

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, as Modified by Amendment No. 1 Thereeto, to Amend its Fees Schedule

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 February 26, 2010, the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated (“CBOE” or “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. On March 9, 2010, CBOE filed Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change, as amended, from interested persons.

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

The Exchange proposes to amend its Fees Schedule to modify its routing charges. The text of the proposed rule change is available on CBOE’s Web site at [www.cboe.org/legal](http://www.cboe.org/legal), on the Commission’s Web site at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov), at CBOE, 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

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

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

in 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

Currently, for any non-customer order routed to other exchanges pursuant to the Options Order Protection and Locked/Crossed Market Plan, CBOE assesses the following costs to the member that submitted the non-customer order to CBOE: (i) a charge a \$0.05 per contract routing fee, (ii) a pass through of all related execution fees assessed by the away exchange(s) (these are calculated on an order-by-order basis since different away exchanges charge different amounts), and (iii) CBOE's customary execution fees applicable to the order. The routing fee helps offset costs incurred by the Exchange in connection with using an unaffiliated broker-dealer to access other exchanges. Passing through charges assessed by other exchanges for "linkage" executions and charging for related CBOE executions are appropriate because non-customer order flow can route directly to those exchanges if desired and the Exchange chooses not to absorb those costs at this time.

CBOE now seeks to simplify this fee by charging a flat \$0.50 per contract fee plus CBOE's customary execution fee applicable to the order. This will eliminate the need to track away exchange transaction fees which are constantly changing. The new fee will become effective on March 1, 2010.

CBOE notes that not all exchanges route on behalf of non-customer orders, and that this function is an “extra” service provided by CBOE to its members.<sup>3</sup> Members are always free to route directly to other markets or to specify that CBOE not route orders away on their behalf.

## 2. Statutory Basis

The proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”)<sup>4</sup>, in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(4)<sup>5</sup> 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. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement on Burden on Competition

CBOE does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition 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

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

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

The proposed rule change is designated by the Exchange as establishing or changing a due, fee, or other charge, thereby qualifying for effectiveness on filing pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii)<sup>6</sup> of the Act and subparagraph (f)(2) of Rule 19b-4<sup>7</sup> thereunder.

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission

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<sup>3</sup> For example, see Section VIII of Nasdaq OMX Phlx fee schedule (<http://www.nasdaqtrader.com/Micro.aspx?id=phlxpricing>).

<sup>4</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>5</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

<sup>6</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

<sup>7</sup> 17 C.F.R. 240.19b-4(f)(2).

may summarily abrogate 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.

#### 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](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR-CBOE-2010-022 on the subject line.

##### Paper Comments:

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

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-CBOE-2010-022. 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 Web site 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 will also 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 No. SR-CBOE-2010-022 and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from date of publication in the Federal Register].

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>8</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).