

of inspections, and delaying them only for a short period.

#### IV. Conclusion

On the basis of the foregoing, the Commission finds that the proposed amendments to the Board's rules governing inspections of registered public accounting firms are consistent with the requirements of the Act and the securities laws and are necessary and appropriate in the public interest and for the protection of investors.

*It is therefore ordered*, pursuant to section 107 of the Act and section 19(b)(2) of the Exchange Act, that the proposed rule amendments (File No. PCAOB-2006-03) be and hereby are approved.

By the Commission.

**Florence E. Harmon,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-56725; File No. SR-Phlx-2007-82]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Amend the Market Access Provider Subsidy Section of the Exchange's Fee Schedule

October 31, 2007.

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> notice is hereby given that on October 23, 2007, the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Inc. ("Phlx" or "Exchange") 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 substantially prepared by the Phlx. 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 proposes to amend the Exchange's fee schedule to reflect a Market Access Provider ("MAP") Marketing Subsidy of \$25,000.00 per month for a maximum of three months.

The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Exchange, the Commission's Public Reference Room, and <http://www.Phlx.com/exchange/phlx-rule-fil.htm>.

#### 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 provide marketing incentives to Exchange member organizations, and to encourage additional options order flow to the Exchange.

###### Market Access Provider

In August 2007, the Exchange amended its fee schedule to provide a per contract subsidy (the "Subsidy") for certain Exchange members known as MAPs.<sup>3</sup> A MAP is an Exchange member organization that offers to customers automated order routing systems and electronic market access to U.S. options markets. The Exchange pays a per-contract MAP Subsidy to any Exchange member organization that qualifies as a MAP (an "Eligible MAP")<sup>4</sup> who elects to participate by submitting any application(s) and/or form(s) required by the Exchange and complying with other conditions.

###### The Proposal

The proposal would provide an incentive for Eligible MAPs to market the Exchange as a destination for orders routed by the MAP. Specifically, the Exchange would pay a MAP Marketing Subsidy of \$25,000.00 per month, for a maximum of three months (totaling \$75,000.00), to Eligible MAPs, in

<sup>3</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 56274 (August 16, 2007), 72 FR 48720 (August 24, 2007) (SR-Phlx-2007-54).

<sup>4</sup> The term "Eligible MAP" is defined in current footnote 4(b) of the Market Access Provider Subsidy section of the Exchange's fee schedule (the instant proposal would re-number that footnote to 5(b)).

addition to the current per-contract Subsidy.

The MAP Marketing Subsidy is intended to be used by the Eligible MAP to: (i) Promote the Subsidy program; (ii) provide technical assistance and information to its customers on the equity options order routing functionality that pertains to the Subsidy program; and (iii) analyze the volume based usage of such order routing functionality by the Eligible MAP and its customers, in each case with a view towards the successful launch of the Eligible MAP's participation in the Subsidy for Eligible MAPs.

The maximum aggregate Marketing Subsidy that an Eligible MAP would be entitled to receive is \$75,000 (*i.e.*, 3 monthly payments). The Exchange's obligation to pay this Marketing Subsidy will be conditioned upon (a) execution by the Eligible MAP of an agreement to function as a MAP with the Exchange and compliance in all respects with the requirements specified therein, and (b) continued participation of the Eligible MAP in the Subsidy program, including compliance in all respects with the requirements of the program.

The Exchange believes that the MAP Marketing Subsidy should assist MAPs in their marketing efforts to route order flow to the Exchange, which should, in turn, encourage more options order flow to the Exchange.

###### 2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with section 6(b) of the Act<sup>5</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of section 6(b)(5) of the Act<sup>6</sup> in particular, in that it is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest by enhancing the Exchange's competitive position by providing the MAP Marketing Subsidy to Eligible MAPs and increasing order flow to the Exchange.

##### 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 that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

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

<sup>6</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

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

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

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

No written comments were either solicited or received.

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

The foregoing proposed rule change has become effective upon filing with the Commission pursuant to section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act<sup>7</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(2) thereunder,<sup>8</sup> in that the proposed rule change establishes or changes a member due, fee, or other charge imposed by the self-regulatory organization. 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 (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an e-mail to [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR-Phlx-2007-82 on the subject line.

*Paper Comments:*

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

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-Phlx-2007-82. 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 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 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Phlx. 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-Phlx-2007-82 and should be submitted on or before November 29, 2007.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>9</sup>

**Florence E. Harmon,**  
*Deputy Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

**[Public Notice: 5986]**

**30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Form DS-1998, Foreign Service Officer Test Registration Form, OMB Control Number 1405-0008**

**ACTION:** Notice of request for public comment and submission to OMB of proposed collection of information.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of State has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

- *Title of Information Collection:* Foreign Service Officer Test Registration Form.
- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0008.
- *Type of Request:* Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.
- *Originating Office:* Human Resources, HR/REE/BEX.
- *Form Number:* DS-1998E.
- *Respondents:* Registrants for the Foreign Service Officer Test.
- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 20,000.
- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 20,000.

- *Average Hours Per Response:* 3 hours.
- *Total Estimated Burden:* 60,000 hours.
- *Frequency:* On occasion.
- *Obligation to Respond:* Required to Obtain or Retain a Benefit.

**DATES:** Submit comments to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for up to 30 days from November 8, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct comments and questions to Katherine Astrich, the Department of State Desk Officer in the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), who may be reached at 202-395-4718. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *E-mail:* [kastrich@omb.eop.gov](mailto:kastrich@omb.eop.gov). You must include the DS form number, information collection title, and OMB control number in the subject line of your message.
- *Mail (paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions):* Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503.
- *Fax:* 202-395-6974.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** You may obtain copies of the proposed information collection and supporting documents from Stephen J. Blake, HR/REE/BEX, SA-1, 2401 E Street, H-518, Washington, DC 20522, who may be reached on 202-261-8898 or at [blakesj@state.gov](mailto:blakesj@state.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary to properly perform our functions.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond.

**Abstract of Proposed Collection**

Individuals registering for the Foreign Service Officer Test will complete a Registration Form that consists of an application form and six personal narrative questions about experience and qualifications. This includes information about their name, age, Social Security Number, contact information, ethnicity, education and work history, military experience, and their knowledge, skills and abilities they would bring to the Foreign Service. The information will be used to prepare and

<sup>7</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

<sup>8</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

<sup>9</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).