

publication of the notice of the filing of the proposed rule change in the **Federal Register** is December 24, 2012.

The Commission finds it appropriate to designate a longer period within which to issue an order approving or disapproving the proposed rule change so that it has sufficient time to consider the proposed rule change and the issues raised in the comment letters that have been submitted in response to the proposed rule change. The Commission also finds that it is appropriate to designate a longer period within which to issue an order approving or disapproving the proposed rule change so that it has sufficient time to consider the data that has been provided by the commenters to support their positions.

Accordingly, the Commission, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,⁸ designates February 22, 2013, as the date by which the Commission should either approve or disapprove the proposed rule change (SR-NYSEArca-2012-66).

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

Kevin M. O'Neill,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-68521; File No. SR-NYSEMKT-2012-58]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE MKT LLC; Notice of Designation of a Longer Period for Commission Action on Proposed Rule Change Deleting NYSE MKT Rules 95(c) and (d)—Equities and Related Supplementary Material

December 21, 2012.

On October 26, 2012, NYSE MKT LLC (the "Exchange") 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 delete NYSE MKT Rules 95(c) and (d)—Equities and related Supplementary Material. The proposed rule change was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on November 15, 2012.³ The

Commission received no comment letters on the proposal.

Section 19(b)(2) of the Act⁴ provides that within 45 days of the publication of notice of the filing of a proposed rule change, or within such longer period up 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 December 30, 2012. The Commission is extending this 45-day time period.

The Commission finds it appropriate to designate a longer period within which to take action on the proposed rule change so that it has sufficient time to consider this proposed rule change, which would delete NYSE MKT Rules 95(c) and (d)—Equities and related Supplementary Material, and the potential issues raised by this proposal.

Accordingly, the Commission, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,⁵ designates February 13, 2013 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-NYSEMKT-2012-58).

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁶

Kevin M. O'Neill,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-68518; File No. SR-BX-2012-076]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; NASDAQ OMX BX, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change Relating to Extension of the Exchange's Penny Pilot Program

December 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 December 20, 2012, NASDAQ OMX BX, Inc.

("Exchange" or "BX") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II 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

BX is filing with the Commission a proposal to: extend through June 30, 2013, the Penny Pilot Program in options classes in certain issues ("Penny Pilot" or "Pilot") and provide a procedure for replacement of any Penny Pilot issues that have been delisted.³

The Exchange requests that the Commission waive the 30-day operative delay period contained in Exchange Act Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii)⁴ to the extent needed for timely industry-wide implementation of the proposal.

Proposed new language is *italicized* and proposed deleted language is [bracketed].⁵

NASDAQ OMX BX Rules

Options Rules

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Chapter VI Trading Systems

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Sec. 5 Minimum Increments

(a) The Board may establish minimum quoting increments for options contracts traded on BX Options. Such minimum increments established by the Board will be designated as a stated policy, practice, or interpretation with respect to the administration of this Section within the meaning of Section 19 of the Exchange Act and will be filed with the SEC as a rule change for effectiveness upon filing. Until such time as the Board makes a change in the increments, the following principles shall apply:

(1) If the options series is trading at less than \$3.00, five (5) cents;

(2) If the options series is trading at \$3.00 or higher, ten (10) cents; and

³ The Penny Pilot was established in June 2012 and extended in July 2012. See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 67256 (June 26, 2012), 77 FR 39277 (July 2, 2012) (SR-BX-2012-030) (order approving BX option rules and establishing Penny Pilot); and 67342 (July 3, 2012), 77 FR 40666 (July 10, 2012) (SR-BX-2012-046) (notice of filing and immediate effectiveness extending the Penny Pilot through December 31, 2012).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

⁵ The text of the proposed rule change is available at <http://nasdaqomxbx.cchwallstreet.com/>, at BX's principal office, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

⁹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(57).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 68186 (November 8, 2012), 77 FR 68191.

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

⁶ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(31).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.