SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-56338; File No. SR-CBOE-2007-94)

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Relating to the ORS Order Cancellation Fee

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"), <sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder, <sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on August 1, 2007, the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated (the "CBOE" or the "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 substantially prepared by the CBOE. The CBOE has filed the proposed rule change as one establishing or changing a due, fee, or other charge imposed by the Exchange under Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act<sup>3</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(2) thereunder, <sup>4</sup> which renders the proposal 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 Substance of the</u> Proposed Rule Change

The CBOE proposes to amend its Order Routing System ("ORS") order cancellation fee. The text of the proposed rule change is available at CBOE, the Commission's Public Reference Room, and http://www.cboe.org/legal.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

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

In its filing with the Commission, the CBOE 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 CBOE 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> <u>Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change</u>

### 1. Purpose

The CBOE currently assesses an executing clearing member \$1 for each cancelled ORS order in excess of the number of orders that the executing clearing member executes in a month for a customer or for itself. The purpose of the fee is to ease order backlogs on ORS. The fee is not charged if less than 500 ORS orders are cancelled in the month. The following ORS cancellation activity is exempt from the fee: (i) cancelled ORS orders that improve the Exchange's prevailing bid-offer (BBO) market when received; and (ii) fill and cancellation activity occurring within the first one minute of trading following the opening of each option class.

The Exchange proposes three changes to the fee. First, the Exchange proposes to calculate the fee by counting only public customer (non-broker-dealer) orders. The Exchange believes this change is appropriate since public customer orders in many products traded on the Exchange are not assessed transaction fees while all non-customer orders pay transaction fees, which helps offset cancellation costs.

Second, the Exchange proposes to aggregate and count as one executed order for purposes of the fee, all public customer options orders from the same executing clearing member for itself or for a correspondent firm that are executed in the same series on the same side of the market at the same price within a 30 second period. This proposed change is intended to discourage firms from entering and executing multiple small orders to offset the cancellation of larger orders for purposes of avoiding the fee.

Third, the Exchange proposes to increase the fee from \$1.25 to \$1.50 per cancelled ORS order.

The proposed ORS order cancellation fee is similar to the cancellation fee of the International Securities Exchange. The Exchange intends to implement the proposed fee change on August 1, 2007.

## 2. <u>Statutory Basis</u>

The proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act<sup>5</sup>, in general, and furthers the objectives of Section  $6(b)(4)^6$  of the Act in particular, in that it is designed to provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among CBOE members and other persons using its facilities.

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

CBOE does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of purposes of the Act.

15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

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

No written comments were solicited or received with respect to the proposed rule change.

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

Because the foregoing proposed 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<sup>7</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(2)<sup>8</sup> thereunder. At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change the Commission may summarily abrogate such proposed 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:

#### 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-CBOE-2007-94 on the subject line.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> 17 CFR 19b-4(f)(2).

### Paper comments:

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

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-CBOE-2007-94. 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 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 CBOE. 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-CBOE-2007-94 and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from publication in the <u>Federal Register</u>].

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.  $^9$ 

Florence E. Harmon Deputy Secretary

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<sup>9 17</sup> CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).