SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-56360; File No. SR-Phlx-2007-61)

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change, as Modified by Amendment No. 1 Thereto, Relating to Fees for U.S. Dollar-Settled Foreign Currency Options

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act"), and Rule 19b-4 thereunder, notice is hereby given that on August 15, 2007, the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Inc. ("Phlx" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been substantially prepared by the Phlx. On August 30, 2007, the Exchange filed Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change, as amended, from interested persons.

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

The Phlx proposes to amend its Summary of Index Option and U.S. Dollar-Settled Foreign Currency Option Charges ("Fee Schedule") to cap U.S. dollar-settled foreign currency option transaction charges applicable to customer executions at 10,000 contracts per trade per side. Specifically, on the Exchange's Fee Schedule, the option transaction charge applicable to customer executions for U.S. dollar-settled foreign currency option transactions would be amended to add the following: Subject to a maximum charge of \$4,000 per trade per side for U.S. dollar-settled foreign currency transactions. This change reflects the proposed 10,000 contract cap multiplied by the current \$.40 per contract charge. This proposal is scheduled to become effective for trades settling on or after August 16, 2007.

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¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's Web site at http://www.Phlx.com/exchange/phlx_rule_fil.html, at the Exchange, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

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

In its filing with the Commission, the Phlx 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 Phlx has prepared summaries, set forth in Sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

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

1. <u>Purpose</u>

The purpose of this proposal is to raise revenue by attracting to the Exchange large U.S. dollar-settled foreign currency option trades. By adopting a maximum option transaction charge of \$4,000 per trade per side as described above, the Exchange believes that additional order flow may be directed to the Exchange. Specifically, the Exchange seeks to increase the number of U.S. dollar-settled foreign currency option customer transactions on the Exchange. The Exchange began trading U.S. dollar-settled foreign currency options in January 2007 and seeks to increase business in this product line.³

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 54989 (December 21, 2006), 71 FR 78506 (December 29, 2006) (SR-Phlx-2006-34) and 56034 (July 10, 2007), 72 FR 38853 (July 16, 2007) (SR-Phlx-2007-34).

2. <u>Statutory Basis</u>

The Exchange believes that its proposal to amend its Fee Schedule is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,⁴ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(4) of the Act,⁵ in particular, in that it is an equitable allocation of reasonable fees and other charges among Exchange members. The Exchange believes that it is equitable to apply the proposed cap on customer U.S. dollar-settled foreign currency option transaction charges because once the cap is reached, no additional option transaction charges would be assessed on these types of transactions, which should, in turn, promote this type of business at the Exchange.⁶

B. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition</u>

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.

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

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 rule change establishes or changes a due, fee, or other charge imposed by the Exchange, it has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act^7 and Rule $19b-4(f)(2)^8$ thereunder. At any time within 60 days of the filing of such proposed rule change, the Commission may summarily abrogate such rule change if it appears to the

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

Similarly, the Exchange does not charge customer option comparison charges on customer executions pursuant to the Exchange's Summary of Equity Option and RUT and RMN Charges.

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁸ 17 CFR 19b-4(f)(2).

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.⁹

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 e-mail to <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include File No. SR-Phlx-2007-61 on the subject line.

Paper comments:

 Send paper comments in triplicate to Nancy M. Morris, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, Station Place, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-Phlx-2007-61. 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 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

For purposes of calculating the 60-day period within which the Commission may summarily abrogate the proposed rule change, the Commission considers the period to commence on August 30, 2007, the date on which the Exchange filed Amendment No. 1.

available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street,

NE, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10:00 am and 3:00

pm. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office

of the Phlx. 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-

2007-61 and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from the date of publication in

the Federal Register].

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated

authority. 10

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17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

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