

including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

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- Use the Commission's internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-CboeBYX-2019-022 on the subject line.

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

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For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.²⁰

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Cboe EDGA Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Amend Subparagraph (a)(1) of Rule 11.1 To Allow the Exchange To Accept Market Orders With a Stop Price Entered Between 6:00 and 7:00 a.m. Eastern Time

November 22, 2019.

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 November 19, 2019, Cboe EDGA Exchange, Inc. ("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. 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 EDGA Exchange, Inc. ("EDGA" or the "Exchange") is filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") a proposed rule change to amend subparagraph (a)(1) of Rule 11.1 to allow the Exchange to accept Market Orders with a Stop Price entered between 6:00 and 7:00 a.m. Eastern Time. The text of the proposed rule change is provided in Exhibit 5.

The text of the proposed rule change is also available on the Exchange's website (http://markets.cboe.com/us/equities/regulation/rule_filings/edga/), at the Exchange'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, 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 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

The Exchange proposes to amend subparagraph (a)(1) of Rule 11.1 to allow the Exchange to accept Market Orders³ with a Stop Price⁴ (a "Stop Order") entered between 6:00 and 7:00 a.m. Eastern Time.

Subparagraph (a)(1) of Rule 11.1 provides that orders entered between 6:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. Eastern Time are not eligible for execution until the start of the Early Trading Session,⁵ Pre-Opening Session⁶ or Regular Trading Hours,⁷ depending on the Time in Force selected by the User.⁸ Subparagraph (a)(1) also provides that the Exchange will not accept certain orders⁹ entered prior to 7:00 a.m. Eastern Time including Market Orders with a Time in Force other than Regular Hours Only ("RHO").¹⁰ Market Orders with a Time in Force other than RHO are rejected by the Exchange prior to 7:00 a.m. Eastern Time because Market Orders are not eligible to trade prior to the start of Regular Trading Hours and such orders are generally not designated to queue for later entry onto the Exchange's order book. Rather, Market Orders with a Time in Force other than RHO are designed to immediately execute at the NBBO when the order reaches the Exchange, and thus are generally

³ A Market Order is an order to buy or sell a stated amount of a security that is to be executed at the NBBO or better when the order reaches the Exchange. See Exchange Rule 11.8(a).

⁴ A Market Order "may include a Stop Price which will convert the order into a Market Order when the Stop Price is triggered. An order to buy converts to a Market Order when the consolidated last sale in the security occurs at, or above, the specified Stop Price. An order to sell converts into a Market Order when the consolidated last sale in the security occurs at, or below, the specified Stop Price." See Exchange Rule 11.8(a)(1).

⁵ See Exchange Rule 1.5(ii).

⁶ See Exchange Rule 1.5(s).

⁷ See Exchange Rule 1.5(y).

⁸ See Exchange Rule 1.5(ee).

⁹ Specifically, Exchange Rule 11.1(a)(1) provides that orders with a Post Only instruction, Intermarket Sweep Orders ("ISOs"), Market Orders with a Time in Force instruction other than Regular Hours Only, orders with a Minimum Execution Quantity instruction that also include a Time in Force instruction of Regular Hours Only, and all orders with a Time in Force of Immediate-or-Cancel ("IOC") or Fill-or-Kill ("FOK") are not accepted if entered prior to 7:00 a.m. Eastern Time.

¹⁰ RHO is an "instruction a User may attach to an order designating it for execution only during Regular Trading Hours, which includes the Opening Process and Re-Opening Process following a halt suspension or pause." See Exchange Rule 11.6(q)(6).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

²⁰ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

intended for entry during a trading session where continuous trading is occurring. Alternatively, other order types and modifiers, such as Market Orders with a Time in Force of RHO and Limit Orders,¹¹ including Limit Orders with a Stop Limit Price (“Stop Limit Orders”),¹² are allowed for entry on the Exchange between 6:00 and 7:00 a.m. Eastern Time as those order types and modifiers are consistent with an order designated to queue for later entry on to the Exchange’s order book. Specifically, Market Orders with a Time in Force of RHO are effectively for use in the Opening Auction and are cancelled if not executed in the Opening Auction. Therefore, Market Orders with a Time in Force of RHO would be queued until the start of the regular trading session for participation in the Opening Auction. Similarly, the Stop Price of a Stop Limit Order can only be triggered by a consolidated last sale eligible trade.¹³ Therefore, a Stop Limit Order would be queued until the time the Stop Price of the order is triggered by a consolidated last sale eligible trade occurring Regular Trading Hours.

As proposed, the amendment would allow the Exchange to accept Stop Orders entered between 6:00 and 7:00 a.m. Eastern Time, which is consistent with an order designated to queue for later entry on to the Exchange’s order book. Similar to a Stop Limit Order, the Stop Price of a Stop Order can only be triggered by a consolidated last sale eligible trade.¹⁴ Therefore, a Stop Order can only become a Market Order after at least the start of Regular Trading Hours. Further, Stop Orders entered on the Exchange between 6:00 and 7:00 a.m. Eastern Time would behave similar to Stop Limit Orders between the time of entry up to at least the start of Regular Trading Hours.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the

¹¹ A Limit Order is an “order to buy or sell a stated amount of a security at a specified price or better. A marketable Limit Order is a Limit Order to buy (sell) at or above (below) the lowest (highest) Protected Offer (Protected Bid) for the security.” See Exchange Rule 11.8(b).

¹² A Stop Order “may contain a Stop Limit Price which will convert to a Limit Order once the Stop Limit Price is triggered. A Limit Order to buy with a Stop Limit Price becomes eligible for execution by the System when the consolidated last sale in the security occurs at, or above, the specified Stop Price. A Limit Order to sell with a Stop Limit Price becomes eligible for execution by the System when the consolidated last sale in the security occurs at, or below, the specified Stop Limit Price.” See Exchange Rule 11.8(b)(1).

¹³ See supra note 12.

¹⁴ See supra note 4.

“Act”) and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to the Exchange and, in particular, the requirements of Section 6(b) of the Act.¹⁵ Specifically, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5)¹⁶ requirements that the rules of an exchange be designed 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.

As discussed above, all Stop Orders are designed to queue until at least the start of Regular Trading Hours as such orders are only eligible to be elected based on the consolidated last sale set during Regular Trading Hours. Therefore, the proposed amendment to allow the entry of Stop Orders between 6:00 and 7:00 a.m. Eastern Time would not allow such Stop Orders to be elected and execute prior to the start of Regular Trading Hours. Prior to the start of Regular Trading Hours, Stop Orders entered between 6:00 and 7:00 a.m. Eastern Time would behave similar to Stop Limit Orders entered during that time. Therefore, the Exchange believes the proposed amendment would consistently allow order types and modifiers that are consistent with orders designated to queue to be entered on the Exchange between 6:00 and 7:00 a.m. Eastern Time.

Additionally, the Exchange believes the proposed amendment would allow Members the convenience to enter all Stop Orders and Stop Limit Orders between 6:00 and 7:00 a.m. Eastern Time without those orders being eligible for election, and consequently execution, until at least the start of the Regular Trading Hours. Thus, the proposed amendment would provide Members with both greater convenience and flexibility in managing their Stop Orders and Stop Limit Orders without impacting how those orders trade.

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

The Exchange 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. Rather, the proposed rule change would consistently allow for the entry of order

types and modifiers that are designated to queue between 6:00 and 7:00 a.m. Eastern Time. Stop Limit Orders are currently allowed for entry on the Exchange between 6:00 and 7:00 a.m. Eastern Time and behave similar to the manner in which a Stop Order would behave prior to the start of Regular Trading Hours if allowed entry during that time. The Exchange therefore believes that the proposed rule change would increase consistency around the operation of the Exchange to the benefit of Members and investors as well as provide greater flexibility to Members in managing their Stop Orders, without imposing any significant burden on competition.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule 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 Action

Because the foregoing proposed rule change does not:

- (i) Significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest;
- (ii) impose any significant burden on competition; and

(iii) 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 Act¹⁷ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)¹⁸ 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:

¹⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

¹⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

¹⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹⁸ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

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For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁹

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¹⁹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-87603; File No. SR-OCC-2019-007]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; The Options Clearing Corporation; Order Instituting Proceedings To Determine Whether To Approve or Disapprove the Proposed Rule Concerning a Proposed Capital Management Policy That Would Support The Options Clearing Corporation's Function as a Systemically Important Financial Market Utility

November 22, 2019.

I. Introduction

On August 9, 2019, the Options Clearing Corporation ("OCC") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change SR-OCC-2019-007 ("Proposed Rule Change") pursuant to Section 19(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4² thereunder to adopt a policy concerning capital management at OCC, which includes OCC's plan to replenish its capital in the event it falls close to or below target capital levels.³ The Proposed Rule Change was published for public comment in the **Federal Register** on August 27, 2019.⁴ The Commission received comments regarding the Proposed Rule Change.⁵ On September 11, 2019, OCC filed a partial amendment ("Partial Amendment No. 1") to modify the Proposed Rule Change.⁶ On October 8, 2019, the Commission designated a longer period for Commission action on the Proposed Rule Change.⁷ The Commission is publishing this order pursuant to Section 19(b)(2)(B) of the Exchange Act⁸

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ See Notice of Filing *infra* note 4, at 84 FR 44952.

⁴ Securities Exchange Act Release No. 86725 (Aug. 21, 2019), 84 FR 44952 (Aug. 27, 2019) (SR-OCC-2019-007) ("Notice of Filing"). OCC also filed a related advance notice (SR-OCC-2019-805) ("Advance Notice") with the Commission pursuant to Section 806(e)(1) of Title VIII of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, entitled the Payment, Clearing, and Settlement Supervision Act of 2010 and Rule 19b-4(n)(1)(i) under the Exchange Act. 12 U.S.C. 5465(e)(1). 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1) and 17 CFR 240.19b-4. The Advance Notice was published in the **Federal Register** on September 11, 2019. Securities Exchange Act Release No. 86888 (Sep. 5, 2019), 84 FR 47990 (Sep. 11, 2019) (SR-OCC-2019-805).

⁵ Comments are available at <https://www.sec.gov/comments/sr-occ-2019-007/srocc2019007.htm>.

⁶ See Extension *infra* note 7, at 84 FR 55189.

⁷ Securities Exchange Act Release No. 87246 (Oct. 8, 2019), 84 FR 55189 (Oct. 15, 2019) (File No. SR-OCC-2019-007) ("Extension").

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2)(B).

to institute proceedings to determine whether to approve or disapprove the Proposed Rule Change.

II. Description of the Proposed Rule Change

OCC now proposes changes to adopt, as part of its rules, a new policy concerning capital management at OCC ("Capital Management Policy"). Specifically, the proposed Capital Management Policy would (i) describe how OCC would determine the amount of liquid net assets funded by equity ("LNAFBE") necessary to cover OCC's potential general business losses; (ii) require OCC to hold a minimum amount of shareholders equity ("Equity") sufficient to support the amount of LNAFBE determined to be necessary;⁹ and (iii) establish a plan for replenishing OCC's capital in the event that Equity were to fall below certain thresholds. OCC also proposes to revise its existing rules to support the terms of the proposed Capital Management policy.

III. Proceedings To Determine Whether To Approve or Disapprove File No. SR-OCC-2019-007 and Grounds for Disapproval Under Consideration

The Commission is instituting proceedings pursuant to Section 19(b)(2)(B) of the Exchange Act to determine whether the Proposed Rule Change should be approved or disapproved.¹⁰ Institution of proceedings is appropriate at this time in view of the legal and policy issues raised by the Proposed Rule Change. Institution of proceedings does not indicate that the Commission has reached any conclusions with respect to any of the issues involved.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(2)(B) of the Exchange Act,¹¹ the Commission is providing notice of the grounds for disapproval under consideration. The Commission is instituting proceedings to allow for additional analysis and input concerning the Proposed Rule Change's consistency with the Exchange Act and the rules thereunder, including the following:

- Section 17A(b)(3)(D) of the Exchange Act, which requires the rules of a clearing agency provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among its participants;¹² and
- Section 17A(b)(3)(F) of the Exchange Act, which requires, among

⁹ LNAFBE would mean cash and cash equivalents to the extent that such cash and cash equivalents do not exceed Equity.

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2)(B).

¹¹ *Id.*

¹² 15 U.S.C. 78q-1(b)(3)(D).