# Paper Comments

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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–ICEEU–2014–11 and should be submitted on or before July 25, 2014.<sup>14</sup>

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.  $^{15}$ 

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-72569; File No. SR-C2-2014-014]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; C2 Options Exchange, Incorporated; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change Relating to Extending AIM Pilot Program Until July 18, 2015

July 9, 2014.

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 July 1, 2014, C2 Options Exchange, Incorporated ("Exchange" or "C2") 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 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

The proposed rule change proposes to amend the Exchange's rules related to its Automated Improvement Mechanism ("AIM"). The text of the proposed rule change is provided below.

(additions are  $\underline{\text{underlined}}$ ; deletions are [bracketed])

# C2 Options Exchange, Incorporated Rules

Rule 6.51. Automated Improvement Mechanism ("AIM")

Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 6.50, a Participant that represents agency orders may electronically execute an order it represents as agent ("Agency Order") against principal interest or against a solicited order provided it submits the Agency Order for execution into the AIM auction ("Auction") pursuant to this Rule.

(a)–(b) No change.

. . . Interpretations and Policies: .01–.02 No change.

.03 Initially, and for at least a Pilot Period expiring on July 18, 201[4]5, there will be no minimum size requirement for orders to be eligible for the Auction. During this Pilot Period, the Exchange will submit certain data, periodically as required by the Commission, to provide supporting evidence that, among other things, there is meaningful competition for all size orders and that there is an active and liquid market functioning on the Exchange outside of the Auction mechanism. Any data which is submitted to the Commission will be provided on a confidential basis.

.04–.09 No change.

The text of the proposed rule change is also available on the Exchange's Web site (http://www.cboe.com/AboutCBOE/CBOELegalRegulatoryHome.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 December 2009, the Commission approved adoption of C2's rules, including the AIM auction process.3 AIM exposes certain orders electronically to an auction process to provide these orders with the opportunity to receive an execution at an improved price. The AIM auction is available only for orders that a Trading Permit Holder represents as agent ("Agency Order") and for which a second order of the same size as the Agency Order (and on the opposite side of the market) is also submitted (effectively stopping the Agency Order at a given price).4

The Commission approved on a pilot basis the component of AIM that there is no minimum size requirement for orders to be eligible for the auction. In

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> The Commission believes that a 10-day comment period is reasonable, given the urgency of the matter. It will provide adequate time for comment.

<sup>15 17</sup> CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 61152 (December 10, 2009), 74 FR 66699 (December 16, 2009) (SR-C2-2011-015).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>The Exchange first activated AIM on October 17, 2011 for P.M.-settled options on the S&P 500 Index (SPXpm), which are no longer listed on the Exchange. Currently, AIM is not activated for any classes on C2.

connection with the pilot program, the Exchange has submitted to the Commission reports providing AIM auction and order execution data, and the Exchange will continue to submit to the Commission these reports. Four one-year extensions to the pilot program have previously become effective. The proposed rule change merely extends the duration of the pilot program until July 18, 2015. Extending the pilot for an additional year will allow the Commission more time to consider the impact of the pilot program on AIM order executions.

# 2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to the Exchange and, in particular, the requirements of Section 6(b) of the Act.<sup>6</sup> Specifically, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5) 7 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 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. Additionally, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5) 8 requirement that the rules of an exchange not be designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

In particular, the proposed rule change protects investors and the public interest by allowing for an extension of the AIM pilot program, and thus allowing additional time for the Commission to evaluate the AIM pilot program. The AIM pilot program will continue to allow smaller orders to receive the opportunity for price improvement pursuant to the AIM auction.

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

C2 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. The Exchange does not believe the proposed rule change imposes any burden on intramarket competition because it applies to all Trading Permit Holders. All Trading Permit Holders that submit orders into an AIM auction are still subject to the same requirements. In addition, the Exchange does not believe the proposed rule change will impose any burden on intermarket competition, as it merely extends the duration of an existing pilot program, which is available to all market participants through Trading Permit Holders. AIM will continue to function in the same manner as it currently functions for an extended period of time.

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

Because the foregoing proposed rule change does not: (i) Significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) become operative for 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, it has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act <sup>9</sup> and Rule 19b–4(f)(6) <sup>10</sup> thereunder.

A proposed rule change filed under Rule 19b–4(f)(6) normally does not become operative for 30 days after the date of the filing. However, pursuant to Rule 19b–4(f)(6)(iii), the Commission may designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Exchange requested that the Commission waive the 30-day operative delay. The Exchange noted that waiver

will permit the AIM pilot program to continue without interruption.

The Commission believes that waiving the 30-day operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest, as it will allow the pilot program to continue uninterrupted, thereby avoiding any potential investor confusion that could result from a temporary interruption in the pilot program. Further, the Commission notes that because the filing was submitted for immediate effectiveness on July 1, 2014, the fact that the current pilot programs do not expire until July 18, 2014 will afford interested parties the opportunity to comment on the proposal before the Exchange requires it to become operative. For this reason, the Commission designates the proposed rule change to be operative on July 18,  $2014.^{11}$ 

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.<sup>12</sup>

#### **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—C2–2014–014 on the subject line.

# Paper Comments

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 $<sup>^5\,</sup>See$  Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 63238 (November 3, 2010), 75 FR 68844 (November 9, 2010) (SR–C2–2010–008); 64929 (July 20, 2011), 76 FR 44635 (July 26, 2011) (SR–C2–2011–015); 67303 (June 28, 2012), 77 FR 39777 (July 5, 2012) (SR–C2–2012–021); and 69868 (June 27, 2013), 78 FR 40235 (July 3, 2013) (SR–C2–2013–023).

<sup>6 15</sup> U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>7 15</sup> U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

<sup>8</sup> *Id*.

<sup>9 15</sup> U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

<sup>10 17</sup> CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). In addition, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) requires the Exchange to give the Commission written notice of the Exchange's intent to file the proposed rule change, along with a brief description and text of the proposed rule change, at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The Exchange has satisfied this requirement.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup>For purposes only of waiving the operative delay, the Commission has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(C).

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 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-C2-2014-014 and should be submitted on or before August 5, 2014.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.13

#### Kevin M. O'Neill,

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#### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; NASDAQ OMX PHLX LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Amend the **Exchange's Pricing Schedule Under** Section VIII With Respect to Execution and Routing of Orders in Securities Priced at \$1 or More Per Share

July 9, 2014.

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 June 27, 2014, NASDAQ OMX PHLX LLC ("Phlx" or "Exchange") 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

The Exchange proposes to amend the Exchange's Pricing Schedule under Section VIII, entitled "NASDAQ OMX PSX FEES," with respect to execution and routing of orders in securities priced at \$1 or more per share.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's Web site at http://

nasdaqomxphlx.cchwallstreet.com/, at the principal office of the Exchange, 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

The purpose of the proposed rule change is to amend the certain fees and rebates for order execution and routing applicable to the use of the order execution and routing services of the NASDAQ OMX PSX System ("PSX") by member organizations for all securities traded at \$1 or more per share.

The Exchange is proposing to eliminate the distinction in the fees assessed for order execution and routing based on security type. Currently, the Exchange has three separate rule sections 3 that provide charges and credits for securities that execute on PSX, which are divided by whether the executed security is listed on The Nasdaq Stock Market ("Nasdaq"), New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE"), or an exchange other than Nasdag or NYSE (collectively, "Exchange-Listed Securities"). The three sections are largely identical in terms of the

categories for which charges are assessed and credits given, with the differences noted in the discussion below. The Exchange is combining all three sections into one section, which will result in a single category of credits provided and charges assessed on executions in quotes/orders on PSX.

Amended Fees for Execution of Quotes/ Orders

The Exchange proposes to eliminate the \$0.0030 per share charge currently assessed for orders in Exchange-Listed Securities entered through a PSX market participant identifier ("MPID") through which the member organization provides an average daily volume of 10,000 or more shares of liquidity during the month. The Exchange is also proposing to reduce the charge assessed for an order that is designated as eligible for routing in Exchange-Listed Securities from \$0.0030 per share to \$0.0026 per share. Similarly, the Exchange is proposing to reduce the charge assessed for all other orders in Exchange-Listed Securities from \$0.0030 per share to \$0.0026 per share.

Amended Credits for Execution of Quotes/Orders: Displayed Orders

The Exchange is proposing to provide a new credit for the execution of displayed quotes and orders in securities listed on Nasdaq, and to reduce the related credits currently provided for execution of displayed quotes and orders in securities listed on NYSE and other exchanges. Currently, for a security listed on NYSE or other exchanges, the Exchange provides a credit of \$0.0030 per share executed for Quotes/Orders entered by a member organization that provides an average daily volume of 6 million or more shares of liquidity during the month; provided that (i) the Quote/Order is entered through a MPID through which the member organization displays, on average over the course of the month, 100 shares or more at the national best bid and/or national best offer at least 25% of the time during regular market hours in the security that is the subject of the Quote/Order, or (ii) the member organization displays, on average over the course of the month, 100 shares or more at the national best bid and/or national best offer at least 25% of the time during regular market hours in 500 or more securities. The Exchange is proposing to reduce this credit to \$0.0025 per share executed. In addition, the Exchange is extending eligibility for this credit to execution of securities listed on Nasdaq. As a consequence, the \$0.0025 per share credit will apply to all Exchange-Listed Securities.

<sup>13 17</sup> CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

<sup>115</sup> U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>2 17</sup> CFR 240.19b-4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> NASDAQ OMX PHLX LLC Pricing Schedule, Section VIII(a)(1)-(3).