

Holder,” and “NYSE Amex Options” would not be changed. The Exchange proposes to update the Exchange’s address in Sections 332 and 350 of the Company Guide and Rule 341A. In addition, the Exchange proposes to simplify cross-references within the Exchange’s rules. References to “Exchange Rule” or “NYSE Amex Rule” would be shortened to “Rule” and references to “NYSE Amex Equities” would be shortened to “Equities” (e.g., Rule 0—NYSE Amex Equities would become Rule 0—Equities).

None of the foregoing changes are substantive.⁵

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act”),⁶ in general, and Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,⁷ in particular, in that it is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in facilitating transactions in securities, 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 Exchange proposes to change its name for marketing purposes, and the proposed rule change is intended to accurately reflect the name change in the Exchange’s rules and governing documents. In addition, the Exchange is proposing certain changes that would make the rule text simpler and more uniform so that it will be easier for market participants to use, which is in the public interest.

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.

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.

⁵ The Exchange will submit subsequent rule filings as necessary to make any technical corrections to proposed rule changes that are pending as of the date of submission of this filing and approved by the Commission thereafter.

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

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

The foregoing proposed rule change is concerned solely with the administration of the Exchange pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii)⁸ of the Act and Rule 19b-4(f)(3)⁹ thereunder. Accordingly, the proposal will take effect upon filing with the Commission. 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 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 email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR–NYSEAmex-2012–32 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–NYSEAmex-2012–32. 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

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

⁹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(3).

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–NYSEAmex-2012–32 and should be submitted on or before June 15, 2012.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁰

Kevin M. O’Neill,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–67036; File No. SR–CME–2012–18]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Chicago Mercantile Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Modify a Fee Program Related to Its OTC Interest Rate Swap Clearing Offering

May 21, 2012.

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 May 9, 2012, Chicago Mercantile Exchange, Inc. (“CME”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) the proposed rule change described in Items I, II and III below, which items have been prepared primarily by CME. CME filed the proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii)³ of the Act and Rule 19b-4(f)(2)⁴ thereunder, so that the proposed rule change was effective upon filing with the Commission. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested parties.

¹⁰ 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

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

CME is proposing to make certain fee-related changes that would apply to its OTC Interest Rate Swap clearing offering.⁵ The text of the proposed changes is listed below. Additions are in italics, deletions in brackets.

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CME Incentive Program for Over-The-Counter Interest Rate Swaps

Program Purpose

The purpose of the Program is to incentivize participants to increase the volume in CME over-the-counter ("OTC") interest rate swaps which will improve market liquidity. The resulting addition of liquidity for these Products (as defined below) benefits all participants in the market.

Product Scope

CME OTC Interest Rate Swaps cleared by the Clearing House ("Products").

Eligible Participants

CME may designate up to [five (5)] *six (6)* participants in the Program based on their level of expertise and experience with the Products. Participants may be CME members and/or non-members. CME will also take potential participants' experience in the Products and historical volume in the Products with the Clearing House when making its selections.

Program Term

Non-Asset Managers

Qualification Period: January 6, 2012 through December 31, 2012

Earned Incentive Period: January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2016

Asset Managers

Qualification Period: January 6, 2012 through December 31, 2012

Earned Incentive Period: January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2021

Hours

N/A

Obligations

Participants must provide designated accounts to CME in order for the account to receive consideration for the incentives described below.

Incentives

1. Fee Discounts. Once accepted into the Program, participants will be eligible to receive predetermined

discounts for transaction fees and maintenance fees in the Products during the Term.

2. Volume Discount Incentives. Additionally, once accepted into the Program, participants may qualify for predetermined fee discounts based on the overall fees charged for transactions in the Products submitted to the Clearing House during the Qualification Period.

Monitoring and Termination of Status

The Clearing House shall monitor participants' activity and performance and shall retain the right to revoke Program participant status if they conclude from review that a Program participant no longer meets the eligibility requirements of the Program.

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

In its filing with the Commission, CME included statements concerning the purpose 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. CME has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.⁶

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

CME currently offers clearing for certain OTC Interest Rate Swap products. CME has certain fee programs that apply to its OTC Interest Rate Swap ("IRS") clearing offering. The proposed changes that are the subject of this filing modify one of its existing fee programs. The proposed changes are related to the fees CME charges for clearing and therefore will become effective upon filing. However, the Program will become operative on May 23, 2012.

The proposed changes modify a current volume incentive program that is designed to incentivize participants to increase their volume in CME OTC IRS through predetermined fee discounts for transaction fees and maintenance fees ("Program"). The Program currently may include up to five participants (including CME members and/or non-members) designated by CME based on factors including potential participants' experience in IRS activities and historical volumes in IRS with CME. The change proposed by this filing

would simply increase the number of eligible participants from five to six.

Pursuant to Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC") regulations, the Program has been interpreted by CME as an incentive program subject to CFTC Regulation 40.6(d), requiring a self-certification filing to the CFTC, although no change to text of the CME rulebook is required. CME notes that it has already certified the proposed changes that are the subject of this filing to its primary regulator, the CFTC, in CME Submission No. 12-136. The text of the CME proposed changes is above. The proposed changes establish or change a member due, fee or other charge imposed by CME under Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 19b-4(f)(2) thereunder. CME believes that the proposed changes are consistent with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder and, in particular, to 17A(b)(3)(D),⁷ in that it provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among participants. CME notes that it operates in a highly competitive market in which market participants can readily direct business to competing venues.

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

CME does not believe that the proposed rule change will have any impact, or impose any burden, on competition.

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

CME has not solicited, and does not intend to solicit, comments regarding this proposed rule change. CME has not received any unsolicited written comments from interested parties.

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

The foregoing rule change was filed pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii)⁸ of the Act and Rule 19b-4(f)(2)⁹ thereunder and thus became effective upon filing because it establishes or changes a due, fee, or other charge applicable to a member. At any time within sixty days of the filing of such rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission

⁵ CME previously established the fee program in another rule filing. See Exchange Act Release No. 34-66102 (January 5, 2012), 77 FR 1775 (January 11, 2012) [CME-2011-22].

⁶ The Commission has modified the text of the summaries prepared by CME.

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78q-1(b)(3)(D).

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

⁹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

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 may be submitted by using the Commission's Internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>), or send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File No. SR-CME-2012-18 on the subject line.
- Paper comments should be sent 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-CME-2012-18. 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 such information also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of CME. 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-CME-2012-18 and should be submitted on or before June 15, 2012.

For the Commission by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁰

Kevin M. O'Neill,
Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-67034; File No. SR-NYSEArca-2012-26]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE Arca, Inc.; Notice of Designation of a Longer Period for Commission Action on Proposed Rule Change To List and Trade Option Contracts Overlying 10 Shares of a Security ("Mini-Options Contracts") and Implement Rule Text Necessary To Distinguish Mini-Options Contracts From Option Contracts Overlying 100 Shares of a Security ("Standard Contracts")

May 21, 2012.

On March 23, 2012, NYSE Arca, Inc. ("Exchange" or "NYSE Arca") 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 to list and trade option contracts overlying 10 shares of a security ("mini-options contracts") and implement rule text necessary to distinguish mini-options contracts from option contracts overlying 100 shares of a security ("standard contracts"). The proposed rule change was published for comment in the *Federal Register* on April 9, 2012.³ The Commission received five comment letters on the proposal.⁴

Section 19(b)(2) of the Act⁵ provides that, within 45 days of the publication of notice of the filing of a proposed rule change, or within such longer period up

¹⁰ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 66725 (April 3, 2012), 77 FR 21120.

⁴ See email from Danon Robinson, Founding Partner, Toro Trading, LLC, dated April 5, 2012; letter from Joan C. Conley, Senior Vice President and Corporate Secretary, The NASDAQ OMX Group, Inc., to Elizabeth M. Murphy, Secretary, Commission, dated April 30, 2012; letter from Manisha Kimmel, Executive Director, Financial Information Forum, to Elizabeth M. Murphy, Secretary, Commission, dated April 30, 2012; letter from Christopher Nagy, Managing Director Order Routing and Market Data Strategy, TD Ameritrade, Inc., to Elizabeth M. Murphy, Secretary, Commission, dated April 30, 2012; and letter from Edward T. Tilly, President and Chief Operating Officer, Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated, to Elizabeth M. Murphy, Secretary, Commission, dated April 30, 2012.

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

to 90 days as the Commission may designate if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission shall either approve the proposed rule change, disapprove the proposed rule change, or institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved. The 45th day for this filing is May 24, 2012. The Commission is extending this 45-day time period.

The Commission finds that it is appropriate to designate a longer period within which to take action on the proposed rule change so that it has sufficient time to consider the proposed rule change, the comment letters received, and any response to the comment letters submitted by NYSE Arca.

Accordingly, the Commission, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,⁶ designates July 8, 2012 as the date by which the Commission should either approve or disapprove, or institute proceedings to determine whether to disapprove, the proposed rule change (File No. SR-NYSEArca-2012-26).

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁷

Kevin M. O'Neill,
Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-67023; File No. SR-C2-2012-013]

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

May 18, 2012.

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 May 14, 2012, 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

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

⁷ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(31).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.