

the Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will affect intramarket competition because all similarly situated registered persons of ATP Holders, e.g., registered persons maintaining the same categories of registration, are required to complete the same CE Programs, the same qualification examinations, and are subject to the same fees.

*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**

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)(ii) of the Act<sup>26</sup> and subparagraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.<sup>27</sup>

The Exchange has requested that the Commission waive the 30-day operative delay. Waiver of the operative delay would allow the Exchange to modify its rules and implement the proposed rule change at once, enabling its Members to comply with their continuing education requirements in a timely manner, and thus is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. Therefore, the Commission designates the proposal operative upon filing.<sup>28</sup>

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: (i) Necessary or appropriate in the public interest; (ii) for the protection of investors; or (iii) 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:

*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](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR-NYSEMkt-2013-77 on the subject line.

*Paper Comments*

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

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NYSEMkt-2013-77. 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 Web site (<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 Web site 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 inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NYSEMkt-2013-77 and should be submitted on or before November 12, 2013.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>29</sup>

**Kevin M. O'Neill,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**[Release No. 34-70568; File No. SR-BX-2013-047]**

**Self-Regulatory Organizations; NASDAQ OMX BX, Inc.; Order Approving a Proposed Rule Change To Assume Operational Responsibility for Certain Surveillance Activity Currently Performed by FINRA Under the Exchange's Authority and Supervision**

September 30, 2013.

On July 31, 2013, NASDAQ OMX BX, Inc. ("BX" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> a proposed rule change to assume operational responsibility for certain surveillance activity currently performed by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA") under the Exchange's authority and supervision. The proposed rule change was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on August 16, 2013.<sup>3</sup> The Commission received no comments on the proposal.

After careful review, 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<sup>4</sup> and, in particular, the requirements of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act.<sup>5</sup> Since its acquisition by The NASDAQ OMX Group, Inc., BX has contracted with FINRA through various regulatory services agreements to perform certain surveillance and other regulatory functions on its behalf. BX Rule 0150 requires that, unless the Exchange obtains prior Commission approval, the regulatory functions subject to the regulatory services agreement in effect at the time of its

<sup>26</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(a)(ii).

<sup>27</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). In addition, Rule 19b-4(f)(6) requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The Exchange has satisfied this requirement.

<sup>28</sup> For purposes only of waiving the 30-day operative delay, the Commission has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

<sup>29</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

<sup>3</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 70158 (August 12, 2013), 78 FR 50126 (August 16, 2013) ("Notice").

<sup>4</sup> In approving this proposed rule change, the Commission has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

<sup>5</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

acquisition must continue to be performed by FINRA or an affiliate thereof or by another independent self-regulatory organization. BX now proposes to reallocate operational responsibility from FINRA to BX Regulation for a limited number of equities surveillance patterns and related review functions focused on: (1) Manipulation patterns that monitor solely BX activity, including patterns that monitor the opening and closing crosses on The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC ("NASDAQ") and compliance with minimum bid listing requirements; and (2) monitoring of compliance by NASDAQ member firms with elements of the Commission's Regulation M<sup>6</sup> and NASDAQ Rule 4619 compliance, which will include data from BX.

In the Notice, the Exchange represents that it has the ability to conduct the surveillances and regulatory functions that it will assume. The Commission also notes that the Exchange represents that its expertise in its own market structure, along with its existing real-time monitoring of these activities, may enable the Exchange to better detect improper activities on its market. Moreover, these patterns, underlying rules, and analytical requirements are similar to patterns that BX regulatory personnel already monitor for affiliated options markets. The Exchange represents that NASDAQ's MarketWatch group, which already handles other real-time surveillance of the BX market, should be able to adequately and effectively handle the surveillances related to the instant proposed rule change.

In the Notice, the Exchange further represents that it will continue to refer potentially violative conduct to FINRA for further review and that FINRA will continue to perform most of the surveillance activity for BX's equity market. The Exchange also represents that FINRA will continue to perform examination and enforcement work, subject to BX's supervision and ultimate responsibility.

For the foregoing reasons, the Commission believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act.

*It is therefore ordered*, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,<sup>7</sup> that the proposed rule change (SR-BX-2013-047) be, and it hereby is, approved.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>8</sup>

**Kevin M. O'Neill,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

**[Release No. 34-70574; File No. SR-C2-2013-036]**

### **Self-Regulatory Organizations; C2 Options Exchange, Incorporated; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Amend the Fees Schedule**

September 30, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act"),<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on September 25, 2013, C2 Options Exchange, Incorporated (the "Exchange" or "C2") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III 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 its Fees Schedule. The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's Web site (<http://www.c2exchange.com/Legal/>), at the Exchange's Office of the Secretary, at the Commission's Public Reference Room, and on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.sec.gov>.

#### **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 its Fees Schedule. First, the Exchange proposes to remove the following language from Section 3 of its Fees Schedule:

Because C2 intends to cease listing of SPXPM following the closing of trading on Friday, February 15, 2013, for any Market-Maker Permit used in February 2013 solely to act as a Market-Maker in SPXPM, C2 will credit back to the Market-Maker a pro-rated amount (corresponding to the portion of the month during which SPXPM is not listed on C2) of the Market-Maker Permit cost. This language is obsolete and no longer relevant, as the month of February 2013 has ended and SPXPM is no longer traded on the Exchange.

The Exchange also proposes to make another amendment to Section 3 of its Fees Schedule. Currently, Section 3 states that "Trading Permits will be renewed automatically for the next month unless the Trading Permit Holder submits written notification to the Registration Services Department by the 25th day of the prior month (or the preceding business day if the 25th is not a business day) to cancel the Trading Permit effective at or prior to the end of the applicable month." The Exchange proposes to amend this statement to give Trading Permit Holders ("TPHs") until 4 p.m. on the second-to-last business day of the prior month to cancel a Trading Permit. This will give TPHs more time to cancel Trading Permits before such permits renew.<sup>3</sup>

Third, the Exchange proposes to adopt a one-time "Responsible Person" fee of \$500 to the list of Application-Related Fees. A "Responsible Person" is an individual designated by an organization that is the holder of a Trading Permit to represent the organization with respect to that Trading Permit in all matters relating to the Exchange. The Responsible Person must be a United States-based officer, director or management-level employee of the Permit Holder, who is responsible for the direct supervision and control of

<sup>3</sup> The proposed new language would read "Trading Permits will be renewed automatically for the next month unless the Trading Permit Holder submits written notification to the Registration Services Department by 4 p.m. on the second-to-last business day of the prior month to cancel the Trading Permit effective at or prior to the end of the applicable month."

<sup>6</sup> 17 CFR 242.100 *et seq.*

<sup>7</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

<sup>8</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.