

Register on October 15, 2003.⁴ The Commission received no comments on the proposal.

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 exchange⁵ and, in particular, the requirements of section 6 of the Act⁶ and the rules and regulations thereunder. In particular, the Commission believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with section 6(b)(5)⁷ of the Act because it should enable the Exchange to accommodate customers that seek immediate execution or cancel orders.

It is therefore ORDERED, pursuant to section 19(b)(2) of the Act,⁸ that the proposed rule change (SR-BSE-2003-08), as amended, be, and it hereby is, approved.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁹

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-49107; File No. SR-CBOE-2003-37]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Order Approving Proposed Rule Change and Amendment No. 1 Thereto by the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Inc. Relating to the Appointment of the Members and Chairman of Its Governance Committee

January 20, 2004.

On September 5, 2003, the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Inc. ("CBOE" or "Exchange") submitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² a proposed rule change that would give the Chairman of the Board of Directors ("Board") the authority to appoint the members and

chairman of CBOE's Governance Committee. CBOE submitted Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change by facsimile on November 6, 2003.³ The proposed rule change was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on November 18, 2003.⁴ The Commission received no comments on the proposal.

The Commission finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to a national securities exchange.⁵ In particular, the Commission believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with section 6(b)(5) of the Act,⁶ which requires, among other things, that CBOE's rules be designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. The Commission notes that the proposed rule change makes the appointment process for the Governance Committee consistent with the process currently in place for other standing committees of the Board, and also eliminates a redundancy between the Exchange's Constitution and its rules with respect to the appointment process for the Audit and Compensation Committees.

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to section 19(b)(2) of the Act,⁷ that the proposed rule change, as amended (SR-CBOE-2003-37) be, and it hereby is, approved.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁸

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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³ See letter from Patrick Sexton, Assistant General Counsel, CBOE, to Gordon Fuller, Counsel to the Assistant Director, Division of Market Regulation, Commission, dated November 6, 2003 ("Amendment No. 1"). In Amendment No. 1, CBOE clarified the current procedure by which Governance Committee members are appointed, explained the reason for the proposed rule change, and revised a portion of the original proposed rule text.

⁴ Securities Exchange Act Release No. 48913 (November 11, 2003), 68 FR 65975 (November 18, 2003).

⁵ In approving this proposed rule change, the Commission notes that it has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

⁸ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-49100; File No. SR-DTC-2003-15]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; the Depository Trust Company; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change Relating To Revisions to the Fee Schedule

January 20, 2004.

Pursuant to section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),¹ notice is hereby given that on December 29, 2003, The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in items I, II, and III below, which items have been prepared primarily by DTC. 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 proposed rule change consists of revisions to DTC's fee schedule for services.²

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

In its filing with the Commission, DTC 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. DTC has prepared summaries, set forth in sections (A), (B), and (C) below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.³

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

The purpose of the proposed rule change is to adjust the fees DTC charges for various services so that the fees are aligned with DTC's estimated service costs for 2004, effective with respect to services provided on and after January 1, 2004.

DTC believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of section 17A of the Act and the rules and regulations

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² A copy of DTC's 2004 service fee revisions is attached as Exhibit 1.

³ The Commission has modified parts of these statements.

⁴ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 48596 (October 7, 2003), 68 FR 58435 (October 15, 2003).

⁵ In approving this proposed rule change, the Commission has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f.

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

⁹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.