SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-60779; File No. SR-CBOE-2009-73)

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change to Amend on CBSX the Taker Fees and Maker Rebates

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 1, 2009, the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated (the "Exchange" or "CBOE") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. CBOE has designated this proposal as one establishing or changing a due, fee, or other charge applicable only to a member under Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act³ and Rule 19b-4(f)(2) thereunder,⁴ 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. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule</u> <u>Change</u>

The Exchange proposes to amend its CBOE Stock Exchange ("CBSX") Fees Schedule.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's Web site

(http://www.cboe.org/legal), at the Exchange's Office of the Secretary, and at the Commission.

- ² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.
- ³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).
- ⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

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

In its filing with the Commission, the self-regulatory organization 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 those 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 parts of such statements.

A. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and the Statutory Basis</u> for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. <u>Purpose</u>

CBSX proposes to make fee modifications in order to better attract business to the exchange. Specifically, CBSX proposes to change to \$0.0010 per share its Taker Fee applicable to transactions of securities priced at \$1 or greater (including for ISO and IOC orders). CBSX proposes to change to 0.29% its Taker Fee for transactions in securities priced less than \$1. CBSX proposes to change to \$0.0005 per share the rebate for Makers, applicable to transactions in securities priced at \$1 or greater.

CBSX also proposes to eliminate its enhanced Maker rebate for Market-Makers when Liquidity Provider Guidelines ("LPGs") are met regarding transactions in securities priced at \$1 or greater. Indeed, CBSX proposes to eliminate from its Fees Schedule all references to LPGs, including current footnote 2 and the LPG table. Without the enhanced rebate, the LPG table is no longer necessary.

CBSX also proposes to change its Maker rebate for transactions in securities priced less than \$1 to 0.20% of the dollar value of the transaction. CBSX proposes to change the fee for the sweep portion of cross and sweep orders for transactions in securities priced less than \$1 to 0.40% of the dollar value of the sweep portion. CBSX proposes to change the fees for orders routed away to \$0.0029 per share for transactions in securities priced at \$1 or greater and 0.29% of the dollar value of the transaction for transactions in securities priced less than \$1.

Finally, CBSX also proposes to modify its pricing for NBBO Step-Up trades. The order that is flashed will be charged \$0.0005 per share executed, and there will be no Maker rebates.

2. <u>Statutory Basis</u>

The proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")⁵, in general, and furthers the objectives of Section $6(b)(4)^6$ of the Act in particular, in that it is designed to provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among CBOE members and other persons using its facilities.

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 not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

C. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule</u> <u>Change Received from Members, Participants, or Others</u>

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

The proposed rule change is designated by the Exchange as establishing or changing a due, fee, or other charge, thereby qualifying for effectiveness on filing pursuant to Section

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4)

19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act⁷ and subparagraph (f)(2) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.⁸ 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 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 (<u>http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml</u>); or
- Send an e-mail to <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include File Number SR-CBOE-2009-73 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-CBOE-2009-73. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail 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

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(3)(A)(ii).

⁸ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

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, 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 such 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-CBOE-2009-73 and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from publication in the Federal Register].

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁹

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⁹ 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).