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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 the Rule Change to Allow Market Orders to Sell in No-bid Series to be Entered into the Electronic Order Book from a PAR Workstation

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 April 1, 2015, 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 Exchange filed the proposal as a "noncontroversial" proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act³ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder. ⁴ 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 Rule Change</u>

There is no proposed change to the rule language.

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

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

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

1. <u>Purpose</u>

On October 22, 2014, rule change SR-CBOE-2014-067⁵ became effective. The filing amended Rule 6.13(b)(vi) to increase the \$0.30 parameter to \$0.50. Although not contained in the amended rule text, the filing also amended Rule 6.13(b)(vi) to allow market orders to sell in no-bid series that get routed to a PAR workstation of a TPH User to be entered into the electronic order book at the minimum increment.⁶ The filing indicated that the implementation date of the amendments would be no later than 180 days following the effective date of the filing (i.e., no later than April 28, 2015). Although the parameter change from \$0.30 to \$0.50 was implemented,⁷ the Exchange is still in the process of making the necessary modifications to the CBOE Hybrid System (the "System") to allow market orders to sell in no-bid series that get routed to a PAR workstation to be entered into the electronic order book at the minimum increment.

The Exchange does not believe the modifications to the System will be completed prior to the current April 28th deadline; therefore, the Exchange seeks to delay the implementation date deadline for the portion of SR-CBOE-2014-067 related to allowing market orders to sell in no-bid series that were routed to a PAR workstation to be entered into the electronic order book. The Exchange will announce the implementation date in a Regulatory Circular to be published no later than 90 days following the effective date of this filing. The implementation date will be no later than 180 days following the effective date of this filing.

Securities Exchange Act Release No. 34-73487 (October 31, 2014), 79 FR 66016 (November 6, 2014) (SR-CBOE-2014-067).

⁶ Id. at 66017.

See <u>CBOE Regulatory Circular</u> RG15-002 - Automatic Order Handling Process in No-bid Series (January 2, 2015).

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Securities

Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act") and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to the

Exchange and, in particular, the requirements of Section 6(b) of the Act. Sepecifically, the

Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5) requirements that the rules of an exchange be designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, 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 perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. Additionally, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5)¹⁰ requirement that the rules of an exchange not be designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

In particular, the Exchange believes delaying the implementation deadline to allow the Exchange the necessary time to finish the modifications to the System, which will provide the functionality to route market orders to sell in no-bid series from a PAR workstation to an electronic order book, helps protect investors by ensuring the PAR workstation functions as intended.

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 the purposes of the Act. More

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⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

Id.

specifically, the Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on intramarket or intermarket competition because this filing simply seeks to delay the implementation deadline of SR-CBOE-2014-067.

C. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule</u> 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 ActionBecause the foregoing proposed rule change does not:
 - A. significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest;
 - B. impose any significant burden on competition; and
- C. become operative for 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, it has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act¹¹ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)¹² 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:

¹¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹² 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

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-2015-034 on the subject line.

Paper comments:

 Send paper comments in triplicate to Brent J. Fields, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-CBOE-2015-034. 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 the 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-2015-034 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. 13

Brent J. Fields Secretary

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