

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change to Delay the Implementation Date of Changes to Market-Makers' Continuous Quoting Obligations

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 November 1, 2012, Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated (the "Exchange" or "CBOE") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

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

The Exchange proposes to delay the implementation date of changes to Market-Makers' continuous quoting obligations.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's website (<http://www.cboe.com/AboutCBOE/CBOELegalRegulatoryHome.aspx>), at the Exchange's Office of the Secretary, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

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

In its filing with the Commission, the Exchange 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

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

Item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

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

1. Purpose

On July 5, 2012, the Exchange submitted a rule change filing, which became effective on that date, to amend Rule 1.1(ccc), "Continuous Electronic Quotes," to reduce to 90% the percentage of time for which a Market-Maker is required to provide continuous electronic quotes in an appointed option class on a given trading day. That filing also included a proposed rule change to amend Rules 8.13, 8.15A, 8.85, and 8.93 to increase to the lesser of 99% or 100% minus one call-put pair the percentage of series in each class in which Preferred Market-Makers, Lead Market-Makers, Designated Primary Market-Makers, and Electronic Designated Primary Market-Makers, respectively (collectively, "Market-Makers"), must provide continuous electronic quotes.³ The proposed rule changes in that filing were set to become operative on August 4, 2012.

The Exchange submitted another rule change filing on August 3, 2012, which became effective and operative upon filing, to delay implementation of these quoting obligation changes to provide Market-Makers with additional time to make necessary system changes to comply with the new quoting obligations. The filing indicated that the Exchange would announce the implementation date of the proposed rule change in a Regulatory Circular to be published no

³ Securities Exchange Act Release No. 34-67410 (July 11, 2012), 77 FR 42040 (July 17, 2012) (SR-CBOE-2012-064).

later than November 1, 2012, which implementation date would be no later than December 31, 2012.⁴

The purpose of this rule change filing is to again delay implementation of these quoting obligation changes to provide Market-Makers with additional time to make further necessary system changes to comply with the new quoting obligations. The Exchange will announce the implementation date of the proposed rule change in a Regulatory Circular to be published no later than 120 days following the effective date. The implementation date will be no later than 180 days following the effective date.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to the Exchange and, in particular, the requirements of Section 6(b) of the Act.⁵ Specifically, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5)⁶ requirements that the rules of an exchange be designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in regulating, clearing, settling, processing information with respect to, and facilitating transactions in securities, to remove impediments to and to perfect the mechanism for a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest.

In particular, the Exchange believes that delaying the implementation date of these changes to Market-Makers' continuous quoting obligations to allow Market-Makers to further

⁴ Securities Exchange Act Release No. 34-67644 (August 13, 2012), 77 FR 49846 (August 17, 2012) (SR-CBOE-2012-077).

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

adjust their systems to be consistent with the new quoting obligations will provide efficiencies that will benefit investors and the public interest and encourage more efficient order entry practices by Market-Makers. The Exchange believes that additional time to allow Market-Maker's [sic] to adjust their systems will promote compliance by Market-Makers with the new quoting obligations. Providing Market-Makers with additional time to make necessary system adjustments that will allow them to comply with the new quoting obligations fosters cooperation between the Market-Makers and the Exchange, which monitors Market-Makers' compliance with quoting obligations. Additionally, the proposed rule change will allow the Exchange to announce an implementation schedule in a fair and orderly manner.

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

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

The Exchange neither solicited nor received comments on the proposed rule change.

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

The Exchange has filed the proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act⁷ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.⁸ Because the proposed rule change does not: (i) significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) become operative prior to 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest, the proposed rule change has become effective pursuant to

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

⁸ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act⁹ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) thereunder.¹⁰

A proposed rule change filed under Rule 19b-4(f)(6)¹¹ normally does not become operative prior to 30 days after the date of the filing. However, pursuant to Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii),¹² the Commission may designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Exchange has indicated that it will not be able to announce an implementation date for the changes to the Market-Maker quoting obligations by November 1, 2012, as provided in proposed rule change filing SR-CBOE-2012-077,¹³ because allowing Market-Makers additional time to adjust their systems will promote compliance by Market-Makers with the new quoting obligations. The Commission notes that the proposed rule change does not present any new, unique, or substantive issues, but rather is merely delaying the implementation date of an already effective rule change, and that waiver of the 30-day operative delay will allow the Exchange to announce an implementation schedule in an efficient manner. The Commission believes that waiving the 30-day operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest and, therefore, designates the proposed rule change as operative upon filing.¹⁴

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹⁰ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii). The Exchange has requested that the Commission waive the requirement that the Exchange provide the Commission written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change, along with a brief description and text of the proposed rule change, at least five business days prior to the date on which the Exchange filed the proposed rule change pursuant to Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii). The Commission hereby grants this request.

¹¹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

¹² 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

¹³ See supra note 4.

¹⁴ For purposes only of waiving the 30-day operative delay, the Commission has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such 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. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule should be approved or disapproved.

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 rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-CBOE-2012-106 on the subject line.

Paper comments:

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

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-CBOE-2012-106. 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 website (<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 website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20549 on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. 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-2012-106 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.¹⁵

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¹⁵ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).