

by the shareholders of the applicable Fund.

5. Each Fund will comply with the fund governance standards set forth in rule 0–1(a)(7) under the Act by the compliance date for the rule (“Compliance Date”). Prior to the Compliance Date, a majority of the Board will be Independent Trustees, and the nomination of new or additional Independent Trustees will be at the discretion of the then existing Independent Trustees.

6. When a Subadviser change is proposed for a Fund with an Affiliated Subadviser, the Board, including a majority of the Independent Trustees, will make a separate finding, reflected in the applicable Board minutes, that such change is in the best interests of the Fund and its shareholders and does not involve a conflict of interest from which the Adviser or the Affiliated Subadviser derives an inappropriate advantage.

7. Independent counsel, as defined in rule 0–1(a)(6) under the Act, will be engaged to represent the Independent Trustees. The selection of such counsel will be within the discretion of the then existing Independent Trustees.

8. The Adviser will provide the Board, no less frequently than quarterly, with information about the profitability of the Adviser on a per-Fund basis. The information will reflect the impact on profitability of the hiring or termination of any Subadviser during the applicable quarter.

9. Whenever a Subadviser is hired or terminated, the Adviser will provide the Board with information showing the expected impact on the profitability of the Adviser.

10. The Adviser will provide general management services to each Fund, including overall supervisory responsibility for the general management and investment of the Fund’s assets, and, subject to review and approval of the Board, will: (a) Set each Fund’s overall investment strategies, (b) evaluate, select and recommend Subadvisers to manage all or a part of a Fund’s assets, (c) when appropriate, allocate and reallocate a Fund’s assets among multiple Subadvisers; (d) monitor and evaluate the performance of Subadvisers, and (e) implement procedures reasonably designed to ensure that the Subadvisers comply with each Fund’s investment objective, policies and restrictions.

11. No trustee or officer of the Trust, or director or officer of the Adviser, will own directly or indirectly (other than through a pooled investment vehicle that is not controlled by such person) any interest in a Subadviser, except for:

(a) Ownership of interests in the Adviser or any entity that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the Adviser, or (b) ownership of less than 1% of the outstanding securities of any class of equity or debt of a publicly traded company that is either a Subadviser or an entity that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with a Subadviser.

12. Each Fund will disclose in its registration statement the Aggregate Fee Disclosure.

13. The requested order will expire on the effective date of rule 15a–5 under the Act, if adopted.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, under delegated authority.

Jonathan G. Katz,
Secretary.

[FR Doc. 05–23844 Filed 12–8–05; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 8010–01–P

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–52874; File No. SR–Amex–2005–097]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; American Stock Exchange LLC; Order Approving Proposed Rule Change Relating to the Amex Listing Agreement

December 1, 2005.

I. Introduction

On September 29, 2005, the American Stock Exchange LLC (“Amex” or “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) a proposed rule change, pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”)¹ and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,² to adopt a modified Amex Listing Agreement. The proposed rule change was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on October 25, 2005.³ The Commission received no comments on the proposal. This order approves the proposed rule change.

II. Description of the Proposal

The Exchange proposes to adopt a modified Amex Listing Agreement for the purpose of (i) combining the two forms of Amex Listing Agreements presently available into one form of Amex Listing Agreement to be submitted to the Exchange by all issuers

in connection with a listing application; (ii) eliminating a representation by issuers of structured products, exchange-traded funds, trust issued receipts and other novel securities products regarding third party claims; and (iii) making certain minor, non-substantive changes to the Amex Listing Agreement.

III. Discussion

After careful consideration, the Commission finds that the proposed rule change, as amended, is consistent with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to a national securities exchange.⁴ In particular, the Commission believes that the proposal is consistent with Section 6(b)(5)⁵ in particular, in that it is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade and is not designed to permit unfair discrimination between issuers or to regulate by virtue of any authority conferred by the Act matters not related to the purposes of the Act or the administration of the Exchange.

IV. Conclusion

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,⁶ that the proposed rule change (SR–Amex–2005–097) be, and it hereby is, approved.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁷

Jonathan G. Katz,
Secretary.

[FR Doc. E5–7102 Filed 12–8–05; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 8010–01–P

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–52855; File No. SR–CBOE–2005–96]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Extend a Pilot Program Relating to the Retail Automatic Execution System

November 30, 2005.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the

⁴ In approving the proposed rule change, the Commission has considered its impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

⁷ 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

³ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 52630 (October 18, 2005), 70 FR 61670.

“Act”),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on November 15, 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 CBOE. The Exchange filed the proposal pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act³ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder,⁴ which renders the proposal effective upon filing with the Commission. 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

CBOE proposes to extend a pilot program relating to the operation of CBOE’s Retail Automatic Execution System (“RAES”) until November 30, 2006 to allow broker-dealer orders that are eligible for execution on RAES pursuant to CBOE Rule 6.8, Interpretation and Policy .01 to automatically execute against customer limit orders on CBOE’s book in classes designated by the appropriate Floor Procedure Committee (“Pilot”). The text of the proposed rule change is available on CBOE’s Web site (<http://www.cboe.com>), at CBOE’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, 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. 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

The purpose of this filing is to extend the Pilot until November 30, 2006. The Pilot was originally approved on May

13, 2004, with an expiration date of November 30, 2004,⁵ and is currently extended for one year to November 30, 2005.⁶

The Exchange’s RAES system was created to allow for the automatic execution of retail customer options orders against CBOE market makers at their disseminated prices. In 1999, the Exchange expanded the RAES system to allow incoming RAES orders to execute against customer limit orders on the CBOE book when such booked orders constitute CBOE’s best bid/offer.⁷ The Exchange has allowed broker-dealer orders to be executed on RAES in classes designated by the appropriate Floor Procedure Committee.⁸ The Pilot would allow these broker-dealer orders to automatically execute against the book.

2. Statutory Basis

Because the proposed rule change will expand the number of orders eligible to trade automatically with booked customer limit orders, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act in general,⁹ and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act in particular,¹⁰ in that it is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, 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.

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

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change will not 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

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

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

Because the foregoing proposed rule change: (1) Does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (2) does not impose any significant burden on competition; and (3) by its terms, does not become operative prior to 30 days after the date of this filing, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest, and because the Exchange provided the Commission with written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change at least five days prior to the filing date, the proposed rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act¹¹ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.¹²

The Exchange requests that the Commission waive the 30-day operative delay, as specified in Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii).¹³ The Exchange believes that the waiver of this period is appropriate because the filing merely extends the Pilot that has been in effect since May 13, 2004 and because the Pilot affords automatic executions to a greater number of market participants.

The Commission believes that it is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest to waive the 30-day operative delay and make this proposed rule change immediately effective.¹⁴ The Commission believes that the waiver of the 30-day operative delay will allow the Exchange to continue, without interruption, the existing operation of its Pilot for an additional year, expiring on November 30, 2006. At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, 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.

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.

¹¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹² 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

¹³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

¹⁴ For purposes only of accelerating the operative date of this proposal, the Commission has considered the proposed rule’s impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

⁵ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 49699 (May 13, 2004), 69 FR 28958 (May 19, 2004) (SR-CBOE-2003-42).

⁶ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 50779 (December 1, 2004), 69 FR 71087 (December 8, 2004) (SR-CBOE-2004-78).

⁷ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 41995 (October 8, 1999), 64 FR 56547 (October 20, 1999) (SR-CBOE-99-29).

⁸ See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 45967 (May 20, 2002), 67 FR 37888 (May 30, 2002) (SR-CBOE-2002-22); 46113 (June 25, 2002), 67 FR 44486 (July 2, 2002) (SR-CBOE-2002-35); and 46598 (October 3, 2002), 67 FR 63478 (October 11, 2002) (SR-CBOE-2002-56).

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78f.

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

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 No. SR-CBOE-2005-96 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.
- All submissions should refer to File Number SR-CBOE-2005-96. 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 office 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-2005-96 and should be submitted on or before December 30, 2005.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁵

Jonathan G. Katz,

Secretary.

[FR Doc. E5-7103 Filed 12-8-05; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 8010-01-P

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Request

The Social Security Administration (SSA) publishes a list of information collection packages that requires clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with Public Law 104-13, the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, effective October 1, 1995. The information collection packages that may be included in this notice are for new information collections, approval of existing information collections, revisions to OMB-approved information collections, and extensions (no change) of OMB-approved information collections.

SSA is soliciting comments on the accuracy of the Agency's burden estimate; the need for the information; its practical utility; ways to enhance its quality, utility, and clarity; and ways to minimize burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Written comments and recommendations regarding the information collection(s) should be submitted to the OMB Desk Officer and the SSA Reports Clearance Officer.

(OMB), Office of Management and Budget, Attn: Desk Officer for SSA. Fax: 202-395-6974.

(SSA), Social Security Administration, DCFAM, Attn: Reports Clearance Officer. Fax: 410-965-6400. E-mail: OPLM.RCO@ssa.gov.

The information collection listed below is pending at SSA and will be submitted to OMB within 60 days from the date of this notice. Therefore, your

comments should be submitted to SSA within 60 days from the date of this publication. You can obtain a copy of the collection instrument by calling the SSA Reports Clearance Officer at 410-965-0454 or by e-mailing or faxing your request to the above e-mail address and fax number.

Medicare Subsidy Quality Review Case Analysis Forms—20 CFR 418(b)(5)—0960-0707

Under the aegis of the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003, SSA will make Medicare Part D subsidy determinations for the Medicare Prescription Drug program for Medicare beneficiaries with limited income and resources. The subsidy determination is based on applicants' answers to questions about household size, income, and resources. This information is self-reported by applicants using form OMB No. 0960-0696 (SSA-1020), and thus, SSA needs a way to determine if this form is being completed accurately and completely and a way to validate its determination decisions. To this end, SSA will use the new Medicare Quality Review system to check the accuracy of the determination. In this system, SSA will conduct phone interviews with selected applicants and will confirm information such as household size, income, and resources. A questionnaire and several other forms will be used as part of the Medicare Quality Review System. The collection instruments, their descriptions, and burden information are listed in the table below.

Note: This Notice is for the permanent approval of this collection, which was cleared by OMB temporarily through February 2006 as an emergency information collection.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Form number and name	Description of form	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Average burden per response (minutes)	Estimated annual burden (hours)
SSA-9301 (Medicare Subsidy Quality Review Case Analysis Questionnaire).	Telephone questionnaire which will be administered by SSA employees to applicants for Medicare Part D Subsidy. Includes questions about family size, marriage, income, assets, etc.	10,000	1	35	5,833

¹⁵ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).