SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-68998; File No. SR-CBOE-2013-024)

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change to Amend the CBOE Stock Exchange Fees Schedule

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 February 21, 2013, 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, II, and III 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. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed</u> Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to amend the Fees Schedule of its CBOE Stock Exchange ("CBSX"). 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.

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, 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

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

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.

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

1. <u>Purpose</u>

The Exchange proposes to amend the CBSX Fees Schedule with regard to the data reports it provides to Trading Permit Holders ("TPHs") and other interested parties at their requests. These persons and organizations sometimes approach CBSX and request that CBSX prepare and provide various reports regarding their trading activity. The production of these reports sometimes requires that employees put in a significant amount of time and work to write and develop the programs necessary to be able to run or generate such reports. Currently, the CBSX Fees Schedule does not speak to such requests (though the Fees Schedule of CBOE, CBSX's parent exchange, does³). The Exchange proposes to add to the CBSX Fees Schedule a comprehensive, consistent and standard structure regarding the provision of CBSX data reports.

CBSX proposes to establish three different tiers of data report requests. The first, most basic tier (referred to as "C Level" requests) will regard requests for standard reports regularly generated and run by CBSX and made available on a daily, weekly or monthly basis that do not require historical data generation, customization beyond a standard format (PDF, HTML, etc.) or distribution frequency (daily, weekly, monthly, etc.), or specialized development. There will be no cost for such requests, regardless of whether they are one-time, initial, or daily, weekly, or monthly requests.

The second tier (referred to as "B Level" requests) will regard initial report requests (or enhancements to existing report subscriptions) that require less than one (1) man-hour to develop

³ See CBOE Fees Schedule, Exchange Data Reports table.

and/or generate. The [sic] will be no cost for such requests. The third tier (referred to as "A Level" requests) will regard initial report requests (or enhancements to existing subscriptions) that require one (1) or more man-hours to develop and/or generate. The cost for such requests will be \$100 for first 5 man-hours and \$100 per hour for each additional man-hour. Fees for reports will be estimated in advance and such estimates will be provided to the requester. If the estimate changes once creation of the report begins, a revised estimate will be provided to the requester. For parties requesting to receive B or A Level reports on a recurring basis, subscriptions to such reports will be provided at a cost of \$100 per month for monthly reports and \$200 per month for daily or weekly reports.

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. Specifically, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)(4) of the Act, which requires that Exchange rules provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among its Trading Permit Holders and other persons using its facilities. CBSX believes that the proposed new fee structure for data reports is reasonable because it is designed to reflect CBSX's costs in creating such reports. CBSX believes that the proposed new fee structure for data reports is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because it will apply to all requesting parties equally. CBSX believes it is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory to assess no fees for C Level reports because these are standard reports that do not require specific development, customization or generation. CBSX

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

believes that it is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory to assess no fees for initial B Level requests because these reports do not require very much (less than one man-hour) work on CBSX's part to create and produce. CBSX believes that it is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory to assess a fee of \$100 for the first five man-hours of work for A Level requests because these reports take at least one man-hour of work on CBSX's part to develop and generate and CBSX must begin to recoup the costs of such work, while still desiring to be able to provide requesting market participants with a reasonable amount of information to assist them.

CBSX believes that it is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory to assess a fee of \$100 per man-hour above five hours for A Level requests because such requests can take up a significant amount of CBSX resources and at this point CBSX must begin to be more fully-compensated for dedicating resources to these tasks. CBSX believes that it is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory to assess subscription fees for requests for information on a more regular basis (as opposed to re-assessing the initial fees) because the development for such work has already been done.

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

CBSX 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. CBSX does not believe that the proposed fees structure will impose an unnecessary burden on intramarket competition because it will apply equally to all requesting parties. CBSX does not believe that the proposed fees structure will impose an unnecessary burden on intermarket competition because CBSX is providing reports specific to activity on CBSX, and other exchanges may provide reports specific to activity on those exchanges, and the costs for development, generation and production of such reports may be different on those exchanges. Further, to the extent that the proposed fees structure for data reports may attract market

participants on other exchanges to CBSX, such market participants can always elect to become CBSX market participants.

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

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 foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act⁶ and paragraph (f) of Rule 19b-4⁷ thereunder. 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 will institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change 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 <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include File Number SR-CBOE-2013-024 on the subject line.

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁷ 17 C.F.R. 240.19b-4(f).

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-2013-024. 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, DC 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

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to File Number SR-CBOE-2013-024, 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 Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority. 8

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