order, including Reserve Size, will be processed as a Non-Displayed Order.

Whenever a Participant enters an Order with Reserve Size, PSX will process the Order as two Orders: A Displayed Order (with the characteristics of its selected Order Type) and a Non-Displayed Order. Upon entry, the full size of each such Order will be processed for potential execution in accordance with the parameters applicable to the Order Type. For example, a Participant might enter a Price to Display Order with 200 shares displayed and an additional 3,000 shares non-displayed. Upon entry, the Order would attempt to execute against available liquidity on the Exchange Book, up to 3,200 shares. Thereafter, unexecuted portions of the Order would post to the Exchange Book as a Price to Display Order and a Non-Displayed Order; provided, however, that if the remaining total size is less than the display size stipulated by the Participant, the Displayed Order will post without Reserve Size. Thus, if 3,050 shares executed upon entry, the Price to Display Order would post with a size of 150 shares and no Reserve Size.

When an Order with Reserve Size is posted, if there is an execution against the Displayed Order that causes its size to decrease below a normal unit of trading, another Displayed Order will be entered at the level stipulated by the Participant while the size of the Non-Displayed Order will be reduced by the same amount. Any remaining size of the original Displayed Order will remain on the Exchange Book. The new Displayed Order will receive a new timestamp, but the Non-Displayed Order (and the original Displayed Order, if any) will not; although the new Displayed Order will be processed by the System as a new Order in most respects at that time, if it was designated as Routable, the System will not automatically route it upon reentry. For example, if a Price to Comply Order with Reserve Size posted with a Displayed Size of 200 shares, along with a Non-Displayed Order of 3,000 and the 150 shares of the Displayed Order was executed, the remaining 50 shares of the original Price to Comply Order would remain, a new Price to Comply Order would post with a size of 200 shares and a new timestamp, and the Non-Displayed Order would be decremented to 2,800 shares. Because a new Displayed Order is entered and the Non-Displayed Order is not reentered, there are circumstances in which the Displayed Order may receive a different price than the Non-Displayed Order. For example, if, upon reentry, a Price to Display Order would lock or cross a newly posted Protected Quotation, the price of the Order will be adjusted but its associated Non-Displayed Order would not be adjusted. In that circumstance, it would be possible for the better priced Non-Displayed Order to execute prior to the Price to Display Order.

When the Displayed Order with Reserve Size is executed and replenished, applicable market data disseminated by the Exchange will show the execution and decrementation of the Displayed Order, followed by reprocessing of the Non-Displayed Order. In all cases, if the remaining size of the Non-Displayed Order is less than the fixed or random amount stipulated by the Participant, the full remaining size of the Non-Displayed Order will be displayed and the Non-Displayed Order will be removed.

The Exchange is proposing to not allow a resting order in a Test Group Three Pilot Security with a Reserve Size to execute the non-displayed Reserve Size at the price of a Protected Quotation of another market center unless the incoming order otherwise qualifies for an exception to the Trade-at-prohibition provided under Rule 3317(c)(3)(D). If the Exchange received a Reserve Order for a Test Group Three Pilot Security that locks or crosses a Protected Quotation of another market center, is partially executed upon entry, and the remainder of the Order would lock a Protected Quotation of another market center, the unexecuted portion of the Order will be cancelled. If the limit price of a buy (sell) Reserve Order in a Test Group Three Pilot Security that is not attributable would lock or cross a Protected Quotation of another market center, and is not executable against any previously posted Orders on the Exchange Book, the displayed portion of the Order will display at one minimum price increment below (above) the Protected Quotation, and the Order will be added to the Exchange Book at the midpoint of the Order’s displayed price and the National Best Offer (National Best Bid). Thus, the Order would avoid possible execution at a prohibited price, but potentially receive price...
improvement and be displayed at a permissible price away from the Protected Quotation. If the limit price of a buy (sell) Reserve Order in a Test Group Three Pilot Security that is attributable would lock or cross a Protected Quotation of another market center, and is not executable against any previously posted Orders on the Exchange Book, the displayed portion of the Order will be adjusted and displayed at one minimum price increment below (above) the Protected Quotation, and the non-displayed Reserve Size will be added to the Exchange Book at the midpoint of the Order’s displayed price and the National Best Offer (National Best Bid). If after being posted to the Exchange Book, the NBBO changes so that the Reserve Order, if it is not attributable, would lock or cross a Protected Quotation, the displayed portion of the Reserve Order will display one minimum price increment below (above) the Protected Quotation, and the Order will be repriced to the midpoint of the Order’s displayed price and the National Best Offer (National Best Bid).38 If after being posted to the Exchange Book, the NBBO changes so that the Reserve Order in a Test Group Three Pilot Security, if it is attributable, would no longer be executable at its posted price due to the requirements of Regulation NMS or the Plan, the displayed portion of the Reserve Order will be adjusted and display one minimum price increment below (above) the Protected Quotation, and the non-displayed Reserve Size will be repriced to the midpoint of the Order’s displayed price and the National Best Offer (National Best Bid).38

Rule 3311(b) sets forth the circumstances and method by which an Order designated as Good-till-Cancelled is adjusted. The Exchange is making it clear that an order in a Test Group Pilot Security with a Good-till-Cancelled Time-in-Force that is adjusted pursuant to Rule 3311(b) will be adjusted based on a $0.05 increment.

Rule 3317(a) and (c) Changes

Rule 3317(a) provides definitions of terms used under the Rule. Rule 3317(a) defines the term “Trade-at Intermarket Sweep Order” as “a limit order for a Pilot Security that meets the following requirements: (i) When routed to a Trading Center, the limit order is identified as a Trade-at Intermarket Sweep Order; and (ii) Simultaneously with the routing of the limit order identified as a Trade-at Intermarket Sweep Order, one or more additional limit orders, as necessary, are routed to execute against the full size of any protected bid, in the case of a limit order to sell, or the full displayed size of any protected offer, in the case of a limit order to buy, for the Pilot Security with a price that is better than or equal to the limit price of the limit order identified as a Trade-at Intermarket Sweep Order. These additional routed orders also must be marked as Trade-at Intermarket Sweep Orders.” Rule 3317(c)(3)(D)(iii)j provides an exception to the Trade-at prohibition, requiring that, to satisfy the exception, the order is executed by a Trading Center that simultaneously routed Trade-at Intermarket Sweep Orders or Intermarket Sweep Orders to execute against the full displayed size of the Protected Quotation that was traded at.

The Exchange is proposing to amend paragraph (ii) of Rule 3317(a) and Rule 3317(c)(3)(D)(iii)j, to allow the Exchange to use Intermarket Sweep Orders in lieu of Trade-at Intermarket Sweep Orders, when it is in receipt of an Order from a member that would trade through a protected price on another market. An Intermarket Sweep Order or “ISO” is an Order Attribute that allows the Order to be executed within PSX by Participants at multiple price levels without respect to Protected Quotations of other market centers within the meaning of Rule 600(b) under Regulation NMS. ISOs are immediately executable within PSX against Orders against which they are marketable.

For purposes of the Exchange’s satisfaction of the Trade-at Intermarket Sweep Order exception to the Trade-at prohibition of Test Group Three Pilot Securities, the ISO Order will operate functionally identically to the use of a Trade-at Intermarket Sweep Order. Intermarket Sweep Orders are sent by the exchange to execute against displayed size represented in away market centers’ Protected Quotations and thus provide the same function as a Trade-at Intermarket Sweep Order because either order type would execute against the displayed portion of the away market centers’ liquidity. The Exchange’s routing broker is currently programmed to accept and route ISO Orders and adding an additional functionality to support routing of Trade-at Intermarket Sweep Orders would add complexity to the process with no functional benefit. Accordingly, the Exchange is proposing to use ISOs when routing Orders to satisfy the exception to the Trade-at prohibition.

New Commentary.12

The Exchange is proposing to adopt a new Commentary.12 to Rule 3317 to clarify what qualifies as a Block Order for purposes of the Block Size exception to the Trade-at prohibition. Rule 3317(c)(3)(D)(iii)j provides an exception to the Trade-at prohibition for an Order that is of Block Size at the time of origin and is not an aggregation of non-block Orders, broken into Orders smaller than Block Size prior to submitting the Order to a Trading Center for execution, or is executed on multiple Trading Centers. The Plan defines Block Size as an Order of at least 5,000 shares or for a quantity of stock having a market value of at least $100,000. The Exchange has assessed the technological complexity and effort required to change the System to identify the market value of a quantity of stock and found that it would be exceedingly burdensome and complex without any clear benefit to the Exchange, its members, and the marketplace as a whole. As a consequence, the Exchange is proposing to only allow Orders that have a minimum size of 5,000 shares to qualify as Block Size for purposes of the exception provided by Rule 3317(c)(3)(D)(iii)j and will only execute if the execution in aggregate is at least 5,000 shares.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act, in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act, in particular, in that it is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market.

38 Both a Price to Comply Order and a Price to Display Order with a Reserve Attribute would be repriced pursuant to Reserve Order process described in proposed Rule 3317(d)(b). A Price to Display Order is an Order Type designed to comply with Rule 610(d) under Regulation NMS by avoiding the display of quotations that lock or cross any Protected Quotation in a System Security during Market Hours, and are available solely to Participants that are Market Makers. See Rule 3301A(b)(2).


and a national market system, and, in
general, to protect investors and the
public interest. The Exchange believes
that the proposed rule change is
consistent with the Act because it
allows the Exchange to make changes to
its handling of Order Types and Order
Attributes necessary to implement the
requirements of the Plan on its System.
The Plan, which was approved by the
Commission pursuant to an order issued
by the Commission in reliance on
Section 11A of the Act,41 provides the
Exchange authority to establish,
maintain, and enforce written policies
and procedures that are reasonably
designed to comply with applicable
quoting and trading requirements
specified in the Plan. The Exchange
believes that the proposed rule change
is consistent with the authority granted
to it by the Plan to establish
specifications and procedures for the
implementation and operation of the
Plan that are consistent with the
provisions of the Plan. Likewise, the
Exchange believes that the proposed
rule change provides interpretations of
the Plan that are consistent with the
Act, in general, and furthers the
objectives of the Act, in particular.
The Exchange is a Participant under
the Plan and is subject to the Plan’s
provisions. The proposed rule change
ensures that the Exchange’s systems
would not display or execute trading
interests outside the requirements
specified in such Plan, which otherwise
may occur given existing System
functionality. The proposal would also
help allow market participants to
continue to trade NMS Stocks, within
quoting and trading requirements that
are in compliance with the Plan, with
certainty on how certain orders and
trading interests would be treated. This,
in turn, will help encourage market
participants to continue to provide
liquidity in the marketplace.

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. The
proposed changes are being made to
establish, maintain, and enforce written
policies and procedures that are
reasonably designed to comply with the
trading and quoting requirements
specified in the Plan, of which other
equities exchanges are also Participants.
Other competing national securities
exchanges are subject to the same
trading and quoting requirements
specified in the Plan, and must take the
same steps that the Exchange has to
conform its existing rules to the
requirements of the Plan. Therefore, the
proposed changes would not impose
any burden on competition, while
providing certainty of treatment and
execution of trading interests on the
Exchange to market participants in NMS
Stocks that are acting in compliance
with the requirements specified in the
Plan.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization’s
Statement on Burden on Competition

No written comments were either
solicited or received.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the
Proposed Rule Change and Timing for
Commission Action

Within 45 days of the date of
publication of this notice in the Federal
Register or within such longer period (i)
as the Commission may designate up to
90 days of such date if it finds such
longer period to be appropriate and
publishes its reasons for so finding or
(ii) as to which the Exchange consents,
the Commission shall: (a) By order
approve or disapprove such proposed
rule change, or (b) institute proceedings
to determine whether the proposed rule
change should be 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–
  Phlx–2016–92 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–Phlx–2016–92. 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–Phlx–
  2016–92, and should be submitted on or
  before October 4, 2016.

For the Commission, by the Division of
Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated
authority.42

Robert W. Errett,
Deputy Secretary.

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Extension:
Notice of Exempt Preliminary Roll-Up
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Notice is hereby given that, pursuant
to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995
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and Exchange Commission
(“Commission”) has submitted to the
Office of Management and Budget this
request for extension of the previously
approved collection of information
discussed below.

Rule 14a–6(n) [17 CFR 240.14a–6(n)]
under the Securities Exchange Act of
1934 (“Exchange Act”) (U.S.C. 78a et
seq.) requires any person that engages in
a proxy solicitation is subject to