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number, or for an applicant using the Company name box, at *http:// www.sec.gov/search/search.htm*, or by calling (202) 551–8090.

Summary of the Application

1. Applicants request an order to permit (a) a Fund ¹ (each a "Fund of Funds'') to acquire shares of Underlying Funds² in excess of the limits in sections 12(d)(1)(A) and (C) of the Act and (b) the Underlying Funds that are registered open-end investment companies or series thereof, their principal underwriters and any broker or dealer registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to sell shares of the Underlying Fund to the Fund of Funds in excess of the limits in section 12(d)(1)(B) of the Act.³ Applicants also request an order of exemption under sections 6(c) and 17(b) of the Act from the prohibition on certain affiliated transactions in section 17(a) of the Act to the extent necessary to permit the Underlying Funds to sell their shares to, and redeem their shares from, the Funds of Funds.⁴ Applicants state that such transactions will be consistent with the policies of each Fund of Funds and each Underlying Fund and with the general

² Certain of the Underlying Funds have obtained exemptions from the Commission necessary to permit their shares to be listed and traded on a national securities exchange at negotiated prices and, accordingly, to operate as an exchange-traded fund ("ETF").

³ Applicants represent that a Funds of Funds will not invest in reliance on the order in business development companies or closed-end investment companies that are not listed and traded on a national securities exchange.

⁴ A Fund of Funds generally would purchase and sell shares of an Underlying Fund that operates as an ETF through secondary market transactions rather than through principal transactions with the Underlying Fund. Applicants nevertheless request relief from section 17(a) to permit a Fund of Funds to purchase or redeem shares from the ETF. A Fund of Funds will purchase and sell shares of an Underlying Fund that is a closed-end fund through secondary market transactions at market prices rather than through principal transactions with the closed-end fund. Accordingly, applicants are not requesting section 17(a) relief with respect to transactions in shares of closed-end funds (including business development companies). purposes of the Act and will be based on the net asset values of the Underlying Funds.

2. Applicants agree that any order granting the requested relief will be subject to the terms and conditions stated in the application. Such terms and conditions are designed to, among other things, help prevent any potential (i) undue influence over an Underlying Fund that is not in the same "group of investment companies" as the Fund of Funds through control or voting power, or in connection with certain services, transactions, and underwritings, (ii) excessive layering of fees, and (iii) overly complex fund structures, which are the concerns underlying the limits in sections 12(d)(1)(A), (B), and (C) of the Act.

3. Section 12(d)(1)(I) of the Act provides that the Commission may exempt any person, security, or transaction, or any class or classes of persons, securities, or transactions, from any provision of section 12(d)(1) if the exemption is consistent with the public interest and the protection of investors. Section 17(b) of the Act authorizes the Commission to grant an order permitting a transaction otherwise prohibited by section 17(a) if it finds that (a) the terms of the proposed transaction are fair and reasonable and do not involve overreaching on the part of any person concerned; (b) the proposed transaction is consistent with the policies of each registered investment company involved; and (c) the proposed transaction is consistent with the general purposes of the Act. Section 6(c) of the Act permits the Commission to exempt any persons or transactions from any provision of the Act if such exemption is necessary or appropriate in the public interest and consistent with the protection of investors and the purposes fairly intended by the policy and provisions of the Act.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, pursuant to delegated authority.

Robert W. Errett,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–76192; File No. SR–CBOE– 2015–091]

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

October 19, 2015.

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 October 9, 2015, Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated (the "Exchange" or "CBOE") 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 proposed rule change from interested persons.

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

The Exchange proposes to amend its Fees Schedule. The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's Web site (*http://www.cboe. com/AboutCBOE/CBOELegalRegulatory Home.aspx*), at the Exchange's Office of the Secretary, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

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 Exchange 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 Exchange 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

In March 2015, the Exchange launched Extended Trading Hours ("ETH") for options on the S&P 500

¹ Applicants request that the order apply to each existing and future series of AAM ETF Trust and to each existing and future registered open-end investment company or series thereof that is advised by Advisors Asset Management, Inc. or its successor or by any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with Advisors Asset Management, Inc. or its successor and is part of the same "group of investment companies" as AAM ETF Trust (each, a ''Fund''). For purposes of the requested order, "successor" is limited to an entity that results from a reorganization into another jurisdiction or a change in the type of business organization. For purposes of the request for relief, the term "group of investment companies" means any two or more investment companies, including closed-end investment companies and business development companies, that hold themselves out to investors as related companies for purposes of investment and investor services.

¹15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

Index ("SPX") and CBOE Volatility Index[®] ("VIX"), two of the Exchange's exclusively listed options,³ as alternatives for hedging and other investment purposes, particularly as a complementary investment tool to VIX futures.⁴ Rule 6.1A(c) provides that the Exchange may designate as eligible for trading during ETH any exclusively listed index option designated for trading under Rules 24.2 and 24.9. In response to customer demand for additional options to trade during ETH for similar purposes, the Exchange recently designated p.m.-settled options on the Standard & Poor's 500 Stock Index ("SPXpm") to be eligible for trading during ETH. The Exchange commenced trading of SPXpm during ETH on October 1, 2015. As such, the Exchange proposes to establish fees for the trading of SPXpm during ETH (all fees referenced herein are per-contract unless otherwise stated).⁵ First, the Exchange proposes to amend Footnote 37, which provides general information regarding the two trading sessions and indicates which products will be

available in ETH, to include trading of SPXpm.

Transaction Fees

The Exchange proposes to assess the same fees for SPXpm in the ETH session as are assessed for SPXpm in the Regular Trading Hours session ("RTH").⁶ As in RTH, the Proprietary Index Options Rate Table will apply during ETH. Transaction fees for SPXpm options will be as follows (all listed rates are per contract):

\$0.44 0.35 0.25 0.20 0.40 0.40

Additionally, the Exchange notes that SPXpm transactions executed via AIM during ETH will be assessed AIM Agency/Primary and AIM Contra fees based on an order's origin code (which is currently the case during RTH as well).

Surcharges

The Exchange also proposes to apply in ETH, like RTH, an Index License Surcharge Fee of \$0.13 per contract for SPXpm options for all non-customer orders. The surcharges are assessed to help the Exchange recoup license fees the Exchange pays to index licensors for the right to list S&P 500 Index-based products for trading.

LMM Rebate

CBOE Rule 6.1A (Extended Trading Hours) provides that the Exchange may approve one or more Market-Makers to act as Lead Market-Makers ("LMMs") in each class during ETH in accordance with Rule 8.15A for terms of at least one

⁴ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 34– 73704 (November 28, 2014), 79 FR 72044 (December 4, 2014) (SR–CBOE–2014–062) (order granting accelerated approval of proposed rule change to adopt Extended Trading Hours for SPX and VIX).

⁵ The Exchange initially filed the proposed fee changes on October 1, 2015 (SR–CBOE–2015–083). On October 9, 2015, the Exchange withdrew that filing and submitted this filing.

⁶ Rule 1.1(qqq) defines "Regular Trading Hours" as the hours during which transactions in options may be made on the Exchange as set forth in Rule

month.⁷ However, to the extent the Exchange approves Market-Makers to act as LMMs during ETH, subparagraph (e)(iii)(B) of Rule 6.1A provides that LMMs must comply with the continuous quoting obligation and other obligations of Market-Makers described in subparagraph (ii) of Rule 6.1A,8 but not the obligations set forth in Rule 8.15A⁹ during ETH for their allocated classes. It further provides that LMMs do not receive a participation entitlement as set forth in Rules 6.45B and 8.15B during ETH. Rather, pursuant to subparagraph (e)(iii)(C) of Rule 6.1A, if an LMM (1) provides continuous electronic quotes in at least the lesser of 99% of the non-adjusted series or 100% of the non-adjusted series minus one call-put pair in an ETH allocated class (excluding intra-day add-on series on the day during which such series are added for trading) during ETH in a given month and (2) ensures an opening of the same percentage of series by 2:05 a.m. for at least 90% of the trading days

⁸ Rule 6.1A(e)(ii) provides that notwithstanding the 20% contract volume requirement in Rule 8.7(d)(ii), Market-Makers with appointments during Extended Trading Hours must comply with the quoting obligations set forth in Rule 8.7(d)(ii) (except during ETH the Exchange may determine to have no bid/ask differential requirements as set forth in subparagraph (A) and there will be no open outcry quoting obligation as set forth in subparagraph (C)) and all other obligations set forth in Rule 8.7 during that trading session. Additionally, notwithstanding the 90-day and next calendar quarter delay requirements in Rule 8.7(d). a Market-Maker with an ETH appointment in a class must immediately comply with the quoting obligations in Rule 8.7(d)(ii) during ETH.

⁹Rule 8.15A (and Rule 1.1(ccc)) requires LMMs to provide continuous electronic quotes in at least the lesser of 99% of the non-adjusted series or 100% of the non-adjusted series minus one call-put

during ETH in a given month, the LMM will receive a rebate for that month in an amount to be set forth in the Fees Schedule.¹⁰ Specifically, for TPHs acting as LMMs in SPXpm options during ETH, the Exchange proposes to provide in the Fees Schedule (new Footnote 39) that if a LMM meets the heightened standard described above, the LMM will receive a rebate of \$1,000 per month. The Exchange believes it is more fitting to implement an incentive program with a rebate during ETH, rather than the obligation/benefit structure that currently exists during RTH. LMMs will not be obligated to satisfy heightened continuous quoting and opening quoting standards during ETH. Instead, LMMs must satisfy a heightened standard to receive a rebate, which the Exchange believes will encourage LMMs to provide liquidity during ETH. Additionally, the Exchange notes that LMMs may have to undertake other expenses to be able to quote at the

³ An "exclusively listed option" is an option that trades exclusively on an exchange because the exchange has an exclusive license to list and trade the option or has the proprietary rights in the interest underlying the option. An exclusively listed option is different than a "singly listed option," which is an option that is not an "exclusively listed option" but that is listed by one exchange and not by any other national securities exchange.

^{6.1 (}which hours are from 8:30 a.m. to either. 3:00 p.m. or 3:15 p.m. Chicago time).

⁷ See CBOE Rule 6.1A(e)(iii)(A).

pair within their appointed classes, with the term call-put pair referring to one call and one put that cover the same underlying instrument and have the same expiration date and exercise price, for 90% of the time.

¹⁰Notwithstanding Rule 1.1(ccc), for purposes of subparagraph (C) of Rule 6.1A, an LMM is deemed to have provided "continuous electronic quotes" if the LMM provides electronic two-sided quotes for 90% of the time during Extended Trading Hours in a given month. If a technical failure or limitation of a system of the Exchange prevents the LMM from maintaining, or prevents the LMM from communicating to the Exchange, timely and accurate electronic quotes in a class, the duration of such failure shall not be considered in determining whether the LMM has satisfied the 90% quoting standard with respect to that option class. The Exchange may consider other exceptions to this quoting standard based on demonstrated legal or regulatory requirements or other mitigating circumstances.

heightened standard during ETH such as purchase additional bandwidth.

The Exchange also proposes to make a corollary change to Footnote 38. The Exchange notes that currently, for SPX and VIX options, LLMs [sic] are subject to a different rebate program.¹¹ As such, the Exchange proposes to clarify that such rebate program is for TPHs acting as a LMM during ETH for SPX and VIX options only.

[^]The Exchange lastly notes that fees, rebates and programs that excluded SPXpm, during RTH will also not apply in ETH.¹²

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act") and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to the Exchange and, in particular, the requirements of Section 6(b) of the Act.¹³ Specifically, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5)¹⁴ 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 foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in regulating, clearing, settling, processing information with respect to, and facilitation 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. Additionally, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)(4) of the Act,¹⁵ which requires that Exchange rules provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among its Trading Permit Holders and other persons using its facilities.

The proposed transaction fee amounts for SPXpm orders during the ETH session are reasonable, equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because they are the same as the amounts of corresponding fees for SPXpm orders during the RTH session. The Exchange notes that the fee amounts for each separate type of market participant will be assessed equally for each product to

¹³ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

all such market participants (*i.e.* all Broker-Dealer orders will be assessed the same amount, all Joint Back-Office orders will be assessed the same amount, etc).

Assessing the Index License Surcharge Fee of \$0.13 per contract to SPXpm during ETH is reasonable because the amount is the same as the amount of the corresponding surcharge for SPXpm orders during RTH. The surcharge fee is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because it will be assessed to all market participants to whom the SPXpm will apply in both RTH and ETH.

The Exchange believes it is reasonable, equitable and not unfairly discriminatory to offer LMMs in SPXpm during ETH that meet a certain heightened quoting standard (described above) a rebate of \$1,000 per month given added costs that a LMM may undertake (e.g., purchase of an additional bandwidth) and because it will encourage LMMs in SPXpm to provide increased liquidity. More specifically, the Exchange believes the amount of the proposed rebate is reasonable because it takes into consideration certain additional costs an LMM may incur and the Exchange believes the proposed amount is such that it will incentivize LMMs to meet the heighted quoting standard. Additionally, if a LMM does not satisfy the heightened quoting standard, then it will not receive the proposed rebate. The Exchange believes it is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory to only offer the rebate to LMMs because it benefits all market participants in ETH to encourage LMMs to satisfy the heightened quoting standards, which may increase liquidity during those hours and provide more trading opportunities and tighter spreads. The Exchange also believes it is more fitting, as well as equitable and not unfairly discriminatory to implement an incentive program with a rebate during ETH, rather than the obligation/benefit structure that exists during RTH. Particularly, the Exchange notes that creating an incentive program in which LMMs must satisfy a heightened standard to receive the rebate, encourages LMMs to provide significant liquidity during ETH, which is important as the Exchange expects lower trading liquidity and trading levels during ETH and thus fewer opportunities for an LMM to receive a participation entitlement (as they currently do during RTH). Therefore, a rebate is more appropriate than imposing an obligation to receive a participation entitlement. The Exchange notes that offering a rebate during ETH

is merely a different type of financial benefit that may be given to LMMs during ETH if it achieves a heightened quoting level. The Exchange believes it is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory to provide a lesser rebate for LMMs appointed in SPXpm options as compared to LMMs for SPX and VIX options because the Exchange expects lower trading volume in SPXpm options during ETH as compared to volume for SPX and VIX. Therefore, it would not be economically viable for the Exchange to offer the same amount of rebate to LMMs in SPXpm as is offered to LMMs for SPX and VIX.

Finally, not applying in ETH fees, rebates and programs that exclude SPXpm during RTH is reasonable because these fees, rebates and programs will not apply to all TPHs and will be consistent across sessions.

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule changes will impose any burden on competition that are not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on intramarket competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act because, while different fees and rebates are assessed to different market participants in some circumstances, these different market participants have different obligations and different circumstances. For example, Clearing TPHs have clearing obligations that other market participants do not have. Market-Makers have quoting obligations that other market participants do not have. There is a history in the options markets of providing preferential treatment to Customers, as they often do not have as sophisticated trading operations and systems as other market participants, which often makes other market participants prefer to trade with Customers. Further, the proposed fees, rebates and programs for ETH are intended to encourage market participants to bring liquidity to the Exchange during ETH (which benefits all market participants), while still covering Exchange costs (including those associated with the upgrading and maintenance of Exchange systems).

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule changes will impose any burden on intermarket competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act because SPXpm is a proprietary product that will only be traded on CBOE. To the extent that the proposed changes

 $^{^{11}}See$ CBOE Fees Schedule, Footnote 38. If a LMM meets the heightened quoting standard, the LMM will receive a pro-rata share of an LMM compensation pool totaling an amount of \$25,000 per month, per LMM, per class for SPX and VIX.

¹² See e.g., Exchange Fees Schedule, Liquidity Provider Sliding Scale, Marketing Fee, Clearing Trading Permit Holder Fee Cap, and Volume Incentive Program ("VIP").

^{14 15} U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

^{15 15} U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

make CBOE a more attractive marketplace for market participants at other exchanges, such market participants are welcome to become CBOE market participants.

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

The Exchange neither solicited nor received comments on the proposed rule change.

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

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act¹⁶ and paragraph (f) of Rule 19b–4¹⁷ thereunder. 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. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission will institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be approved or disapproved.

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– CBOE–2015–091 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

• Send paper comments in triplicate to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549–1090. All submissions should refer to File Number SR–CBOE–2015–091. 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 filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal offices 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-2015–091, and should be submitted on or before November 13. 2015.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁸

Robert W. Errett,

Deputy Secretary. [FR Doc. 2015–26916 Filed 10–22–15; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 8011–01–P

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Data Collection Available for Public Comments

ACTION: 60-day notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Small Business Administration (SBA) intends to request approval, from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the collection of information described below. The Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, 44 U.S.C Chapter 35 requires federal agencies to publish a notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information before submission to OMB, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice complies with that requirement. DATES: Submit comments on or before December 22, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Send all comments to Gina Beyer, Program Analyst, Office of Disaster Assistance, Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, 6th Floor, Washington, DC 20416.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gina Beyer, Program Analyst, Disaster Assistance, *gina.beyer@sba.gov* 202– 205–6458, or Curtis B. Rich, Management Analyst, 202–205–7030, *curtis.rich@sba.gov;*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A team of Quality Assurance staff at the Disaster Assistance Center (DASC) will conduct a brief telephone survey of customers to determine their satisfaction with the services received from the (DASC) and the Field Operations Centers. The result will help the Agency to improve where necessary, the delivery of critical financial assistance to disaster victims.

Solicitation of Public Comments

SBA is requesting comments on (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the agency to properly perform its functions; (b) whether the burden estimates are accurate; (c) whether there are ways to minimize the burden, including through the use of automated techniques or other forms of information technology; and (d) whether there are ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information.

Summary of Information Collection

Title: Disaster Assistance Customer Satisfaction Survey.

Description of Respondents: Disaster Customers satisfaction with service received.

Form Number: SBA Form 2313FOC, 2313CSC.

Total Estimated Annual Responses: 24,284.

Total Estimated Annual Hour Burden: 199.

Curtis B. Rich,

Management Analyst.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Data Collection Available for Public Comments

ACTION: 60-day notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Small Business Administration (SBA) intends to request approval, from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the collection of information described below. The Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, 44 U.S.C Chapter 35 requires federal agencies to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of

¹⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

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

^{18 17} CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).