operative delay so that the proposal may take effect on May 1, 2008.¹¹

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 *rulecomments@sec.gov.* Please include File Number SR–CBOE–2008–51 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-CBOE-2008-51. 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, 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 CBOE. 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– 2008–51 and should be submitted on or before May 28, 2008.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹²

Florence E. Harmon,

Deputy Secretary. [FR Doc. E8–10039 Filed 5–6–08; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 8010-01-P

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–57758; File No. SR–CBOE– 2008–44]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated; Notice of Filing and Order Granting Accelerated Approval of Proposed Rule Change, as Modified by Amendment No. 1 Thereto, Relating to Equity Linked Term Notes

May 1, 2008.

Pursuant to section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on April 15, 2008, the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated ("CBOE" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared substantially by the Exchange. On April 30, 2008, the Exchange submitted Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change, as amended, from interested persons, and is granting accelerated approval to the proposed rule change.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to amend CBOE Rule 31.5(I), which provides the requirements for the listing and trading of Equity Linked Term Notes ("ELTNs") on the Exchange. The text of the proposed rule change is available at the principal office of the Exchange, the Commission's Public Reference Room, and http://www.cboe.com.

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

In its filing with the Commission, CBOE included statements concerning the purpose of, and basis for, the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item III below. CBOE 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

Rule 19b–4(e)³ under the Act provides that the listing and trading of a new derivative securities product by a selfregulatory organization shall not be deemed a proposed rule change, pursuant to paragraph (c)(1) of Rule 19b–4,⁴ if the Commission has approved, pursuant to section 19(b) of the Act,⁵ the self-regulatory organization's trading rules, procedures, and listing standards for the product class that would include the new derivative securities product, and the self-regulatory organization has a surveillance program for the product class. The Exchange proposes to amend CBOE Rule 31.5(I), which sets forth CBOE's listing standards for ELTNs, to clarify that the listing and trading of ELTNs on CBOE, including the trading of ELTNs on CBOE pursuant to unlisted trading privileges, is subject to Rule 19b-4(e) under the Act.

2. Statutory Basis

Because this proposal clarifies that the listing and trading of ELTNs on the Exchange is subject to Rule 19b–4(e) under the Act,⁶ the Exchange believes that the proposal is consistent with the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder and, in particular, the requirements of Section 6(b) of the Act.⁷ Specifically, the Exchange believes that the proposal is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5)⁸ requirements that the rules of an exchange be designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, 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.

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 that is not

¹¹For purposes only of waiving the operative date of this proposal, the Commission has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

^{12 17} CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).

¹15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

^{3 17} CFR 240.19b-4(e).

^{4 17} CFR 240.19b-4(c)(1).

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b).

⁶17 CFR 240.19b–4(e).

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁸15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

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. 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 *rulecomments@sec.gov.* Please include File Number SR–CBOE–2008–44 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-CBOE-2008-44. 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 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–CBOE–2008–44 and should be submitted on or before May 28, 2008.

IV. Commission's Findings and Order Granting Accelerated Approval of the Proposed Rule Change

After careful consideration, 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.⁹ In particular, the Commission finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with section 6(b)(5) of the Act,¹⁰ which requires that the rules of an exchange be designed, among other things, to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, 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.

The Commission finds good cause for approving this proposal before the 30th day after the publication of notice thereof in the Federal Register. The proposal seeks to clarify that the Exchange's listing and trading of ELTNs is subject to Rule 19b-4(e) under the Act. Therefore, the Commission does not believe that the Exchange's proposal raises any novel regulatory issues. The Commission believes that accelerating approval of this proposal would ensure that the Exchange's rules clearly reflect the standards for listing and trading of ELTNs and conform the rules to those of other Exchanges without undue delay.11

V. Conclusion

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to section 19(b)(2) of the Act,¹² that the proposed rule change, as amended (SR–CBOE–2008–44), be, and it hereby is, approved on an accelerated basis.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority. $^{\rm 13}$

Florence E. Harmon,

Deputy Secretary. [FR Doc. E8–10071 Filed 5–6–08; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 8010-01-P

 11 See e.g., International Securities Exchange Rule 2130 and NYSE Arca Rule 5.2(j)(2).

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–57750, File No. SR–MSRB– 2007–08]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board; Order Granting Approval of Proposed Rule Change as Modified by Amendment No. 1 Thereto Relating to Rule G–8, Books and Records, Rule G– 9, Preservation of Records, and Rule G–34, CUSIP Numbers and New Issue Requirements, To Improve Transaction Reporting of New Issues

May 1, 2008.

On November 27, 2007, the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board ("MSRB"), filed with 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 consisting of an amendment of its Rule G-8, Books and Records, Rule G-9. Preservation of Records, and Rule G-34, CUSIP Numbers and New Issue Requirements. The proposed rule change was published for comment in the Federal Register on January 17, 2008.³ The Commission received two comment letters about the proposed rule change.⁴ The MSRB also forwarded to the Commission a comment letter about the proposed rule change received by the MSRB.⁵ On April 22, 2008, the MSRB filed Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change.⁶ This order approves the proposed rule change as modified by Amendment No. 1.

The proposed rule change is designed to improve transaction reporting of new issues and would accelerate the timing for CUSIP number assignment and, with the exception of new issues of shortterm instruments with less than nine months in effective maturity, require

⁴ See letter from Leslie M. Norwood, Managing Director and Associate General Counsel, Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association ("SIFMA"), dated March 28, 2008, and letter from Mary Lee Corrigan, Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer and Janis C. Brennan, Vice President & Operations Manager, Griffin, Kubik, Stephens & Thompson, Inc. ("GKST"), dated April 3, 2008.

⁵ See letter from Michael Decker and Michael Nicholas, Co-Chief Executive Officers, Regional Bond Dealers Association ("RBDA"), dated April 1, 2008.

⁹ In approving this rule change, the Commission notes that it has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. *See* 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

^{12 15} U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

^{13 17} CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 57131 (January 11, 2008), 73 FR 3295 (January 17, 2008) ("Commission's Notice").

⁶ In Amendment No. 1, the MSRB responded to the three comment letters and, in response to the comment letters, postponed the effective date of the proposed rule change from June 30, 2008 to September 30, 2008. This is a technical amendment and is not subject to notice and comment.