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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Upon written request, copies available from: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Investor Education and Advocacy, Washington, DC 20549-0213.

Extension: Form F-10; OMB Control No. 3235-0380; SEC File No. 270-334.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") is soliciting comments on the collection of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management Budget for extension and approval.

Form F-10 (17 CFR 239.40) is a registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77a *et seq.*) that is used by certain Canadian "substantial issuers" (those issuers with at least 36 calendar months of reporting history with a securities commission in Canada and a market value of common stock of at least C\$360 million and an aggregate market value of common stock held by non-affiliates of at least C\$75 million). The purpose of the information collection is to facilitate cross-border offerings by specified Canadian issuers. We estimate that Form F-10 takes 25 hours per response and is filed by 75 respondents. We further estimate that 25% of the 25 hours per response (6.25 hours) is prepared by the issuer for an annual reporting burden of 469 hours (6.25 hours per response × 78 responses).

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether this proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden imposed by the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given

to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

Please direct your written comments to Charles Boucher, Director/CIO, Securities and Exchange Commission, C/O Shirley Martinson, 6432 General Green Way, Alexandria, Virginia 22312; or send an e-mail to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Boston Stock Exchange, Inc.; Order Granting Approval of Proposed Rule Change Relating to BOX Rules Governing Doing Business With the Public

February 23, 2009.

On December 9, 2008, the Boston Stock Exchange, Inc. ("BSE" 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 The proposed rule change was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on January 13, 2009.³ The Commission received no comments on the proposed rule change. This order approves the proposed rule change.

I. Description of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposed to amend Chapter XI of the Boston Options Exchange ("BOX") Rules by replacing the term "Registered Options and Security Futures Principal" ("ROSFP") with "Registered Options Principal" ("ROP"). Although ROP was recently changed to ROSFP in the BOX Rules, the Exchange believes that the change from ROP to ROSFP may have created confusion among BOX participants, and that reverting to ROP will alleviate this confusion. Furthermore, the Exchange believes that reverting to ROP will provide consistency with the rules of other options exchanges, most of which

use ROP rather than ROSFP.⁴ The Exchange notes that the reversion to ROP does not affect the qualifications required to transact options business with the public.

The Exchange also proposed amending Chapter XI, Section 13 of the BOX Rules to clarify that an options confirmation need not disclose the exchange or exchanges on which an options transaction is executed. The rule will continue to require that written confirmations contain a description of each transaction in the options contract, the underlying security, the type of option, the option expiration month, exercise price, number of option contracts, premium, commissions, date of transaction and settlement date, and shall indicate whether the transaction is a purchase or sale and whether a principal or agency transaction. The confirmation shall also distinguish by appropriate symbols between Exchange transactions and other transactions in options contracts. This change will maintain consistency with other exchanges which have recently filed similar rule proposals.⁵

Lastly, the Exchange proposed elimination of the definition of "closing purchase transaction" as defined in Chapter I, Section 1 of the BOX Rules. The term "closing purchase transaction" does not appear in any other provision of the BOX Rules. Therefore, the definition is unnecessary.

II. Discussion and Findings

After careful review of the proposed rule change, the Commission finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of Section 6(b) of the Act,⁶ in general, and Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,⁷ in particular, in that it is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, facilitate transactions in securities, remove

⁴ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 58932 (November 12, 2008), 73 FR 69696 (November 19, 2008) (SR-FINRA-2008-032) (changing the term "Registered Options and Security Futures Principal" to "Registered Options Principal"). See also Securities Exchange Act Release No. 58129 (July 9, 2008), 73 FR 40895 (SR-ISE-2008-21); Securities Exchange Act Release No. 57738 (April 29, 2008), 73 FR 25805 (May 7, 2008) (SR-Amex-2007-129); and Securities Exchange Act Release No. 56971 (December 14, 2007), 72 FR 72804 (December 21, 2007) (SR-CBOE-2007-106) (approving elimination of the positions and titles of Senior Registered Options Principal and Compliance Registered Options Principal).

⁵ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 58980 (November 19, 2008), 73 FR 72091 (November 26, 2008) (SR-CBOE-2008-61). See also Securities Exchange Act Release No. 58932 (November 12, 2008), 73 FR 69696 (November 19, 2008) (SR-FINRA-2008-032) (approving change clarifying confirmation disclosure requirements).

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 59211 (January 7, 2009), 74 FR 1734 (January 13, 2009).