

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Extend the Individual Stock Trading Pause Pilot Program

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act”)¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on January 28, 2013, Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated (“CBOE” 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.

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

The Exchange proposes to extend the individual stock trading pause pilot program pertaining to the CBOE Stock Exchange, LLC (“CBSX,” the CBOE’s stock trading facility). This rule change simply seeks to extend the pilot. No other changes to the pilot are being proposed.

¹ 15 U.S.C.78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

(additions are underlined; deletions are [bracketed])

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**Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated
Rules**

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1. **Rule 6.3C - Individual Stock Trading Pause Due to Extraordinary
Market Volatility**

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. . . Interpretations and Policies:

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.03 The provisions of this Rule shall be in effect for eligible NMS stocks during a pilot period ending on the earlier of the initial date of operations of the Regulation NMS Plan to Address Extraordinary Market Volatility or February 4, 2014[3]. The term “eligible NMS stocks” shall mean NMS stocks, other than rights and warrants. Trading in an eligible NMS stock will pause between the hours of 8:45 a.m. and 2:35 p.m. (all times are CT), or in the case of an early scheduled close, 25 minutes before the close of trading, if the price of the stock moved by a percentage specified below within a five-minute period (“Threshold Move”), as calculated by the primary listing market as follows:

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The text of the proposed rule change is also available on the Exchange’s website (<http://www.cboe.com/AboutCBOE/CBOELegalRegulatoryHome.aspx>), at the Exchange’s Office of the Secretary, and at the Commission.

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

Rule 6.3C, Individual Stock Trading Pauses Due to Extraordinary Market Volatility, was approved by the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) on June 10, 2010 on a pilot basis. The pilot is currently set to expire on February 4, 2013.³ The rule was developed in consultation with U.S. listing markets to provide for uniform market-wide trading pause standards for certain individual stocks that experience rapid price movement.⁴

³ See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 62252 (June 10, 2010), 75 FR 34186 (June 16, 2010)(SR-CBOE-2010-047)(approval order establishing pilot through December 10, 2010); 63502 (December 9, 2010), 75 FR 78306 (December 15, 2010)(SR-CBOE-2010-112)(extension of pilot through April 11, 2011); 64194 (April 5, 2011), 76 FR 2-389 (April 12, 2011)(SR-CBOE-2011-031)(extension of pilot through the earlier of August 11, 2011 or the date on which a limit up-limit down mechanism to address extraordinary market volatility, if adopted, applies to the Circuit Breaker Stocks); 65070 (August 9, 2011), 76 FR 50516 (August 15, 2011)(SR-CBOE-2011-076)(extension of pilot through January 31, 2012); 66166 (January 17, 2012), 77 FR 3311 (January 23, 2012)(SR-CBOE-2012-01)(extension of pilot through July 31, 2012); and 67574 (August 2, 2012), 77 FR 49848 (August 17, 2012)(SR-CBOE-2012-069)(extension of pilot through February 4, 2012).

⁴ The pilot list of stocks originally included all stocks in the S&P 500 Index, but it has been expanded over time to include all NMS stocks, other than rights and warrants. See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 62884 (September 10, 2010), 75 FR 56618 (September 16, 2010)(SR-CBOE-2010-065)(order approving expansion of the individual stock trading pause pilot to include all stocks in the Russell 1000 index and a pilot list of

As the duration of the pilot expires on February 4, 2013, the Exchange is proposing to extend the effectiveness of Rule 6.3C until the earlier of the initial date of operations of the Regulation NMS Plan to Address Extraordinary Market Volatility or February 4, 2014. The pilot will continue to operate as to individual securities until such security is subject to the Regulation NMS Plan to Address Extraordinary Market Volatility. Extending the extension date would allow the pilot to continue to operate without interruption until implementation of the Regulation NMS Plan to Address Extraordinary Market Volatility.⁵ The Regulation NMS Plan to Address Extraordinary Market Volatility will not begin initial operations on February 4, 2013 as initially planned, but has an amended anticipated implementation date of April 8, 2013.⁶ If the Regulation NMS Plan to Address Extraordinary Market Volatility has an initial date of operations before February 4, 2014, the proposed pilot for trading pauses will expire at that time.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act”) and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to the

Exchange Traded Products); 64735 (June 23, 2011), 76 FR 38243 (June 29, 2011)(SR-CBOE-2011-049)(order approving further expansion of the individual stock trading pause pilot to include all NMS stocks effective August 8, 2011); and 65824 (November 23, 2011), 76 FR 74111 (November 30, 2011)(SR-CBOE-2011-111)(immediately effective rule change to amend the individual stock trading pause pilot to exclude all rights and warrants).

⁵ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 67091 (May 31, 2012), 77 FR 33498 (June 6, 2012) (File No. 4-631) (Order Approving, on a Pilot Basis, the National Market System Plan To Address Extraordinary Market Volatility by BATS Exchange, Inc., BATS Y-Exchange, Inc., Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated, Chicago Stock Exchange, Inc., EDGA Exchange, Inc., EDGX Exchange, Inc., Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc., NASDAQ OMX BX, Inc., NASDAQ OMX PHLX LLC, The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC, National Stock Exchange, Inc., New York Stock Exchange LLC, NYSE MKT LLC, and NYSE Arca, Inc).

⁶ See Letter from Janet M. McGinness, Executive Vice President and Corporate Secretary, General Counsel, NYSE Markets, to Elizabeth M. Murphy, Secretary, Commission, dated January 17, 2013.

Exchange and, in particular, the requirements of Section 6(b) of the Act.⁷ Specifically, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5)⁸ requirements that the rules of an exchange be designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in regulating, clearing, settling, processing information with respect to, and facilitation transactions in securities, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. Additionally, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5)⁹ requirement that the rules of an exchange not be designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

In particular, the Exchange believes that the change proposed herein meets these requirements in that it promotes uniformity across markets concerning decisions to pause trading in a security when there are significant price movements, which promotes just and equitable principles of trade and removes impediments to, and perfects the mechanism of, a free and open market and a national market system. Additionally, extension of the pilot until the earlier of the initial date of operations of the Regulation NMS Plan to Address Extraordinary Market Volatility or February 4, 2014 would allow the pilot to continue to operate without interruption while the Exchange and the Commission further assess the effect of the pilot on the marketplace or whether other initiatives should be adopted in lieu of the current pilot, which contributes to the protection of investors and the public interest.

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

⁹ Id.

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

CBOE 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 extend the operation of the trading pause pilot until the earlier of the initial date of operations of the Regulation NMS Plan to Address Extraordinary Market Volatility or February 4, 2014 would allow the pilot to continue to operate without interruption until implementation of the Regulation NMS Plan to Address Extraordinary Market Volatility, which contributes to the protection of investors and the public interest. Other competing equity exchanges are subject to the same trading pause requirements specified in the Plan. Thus, the proposed changes will not impose any burden on competition while providing trading pause requirements specified in the Plan.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received from Members, Participants, or Others

The Exchange neither solicited nor received comments on the proposed rule change.

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

The Exchange has filed the proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act¹⁰ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.¹¹ Because the 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 prior to 30 days from the date on which it was

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

¹¹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). In addition, Rule 19b-4(f)(6) requires the Exchange to give the Commission written notice of the Exchange's intent to file the proposed rule change, along with a brief description and text of 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.

filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest, the proposed rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) thereunder.

A proposed rule change filed under Rule 19b-4(f)(6)¹² normally does not become operative prior to 30 days after the date of the filing. However, pursuant to Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii),¹³ 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 so that the proposal may become operative immediately upon filing. The Commission believes that waiving the 30-day operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest because such waiver would allow the pilot program to continue uninterrupted. Accordingly, the Commission hereby grants the Exchange's request and designates the proposal operative upon filing.¹⁴

At any time within 60 days of the filing of such 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.

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:

¹² 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

¹³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

¹⁴ For purposes only of waiving the 30-day operative delay, the Commission has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

Electronic comments:

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an e-mail to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-CBOE-2013-010 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-CBOE-2013-010. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet website (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make publicly available. All submissions should refer

to File Number SR-CBOE-2013-010 and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from publication in the Federal Register].

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁵

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¹⁵ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).