SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-52248; File No. SR-CHX-2004-25)

August 12, 2005

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Chicago Stock Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing of Amendment No. 3 to a Proposed Rule Change Relating to a Prohibition on Using a Layoff Service Unless the Service Provides Required Information to the Exchange

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 August 12, 2005, the Chicago Stock Exchange, Inc. ("CHX" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") Amendment No. 3 to a proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the CHX. The proposed rule change was originally filed on August 31, 2004 and was amended by Amendment No. 1, filed on June 7, 2005, and Amendment No. 2, filed on June 27, 2005. The proposed rule change, as amended by Amendment Nos. 1 and 2, was published for notice and comment in the <u>Federal Register</u> on July 12, 2005. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change, as amended by Amendment No. 3, from interested persons.

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

The Exchange is amending its proposal to prohibit Exchange Participants from using any communications means to send orders to another market for execution (a "layoff service") unless that layoff service has established a process for providing the Exchange with specific information about the orders and the executions that participants receive. This amendment

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 51967 (July 1, 2005), 70 FR 40086 (July 12, 2005) ("First Notice").

changes the proposed effective date contained in the proposed rule text from August 1, 2005 to September 30, 2005.

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

In its filing with the Commission, the CHX included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule changes and discussed any comments it received regarding the proposal. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The CHX 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</u> Basis for, the Proposed Rule Changes

1. Purpose

As noted in the original filing, the Exchange is proposing to amend its rule relating to communications from the trading floor to provide the Exchange with the layoff service information that it needs to enhance its surveillance programs. Through this Amendment No. 3, the Exchange is seeking to revise the proposed effective date of its proposed rule to September 30, 2005. The Exchange believes that this later effective date will better allow all of its Participants and their layoff vendors to be able to comply with the proposed rule in a timely manner on its effective date.

2. Statutory Basis

The CHX believes the proposal is consistent with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder that are applicable to a national securities exchange, and, in particular, with the requirements of Section 6(b) of the Act.⁴ The CHX believes the proposal is

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78(f)(b).

consistent with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act⁵ in that it is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments, and to 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 permitting the Exchange to require its participants (or their layoff service providers) to provide the Exchange with data necessary to conduct appropriate surveillance of its participants' trading activities.

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule changes will impose any burden on competition.

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

No written comments were either solicited or received.

III. <u>Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Changes and Timing for Commission Action</u>

Within 35 days of the date of publication of this notice in the <u>Federal Register</u> or within such other 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 will:

- (A) by order approve the proposed rule change, as amended, or
- (B) institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change, as amended, should be disapproved.

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⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change, as amended by Amendment No. 3, 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 Number SR-CHX-2004-25 on the subject line.

Paper comments:

 Send paper comments in triplicate to Jonathan G. Katz, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549-9303.

All submissions should refer to File No. SR-CHX-2004-25. 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 changes 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 inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the CHX. 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 No. SR-CHX-2004-25 and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from publication in the Federal Register].

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority. 6

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⁶ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).