SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-62421; File No. SR-OCC-2010-08)

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; The Options Clearing Corporation; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Relating to Additional Underlying Interests for Commodity Futures and Commodity Options available to ELX Futures, L.P. for Clearing and Settlement Services

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,¹ notice is hereby given that on June 16, 2010, The Options Clearing Corporation ("OCC") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared primarily by OCC. OCC filed the proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act² and Rule 19b-4(f)(4) thereunder³ so that the proposal was effective upon filing with the Commission. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

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

The proposed rule change consists of adding Schedule C-1 to the Agreement for Clearing and Settlement Services ("Agreement") dated December 5, 2008, between The Options Clearing Corporation ("OCC") and ELX Futures L.P. ("ELX").

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

In its filing with the Commission, OCC included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed

² 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(4).

rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. OCC 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

OCC and ELX are parties to a clearing and settlement agreement pursuant to which OCC provides clearing services for U.S. treasury futures traded on ELX. The Agreement further provides, among other things, that ELX may select additional underlying interests for commodity futures and commodity options by completing and executing a Schedule C, which is subject to the agreement of OCC. (ELX may trade futures options on futures contracts traded on ELX and cleared by OCC without executing a Schedule C.) When completed and duly executed, a Schedule C is incorporated into the Agreement and becomes a part thereof.

ELX has selected Eurodollar Time Deposits having a principal value of USD \$1,000,000 with a 3-month maturity as an underlying interest for futures contracts ("Eurodollar Futures") and OCC has agreed to clear Eurodollar Futures on behalf of ELX. OCC and ELX have now executed Schedule C-1 to codify that Eurodollar Futures will be incorporated and become a part of the Agreement between the parties. Schedule C-1 is attached as Exhibit 5A to OCC's filing with the Commission.⁴

OCC states that the proposed change is consistent with Section 17A of the Act⁵ because it makes explicit that OCC will clear pursuant to the Agreement the Eurodollar futures contracts proposed for trading by ELX. OCC also states that the proposed rule change is not inconsistent

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⁴ The filing, including Schedule C-1, can been seen at < http://www.theocc.com/about/publications/bylaws.jsp.

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78q-1.

with the existing rules of OCC including any other rules proposed to be amended.

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

OCC does not believe that the proposed rule change would impose any burden on competition.

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

OCC has not solicited or received written comments relating to the proposed rule change.

OCC will notify the Commission of any written comments it receives.

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

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act⁶ and Rule 19b-4(f)(4)⁷ thereunder because it effects a change in an existing service of a registered clearing agency that does not adversely affect the safeguarding of securities or funds in the custody or control of the clearing agency or for which it is responsible and does not significantly affect the respective rights or obligations of the clearing agency or persons using the service. At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission may summarily abrogate such rule 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

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⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

⁷ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(4).

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-OCC-2010-08
 on the subject line.

Paper comments:

Send paper comments in triplicate to Elizabeth M. Murphy, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, Station Place, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC, 20549-1090. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-OCC-2010-08. 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 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 am and 3:00 pm. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at OCC's principal office and on OCC's Web site at http:// www.theocc.com/about/publications/bylaws.jsp>. 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

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refer to File No. SR-OCC-2010-08 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.8

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⁸ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).