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The Exchange proposes to amend its rules governing the give up of a Clearing Trading Permit Holder by a Trading Permit Holder on Exchange transactions.

Contact Information

Provide the name, telephone number, and e-mail address of the person on the staff of the self-regulatory organization prepared to respond to questions and comments on the action.

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has duly caused this filing to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

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Date 01/02/2020

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Assistant General Counsel

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Item 1. Text of the Proposed Rule Change

(a) Cboe C2 Exchange, Inc. (the “Exchange” or “C2 Options”) proposes to amend its rules governing the give up of a Clearing Trading Permit Holder by a Trading Permit Holder on Exchange transactions. The text of the proposed rule change is provided in Exhibit 5.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) Not applicable.

Item 2. Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization

(a) The Exchange’s President (or designee) pursuant to delegated authority approved the proposed rule change on December 24, 2019.

(b) Please refer questions and comments on the proposed rule change to Pat Sexton, Executive Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary, (312) 786-7467, or Sarah Tadtman, (913) 815-7203.

Item 3. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

(a) Purpose

The Exchange proposes to amend Rule 6.30, which governs the give up of a Clearing Trading Permit Holder¹ by a Trading Permit Holder² on Exchange transactions, to substantially conform to existing Cboe Exchange, Inc. (“Cboe Options”) Rule 5.10, proposed Cboe EDGX Exchange, Inc. (“EDGX Options”) Rule 21.12, and proposed

¹ The term “Clearing Trading Permit Holder” means a Trading Permit Holder that has been admitted to membership in the Clearing Corporation pursuant to the provisions of the rules of the Clearing Corporation and is self-clearing or that clears transactions for other Trading Permit Holders. See Exchange Rule 1.1.

² The term “Trading Permit Holder” means an Exchange-recognized holder of a Trading Permit. A Trading Permit Holder is deemed a “member” under the Exchange Act. See Exchange Rule 1.1.

Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc. (“BZX Options”) Rule 21.12.³

Background

By way of background, Exchange Rule 6.30 provides that when a Trading Permit Holder executes a transaction on the Exchange, it must give up the name of the Clearing Trading Permit Holder (the “Give Up”) through which the transaction will be cleared. Rule 6.30 also provides that a Trading Permit Holder may only give up a “Designated Give Up”⁴ or its “Guarantor.”⁵ This limitation is enforced by the Exchange’s trading systems.⁶

A “Designated Give Up” of a Trading Permit Holder refers to a Clearing Trading Permit Holder identified to the Exchange by that Trading Permit Holder as a Clearing Trading Permit Holder the Trading Permit Holder requests the ability to give up and that has been processed by the Exchange as a Designated Give Up.⁷ To designate a “Designated Give Up” every Trading Permit Holder (other than a Market-Maker) must submit written notification, in a form and manner prescribed by the Exchange.⁸ Specifically, the Exchange uses a standardized form (“Notification Form”) that a Trading Permit Holder needs to complete and submit to the Exchange’s Membership Services Department (“MSD”).⁹ The Exchange notes that a Trading Permit Holder may currently designate any Clearing Trading Permit Holder as a Designated Give Up.¹⁰ Additionally,

³ See SR-CboeEDGX-2020-001 (filed January 2, 2020) and SR-CboeBZX-2020-001 (filed January 2, 2020).

⁴ See Exchange Rule 6.30(b)(1).

⁵ See Exchange Rule 6.30(b)(2).

⁶ See Exchange Rule 6.30(c).

⁷ Supra note 3.

⁸ See Exchange Rule 6.30(b)(3).

⁹ Id.

¹⁰ Id.

there is no minimum or maximum number of Designated Give Ups that a Trading Permit Holder must identify. Paragraph (d) of Rule 6.30 also requires that the Exchange notify a Clearing Trading Permit Holder, in writing and as soon as practicable, of each Trading Permit Holder that has identified it as a Designated Give Up. The Exchange however, will not accept any instructions from a Clearing Trading Permit Holder to prohibit a Trading Permit Holder from designating the Clearing Trading Permit Holder as a Designated Give Up. Additionally, there is no subjective evaluation of a Trading Permit Holder's list of proposed Designated Give Ups by the Exchange.

For purposes of Rule 6.30, a "Guarantor" of an executing Trading Permit Holder refers to a Clearing Trading Permit Holder that has issued a Letter of Guarantee for the executing Trading Permit Holder under the Rules of the Exchange that are in effect at the time of the execution of the applicable trade.¹¹ An executing Trading Permit Holder may give up its Guarantor without having to first designate it to the Exchange as a "Designated Give Up."¹² Additionally, the Exchange notes that a Market-Maker is only enabled to give up the Guarantor of the Market-Maker pursuant to Exchange Rule 22.8 and also does not need to identify any Designated Give Ups.¹³

Beginning in early 2018, certain Clearing Trading Permit Holders (in conjunction with the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association ("SIFMA")) expressed concerns related to the process by which executing brokers on U.S. options exchanges (the "Exchanges") are allowed to designate or 'give up' a clearing firm for purposes of

¹¹ Supra note 4.

¹² The Exchange already knows each Trading Permit Holder's Guarantor and as such, no further designation or identification is required of Trading Permit Holders to enable their respective Guarantors. See Exchange Rule 6.30(b)(6).

¹³ See Exchange Rule 6.30(b)(5).

clearing particular transactions. The SIFMA-affiliated Clearing Trading Permit Holders have recently identified the current give up process as a significant source of risk for clearing firms. SIFMA-affiliated Clearing Trading Permit Holders subsequently requested that the Exchanges alleviate this risk by amending Exchange rules governing the give up process.¹⁴

Proposed Rule Change

Based on the above, the Exchange now seeks to amend its rules regarding the current give up process in order to allow a Clearing Trading Permit Holder to “opt in”, at the Options Clearing Corporation (“OCC”) clearing number level, to a feature that, if enabled by the Clearing Trading Permit Holder, will allow the Clearing Trading Permit Holder to specify which Trading Permit Holders are authorized to give up that OCC clearing number. As proposed, Rule 6.30 will continue to require that Trading Permit Holders identify to the Exchange, via the Notification Form, all Clearing Trading Permit

¹⁴ Cboe Options recently modified its give up procedure under rule 5.10 to allow clearing trading permit holders to “Opt In” such that the clearing trading permit holder (“TPH”) may specify which Cboe Options TPH organizations are authorized to give up that clearing trading permit holder. See Securities and Exchange Act Release No. 86401 (July 17, 2019), 84 FR 35433 (July 23, 2019) (SR-CBOE-19-036) (“Cboe Options Rule 5.10 Amendment”). Nasdaq PHLX LLC (“PHLX”), NYSE Arca, Inc., (“NYSE Arca”), and NYSE American LLC (“NYSE American”) also recently modified their respective give up rules to adopt an “Opt In” process. See also Securities and Exchange Act Release No. 85136 (February 14, 2019), 84 FR 5526 (February 21, 2019) (SR-PHLX-2018-72), Securities and Exchange Act Release No. 85871 (May 16, 2019), 84 FR 23613 (May 22, 2019) (SR-NYSEArca 2019-32) and Securities and Exchange Act Release 85875 (May 16, 2019), 84 FR 23591 (May 22, 2019) (SR-NYSEAMER-2019-17). The Exchange’s proposal leads to the same result of providing its Clearing Trading Permit Holder’s the ability to control risk and includes PHLX’s, NYSE Arca’s and NYSE American’s “Opt In” process, but it otherwise differs slightly in process from their give up rules. For example, the Exchange intends to maintain its provisions relating to Designated Give Ups and eliminate its provisions relating to the rejection of a trade. The Exchange’s proposal is substantially the same as the existing give up process on Cboe Options.

Holders that the Trading Permit Holder would like to have the ability to give up (i.e., Designated Give Ups).¹⁵ However, the Exchange proposes to modify the language of paragraph (a) to provide that a Trading Permit Holder may indicate, at the time of the trade or through post trade allocation, any OCC number of the Clearing Trading Permit Holder through which the transaction will be cleared.¹⁶ The Exchange proposes to also add to Rule 6.30(a) that Clearing Trading Permit Holders may elect to “Opt In,” as defined in paragraph (c) of the proposed Rule and described further below, and restrict one or more of its OCC number(s) (“Restricted OCC Number”).¹⁷ A Trading Permit Holder may Give Up a Restricted OCC Number provided the Trading Permit Holder has written authorization as described in paragraph (c)(2) (“Authorized Trading Permit Holder”).¹⁸ The Exchange notes that if a Trading Permit Holder identifies a particular Clearing Trading Permit Holder as a Designated Give Up, but that Clearing Trading Permit Holder has restricted its OCC number(s) and has not authorized the Trading Permit Holder to give it up, then the Exchange will not give effect to the designation on the Notification Form (i.e., the Trading Permit Holder will not be able to give up that Clearing Trading Permit Holder even though it was identified as a Designated Give Up). Similarly, if a Clearing Trading Permit Holder authorizes a Trading Permit Holder to give up its Restricted OCC Number(s), the Exchange will not enable that Clearing Trading Permit Holder as a give up for that Trading Permit Holder until and unless the Trading

¹⁵ Id.

¹⁶ The Exchange notes that Cboe Options plans to amend paragraph (a) of Rule 5.10 to conform to proposed paragraph (a) of C2 Options Rule 6.30 and EDGX Options Rule 21.12 with a slight modification as it relates to floor trading on Cboe Options.

¹⁷ See proposed Exchange Rule 6.30(a); see also Cboe Options Rule 5.10(a).

¹⁸ Id.

Permit Holder identifies that Clearing Trading Permit Holder as a Designated Give Up on a Notification Form. In light of Clearing Trading Permit Holders having the ability to restrict their OCC numbers from being given up by unauthorized Trading Permit Holders, the Exchange also proposes to eliminate the process for Clearing Trading Permit Holders to “reject” trades. As such, the Exchange proposes to eliminate subparagraphs (e) and (f) of Rule 6.30 and any other references to the process in Rule 6.30.¹⁹

Proposed Rule 6.30(c) provides that Clearing Trading Permit Holders may request the Exchange restrict one or more of their OCC clearing numbers (“Opt In”) from being given up unless otherwise authorized.²⁰ If a Clearing Trading Permit Holder Opt In, the Exchange will require written authorization from the Clearing Trading Permit Holder permitting a Trading Permit Holder to give up a Clearing Trading Permit Holder’s Restricted OCC Number.²¹ An Opt In would remain in effect until the Clearing Trading Permit Holder terminates the Opt In as described in proposed subparagraph (3).²² If a Clearing Trading Permit Holder does not Opt In, that Clearing Trading Permit Holder’s OCC number may be subject to being given up by any Trading Permit Holder that has designated it as a Designated Give Up.²³ Proposed Rule 6.30(c)(1) will set forth the process by which a Clearing Trading Permit Holder may Opt In.²⁴ Specifically, a Clearing Trading Permit Holder may Opt In by sending a completed “Clearing Trading Permit Holder Restriction Form” listing all Restricted OCC Numbers and Authorized

¹⁹ The Exchange notes that Cboe Options similarly eliminated the process for which Clearing Trading Permit Holders may “reject” trades in Rule 5.10. See the Cboe Options Rule 5.10 Amendment.

²⁰ See proposed Exchange Rule 6.30(c); see also Cboe Options Rule 5.10(c).

²¹ Id.

²² Id.

²³ Id.

²⁴ See proposed Exchange Rule 6.30(c)(1); see also Cboe Options Rule 5.10(c)(1).

Trading Permit Holders.²⁵ A copy of the proposed form is included in Exhibit 3. A Clearing Trading Permit Holder may elect to restrict one or more OCC clearing numbers that are registered in its name at OCC.²⁶ The Clearing Trading Permit Holder would be required to submit the Clearing Trading Permit Holder Restriction Form to the Exchange's MSD as described on the form.²⁷ Once submitted, the Exchange requires ninety days before a Restricted OCC Number is effective within the System.²⁸ This time period is to provide adequate time for the Trading Permit Holders of that Restricted OCC Number who are not initially specified by the Clearing Trading Permit Holder as Authorized Trading Permit Holders to obtain the required written authorization from the Clearing Trading Permit Holder for that Restricted OCC Number. Such Trading Permit Holders would still be able to give up that Restricted OCC Number during this ninety day period (i.e., until the number becomes restricted within the System).

Proposed Rule 6.30(c)(2) will set forth the process for Trading Permit Holders to give up a Clearing Trading Permit Holder's Restricted OCC Number.²⁹ Specifically, a Trading Permit Holder desiring to give up a Restricted OCC Number must become an Authorized Trading Permit Holder.³⁰ The Clearing Trading Permit Holder will be required to authorize a Trading Permit Holder as described in subparagraph (1) or (3) of

²⁵ This form will be available on the Exchange's website. The Exchange will also maintain, on its web site, a list of the Restricted OCC Numbers, which will be updated on a regular basis, and the Clearing Trading Permit Holder's contact information to assist Trading Permit Holders (to the extent they are not already Authorized Trading Permit Holders) with requesting authorization for a Restricted OCC Number. The Exchange may utilize additional means to inform its Trading Permit Holders of such updates on a periodic basis.

²⁶ Id.

²⁷ Id.

²⁸ Id.

²⁹ See proposed Exchange Rule 6.30(c)(2); see also Cboe Option Rule 5.10(c)(2).

³⁰ Id.

Rule 6.30(c) (i.e., through a Clearing Trading Permit Holder Restriction Form), unless the Restricted OCC Number is already subject to a Letter of Guarantee that the Trading Permit Holder is a party to, as set forth in Rule 6.30(b)(6).³¹ Pursuant to proposed Rule 6.30(c)(3), a Clearing Trading Permit Holder may amend the list of its Authorized Trading Permit Holders or Restricted OCC Numbers by submitting a new Clearing Trading Permit Holder Restriction Form to the Exchange's MSD indicating the amendment as described on the form.³² Once a Restricted OCC Number is effective within the System pursuant to Rule 6.30(c)(1), the Exchange may permit the Clearing Trading Permit Holder to authorize, or remove authorization for, a Trading Permit Holder to give up the Restricted OCC Number intra-day only in unusual circumstances, and on the next business day in all regular circumstances.³³ The Exchange will promptly notify Trading Permit Holders if they are no longer authorized to give up a Clearing Trading Permit Holder's Restricted OCC Number.³⁴ If a Clearing Trading Permit Holder removes a Restricted OCC Number, any Trading Permit Holder may give up that OCC clearing number once the removal has become effective on or before the next business day, provided that Clearing Trading Permit Holder has been designated as a Designated Give Up.³⁵

The Exchange also proposes to amend current subparagraph (c) (System) (to be relettered to paragraph (d)) of Rule 6.30 to clarify that in addition to the Exchange's system not accepting orders that identify a give up that is not at the time a Designated

³¹ Id.

³² See proposed Exchange Rule 6.30(c)(3); see also Cboe Options Rule 5.10(c)(3).

³³ Id.

³⁴ Id.

³⁵ Id.

Give Up or a Guarantor, the System will also reject any order that designates a Restricted OCC Number for which the Trading Permit Holder is not an Authorized Trading Permit Holder.³⁶

The Exchange proposes to amend current paragraph (d) (Notice to Clearing Trading Permit Holders) (to be relettered to paragraph (e)) of Rule 6.30 to provide that the Exchange will provide notice to Trading Permit Holders that they are authorized or unauthorized by Clearing Trading Permit Holders.³⁷

The Exchange also proposes to amend current paragraph (g) (Other Give Up Changes) (to be relettered to subparagraph (f)) of Rule 6.30 to provide that a Trading Permit Holder may change the give up on the trade to another Designated Give Up, provided it's an Authorized Trading Permit Holder for any Restricted OCC Number, or to its Grantor.³⁸ Additionally, the Exchange seeks to define a specific "Trade Date Cutoff Time"³⁹ and "T+1 Cutoff Time" in the rule text of proposed paragraph (f).⁴⁰

The Exchange proposes to amend current paragraph (h) (Responsibility) (to be relettered to paragraph (g)) of Rule 6.30 to eliminate any applicable reference to current paragraph (e) or (f) of the Rule and to conform with Cboe Options Rule 5.10(g).

The Exchange also proposes to adopt subparagraph (h) of Rule 6.30 to provide that an intentional misuse of this Rule is impermissible, and may be treated as a violation

³⁶ See proposed Exchange Rule 6.30(d); see also Cboe Options Rule 5.10(d).

³⁷ See proposed Exchange Rule 6.30(e); see also Cboe Options Rule 5.10(e).

³⁸ See proposed Exchange Rule 6.30(f); see also Cboe Options Rule 5.10(f).

³⁹ The "Trade Date Cutoff Time" is established by the Clearing Corporation (or 15 minutes thereafter if the Exchange receives and is able to process a request to extend its time of final trade submission to the Clearing Corporation). See proposed Exchange Rule 6.30(f)(1); see also Cboe Options Rule 5.10(f)(1).

⁴⁰ The "T+1 Cutoff Time" is 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time on T+1; see proposed Exchange Rule 6.30(f)(3); see also Cboe Options Rule 5.10(f)(3) (which provides a cutoff time of 12:00 p.m. Central Time).

of Rule 3.1, titled “Business Conduct of Trading Permit Holders.”⁴¹ This language will make clear that the Exchange will regulate an intentional misuse of this Rule, and that such behavior would be a violation of Exchange rules. The proposed language is similar to corresponding provisions in other exchanges’ give up rules.⁴²

Lastly, the Exchange proposes to amend its current Trading Permit Holder Notification of Designated Give Ups Form (“Designated Give Ups Form”). As of October 7, 2019 the Exchange and each of its affiliated options exchanges (i.e., C2 Options, BZX Options, and Cboe Options (collectively, “Cboe Markets”)) are on the same technology platform. To provide further harmonization across the Cboe Markets and provide more seamless administration of the Give up rule, the Exchange proposes to eliminate the current Designated Give Ups Form and adopt a new form which would be applicable to all Cboe Markets going forward. The proposed Designated Give Ups Form is included in Exhibit 3.

Implementation Date

The Exchange proposes to announce the implementation date of the proposed rule change in an Exchange Notice, to be published no later than thirty (30) days following the operative date. The implementation date will be no later than sixty (60) days following the operative date.

(b) 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

⁴¹ See Cboe Options Rule 5.10(h), which states that intentional misuse of Rule 5.10 may be treated as a violation of Rule 8.1 (Just and Equitable Principles of Trade).

⁴² See, e.g., Cboe Options Rule 5.10(h).

requirements of Section 6(b) of the Act.⁴³ Specifically, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5)⁴⁴ 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 the Section 6(b)(5)⁴⁵ requirement that the rules of an exchange not be designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

Particularly, as discussed above, several clearing firms affiliated with SIFMA have recently expressed concerns relating to the current give up process, which permits Trading Permit Holders to identify any Clearing Trading Permit Holder as a Designated Give Up for purposes of clearing particular transactions, and have identified the current give up process (i.e., a process that lacks authorization) as a significant source of risk for clearing firms. The Exchange believes that the proposed changes to Rule 6.30 help alleviate this risk by enabling Clearing Trading Permit Holders to ‘Opt In’ to restrict one or more of its OCC clearing numbers (i.e., Restricted OCC Numbers), and to specify which Authorized Trading Permit Holders may give up those Restricted OCC Numbers. As described above, all other Trading Permit Holders would be required to receive

⁴³ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁴⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

⁴⁵ Id.

written authorization from the Clearing Trading Permit Holder before they can give up that Clearing Trading Permit Holder's Restricted OCC Number. The Exchange believes that this authorization provides proper safeguards and protections for Clearing Trading Permit Holders as it provides controls for Clearing Trading Permit Holders to restrict access to their OCC clearing numbers, allowing access only to those Authorized Trading Permit Holders upon their request. The Exchange also believes that its proposed Clearing Trading Permit Holder Restriction Form allows the Exchange to receive in a uniform fashion, written and transparent authorization from Clearing Trading Permit Holders, which ensures seamless administration of the Rule.

The Exchange believes that the proposed Opt In process strikes the right balance between the various views and interests across the industry. For example, although the proposed rule would require Trading Permit Holders (other than Authorized Trading Permit Holders) to seek authorization from Clearing Trading Permit Holders in order to have the ability to give them up, each Trading Permit Holder will still have the ability to give up a Restricted OCC Number that is subject to a Letter of Guarantee without obtaining any further authorization if that Trading Permit Holder is party to that arrangement. The Exchange also notes that to the extent the executing Trading Permit Holder has a clearing arrangement with a Clearing Trading Permit Holder (i.e., through a Letter of Guarantee), a trade can be assigned to the executing Trading Permit Holder's guarantor. Accordingly, the Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is reasonable and continues to provide certainty that a Clearing Trading Permit Holder would be responsible for a trade, which protects investors and the public interest.

Item 4. 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 not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose an unnecessary burden on intramarket competition because it would apply equally to all similarly situated Trading Permit Holders. The Exchange also notes that, should the proposed changes make the Exchange more attractive for trading, market participants trading on other exchanges can always elect to become Trading Permit Holders on the Exchange to take advantage of the trading opportunities. Furthermore, the proposed rule change does not address any competitive issues and ultimately, the target of the Exchange's proposal is to reduce risk for Clearing Trading Permit Holders under the current give up model. Clearing firms make financial decisions based on risk and reward, and while it is generally in their beneficial interest to clear transactions for market participants in order to generate profit, it is the Exchange's understanding from SIFMA and clearing firms that the current process can create significant risk when the clearing firm can be given up on any market participant's transaction, even where there is no prior customer relationship or authorization for that designated transaction. In the absence of a mechanism that governs a market participant's use of a Clearing Trading Permit Holder's services, the Exchange's proposal may indirectly facilitate the ability of a Clearing Trading Permit Holder to manage their existing customer relationships while continuing to allow market participant choice in broker execution services. While Clearing Trading Permit Holders may compete with executing brokers for order flow, the Exchange does not believe this proposal imposes an undue burden on competition. Rather, the Exchange believes that the proposed rule change balances the need for Clearing Trading Permit Holders to manage risks and allows them to address outlier behavior from executing

brokers while still allowing freedom of choice to select an executing broker.

Item 5. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received from Trading Permit Holders, Participants, or Others

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

Item 6. Extension of Time Period for Commission Action

Not applicable.

Item 7. Basis for Summary Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3) or for Accelerated Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) or Section 19(b)(7)(D)

The Exchange believes that the proposal qualifies for immediate effectiveness upon filing as a “non-controversial” rule change in accordance with Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act⁴⁶ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.⁴⁷

The Exchange asserts that the proposed rule change (i) will not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest, (ii) will not impose any significant burden on competition, and (iii) by its terms, will not become operative for 30 days after the date of this filing, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. In addition, the Exchange provided the Commission with written notice of its 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, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate.

The Exchange believes the proposed rule change does not present any new, unique or substantive issues; it merely establishes a rule regarding the give up of a Clearing Trading

⁴⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁴⁷ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

Permit Holder in order to help clearing firms manage risk while continuing to allow market participants choice in broker execution services. Ultimately, the result of the proposed rule change is that the give up mechanism utilized by the Exchange would align with the rules of other exchanges, and specifically Cboe Options.⁴⁸ While the Exchange notes that paragraph (a) of proposed Exchange Rule 6.30 slightly deviates from Cboe Options Rule 5.10, Cboe Options plans to amend paragraph (a) of Rule 5.10 to conform to the Exchange's proposed rule 6.30(a), with a slight modification as it relates to floor trading. Furthermore, the phrase of paragraph (a) at issue does not change the manner in which a Trading Permit Holder may give up a trade, but rather clarifies the existing process. Accordingly, the Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is non-controversial and is therefore eligible for immediately effective treatment under the Commission's current procedures for processing rule filings.

For the foregoing reasons, the rule filing qualifies for immediate effectiveness as a "non-controversial" rule change under Rule 19b-4(f)(6). 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. The Exchange respectfully requests that the Commission waive the 30-day operative delay period after which a proposed rule change under Rule 19b-4(f)(6) becomes effective. As described above, the proposed rule change does not present any novel issues and a waiver would allow Clearing Trading Permit Holders to better manage their potential risks as soon as possible.

⁴⁸ Supra note 14.

Item 8. Proposed Rule Change Based on Rules of Another Self-Regulatory Organization or of the Commission

The proposed rule change is based on Cboe Options Rule 5.10, PHLX Rule 1037.31, NYSE Arca Rule 6.15-O and NYSE American Rule 961.⁴⁹

Item 9. Security-Based Swap Submissions Filed Pursuant to Section 3C of the Act

Not applicable.

Item 10. Advance Notices Filed Pursuant to Section 806(e) of the Payment, Clearing and Settlement Supervision Act

Not applicable.

Item 11. Exhibits

Exhibit 1. Completed Notice of Proposed Rule Change for publication in the Federal Register.

Exhibit 3. Clearing Trading Permit Holder Restriction Form.
Notification Form.

Exhibit 5. Proposed rule text.

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Supra note 14.

EXHIBIT 1**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

[Release No. 34- ; File No. SR-C2-2020-001]

[Insert date]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Cboe C2 Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change Relating to Amend its Rules Governing the Give Up of a Clearing Trading Permit Holder by a Trading Permit Holder on Exchange Transactions

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 [insert date], Cboe C2 Exchange, Inc. (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 Exchange filed the proposal as a “non-controversial” proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act³ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.⁴ 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

Cboe C2 Exchange, Inc. (the “Exchange” or “C2 Options”) proposes to amend its rules governing the give up of a Clearing Trading Permit Holder by a Trading Permit Holder on Exchange transactions. The text of the proposed rule change is provided in Exhibit 5.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

The text of the proposed rule change is also available on the Exchange's website (http://markets.cboe.com/us/options/regulation/rule_filings/ctwo/), 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

The Exchange proposes to amend Rule 6.30, which governs the give up of a Clearing Trading Permit Holder⁵ by a Trading Permit Holder⁶ on Exchange transactions, to substantially conform to existing Cboe Exchange, Inc. ("Cboe Options") Rule 5.10, proposed Cboe EDGX Exchange, Inc. ("EDGX Options") Rule 21.12, and proposed Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc. ("BZX Options") Rule 21.12.⁷

Background

⁵ The term "Clearing Trading Permit Holder" means a Trading Permit Holder that has been admitted to membership in the Clearing Corporation pursuant to the provisions of the rules of the Clearing Corporation and is self-clearing or that clears transactions for other Trading Permit Holders. See Exchange Rule 1.1.

⁶ The term "Trading Permit Holder" means an Exchange-recognized holder of a Trading Permit. A Trading Permit Holder is deemed a "member" under the Exchange Act. See Exchange Rule 1.1.

⁷ See SR-CboeEDGX-2020-001 (filed January 2, 2020) and SR-CboeBZX-2020-002 (filed January 2, 2020).

By way of background, Exchange Rule 6.30 provides that when a Trading Permit Holder executes a transaction on the Exchange, it must give up the name of the Clearing Trading Permit Holder (the “Give Up”) through which the transaction will be cleared. Rule 6.30 also provides that a Trading Permit Holder may only give up a “Designated Give Up”⁸ or its “Guarantor.”⁹ This limitation is enforced by the Exchange’s trading systems.¹⁰

A “Designated Give Up” of a Trading Permit Holder refers to a Clearing Trading Permit Holder identified to the Exchange by that Trading Permit Holder as a Clearing Trading Permit Holder the Trading Permit Holder requests the ability to give up and that has been processed by the Exchange as a Designated Give Up.¹¹ To designate a “Designated Give Up” every Trading Permit Holder (other than a Market-Maker) must submit written notification, in a form and manner prescribed by the Exchange.¹² Specifically, the Exchange uses a standardized form (“Notification Form”) that a Trading Permit Holder needs to complete and submit to the Exchange’s Membership Services Department (“MSD”).¹³ The Exchange notes that a Trading Permit Holder may currently designate any Clearing Trading Permit Holder as a Designated Give Up.¹⁴ Additionally, there is no minimum or maximum number of Designated Give Ups that a Trading Permit Holder must identify. Paragraph (d) of Rule 6.30 also requires that the Exchange notify a

⁸ See Exchange Rule 6.30(b)(1).

⁹ See Exchange Rule 6.30(b)(2).

¹⁰ See Exchange Rule 6.30(c).

¹¹ Supra note 7.

¹² See Exchange Rule 6.30(b)(3).

¹³ Id.

¹⁴ Id.

Clearing Trading Permit Holder, in writing and as soon as practicable, of each Trading Permit Holder that has identified it as a Designated Give Up. The Exchange however, will not accept any instructions from a Clearing Trading Permit Holder to prohibit a Trading Permit Holder from designating the Clearing Trading Permit Holder as a Designated Give Up. Additionally, there is no subjective evaluation of a Trading Permit Holder's list of proposed Designated Give Ups by the Exchange.

For purposes of Rule 6.30, a "Guarantor" of an executing Trading Permit Holder refers to a Clearing Trading Permit Holder that has issued a Letter of Guarantee for the executing Trading Permit Holder under the Rules of the Exchange that are in effect at the time of the execution of the applicable trade.¹⁵ An executing Trading Permit Holder may give up its Guarantor without having to first designate it to the Exchange as a "Designated Give Up."¹⁶ Additionally, the Exchange notes that a Market-Maker is only enabled to give up the Guarantor of the Market-Maker pursuant to Exchange Rule 22.8 and also does not need to identify any Designated Give Ups.¹⁷

Beginning in early 2018, certain Clearing Trading Permit Holders (in conjunction with the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association ("SIFMA")) expressed concerns related to the process by which executing brokers on U.S. options exchanges (the "Exchanges") are allowed to designate or 'give up' a clearing firm for purposes of clearing particular transactions. The SIFMA-affiliated Clearing Trading Permit Holders have recently identified the current give up process as a significant source of risk for

¹⁵ Supra note 8.

¹⁶ The Exchange already knows each Trading Permit Holder's Guarantor and as such, no further designation or identification is required of Trading Permit Holders to enable their respective Guarantors. See Exchange Rule 6.30(b)(6).

¹⁷ See Exchange Rule 6.30(b)(5).

clearing firms. SIFMA-affiliated Clearing Trading Permit Holders subsequently requested that the Exchanges alleviate this risk by amending Exchange rules governing the give up process.¹⁸

Proposed Rule Change

Based on the above, the Exchange now seeks to amend its rules regarding the current give up process in order to allow a Clearing Trading Permit Holder to “opt in”, at the Options Clearing Corporation (“OCC”) clearing number level, to a feature that, if enabled by the Clearing Trading Permit Holder, will allow the Clearing Trading Permit Holder to specify which Trading Permit Holders are authorized to give up that OCC clearing number. As proposed, Rule 6.30 will continue to require that Trading Permit Holders identify to the Exchange, via the Notification Form, all Clearing Trading Permit Holders that the Trading Permit Holder would like to have the ability to give up (i.e.,

¹⁸ Cboe Options recently modified its give up procedure under rule 5.10 to allow clearing trading permit holders to “Opt In” such that the clearing trading permit holder (“TPH”) may specify which Cboe Options TPH organizations are authorized to give up that clearing trading permit holder. See Securities and Exchange Act Release No. 86401 (July 17, 2019), 84 FR 35433 (July 23, 2019) (SR-CBOE-19-036) (“Cboe Options Rule 5.10 Amendment”). Nasdaq PHLX LLC (“PHLX”), NYSE Arca, Inc., (“NYSE Arca”), and NYSE American LLC (“NYSE American”) also recently modified their respective give up rules to adopt an “Opt In” process. See also Securities and Exchange Act Release No. 85136 (February 14, 2019), 84 FR 5526 (February 21, 2019) (SR-PHLX-2018-72), Securities and Exchange Act Release No. 85871 (May 16, 2019), 84 FR 23613 (May 22, 2019) (SR-NYSEArca 2019-32) and Securities and Exchange Act Release 85875 (May 16, 2019), 84 FR 23591 (May 22, 2019) (SR-NYSEAMER-2019-17). The Exchange’s proposal leads to the same result of providing its Clearing Trading Permit Holder’s the ability to control risk and includes PHLX’s, NYSE Arca’s and NYSE American’s “Opt In” process, but it otherwise differs slightly in process from their give up rules. For example, the Exchange intends to maintain its provisions relating to Designated Give Ups and eliminate its provisions relating to the rejection of a trade. The Exchange’s proposal is substantially the same as the existing give up process on Cboe Options.

Designated Give Ups).¹⁹ However, the Exchange proposes to modify the language of paragraph (a) to provide that a Trading Permit Holder may indicate, at the time of the trade or through post trade allocation, any OCC number of the Clearing Trading Permit Holder through which the transaction will be cleared.²⁰ The Exchange proposes to also add to Rule 6.30(a) that Clearing Trading Permit Holders may elect to “Opt In,” as defined in paragraph (c) of the proposed Rule and described further below, and restrict one or more of its OCC number(s) (“Restricted OCC Number”).²¹ A Trading Permit Holder may Give Up a Restricted OCC Number provided the Trading Permit Holder has written authorization as described in paragraph (c)(2) (“Authorized Trading Permit Holder”).²² The Exchange notes that if a Trading Permit Holder identifies a particular Clearing Trading Permit Holder as a Designated Give Up, but that Clearing Trading Permit Holder has restricted its OCC number(s) and has not authorized the Trading Permit Holder to give it up, then the Exchange will not give effect to the designation on the Notification Form (i.e., the Trading Permit Holder will not be able to give up that Clearing Trading Permit Holder even though it was identified as a Designated Give Up). Similarly, if a Clearing Trading Permit Holder authorizes a Trading Permit Holder to give up its Restricted OCC Number(s), the Exchange will not enable that Clearing Trading Permit Holder as a give up for that Trading Permit Holder until and unless the Trading Permit Holder identifies that Clearing Trading Permit Holder as a Designated Give Up on

¹⁹ Id.

²⁰ The Exchange notes that Cboe Options plans to amend paragraph (a) of Rule 5.10 to conform to proposed paragraph (a) of C2 Options Rule 6.30 and EDGX Options Rule 21.12 with a slight modification as it relates to floor trading on Cboe Options.

²¹ See proposed Exchange Rule 6.30(a); see also Cboe Options Rule 5.10(a).

²² Id.

a Notification Form. In light of Clearing Trading Permit Holders having the ability to restrict their OCC numbers from being given up by unauthorized Trading Permit Holders, the Exchange also proposes to eliminate the process for Clearing Trading Permit Holders to “reject” trades. As such, the Exchange proposes to eliminate subparagraphs (e) and (f) of Rule 6.30 and any other references to the process in Rule 6.30.²³

Proposed Rule 6.30(c) provides that Clearing Trading Permit Holders may request the Exchange restrict one or more of their OCC clearing numbers (“Opt In”) from being given up unless otherwise authorized.²⁴ If a Clearing Trading Permit Holder Opt In, the Exchange will require written authorization from the Clearing Trading Permit Holder permitting a Trading Permit Holder to give up a Clearing Trading Permit Holder’s Restricted OCC Number.²⁵ An Opt In would remain in effect until the Clearing Trading Permit Holder terminates the Opt In as described in proposed subparagraph (3).²⁶ If a Clearing Trading Permit Holder does not Opt In, that Clearing Trading Permit Holder’s OCC number may be subject to being given up by any Trading Permit Holder that has designated it as a Designated Give Up.²⁷ Proposed Rule 6.30(c)(1) will set forth the process by which a Clearing Trading Permit Holder may Opt In.²⁸ Specifically, a Clearing Trading Permit Holder may Opt In by sending a completed “Clearing Trading Permit Holder Restriction Form” listing all Restricted OCC Numbers and Authorized

²³ The Exchange notes that Cboe Options similarly eliminated the process for which Clearing Trading Permit Holders may “reject” trades in Rule 5.10. See the Cboe Options Rule 5.10 Amendment.

²⁴ See proposed Exchange Rule 6.30(c); see also Cboe Options Rule 5.10(c).

²⁵ Id.

²⁶ Id.

²⁷ Id.

²⁸ See proposed Exchange Rule 6.30(c)(1); see also Cboe Options Rule 5.10(c)(1).

Trading Permit Holders.²⁹ A copy of the proposed form is included in Exhibit 3. A Clearing Trading Permit Holder may elect to restrict one or more OCC clearing numbers that are registered in its name at OCC.³⁰ The Clearing Trading Permit Holder would be required to submit the Clearing Trading Permit Holder Restriction Form to the Exchange's MSD as described on the form.³¹ Once submitted, the Exchange requires ninety days before a Restricted OCC Number is effective within the System.³² This time period is to provide adequate time for the Trading Permit Holders of that Restricted OCC Number who are not initially specified by the Clearing Trading Permit Holder as Authorized Trading Permit Holders to obtain the required written authorization from the Clearing Trading Permit Holder for that Restricted OCC Number. Such Trading Permit Holders would still be able to give up that Restricted OCC Number during this ninety day period (i.e., until the number becomes restricted within the System).

Proposed Rule 6.30(c)(2) will set forth the process for Trading Permit Holders to give up a Clearing Trading Permit Holder's Restricted OCC Number.³³ Specifically, a Trading Permit Holder desiring to give up a Restricted OCC Number must become an

²⁹ This form will be available on the Exchange's website. The Exchange will also maintain, on its web site, a list of the Restricted OCC Numbers, which will be updated on a regular basis, and the Clearing Trading Permit Holder's contact information to assist Trading Permit Holders (to the extent they are not already Authorized Trading Permit Holders) with requesting authorization for a Restricted OCC Number. The Exchange may utilize additional means to inform its Trading Permit Holders of such updates on a periodic basis.

³⁰ Id.

³¹ Id.

³² Id.

³³ See proposed Exchange Rule 6.30(c)(2); see also Cboe Option Rule 5.10(c)(2).

Authorized Trading Permit Holder.³⁴ The Clearing Trading Permit Holder will be required to authorize a Trading Permit Holder as described in subparagraph (1) or (3) of Rule 6.30(c) (i.e., through a Clearing Trading Permit Holder Restriction Form), unless the Restricted OCC Number is already subject to a Letter of Guarantee that the Trading Permit Holder is a party to, as set forth in Rule 6.30(b)(6).³⁵ Pursuant to proposed Rule 6.30(c)(3), a Clearing Trading Permit Holder may amend the list of its Authorized Trading Permit Holders or Restricted OCC Numbers by submitting a new Clearing Trading Permit Holder Restriction Form to the Exchange's MSD indicating the amendment as described on the form.³⁶ Once a Restricted OCC Number is effective within the System pursuant to Rule 6.30(c)(1), the Exchange may permit the Clearing Trading Permit Holder to authorize, or remove authorization for, a Trading Permit Holder to give up the Restricted OCC Number intra-day only in unusual circumstances, and on the next business day in all regular circumstances.³⁷ The Exchange will promptly notify Trading Permit Holders if they are no longer authorized to give up a Clearing Trading Permit Holder's Restricted OCC Number.³⁸ If a Clearing Trading Permit Holder removes a Restricted OCC Number, any Trading Permit Holder may give up that OCC clearing number once the removal has become effective on or before the next business day, provided that Clearing Trading Permit Holder has been designated as a Designated Give

³⁴ Id.

³⁵ Id.

³⁶ See proposed Exchange Rule 6.30(c)(3); see also Cboe Options Rule 5.10(c)(3).

³⁷ Id.

³⁸ Id.

Up.³⁹

The Exchange also proposes to amend current subparagraph (c) (System) (to be relettered to paragraph (d)) of Rule 6.30 to clarify that in addition to the Exchange's system not accepting orders that identify a give up that is not at the time a Designated Give Up or a Guarantor, the System will also reject any order that designates a Restricted OCC Number for which the Trading Permit Holder is not an Authorized Trading Permit Holder.⁴⁰

The Exchange proposes to amend current paragraph (d) (Notice to Clearing Trading Permit Holders) (to be relettered to paragraph (e)) of Rule 6.30 to provide that the Exchange will provide notice to Trading Permit Holders that they are authorized or unauthorized by Clearing Trading Permit Holders.⁴¹

The Exchange also proposes to amend current paragraph (g) (Other Give Up Changes) (to be relettered to subparagraph (f)) of Rule 6.30 to provide that a Trading Permit Holder may change the give up on the trade to another Designated Give Up, provided it's an Authorized Trading Permit Holder for any Restricted OCC Number, or to its Grantor.⁴² Additionally, the Exchange seeks to define a specific "Trade Date Cutoff Time"⁴³ and "T+1 Cutoff Time" in the rule text of proposed paragraph (f).⁴⁴

³⁹ Id.

⁴⁰ See proposed Exchange Rule 6.30(d); see also Cboe Options Rule 5.10(d).

⁴¹ See proposed Exchange Rule 6.30(e); see also Cboe Options Rule 5.10(e).

⁴² See proposed Exchange Rule 6.30(f); see also Cboe Options Rule 5.10(f).

⁴³ The "Trade Date Cutoff Time" is established by the Clearing Corporation (or 15 minutes thereafter if the Exchange receives and is able to process a request to extend its time of final trade submission to the Clearing Corporation). See proposed Exchange Rule 6.30(f)(1); see also Cboe Options Rule 5.10(f)(1).

⁴⁴ The "T+1 Cutoff Time" is 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time on T+1; see proposed

The Exchange proposes to amend current paragraph (h) (Responsibility) (to be relettered to paragraph (g)) of Rule 6.30 to eliminate any applicable reference to current paragraph (e) or (f) of the Rule and to conform with Cboe Options Rule 5.10(g).

The Exchange also proposes to adopt subparagraph (h) of Rule 6.30 to provide that an intentional misuse of this Rule is impermissible, and may be treated as a violation of Rule 3.1, titled “Business Conduct of Trading Permit Holders.”⁴⁵ This language will make clear that the Exchange will regulate an intentional misuse of this Rule, and that such behavior would be a violation of Exchange rules. The proposed language is similar to corresponding provisions in other exchanges’ give up rules.⁴⁶

Lastly, the Exchange proposes to amend its current Trading Permit Holder Notification of Designated Give Ups Form (“Designated Give Ups Form”). As of October 7, 2019 the Exchange and each of its affiliated options exchanges (i.e., C2 Options, BZX Options, and Cboe Options (collectively, “Cboe Markets”)) are on the same technology platform. To provide further harmonization across the Cboe Markets and provide more seamless administration of the Give up rule, the Exchange proposes to eliminate the current Designated Give Ups Form and adopt a new form which would be applicable to all Cboe Markets going forward. The proposed Designated Give Ups Form is included in Exhibit 3.

Implementation Date

Exchange Rule 6.30(f)(3); see also Cboe Options Rule 5.10(f)(3) (which provides a cutoff time of 12:00 p.m. Central Time).

⁴⁵ See Cboe Options Rule 5.10(h), which states that intentional misuse of Rule 5.10 may be treated as a violation of Rule 8.1 (Just and Equitable Principles of Trade).

⁴⁶ See, e.g., Cboe Options Rule 5.10(h).

The Exchange proposes to announce the implementation date of the proposed rule change in an Exchange Notice, to be published no later than thirty (30) days following the operative date. The implementation date will be no later than sixty (60) days following the operative date.

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.⁴⁷ Specifically, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5)⁴⁸ 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 the Section 6(b)(5)⁴⁹ requirement that the rules of an exchange not be designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

Particularly, as discussed above, several clearing firms affiliated with SIFMA have recently expressed concerns relating to the current give up process, which permits Trading Permit Holders to identify any Clearing Trading Permit Holder as a Designated

⁴⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁴⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

⁴⁹ Id.

Give Up for purposes of clearing particular transactions, and have identified the current give up process (i.e., a process that lacks authorization) as a significant source of risk for clearing firms. The Exchange believes that the proposed changes to Rule 6.30 help alleviate this risk by enabling Clearing Trading Permit Holders to ‘Opt In’ to restrict one or more of its OCC clearing numbers (i.e., Restricted OCC Numbers), and to specify which Authorized Trading Permit Holders may give up those Restricted OCC Numbers. As described above, all other Trading Permit Holders would be required to receive written authorization from the Clearing Trading Permit Holder before they can give up that Clearing Trading Permit Holder’s Restricted OCC Number. The Exchange believes that this authorization provides proper safeguards and protections for Clearing Trading Permit Holders as it provides controls for Clearing Trading Permit Holders to restrict access to their OCC clearing numbers, allowing access only to those Authorized Trading Permit Holders upon their request. The Exchange also believes that its proposed Clearing Trading Permit Holder Restriction Form allows the Exchange to receive in a uniform fashion, written and transparent authorization from Clearing Trading Permit Holders, which ensures seamless administration of the Rule.

The Exchange believes that the proposed Opt In process strikes the right balance between the various views and interests across the industry. For example, although the proposed rule would require Trading Permit Holders (other than Authorized Trading Permit Holders) to seek authorization from Clearing Trading Permit Holders in order to have the ability to give them up, each Trading Permit Holder will still have the ability to give up a Restricted OCC Number that is subject to a Letter of Guarantee without obtaining any further authorization if that Trading Permit Holder is party to that

arrangement. The Exchange also notes that to the extent the executing Trading Permit Holder has a clearing arrangement with a Clearing Trading Permit Holder (i.e., through a Letter of Guarantee), a trade can be assigned to the executing Trading Permit Holder's guarantor. Accordingly, the Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is reasonable and continues to provide certainty that a Clearing Trading Permit Holder would be responsible for a trade, which protects investors and 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 not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose an unnecessary burden on intramarket competition because it would apply equally to all similarly situated Trading Permit Holders. The Exchange also notes that, should the proposed changes make the Exchange more attractive for trading, market participants trading on other exchanges can always elect to become Trading Permit Holders on the Exchange to take advantage of the trading opportunities. Furthermore, the proposed rule change does not address any competitive issues and ultimately, the target of the Exchange's proposal is to reduce risk for Clearing Trading Permit Holders under the current give up model. Clearing firms make financial decisions based on risk and reward, and while it is generally in their beneficial interest to clear transactions for market participants in order to generate profit, it is the Exchange's understanding from SIFMA and clearing firms that the current process can create significant risk when the clearing firm can be given up on any market participant's transaction, even where there is no prior customer relationship or authorization for that designated transaction. In the absence of a mechanism that governs a market participant's use of a Clearing Trading Permit Holder's

services, the Exchange's proposal may indirectly facilitate the ability of a Clearing Trading Permit Holder to manage their existing customer relationships while continuing to allow market participant choice in broker execution services. While Clearing Trading Permit Holders may compete with executing brokers for order flow, the Exchange does not believe this proposal imposes an undue burden on competition. Rather, the Exchange believes that the proposed rule change balances the need for Clearing Trading Permit Holders to manage risks and allows them to address outlier behavior from executing brokers while still allowing freedom of choice to select an executing broker.

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 written 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:

- A. significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest;
- B. impose any significant burden on competition; and
- C. 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) of the Act⁵⁰ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)⁵¹ 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

⁵⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁵¹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

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 e-mail to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-C2-2020-001 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-C2-2020-001. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail 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 website (<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 website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 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-C2-2020-001 and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from publication in the Federal Register].

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁵²

Secretary

⁵² 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

EXHIBIT 3

Index to Forms in Exhibit 3

1. Clearing TPH Restriction Form
2. Notification Form

CLEARING TRADING PERMIT HOLDER/MEMBER RESTRICTION FORM**Clearing TPH/Member:**

In accordance with Cboe Markets' rules, the Clearing TPH/Member listed above authorizes Cboe to restrict The Options Clearing Corporation ("OCC") number(s) listed below requiring prior authorization for use as a Give-Up on Cboe Exchange, Inc., Cboe C2 Exchange, Inc., Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc., and/or Cboe EDGX Exchange, Inc., (collectively, "Cboe Markets"). The Clearing TPH/Member must indicate below the OCC number(s) to be restricted for each relevant Cboe Market.

NOTE: Once an OCC number is marked as restricted, no TPH/Member will be able to use that restricted OCC number unless they have either: (1) an executed clearing guarantee on file with Membership with that Clearing TPH/Member; or (2) the TPH/Member is authorized by the Clearing TPH/Member pursuant to the applicable Cboe Market rule.

Instructions: To authorize or revoke a TPH's/Member's use of a restricted OCC number, please enter the applicable information below and submit to MembershipServices@cboe.com. List the restricted OCC number in column 1 and provide, if applicable, each TPH/Member that is authorized or restricted on each OCC number in column 2. Check all applicable Cboe Markets in columns 5 through 8. If necessary, please attach additional sheets.

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Restricted OCC Number	TPH/Member Name	Authorized	Revoked	Cboe Options	C2	Cboe BZX	Cboe EDGX
1							
2							
3							

By executing this Clearing TPH/Member Restriction Form, the Clearing TPH/Member grants Cboe permission to publish the Clearing TPH's/Member's restricted OCC number(s) on Cboe's website for purposes of providing notice to other exchange members that the Clearing TPH's/Member's OCC number(s) will not be available for Give Up.

Authorized Signature:

Date:

Print Name:

Title:

Clearing TPH/Member Contact Person (to be provided to market participants seeking authorization):

Email Address:	Phone:
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**TRADING PERMIT HOLDER/MEMBER
NOTIFICATION OF IDENTIFIED DESIGNATED GIVE-UPS**

TPH/Member Organization:							
<p>In accordance with Cboe Markets' rules, the TPH/Member Organization listed above identifies the following Clearing TPHs/Members as Designated Give-Ups for the TPH/Member Organization on Cboe Exchange, Inc., Cboe C2 Exchange, Inc., Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc., and/or Cboe EDGX Exchange, Inc., (collectively, "Cboe Markets"), as applicable. Restricted OCC Numbers will not be enabled unless the TPH/Member Organization listed above is an Authorized Trading Permit Holder for such Restricted OCC Number pursuant to the applicable Cboe Market rule</p> <p>Instructions: Please enter the applicable information below and submit to MembershipServices@cboe.com. List the Designated Clearing TPH/Member in column 1 and provide, each respective OCC number being requested in column 2. Check whether requesting to enable Give-Up or disable Give-Up in columns 3 and 4. Finally check all applicable Cboe Markets in columns 5 through 8, as applicable. If necessary, please attach additional sheets.</p>							
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Clearing TPH/Member	OCC #	Enable	Disable	Cboe Options	C2	Cboe BZX	Cboe EDGX
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Authorized Representative Signature:				Date:			
Print Name:				Title:			

Email Address:	Phone:
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EXHIBIT 5

(additions are underlined; deletions are [bracketed])

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Rules of Cboe C2 Exchange, Inc.

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Rule 6.30. Give Up of a Clearing Trading Permit Holder

(a) *General.* For each transaction in which a Trading Permit Holder participates, a Trading Permit Holder must [immediately give up the name] may indicate, at the time of the trade or through post-trade allocation, any Options Clearing Corporation (“OCC”) number of the Clearing Trading Permit Holder through which the transaction will be cleared (“give up”). The Clearing Trading Permit Holder that is given up must be a Designated Give Up or Guarantor of the Trading Permit Holder as set forth in paragraph (b) below. [If a Designated Give Up determines to reject a trade in accordance with this Rule, the Guarantor for the executing Trading Permit Holder becomes the give up on the trade, unless another Clearing Trading Permit Holder agrees to accept the trade, in accordance with paragraph (f) below.] Clearing Trading Permit Holders may elect to Opt In, as defined and described in paragraph (c) below, and restrict one or more of its OCC number(s) (“Restricted OCC Number”). A Trading Permit Holder may give up a Restricted OCC Number provided the Trading Permit Holder has written authorization as described in paragraph (c)(2) below (“Authorized Trading Permit Holder”) and provided the Restricted OCC Number belongs to a Designated Give Up of the Trading Permit Holder.

(b) *Designated Give Ups.*

(1)-(2) No change.

(3) *Identification of Designated Give Up.* Every Trading Permit Holder (other than a Market-Maker) must identify, in a form and manner prescribed by the Exchange and in advance of giving up any Clearing Trading Permit Holder that is not a Guarantor for the Trading Permit Holder, any Designated Give Ups. A Trading Permit Holder [may] shall only give up (A) a Clearing Trading Permit Holder that the Exchange has previously identified and processed as a Designated Give Up for that Trading Permit Holder[,], provided that the Designated Give Up has not Opted In, or provided that the Trading Permit Holder is an Authorized Trading Permit Holder of that Designated Give Up, or (B) a Guarantor for that Trading Permit Holder[, or another Clearing Trading Permit Holder that agrees to accept a trade in accordance with paragraph (f) below].

(4) *Non Market-Makers.* Any Trading Permit Holder (other than a Market-Maker) may designate, pursuant to subparagraph (b)(3) above, any Clearing Trading Permit Holder other than its Guarantor, as a Designated Give Up. [The Exchange does not accept any instructions or give effect to any previous instructions from a Clearing Trading Permit

Holder not to permit a Trading Permit Holder to designate the Clearing Trading Permit Holder as a Designated Give Up.]

(5) No change.

(6) *Guarantors.* A Guarantor for a Trading Permit Holder [may] will be enabled to be given up for that Trading Permit Holder [its Guarantor] without any further action by the Clearing Trading Permit Holder or Trading Permit Holder.

(7) No change.

(c) *Opt In.* Clearing Trading Permit Holders may request the Exchange restrict one or more of their OCC clearing numbers (“Opt In”) as described in subparagraph (c)(1) below. If a Clearing Trading Permit Holder Opts In, the Exchange will require written authorization from the Clearing Trading Permit Holder permitting a Trading Permit Holder to give up a Clearing Trading Permit Holder’s Restricted OCC Number. An Opt In would remain in effect until the Clearing Trading Permit Holder terminates the Opt In as described in subparagraph (c)(3) below. If a Clearing Trading Permit Holder does not Opt In, that Clearing Trading Permit Holder’s OCC number would be subject to give up by any Trading Permit Holder.

(1) *Clearing Trading Permit Holder Process to Opt In.* A Clearing Trading Permit Holder may Opt In by sending a completed “Clearing Trading Permit Holder Restriction Form” listing all Restricted OCC Numbers and Authorized Trading Permit Holders. A Clearing Trading Permit Holder may elect to restrict one or more OCC clearing numbers that are registered in its name at OCC. The Clearing Trading Permit Holder would be required to submit the Clearing Trading Permit Holder Restriction Form to the Exchange’s Membership Department as described on the form. Once submitted, the Exchange requires ninety days before a Restricted OCC Number is effective within the System.

(2) *Trading Permit Holder Give Up Process for Restricted OCC Numbers.* A Trading Permit Holder desiring to give up a Restricted OCC Number must become an Authorized Trading Permit Holder. The Clearing Trading Permit Holder will be required to authorize a Trading Permit Holder as described in subparagraph (1) or (3), unless the Restricted OCC Number is already subject to a Letter of Guarantee that the Trading Permit Holder is a party to.

(3) *Amendments to Authorized Trading Permit Holders or Restricted OCC Numbers.* A Clearing Trading Permit Holder may amend its Authorized Trading Permit Holders or Restricted OCC Numbers by submitting a new Clearing Trading Permit Holder Restriction Form to the Exchange’s Membership Department indicating the amendment as described on the form. Once a Restricted OCC Number is effective within the System pursuant to paragraph (1) above, the Exchange may permit the Clearing Trading Permit Holder to authorize, or remove authorization for, a Trading Permit Holder to Give Up the Restricted OCC Number intra-day only in unusual circumstances, and on the next business day in all regular circumstances. The Exchange will promptly notify

Trading Permit Holders if they are no longer authorized to give up a Clearing Trading Permit Holder's Restricted OCC Number. If a Clearing Trading Permit Holder removes a Restricted OCC Number, any Trading Permit Holder may give up that OCC clearing number once the removal has become effective on or before the next business day, provided that the Trading Permit Holder has identified the Clearing Trading Permit Holder as a Designated Give Up.

[(c)d] *System.* The Exchange's trading [S]systems shall only accept[s] orders that identify an effective Designated Give Up or a Guarantor. For any Restricted OCC Number, the Exchange's trading systems will only accepts orders for that number from an Authorized Trading Permit Holder that has also designated that Clearing Trading Permit Holder as a Designated Give Up. [The System cancels or rejects any order entered by a Trading Permit Holder that designates a give up that is not at the time a Designated Give Up or Guarantor of the Trading Permit Holder.]

[(d)e] *Notice [to Clearing Trading Permit Holder].* The Exchange shall notif[ies]y a Clearing Trading Permit Holder, in writing and as soon as practicable, of each Trading Permit Holder that has identified the Clearing Trading Permit Holder as a Designated Give Up pursuant to subparagraph (b)(3) above. The Exchange shall notify a Trading Permit Holder, in writing and as soon as practicable, of each Clearing Trading Permit Holder that has identified the Trading Permit Holder as an Authorized Trading Permit Holder pursuant to subparagraph (c) above.

[(e) *Acceptance of a Trade.*

(1) *Designated Give Ups.* A Designated Give Up may determine in accordance with the provisions of this Rule not to accept a trade for which its name was given up if it believes in good faith that it has a valid reason not to accept the trade and follows the procedures set forth in paragraph (f) below.

(2) *Guarantors.* A Guarantor must accept a trade for which its name was given up in relation to a Trading Permit Holder (other than a Market-Maker) for which it is a Guarantor unless (A) another Clearing Trading Permit Holder agrees to be the give up on the subject trade, (B) the Clearing Trading Permit Holder has first notified the Exchange and the executing Trading Permit Holder in writing of its intent to accept the trade, and (C) the give up is changed to the Clearing Trading Permit Holder that has agreed to accept the trade in accordance with the procedures in paragraph (f) below. A Guarantor for a Trading Permit Holder that is a Market-Maker must accept a trade for which its name was given up in relation to a Market-Maker trade by that Trading Permit Holder.

(f) *Procedures to Reject a Trade.* In the event a Designated Give Up determines to reject a trade, the following procedures apply:

(1) *Notification to Trading Permit Holder.* If a Designated Give Up decides to reject a trade, it must notify the executing Trading Permit Holder or its designated agent as soon as possible and should attempt to resolve the disputed give up. The notification must be in writing. A Designated Give Up may contact the Exchange and request the identity and

contact information of the executing Trading Permit Holder or its designated agent for any trade it intends to reject.

(2) *Change of Give Up Made On Trade Date.* A Designated Give Up may, following notification to the Trading Permit Holder pursuant to subparagraph (f)(1), contact the Exchange and request the ability to change the give up on the trade. Upon such a request and so long as the Exchange is able to process the request prior to the trade input cutoff time established by the Clearing Corporation (or fifteen minutes thereafter if the Exchange receives and is able to process a request to extend its time of final trade submission to the Clearing Corporation) (“Trade Date Cutoff Time”), the Exchange will provide the Designated Give Up the ability to change the give up on the trade. The Designated Give Up can only change the give up to either (A) another Clearing Trading Permit Holder that has agreed to be the give up on the subject trade, so long as that Clearing Trading Permit Holder has first notified the Exchange and the executing Trading Permit Holder in writing of its intent to accept the trade or (B) a Guarantor for the executing Trading Permit Holder, so long as the Designated Give Up has first notified the Guarantor in writing that the Designated Give Up is changing the give up on the trade to the Guarantor. The ability to make such a change ends at the Trade Date Cutoff Time.

(3) *Change of Give Up Made On T+1.* A Designated Give Up may, following notification to the Trading Permit Holder pursuant to subparagraph (f)(1), contact the Exchange and request the ability to reject the trade on the next trading day (“T+1”). Upon such a request and so long as the Exchange is able to process the request prior to 1:00 p.m. on T+1 (“T+1 Cutoff Time”), the Exchange will provide the Designated Give Up the ability to enter trade records into the Exchange’s systems that would effect a transfer of the trade to another Clearing Trading Permit Holder. The Designated Give Up can only transfer the trade to either (A) another Clearing Trading Permit Holder that has agreed to be the give up on the subject trade so long as that Clearing Trading Permit Holder has first notified the Exchange and executing Trading Permit Holder in writing of its intent to accept the trade or (B) a Guarantor for the executing Trading Permit Holder, so long as the Designated Give Up has first notified the Guarantor in writing that the Designated Give Up is transferring the give up on the trade to the Guarantor. The ability to make such a change ends at the T+1 Cutoff Time.

(4) *Expiring Options Series.* For transactions in an expiring options series that take place on the last trading day prior to its expiration, no changes can be made to the give up on T+1. A Designated Give Up may only reject these transactions on the trade date until the Trade Date Cutoff Time in accordance with subparagraph (f)(2) above.

(5) *Notification of Change.* A Designated Give Up that changes the give up on a trade must immediately thereafter notify, in writing, the Exchange, the Clearing Trading Permit Holder given up, and all parties to the trade of the change.]

([g]f) *Other Give Up Changes.*

(1) *Give Up Changes Made by Executing Trading Permit Holders.* If the executing Trading Permit Holder has the ability through an Exchange system to do so, the Trading Permit Holder may change the give up on the trade to another Designated Give Up, provided it's an Authorized Trading Permit Holder for any Restricted OCC Number, or to its Guarantor. The ability of an executing Trading Permit Holder to make any give up change ends at the trade input cutoff time established by the Clearing Corporation (or fifteen minutes thereafter if the Exchange receives and is able to process a request to extend its time of final trade submission to the Clearing Corporation) ("Trade Date Cutoff Time").

(2) *Give Up Changes Made by Designated Give Ups to Affiliates and Back Office Agents.* If a Designated Give Up has the ability through an Exchange system to do so, the Designated Give Up may change the give up on a trade to (A) another Clearing Trading Permit Holder affiliated with the Designated Give Up or (B) a Clearing Trading Permit Holder that is a back office agent for the Designated Give Up. The ability to make such a change ends at the Trade Date Cutoff Time. [The procedures in paragraph (f) above do not apply to give up changes made pursuant to this subparagraph (g)(2).]

(3) *Give Up Changes Made by Designated Give Ups or Guarantors and Clearing Trading Permit Holders on T+1.* If a Designated Give Up (or Guarantor) and a Clearing Trading Permit Holder have the ability through an Exchange system to do so, the Designated Give Up (or Guarantor) and Clearing Trading Permit Holder may each enter trade records into the Exchange's systems on the next trading day ("T+1") that would effect a transfer of the trade in a non-expired option series from that Designated Give Up (or Guarantor) to that Clearing Trading Permit Holder. The ability to make such a change ends at [the] 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time on T+1 ("T+1 Cutoff Time"). The Designated Give Up (or Guarantor) must notify the Exchange and all the parties to the trade, in writing, of any such change. [The procedures in paragraph (f) above do not apply to give up changes made pursuant to this subparagraph (g)(3).]

([h]g) *Responsibility.* For purposes of the Rules, a Clearing Trading Permit Holder is financially responsible for all trades for which it is the give up at the Applicable Cutoff Time. Nothing in this Rule precludes a different party from being responsible for the trade outside of the Rules pursuant to the Rules of the Clearing Corporation, any agreement between the applicable parties, other applicable rules and regulations, arbitration, court proceedings, or otherwise. [In processing the request to provide a Designated Give Up the ability to change the give up or to reject a trade pursuant to this Rule, the Exchange will not, and has no obligation to, consider whether the Designated Give Up or any other party has satisfied the requirements of this Rule or any other Rule, including in relation to having a good faith belief that the Designated Give Up has a valid reason not to accept a trade or having notified the executing Trading Permit Holder and attempted to resolve the disputed give up prior to changing the give up or rejecting the trade. This Rule does not preclude these factors from being considered in a different forum such as is noted in the preceding sentence or by the Exchange for regulatory and disciplinary purposes. The Exchange's action to process a request to provide a Designated Give Up or Guarantor the ability to change the give up pursuant to this Rule will not be subject to review, but a Clearing Trading Permit Holder that violates the provisions of this Rule in taking such an action will be subject to discipline in accordance with the

Rules.] For purposes of this Rule, the “Applicable Cutoff Time” shall refer[s] to the T+1 Cutoff Time for non-expiring option series and to the Trade Date Cutoff Time for expiring option series.

(h) An intentional misuse of this Rule is impermissible, and may be treated as a violation of Rule 8.1.

... Interpretations and Policies:

.01 No change.

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