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Copies of the collection of information may be obtained by writing to Disclosure Division, Office of the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 1200 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20005-4026, or calling 202-229-4040 during normal business hours. TTY users may call the Federal Relay Service toll-free at 800-877-8339 and ask to be connected to 202-229-4040.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Melissa Rifkin (rifkin.melissa@pbgc.gov), Attorney, Regulatory Affairs Division, Office of the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 1200 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20005-4026; 202-229-6563. (TTY and TDD users may call the Federal relay service toll-free at 800-877-8339 and ask to be connected to 202-229-6563.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) intends to request that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) extend approval, under the Paperwork Reduction Act, of a collection of information contained in its regulation on Partitions of Eligible Multiemployer Plans (29 CFR part 4233). This notice informs the public of PBGC's intent and solicits public comment on the collection of information.

Sections 4233(a) and (b) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) allow a plan sponsor of a multiemployer plan to apply to PBGC for a partition of the plan and state the criteria that PBGC uses to determine a plan's eligibility for a partition.

PBGC's regulation on Partitions of Eligible Multiemployer Plans (29 CFR part 4233) sets forth the procedures for applying for a partition, the information required to be included in a partition application, and notices to interested parties of the application.

PBGC needs the information to determine whether a plan is eligible for partition and whether a proposed partition would comply with the statutory conditions required before PBGC may order a partition.

The collection of information under the regulation has been approved by OMB under control number 1212-0068 (expires February 1, 2022). PBGC intends to request that OMB extend its approval for another three years. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

PBGC estimates that each year there will be one application for a partition submitted by a plan sponsor under this regulation. The total estimated annual burden of the collection of information is 13 hours and \$45,600.

PBGC is soliciting public comments to—

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodologies and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g. permitting electronic submission of responses.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-93294; File No. SR-CboeBZX-2021-068]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Amend the Fees in BZX Rule 14.13 Applicable to Securities Listed on the Exchange

October 12, 2021.

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 September 30, 2021, Cboe BZX 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 BZX Exchange, Inc. (the "Exchange" or "BZX") is filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") a proposed rule change to amend the fees applicable to securities listed on the Exchange, which are set forth in BZX Rule 14.13, Company Listing Fees. 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/bzx/), 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

On August 30, 2011, the Exchange received approval of rules applicable to the qualification, listing, and delisting of companies on the Exchange,³ which it modified on February 8, 2012 in order to adopt pricing for the listing of

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 65225 (August 30, 2011), 76 FR 55148 (September 6, 2011) (SR-BATS-2011-018).

exchange-traded products (“ETPs”)⁴ on the Exchange.⁵ The Exchange currently charges entry fees for non-generically listed ETPs and charges certain annual listing fees pursuant to Exchange Rule 14.13.

Now, the Exchange proposes to adopt Rule 14.13(b)(3) which would provide for a Corporate Actions Fee. The proposed Corporate Actions Fee would apply to a Company⁶ making a corporate action that would require the Exchange to update its records. For example, a change to the Company name or symbol, par value, shareholder rights plan, or reverse stock split would be subject to the proposed fee.⁷ Such a fee would be used to address the costs associated with revising the Exchange’s records when Companies engage in such corporate actions. The Exchange notes that Companies making multiple changes (e.g., a change to both the symbol and par value) that results from the same corporate action in an individual security would be charged a total of \$2,500, and would not be assessed a separate Corporate Actions Fee for each change. The Exchange proposes to implement the proposed fee effective January 1, 2022.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule changes are consistent with the objectives of Section 6 of the Act,⁸ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(4) and 6(b)(5),⁹ in particular, as it is designed to provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among its issuers, and it does not unfairly discriminate between customers, issuers, brokers or dealers.

The Exchange believes that proposed Rule 14.13(b)(3) which implements a Corporate Action Fee for Companies with securities listed on the Exchange is a reasonable, fair and equitable, and not unfairly discriminatory allocation of fees and other charges because it would apply equally for all Companies making a corporate action that would require the Exchange to update its records. The

Exchange believes that charging such a Corporate Action Fee is reasonable given the additional resources required by the Exchange in connection with such a corporate action.

Furthermore, the marketplace for listings is extremely competitive and there are several other national securities exchanges that offer ETP listings. Transfers between listing venues occur frequently for numerous reasons, including listing fees. The proposed rule change reflects a competitive pricing structure, which the Exchange believes will enhance competition both among ETP issuers and listing venues, to the benefit of investors. Furthermore, as noted above the proposed change is substantively similar to fees charged by Arca.¹⁰

Based on the foregoing, the Exchange believes that the proposed rule changes are consistent with the Act.

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 not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. With respect to the proposed new Corporate Actions Fee, the Exchange does not believe that the changes burden competition, but instead, enhance competition, as it is intended to address the costs associated with revising the Exchange’s records when Companies engage in corporate actions. As such, the proposal is a competitive proposal designed to enhance pricing competition among listing venues and implement pricing for corporate actions that better reflects expenses associated with listing ETPs on the Exchange. The Exchange does not believe the proposed amendment would burden intramarket competition as the proposed fee would be assessed to all issuers uniformly that require a change to Exchange records resulting from a corporate action.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

The Exchange has not solicited, and does not intend to solicit, comments on this proposed rule change. The Exchange has not received any unsolicited written comments from Members or other interested parties.

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

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act¹¹ and paragraph (f) of Rule 19b-4¹² 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.

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 email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-CboeBZX-2021-068 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-CboeBZX-2021-068. This file number should be included on the subject line if email 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 website (<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 website 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 the filing also will be available for

⁴ As defined in Rule 11.8(e)(1)(A), the term “ETP” means any security listed pursuant to Exchange Rule 14.11.

⁵ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 66422 (February 17, 2012), 77 FR 11179 (February 24, 2012) (SR-BATS-2012-010).

⁶ See Exchange Rule 14.1(a)(3).

⁷ The Exchange notes that the proposed Corporate Actions Fee is substantively similar to those charged by NYSE Arca, Inc. (“Arca”). See the Administrative Fees provided under the Arca Equities Listing Fees at https://www.nyse.com/publicdocs/nyse/markets/nyse-arca/NYSE_Arca_Listing_Fee_Schedule.pdf.

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78f.

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4) and (5).

¹⁰ *Supra* note 14 [sic].

¹¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹² 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f).

inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change. Persons submitting comments are cautioned that we do not redact or edit personal identifying information from comment submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-CboeBZX-2021-068 and should be submitted on or before November 8, 2021.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹³

J. Matthew DeLesDernier,
Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-93295; File No. SR-Phlx-2021-57]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Nasdaq PHLX LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Amend Options 7, Section 4, Multiply Listed Options Fees

October 12, 2021.

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 6, 2021, Nasdaq PHLX LLC (“Phlx” or “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC” or “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

The Exchange proposes to amend Phlx’s Pricing Schedule at Options 7, Section 4, “Multiply Listed Options Fees (Includes options overlying equities, ETFs, ETNs and indexes which are Multiply Listed) (Excludes SPY).”

While the changes proposed herein are effective upon filing, the Exchange has designated the amendments become operative on October 1, 2021.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s website at <https://listingcenter.nasdaq.com/>

rulebook/phlx/rules, at the principal office of the Exchange, 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

Phlx proposes to amend its pricing at Options 7, Section 4, “Multiply Listed Options Fees (Includes options overlying equities, ETFs, ETNs and indexes which are Multiply Listed) (Excludes SPY).” The Exchange proposes to amend the way it calculates qualifying Qualified Contingent Cross or “QCC” Orders for purposes of paying a QCC rebate.

Today, the Exchange assesses a \$0.20 per contract QCC Transaction Fee to Lead Market Makers,³ Market Makers,⁴ Firms,⁵ and Broker-Dealers.⁶

³ The term “Lead Market Maker” applies to transactions for the account of a Lead Market Maker (as defined in Options 2, Section 12(a)). A Lead Market Maker is an Exchange member who is registered as an options Lead Market Maker pursuant to Rule Options 2, Section 12(a). An options Lead Market Maker includes a Remote Lead Market Maker which is defined as an options Lead Market Maker in one or more classes that does not have a physical presence on an Exchange floor and is approved by the Exchange pursuant to Options 2, Section 11. See Options 7, Section 1.

⁴ The term “Market Maker” is defined in Options 1, Section 1(b)(28) as a member of the Exchange who is registered as an options Market Maker pursuant to Options 2, Section 12(a). A Market Maker includes SQTs and RSQTs as well as on and Floor Market Makers. See Options 7, Section 1.

⁵ The term “Firm” applies to any transaction that is identified by a member or member organization for clearing in the Firm range at OCC. See Options 7, Section 1.

⁶ The term “Broker-Dealer” applies to any transaction which is not subject to any of the other transaction fees applicable within a particular category. See Options 7, Section 1.

Customers⁷ and Professionals⁸ are not assessed a QCC Transaction Fee. QCC Transaction Fees apply to electronic QCC Orders, as defined in Options 3, Section 12,⁹ and Floor QCC Orders, as defined in Options 8, Section 30(e) (collectively “Combined QCC Orders”).

Today, the Exchange pays rebates on all qualifying executed Combined QCC Orders, except where the transaction is either: (i) Customer-to-Customer; (ii) Customer-to-Professional, (iii) Professional-to-Professional or (iv) a dividend, merger, short stock interest or reversal or conversion strategy execution, pursuant to the below QCC rebate schedule, up to a maximum of \$550,000 in a given month.

QCC REBATE SCHEDULE

| Tier | Threshold | Rebate per contract |
|-------------|------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Tier 1 | 0 to 99,999 contracts in a month. | \$0.00 |
| Tier 2 | 100,000 to 299,999 contracts in a month. | 0.05 |
| Tier 3 | 300,000 to 499,999 contracts in a month. | 0.07 |
| Tier 4 | 500,000 to 699,999 contracts in a month. | 0.08 |
| Tier 5 | 700,000 to 999,999 contracts in a month. | 0.09 |
| Tier 6 | Over 1,000,000 contracts in a month. | 0.11 |

Today, the Exchange aggregates volume from all executed Combined QCC Orders and excludes QCC transactions where the transaction is either: (i) Customer-to-Customer; (ii) Customer-to-Professional; (iii)

⁷ The term “Customer” applies to any transaction that is identified by a member or member organization for clearing in the Customer range at The Options Clearing Corporation (“OCC”) which is not for the account of a broker or dealer or for the account of a “Professional” (as that term is defined in Options 1, Section 1(b)(45)). See Options 7, Section 1.

⁸ The term “Professional” applies to transactions for the accounts of Professionals, as defined in Exchange Rule 1000(b)(43) means any person or entity that (i) is not a broker or dealer in securities, and (ii) places more than 390 orders in listed options per day on average during a calendar month for its own beneficial account(s). See Options 7, Section 1.

⁹ QCC Orders within Options 3, Section 12 are submitted electronically. The Exchange proposes to add the word “electronic” before QCC Orders in several places within Options 7, Section 4 for clarity.

¹³ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.