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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ana Paunoiu, 202-606-2858, or email *pay-leave-policy@opm.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This meeting is open to the public, with an audio option for listening. This notice sets forth the agenda for the meeting and the participation guidelines.

*Meeting Agenda.* The tentative agenda for this meeting includes the following Federal Wage System items:

- The definition of Monroe County, PA
- The definition of San Joaquin County, CA
- The definition of the Salinas-Monterey, CA, wage area
- The definition of the Puerto Rico wage area
- Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee Annual Summary for 2020

*Public Participation:* The April 21, 2022, meeting of the Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee is open to the public through advance registration. Public participation is available for the meeting. All individuals who plan to attend the virtual public meeting to listen must register by sending an email to *pay-leave-policy@opm.gov* with the subject line "April 21 FPRAC Meeting" no later than Tuesday, April 19, 2022.

The following information must be provided when registering:

- Name.
- Agency and duty station.
- Email address.
- Your topic of interest.

Members of the press, in addition to registering for this event, must also RSVP to *media@opm.gov* by April 19, 2022.

A confirmation email will be sent upon receipt of the registration. Audio teleconference information for participation will be sent to registrants the morning of the virtual meeting.

Office of Personnel Management.

**Alexys Stanley,**

*Regulatory Affairs Analyst.*

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## POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. MC2022-48 and CP2022-53]

### New Postal Products

**AGENCY:** Postal Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission is noticing recent Postal Service filings for the Commission's consideration concerning a negotiated service agreement. This

notice informs the public of the filings, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

**DATES:** *Comments are due:* April 5, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments electronically via the Commission's Filing Online system at *http://www.prc.gov*. Those who cannot submit comments electronically should contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section by telephone for advice on filing alternatives.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David A. Trissell, General Counsel, at 202-789-6820.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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#### I. Introduction

The Commission gives notice that the Postal Service filed request(s) for the Commission to consider matters related to negotiated service agreement(s). The request(s) may propose the addition or removal of a negotiated service agreement from the market dominant or the competitive product list, or the modification of an existing product currently appearing on the market dominant or the competitive product list.

Section II identifies the docket number(s) associated with each Postal Service request, the title of each Postal Service request, the request's acceptance date, and the authority cited by the Postal Service for each request. For each request, the Commission appoints an officer of the Commission to represent the interests of the general public in the proceeding, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505 (Public Representative). Section II also establishes comment deadline(s) pertaining to each request.

The public portions of the Postal Service's request(s) can be accessed via the Commission's website (*http://www.prc.gov*). Non-public portions of the Postal Service's request(s), if any, can be accessed through compliance with the requirements of 39 CFR 3011.301.<sup>1</sup>

The Commission invites comments on whether the Postal Service's request(s) in the captioned docket(s) are consistent with the policies of title 39. For request(s) that the Postal Service states concern market dominant product(s),

<sup>1</sup> See Docket No. RM2018-3, Order Adopting Final Rules Relating to Non-Public Information, June 27, 2018, Attachment A at 19-22 (Order No. 4679).

applicable statutory and regulatory requirements include 39 U.S.C. 3622, 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR part 3030, and 39 CFR part 3040, subpart B. For request(s) that the Postal Service states concern competitive product(s), applicable statutory and regulatory requirements include 39 U.S.C. 3632, 39 U.S.C. 3633, 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR part 3035, and 39 CFR part 3040, subpart B. Comment deadline(s) for each request appear in section II.

#### II. Docketed Proceeding(s)

1. *Docket No(s):* MC2022-48 and CP2022-53; *Filing Title:* USPS Request to Add Priority Mail & First-Class Package Service Contract 216 to Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date:* March 28, 2022; *Filing Authority:* 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3040.130 through 3040.135, and 39 CFR 3035.105; *Public Representative:* Jennaca D. Upperman; *Comments Due:* April 5, 2022.

This Notice will be published in the **Federal Register**.

**Erica A. Barker,**

*Secretary.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-94533; File No. SR-Phlx-2022-13]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; Nasdaq PHLX LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Amend the Implementation Date Related to the Launch of Options on the Nasdaq-100 Volatility Index

March 28, 2022.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on March 15, 2022, Nasdaq PHLX LLC ("Phlx" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

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

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

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

The Exchange proposes to amend the implementation date related to the launch of options on the Nasdaq-100<sup>®</sup> Volatility Index.

## II. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, the Exchange included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

### A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

#### 1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to amend the implementation date related to the launch of options on the Nasdaq-100<sup>®</sup> Volatility Index ("VOLQ"). In 2021, Phlx received approval<sup>3</sup> to list and trade options on VOLQ. Phlx subsequently received approval<sup>4</sup> in 2021 to amend the calculation of its final settlement price for options on VOLQ. When Phlx amended the calculation of its final settlement price for options on VOLQ, it also amended its implementation date to "on or before March 31, 2022." At this time the Exchange proposes to delay the launch of VOLQ to "on or before June 30, 2022." The Exchange proposes the additional time to ensure market readiness and to allow a third-party vendor additional time to test before launch. The Exchange will issue an Options Trader Alert announcing the day it will list options on VOLQ on Phlx

<sup>3</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 91781 (May 5, 2021), 86 FR 25918 (May 11, 2021) (SR-Phlx-2020-41) (Notice of Filing of Amendment Nos. 1 and 2 and Order Granting Accelerated Approval of a Proposed Rule Change, as Modified by Amendment Nos. 1 and 2, To List and Trade Options on a Nasdaq-100 Volatility Index).

<sup>4</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 93628 (November 19, 2021), 86 FR 67555 (November 26, 2021) (SR-Phlx-2021-56) (Order Approving a Proposed Rule Change To Amend Options 4A, Section 12 Regarding the Calculation of the Closing Volume Weighted Average Price for Options on the Nasdaq-100 Volatility Index in Certain Circumstances).

at least thirty days prior to the launch date.

#### Background

VOLQ is a new options index product that would enable retail and institutional investors to manage volatility versus price risk. This index will measure "at-the-money" volatility, a precise measure of volatility used by investors. Unlike other indexes, this proposed novel product isolates at-the-money volatility for precise trading and hedging strategies. This product will provide investors information on volatility index returns by allowing them to observe increases and decreases of the Volatility Index. Specifically, VOLQ options will measure changes in 30-day implied volatility of the Nasdaq-100 Index (commonly known as and referred to by its ticker symbol, NDX). Options on the Volatility Index will be cash-settled and will have European-style exercise provisions.

#### 2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,<sup>5</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,<sup>6</sup> in particular, in that it is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, 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, by delaying the launch of options on VOLQ from "on or before March 31, 2022" to "on or before June 30, 2022." This delay will provide additional time to ensure market readiness and to allow a third-party vendor additional time to test before launch, thereby ensuring a successful launch of this new product.

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

This proposed rule change does not impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The Exchange's proposal to delay the launch of options on VOLQ does not impose an undue burden on competition. Delaying the launch from "on or before March 31, 2022" to "on or before June 30, 2022" will provide Phlx additional time to ensure market readiness as well as allow a third-party vendor additional time to test before launch. The Exchange will issue an Options Trader Alert announcing the day it will list options on VOLQ on Phlx

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

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

at least thirty days prior to the launch date.

### 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

Because the foregoing proposed rule change does not: (i) Significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) 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)(iii) of the Act<sup>7</sup> and subparagraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.<sup>8</sup>

A proposed rule change filed under Rule 19b-4(f)(6)<sup>9</sup> normally does not become operative prior to 30 days after the date of the filing. However, pursuant to Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii),<sup>10</sup> the Commission may designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Exchange has asked the Commission to waive the 30-day operative delay. Waiver of the operative delay would allow the Exchange to immediately delay the launch of options on VOLQ, which would provide additional time to ensure market readiness and allow a third-party vendor additional time to test before launch. The Commission believes that waiver of the 30-day operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. Accordingly, the Commission hereby waives the operative delay and designates the proposed rule change operative upon filing.<sup>11</sup>

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such

<sup>7</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

<sup>8</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). In addition, Rule 19b-4(f)(6) requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The Exchange has satisfied this requirement.

<sup>9</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

<sup>10</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

<sup>11</sup> For purposes only of waiving the 30-day operative delay, the Commission has also considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

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.

#### 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-Phlx-2022-13 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-2022-13. This file number should be included on the subject line if email is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's internet website (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549 on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change. Persons submitting comments are cautioned that we do not redact or edit personal identifying information from comment submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File

Number SR-Phlx-2022-13 and should be submitted on or before April 22, 2022.

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

**J. Matthew DeLesDernier**,  
*Assistant Secretary*.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-94528; File No. SR-CboeBZX-2022-022]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Amend Its Rules Relating to the Continuing Education for Registered Persons and Move Those Rules From Interpretation and Policy .02 of Rule 2.5 to Proposed Rule 2.16 and To Amend Related Registration Requirements Provided Under Various Interpretations and Policies of Rule 2.5

March 28, 2022.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act"),<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on March 15, 2022, Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc. (the "Exchange" or "BZX") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC" or "Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Exchange filed the proposal as a "non-controversial" proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act<sup>3</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.<sup>4</sup> 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 rules relating to the Continuing Education for Registered Persons and move those rules from Interpretation and Policy .02 of Rule 2.5 to proposed Rule 2.16 and to amend related registration requirements provided under various Interpretations and Policies of Rule 2.5. The text of the

proposed rule change is provided in Exhibit 5.

The text of the proposed rule change is also available on the Exchange's website ([http://markets.cboe.com/us/equities/regulation/rule\\_filings/bzx/](http://markets.cboe.com/us/equities/regulation/rule_filings/bzx/)), at the Exchange's Office of the Secretary, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

#### II. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, the Exchange included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

##### A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

###### 1. Purpose

###### (i) Existing CE Program Background

The continuing education program for registered persons of broker-dealers ("CE Program") generally requires registered persons to complete continuing education consisting of a Regulatory Element. The Regulatory Element is delivered through a web-based delivery method called "CE Online," which is administered through the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA") online continuing education system, and focuses on regulatory requirements and industry standards. The CE Program for registered persons is currently codified under Interpretation and Policy .02 of Exchange Rule 2.5. The Exchange now proposes to expand the CE Program to adopt rules pertaining to a Firm Element component of continuing education. The Firm Element would be provided by each firm and focus on securities products, services and strategies the firm offers, firm policies and industry trends. In addition, the Exchange proposes other changes to amend, move, reorganize and enhance its rules regarding its CE Program, as described below.

The Commission recently approved a proposal submitted by FINRA relating to its CE Program.<sup>5</sup> The Exchange

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

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

<sup>5</sup> See Securities and Exchange Act No. 93097 (September 21, 2021) 86 FR 53358 (September 27,