

quote and may thus become the basis for a quote at which an order may be executed. The Exchange will conduct further review to determine whether to include broad-based index option classes under the proposed change in the future.

The Exchange believes that the increase should provide customers with quicker executions for a larger number of orders, by providing automatic rather than manual executions, thereby reducing the amount of orders subject to manual processing. In support of its proposal to increase the RAES eligibility maximum, CBOE represents that its system capacity is sufficient to accommodate the increased number of automatic executions anticipated to result from the implementation of this proposal.

2. Statutory Basis

The proposed rule change will enhance the ability of the Exchange to provide instantaneous, automatic execution of public customers' orders at the best available prices, which furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5)¹¹ of the Act to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market, and to protect investors and the public interest.

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

CBOE does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition.

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 change.

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

Within 35 days of the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** or within such longer period (i) as the Commission may designate up to 90 days of such date if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or (ii) as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission will:

(A) by order approved such proposed rule change, or

(B) institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

The Commission invites interested persons to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. In addition, the Commission seeks comment concerning whether the proposed rule change fosters quote competition among options market professionals and enhances investors' interests in obtaining the best available price.

Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549-0609. 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 will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the CBOE. All submission should refer to File No. SR-CBOE-99-51 and should be submitted by July 12, 2000.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹²

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

[FR Doc. 00-15616 Filed 6-20-00; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 8010-01-M

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-42929; File No. SR-CHX-00-18]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change by the Chicago Stock Exchange, Incorporated Relating to Fees for the E-Session

June 13, 2000.

Pursuant to section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,²

¹² 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

notice is hereby given that on June 1, 2000, the Chicago Stock Exchange, Incorporated ("CHX" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission" or "SEC") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Exchange has designated this proposal as one establishing or changing a due, fee, or other charge imposed by the CHX under section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act,³ 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

The Exchange proposes to amend its membership dues and fees schedule (the "Schedule") to continue, through October 1, 2000, the waiver of all transaction, order processing and floor broker fees for transactions that occur during the CHX's after-hours trading session ("E-Session"). The text of the proposed rule change is available upon request from the Commission or the CHX.

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 proposed rule change amends the Schedule to eliminate, through October 1, 2000, order processing, transaction and floor broker fees for transactions that occur during the CHX's E-Session.⁴

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

⁴ On October 13, 1999, the Commission approved, on a pilot basis, the CHX's proposed rule change that allowed the CHX to implement an extended hours trading session. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 42004 (October 13, 1999), 64 FR 56548 (October 20, 1999) (SR-CHX-99-16). The E-Session takes place from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Central

¹¹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

The proposal is designed to allow CHX members to continue to participate in the E-Session without incurring the fees normally associated with their CHX transactions.⁵ According to the CHX, the vast majority of the securities that trade during the E-Session are already subject to order processing and transaction fee waivers under the current fee schedule because they are either NASDAQ/NMS issues or issues within the S&P 500. The CHX believes that waiving fees on the few remaining securities and on floor broker transactions in all securities will simplify the Exchange's fee-related communications with its members.

2. Statutory Basis

The CHX believes the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)(4) of the Act⁶ in that it provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among its members.

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any inappropriate burden on competition.

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.

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

The proposed rule change has become effective pursuant to section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act⁷ and subparagraph (f)(2) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder,⁸ because it involves a due, fee, or other charge. 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 proposal is consistent with the Act. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609. 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 will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All submissions should refer to file number SR-CHX-00-18, and should be submitted by June 12, 2000.

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

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

[FR Doc. 00-15618 Filed 6-20-00; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 8010-01-M

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-42932; File No. SR-Phlx-99-32]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change by the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Inc., to Increase the Maximum Order Size Eligibility for Automatic Execution

June 13, 2000.

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 August 23, 1999, the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Inc. ("Phlx" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange

Commission ("SEC" or "Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the Phlx. On September 27, 1999 and January 23, 2000 the Phlx submitted Amendments Nos. 1 and 2 to the proposed rule change, respectively.³ 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 Phlx, pursuant to Rule 19b-4 under the Act, proposes to amend Phlx Rule 1080(c) to increase its maximum order size eligibility for the AUTO-X feature of the Phlx Automated Options Market ("AUTOM"). AUTOM is the Exchange's electronic order routing and delivery system for equity and index options. Currently, AUTO-X automatically executes customer market and marketable limit orders up to fifty contracts. The Exchange now proposes to permit AUTO-X to execute orders of up to seventy-five contracts.

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 Phlx 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 Phlx 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 the proposed rule change is to increase the maximum order size eligibility for AUTO-X from fifty to seventy-five contracts. Under the

³ In Amendment No. 1, the Exchange designated the proposal as filed pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act. See Letter from Edith Hallahan, Deputy General Counsel, Phlx, to Nancy Sanow, Senior Special Counsel, Division of Market Regulation, Commission, dated September 23, 1999 ("Amendment No. 1"). In Amendment No. 2, the Exchange deleted a provision in the original proposal that restricted the increase in maximum order size eligibility to 100 options. See Letter from Nandita Yagnik, Phlx, to Nancy Sanow, Senior Special Counsel, Division of Market Regulation, Commission dated January 20, 2000 ("Amendment No. 2").

Time, Monday through Friday. The E-Session is currently approved to continue through October 1, 2000. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 42463 (February 28, 2000), 65 FR 11817 (March 6, 2000) (SR-CHX-00-02).

⁵ E-Session fees have been waived since the beginning of the E-Session. See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 42089 (November 2, 1999), 64 FR 60864 (November 8, 1999) (SR-CHX-99-23) (waiving fees from October 13, 1999 through December 31, 1999; 42329 (January 11, 2000), 65 FR 3000 (January 19, 2000) (SR-CHX-99-29) (waiving fees from January 1, 2000 through March 1, 2000; and 42486 (March 2, 2000) 65 FR 12601 (March 9, 2000) (SR-CHX-00-05) (waiving fees from March 2, 2000 through June 30, 2000). This proposal simply extends the waiver of the same fees through October 1, 2000. See June 12, 2000 telephone conversation between Paul O'Kelly, Executive Vice President, Market Regulation and Legal, CHX, and Joseph P. Morra, Special Counsel, Division of Market Regulation, SEC.

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

⁸ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

⁹ 17 CFR 200.03-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.