

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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Self-Regulatory Organizations; The Options Clearing Corporation; Notice of Withdrawal of a Proposed Rule Change Related to the Adoption of an Options Exchange Risk Control Standards Policy

On March 4, 2016, The Options Clearing Corporation (“OCC”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”)¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² a proposed rule change to adopt a new Options Exchange Risk Control Standards Policy and revise its Schedule of Fees to impose on clearing members a fee of two cents per cleared options contract (per side) executed on an options exchange that did not demonstrate sufficient risk controls designed to meet the proposed set of principles-based risk control standards. The proposed rule change was published for comment in the Federal Register on March 18, 2016.³ On April 27, 2016, the Commission designated a longer period within which to approve the proposed rule change, disapprove the proposed rule change, or institute proceedings to determine whether to approve or disapprove the proposed rule change.⁴ On June 13, 2016, the Commission issued an order instituting proceedings to determine whether to approve or disapprove the proposed rule change.⁵ The

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 77358 (March 14, 2016), 81 FR 14921 (March 18, 2016).

⁴ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 77720 (April 27, 2016), 81 FR 26609 (May 3, 2016).

⁵ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 78056 (June 13, 2016), 81 FR 39732 (June 17, 2016).

Commission received eight comment letters on the proposed rule change.⁶

On July 14, 2016, OCC filed a withdrawal of its proposed rule change (SR-OCC-2016-004) from consideration by the Commission. The Commission is hereby publishing notice of the withdrawal.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁷

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Deputy Secretary

⁶ See Letters from Mark Dehnert, Managing Director, Goldman Sachs & Co., and Kyle Czepiel, Co-Chief Executive Officer, Goldman Sachs Execution & Clearing, L.P., dated March 28, 2016, to Secretary, Commission; Lisa J. Fall, President, BOX Options Exchange, dated April 6, 2016, to Brent J. Fields, Secretary, Commission; James G. Lundy, Associate General Counsel, ABN AMRO Clearing Chicago LLC, dated April 8, 2016, to Brent J. Fields, Secretary, Commission; Ellen Greene, Managing Director, Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association, dated April 12, 2016, to Robert W. Errett, Deputy Secretary, Commission; Michael J. Simon, Secretary and General Counsel, International Securities Exchange, LLC, dated April 20, 2016, to Brent J. Fields, Secretary, Commission; Edward T. Tilly, Chief Executive Officer, Chicago Board Options Exchange, Inc., dated April 20, 2016, to Brent J. Fields, Secretary, Commission; OCC, dated June 13, 2016, to Brent J. Fields, Secretary, Commission; and Lisa J. Fall, President, BOX Options Exchange, dated June 21, 2016, to Brent J. Fields, Secretary, Commission.

⁷ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).