

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change and Amendment No. 1 Thereto Relating to Transaction Fees and a Fee Waiver for Options on the Mini-SPX

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on October 25, 2005, 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 and II below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. On December 1, 2005, the Exchange filed Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change.³ The CBOE submitted the proposed rule change under Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act⁴ and Rule 19b-4(f)(2) thereunder,⁵ which renders the proposal effective upon filing with the Commission. 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 establish fees for options on the Mini-SPX ("XSP"). The Exchange also proposes to waive all fees for trading in XSP options beginning with the launch of trading through January 31, 2006. The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's Web site (<http://www.cboe.com>), at the Exchange's Office of the Secretary and at the

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ In Amendment No. 1, the Exchange proposed to reduce the XSP non-member market-maker transaction fee to \$.17 per contract regardless of the premium.

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

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

1. Purpose

a. XSP Fees

The Exchange proposes to establish fees for XSP options, which commenced trading on October 25, 2005. XSP options are options that are based on one-tenth the value of the Standard & Poor's 500 Index. XSP options trade on CBOE's Hybrid 2.0 trading system.

The transaction fee for customer orders in XSP options will be \$.15 per contract. The market-maker transaction fee will also be \$.15 per contract.⁶ The Exchange believes the \$.15 market-maker transaction fee will act as an incentive for market-makers to provide liquidity in the XSP product. Member firm proprietary transaction fees will be \$.20 for facilitation of customer orders and \$.24 for non-facilitation orders. The broker-dealer transaction fee will be \$.25 per contract, the remote market-maker transaction fee will be \$.26 per contract, and the non-member market-maker fee will be \$.17 per contract.

⁵ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

⁶ XSP options trade without a Designated Primary Market-Maker ("DPM"), Electronic-DPM ("e-DPM") or Lead Market-Maker ("LMM"), under CBOE's index option hybrid rules.

As per the current CBOE Fee Schedule, the floor brokerage fee for XSP options will be \$.04 per contract and \$.02 per contract for crossed orders. The Marketing Fee and the RAES Access Fee will not apply.

b. Fee Waiver

The Exchange proposes to waive all fees for trading in XSP options beginning with the launch of trading in XSP options through January 31, 2006. Following the fee waiver period, the Exchange will begin assessing the fees set forth above. The Exchange has decided to waive all XSP fees to promote the launch of the XSP product.

2. Statutory basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change, as amended, is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,⁷ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(4) of the Act,⁸ in particular, in that it provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among CBOE's members and other persons using its facilities.

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change, as amended, 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 has neither solicited nor received comments on the proposed rule change.

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

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

The proposed rule change, as amended, has become effective upon filing pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act⁹ and subparagraph (f)(2) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder,¹⁰ because it establishes or changes a due, fee, or other charge imposed by the CBOE. At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, as amended, the Commission 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.¹¹

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change, as amended, 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-2005-88 on the subject line.

Paper comments:

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Jonathan G. Katz, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, Station Place, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549-9303.

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹⁰ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

¹¹ The effective date of the original proposed rule change is October 25, 2005 and the effective date of the amendment is December 1, 2005. For purposes of calculating the 60-day period within which the Commission may summarily abrogate the proposed rule change, as amended, under Section 19(b)(3)(C) of the Act, the Commission considers the period to commence on December 1, 2005, the date on which the Exchange submitted Amendment No. 1. See 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(C).

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-CBOE-2005-88. 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. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal offices 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-2005-88 and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from publication in the Federal Register].

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹²

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Secretary

¹² 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).