

that approximately 366 market centers are subject to the collection of information obligations of Rule 605. Each of these respondents is required to respond to the collection of information on a monthly basis.

The Commission staff estimates that, on average, Rule 605 causes respondents to spend 6 hours per month to collect the data necessary to generate the reports, or 72 hours per year. With an estimated 366 market centers subject to Rule 605, the total data collection time burden to comply with the monthly reporting requirement is estimated to be 29,352 hours per year.

Based on discussions with industry sources, the Commission staff estimates that an individual market center could retain a service provider to prepare a monthly report using the data collected for approximately \$2978 per month. This per-respondent estimate is based on the rate that a market center could expect to obtain if it negotiated on an individual basis. Based on the \$2978 estimate, the monthly cost to the 366 market centers to retain service providers to prepare reports would be \$1,089,948, or an annual cost of approximately \$13,079,376 million.

The collection of information obligation imposed by Rule 605 is mandatory. The response will be available to the public and will not be kept confidential.

The Commission may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid OMB control number.

The public may view background documentation for this information collection at the following Web site, www.reginfo.gov. Comments should be directed to: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503, or by sending an email to: Shagufta_Ahmed@omb.eop.gov; and (ii) Thomas Bayer, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Remi Pavlik-Simon, 6432 General Green Way, Alexandria, Virginia 22312, or send an email to PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: March 25, 2013.

Elizabeth M. Murphy,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available
From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Investor Education and Advocacy, Washington, DC 20549-0213.

Extension:

Rules 6a-1 and 6a-2, Form 1, SEC File No. 270-0017, OMB Control No. 3235-0017.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) (“PRA”), the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) a request for approval of extension of the previously approved collection of information provided for in Rule 6a-1 (17 CFR 240.6a-1), Rule 6a-2 (17 CFR 240.6a-2), and Form 1 (17 CFR 249.1) under The Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*) (“Exchange Act” or Act”).

The Exchange Act sets forth a regulatory scheme for national securities exchanges. Rule 6a-1 under the Act generally requires an applicant for initial registration as a national securities exchange to file an application with the Commission on Form 1. An exchange that seeks an exemption from registration based on limited trading volume also must apply for such exemption on Form 1. Rule 6a-2 under the Act requires registered and exempt exchanges: (1) to amend the Form 1 if there are any material changes to the information provided in the initial Form 1; and (2) to submit periodic updates of certain information provided in the initial Form 1, whether such information has changed or not. The information required pursuant to Rules 6a-1 and 6a-2 is necessary to enable the Commission to maintain accurate files regarding the exchange and to exercise its statutory oversight functions. Without the information submitted pursuant to Rule 6a-1 on Form 1, the Commission would not be able to determine whether the respondent met the criteria for registration or exemption set forth in Sections 6 and 19 of the Act. Without the amendments and periodic updates of information submitted pursuant to

Rule 6a-2, the Commission would have substantial difficulty determining whether a national securities exchange or exempt exchange was continuing to operate in compliance with the Act.

Initial filings on Form 1 by new exchanges are made on a one-time basis. The Commission estimates that it will receive approximately three initial Form 1 filings per year and that each respondent would incur an average burden of 47 hours to file an initial Form 1 at an average internal labor cost per response of approximately \$13,105. Therefore, the Commission estimates that the annual burden for all respondents to file the initial Form 1 would be 141 hours (one response/respondent × three respondents × 47 hours/response) and an internal labor cost of \$39,315 (one response/respondent × three respondents × \$13,105/response).

There currently are seventeen entities registered as national securities exchanges and two exempt exchanges, for a total of 19 exchanges. The Commission estimates that each registered or exempt exchange files four amendments or periodic updates to Form 1 per year, incurring an average burden of 25 hours to comply with Rule 6a-2. The Commission estimates that the annual burden for all respondents to file amendments and periodic updates to the Form 1 pursuant to Rule 6a-2 is 1900 hours (19 respondents × 25 hours/response × four responses/respondent per year) and an internal labor cost of \$510,720 (19 respondents × \$6,720/response × four responses/respondent per year).

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Elizabeth M. Murphy,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Public Law 94-409, that the Securities and Exchange Commission will hold a Closed Meeting on Wednesday, March 27, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioners, Counsel to the Commissioners, the Secretary to the Commission, and recording secretaries will attend the Closed Meeting. Certain staff members who have an interest in the matters also may be present.

The General Counsel of the Commission, or his designee, has certified that, in his opinion, one or more of the exemptions set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(3), (5), (7), and (10) and 17 CFR 200.402(a)(3), (5), (7), and (10), permit consideration of the scheduled matter at the Closed Meeting.

Commissioner Paredes, as duty officer, voted to consider the item listed for the Closed Meeting in a closed session, and determined that no earlier notice thereof was possible.

The subject matter of the Closed Meeting will be:

A matter relating to an enforcement proceeding.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting item.

For further information and to ascertain what, if any, matters have been added, deleted or postponed, please contact the Office of the Secretary at (202) 551-5400.

Dated: March 26, 2013.

Elizabeth M. Murphy,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-69229; File No. SR-Phlx-2013-15]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; NASDAQ OMX PHLX LLC; Order Approving a Proposed Rule Change for the Permanent Approval of a Pilot Program To Permit PSX To Accept Inbound Orders Routed by NASDAQ Execution Services LLC From the BX Equities Market

March 25, 2013.

I. Introduction

On February 6, 2013, NASDAQ OMX PHLX LLC (“Exchange” or “PHLX”) 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 requesting permanent approval of the Exchange’s pilot program that permits the NASDAQ OMX PSX facility of PHLX (“PSX” or the “System”) to accept inbound orders routed by NASDAQ Execution Services LLC (“NES”) from the NASDAQ OMX BX Equities Market of NASDAQ OMX BX, Inc. (“BX”). The proposed rule change was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on February 14, 2013.³ The Commission received no comment letters regarding the proposed rule change. This order approves the proposed rule change.

II. Background

PHLX Rule 985(b) prohibits the Exchange or any entity with which it is affiliated from, directly or indirectly, acquiring or maintaining an ownership interest in, or engaging in a business venture with, an Exchange member or an affiliate of an Exchange member in the absence of an effective filing under Section 19(b) of the Act.⁴ NES is a registered broker-dealer that is a member of the Exchange, and currently provides to members of the Exchange optional routing services to other markets.⁵ NES is owned by NASDAQ OMX Group, Inc. (“NASDAQ OMX”), which also owns three registered securities exchanges—the Exchange, BX, and the NASDAQ Stock Market LLC

(“NASDAQ”).⁶ Thus, NES is an affiliate of these exchanges.⁷ Absent an effective filing, PHLX Rule 985(b) would prohibit NES from being a member of the Exchange. The Commission initially approved NES’s affiliation with PHLX in connection with NASDAQ OMX’s acquisition of PHLX,⁸ and NES currently performs certain limited activities for the Exchange.⁹

On October 6, 2011, PHLX filed a proposed rule change for the System to accept inbound orders routed from the NASDAQ OMX BX Equities Market of BX on a pilot basis subject to certain limitations and conditions.¹⁰ On February 6, 2013, the Exchange filed the instant proposal to allow the Exchange to accept such orders routed inbound by NES from BX on a permanent basis subject to certain limitations and conditions.¹¹

III. Discussion and Commission Findings

After careful review, 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.¹² Specifically, the Commission finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)(1) of the Act,¹³ which requires, among other things, that a national securities exchange be so organized and have the capacity to carry out the purposes of the Act, and to comply and enforce compliance by its members and persons associated with its members, with the provisions of the Act, the rules and regulation thereunder, and the rules of the Exchange. Further, the

⁶ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 58179 (July 17, 2008), 73 FR 42874 (July 23, 2008) (SR-Phlx-2008-31) (order approving NASDAQ OMX’s acquisition of PHLX) (“PHLX Acquisition Order”).

⁷ See *id.* See also Notice, *supra* note 3, at 10667. See also, Securities Exchange Act Release No. 62877 (September 9, 2010), 75 FR 56633 (September 16, 2010) (SR-Phlx-2010-79).

⁸ See PHLX Acquisition Order, *supra* note 6, at 42887.

⁹ See, e.g., PHLX Rule 3315 (governing order routing by PHLX). See also Securities Exchange Act Release No. 65469 (October 3, 2011), 76 FR 62486 (October 7, 2011) (SR-Phlx-2011-108).

¹⁰ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 65553 (October 13, 2011), 76 FR 64987

(October 19, 2011) (SR-Phlx-2011-138) (notice of proposed rule change to allow the System to accept inbound orders from the NASDAQ OMX BX Equities Market of BX on a one-year pilot basis). See also, Securities Exchange Act Release No. 67996 (October 5, 2012), 77 FR 62282 (October 12, 2012) (SR-Phlx-2012-118) (extending one-year pilot for an additional six-month period).

¹¹ See Notice, *supra* note 3.

¹² In approving this proposed rule change, the Commission has considered the proposed rule’s impact on efficiency, competition and capital formation. 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

¹³ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(1).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 68889 (February 8, 2013), 78 FR 10666 (“Notice”).

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b). PHLX Rule 985 also prohibits a PHLX member from being or becoming an affiliate of PHLX, or an affiliate of an entity affiliated with PHLX, in the absence of an effective filing under Section 19(b). See PHLX Rule 958(b)(1)(B).

⁵ See PHLX Rule 3315. See also Notice, *supra* note 3, at 10667.