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| Provide a brief description of the proposed rule change (limit 250 characters).  Extends two pilot programs related to the Exchange's AIM process.  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 proposed rule change.  First Name Angelo Last Name Evangelou  Title Assistant General Counsel  E-mail evangelou@cboe.com |  |                         |                  |   |                                 |                 |
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#### Form 19b-4 Information







The self-regulatory organization must provide all required information, presented in a clear and comprehensible manner, to enable the public to provide meaningful comment on the proposal and for the Commission to determine whether the proposal is consistent with the Act and applicable rules and regulations under the Act.

#### Exhibit 1 - Notice of Proposed Rule Change







The Notice section of this Form 19b-4 must comply with the guidelines for publication in the Federal Register as well as any requirements for electronic filing as published by the Commission (if applicable). The Office of the Federal Register (OFR) offers guidance on Federal Register publication requirements in the Federal Register Document Drafting Handbook, October 1998 Revision. For example, all references to the federal securities laws must include the corresponding cite to the United States Code in a footnote. All references to SEC rules must include the corresponding cite to the Code of Federal Regulations in a footnote. All references to Securities Exchange Act Releases must include the release number, release date, Federal Register cite, Federal Register date, and corresponding file number (e.g., SR-[SRO]-xx-xx). A material failure to comply with these guidelines will result in the proposed rule change being deemed not properly filed. See also Rule 0-3 under the Act (17 CFR 240.0-3)

#### Exhibit 2 - Notices, Written Comments. **Transcripts, Other Communications**



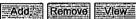




Exhibit Sent As Paper Document

Copies of notices, written comments, transcripts, other communications. If such documents cannot be filed electronically in accordance with Instruction F, they shall be filed in accordance with Instruction G.

## Exhibit 3 - Form, Report, or Questionnaire



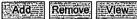




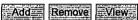
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Copies of any form, report, or questionnaire that the self-regulatory organization proposes to use to help implement or operate the proposed rule change, or that is referred to by the proposed rule change.

## Exhibit 4 - Marked Copies







The full text shall be marked, in any convenient manner, to indicate additions to and deletions from the immediately preceding filing. The purpose of Exhibit 4 is to permit the staff to identify immediately the changes made from the text of the rule with which it has been working.

### Exhibit 5 - Proposed Rule Text







The self-regulatory organization may choose to attach as Exhibit 5 proposed changes to rule text in place of providing it in Item I and which may otherwise be more easily readable if provided separately from Form 19b-4. Exhibit 5 shall be considered part of the proposed rule change.

#### **Partial Amendment**







If the self-regulatory organization is amending only part of the text of a lengthy proposed rule change, it may, with the Commission's permission, file only those portions of the text of the proposed rule change in which changes are being made if the filing (i.e. partial amendment) is clearly understandable on its face. Such partial amendment shall be clearly identified and marked to show deletions and additions.

# Item 1. Text of Proposed Rule Change

The Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated ("CBOE" or "Exchange") proposes to amend its rules to extend two pilot programs related to the Exchange's Automated Improvement Mechanism ("AIM") for one year, until July 18, 2008. The text of the proposed rule change is provided below:

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(additions are <u>underlined</u>; deletions are [bracketed])

# Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated

#### Rules

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# Rule 6.74A Automated Improvement Mechanism ("AIM")

Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 6.74, a member 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 electronic execution into the AIM auction ("Auction") pursuant to this Rule.

(a)-(c) No change.

## ...Interpretations and Policies:

## .01 - .02 No change.

.03 Initially, and for at least a Pilot Period expiring on July 18, 2008[2007], 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 - .05 No change.

.06 Subparagraph (b)(2)(E) of this rule will be effective for a Pilot Period until July 18, 2008[2007]. During the Pilot Period, the Exchange will submit certain data, periodically as required by the Commission, relating to the frequency with which early termination of the Auction occurs pursuant to this provision as well as any other provision, and also the

frequency with which early termination pursuant to this provision results in favorable pricing for the Agency Order. Any data which is submitted to the Commission will be provided on a confidential basis.

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# Item 2. <u>Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization</u>

The proposed rule change was approved by the Exchange's Office of the Chairman pursuant to delegated authority on July 10, 2007.

Questions and comments on the proposed rule change may be referred to Joanne Moffic-Silver, General Counsel, CBOE, 400 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60605; Telephone: (312) 786-7462; Fax: (312) 786-7919 or to Angelo Evangelou at (312) 786-7464.

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

# Purpose

In February, 2006, CBOE obtained approval of a filing adopting the AIM auction process.<sup>1</sup> AIM exposes certain orders electronically to an auction process to provide such orders with the opportunity to receive an execution at an improved price. The AIM auction is available only for orders that an Exchange member represents as agent 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).

Two components of AIM were approved on a pilot basis: (1) that there is no minimum size requirement for orders to be eligible for the auction, and (2) that the auction will conclude prematurely anytime there is a quote lock on the Exchange

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 53222 (February 3, 2006), 71 FR 7089 (February 10, 2006) approving SR-CBOE-2005-60.

pursuant to Rule 6.45A(d).<sup>2</sup> In connection with the pilot programs, the Exchange has submitted to the Commission reports providing detailed AIM auction and order execution data. In July 2006, the Exchange extended the pilot program until July 18, 2007.<sup>3</sup> The proposed rule change merely extends the duration of the pilot programs until July 18, 2008. Extending the pilots for an additional year will allow the Commission more time to consider the impact of the pilot programs on AIM order executions.

#### Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Exchange Act in general<sup>4</sup> and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5)<sup>5</sup> in particular in that by allowing the Commission additional time to evaluate the AIM pilot programs, it should serve to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and protect investors and the public interest.

# Item 4. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition</u>

This proposed rule change does not impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

# Item 5. 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 proposal.

# Item 6. Extension of Time Period for Commission Action

The Exchange does not consent to an extension of the time period specified in Section 19(b)(2) of the Act for Commission consideration of the proposed rule change.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> That rule relates to situations where a Market-Maker's quote interacts with the quote of another CBOE Market-Maker (i.e. when internal quotes lock).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 54147 (July 14, 2006), 71 FR 41487 (July 21, 2006) approving SR-CBOE-2006-64.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

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

The proposed rule change has taken effect upon filing pursuant to Section (a) 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act.<sup>6</sup>

(b) 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) 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. The Exchange notes that it provided a copy of this rule filing to the Commission prior to filing. For the foregoing reasons, this rule filing qualifies as a "non-controversial" rule change under paragraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 under the Act. The Exchange requests that the Commission waive the 5-day prefiling requirement and the 30-day operative delay period. Acceleration of the operative date is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest in that it will allow the pilot programs to continue uninterrupted and will allow (i) smaller orders to receive the opportunity for price improvement pursuant to the AIM auction, and (ii) Agency Orders in AIM auctions that are concluded early because of quote lock on the Exchange to receive the benefit of the lock price.

- (c) Not applicable.
- (d) Not applicable.

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

<sup>6</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A). <sup>7</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

Not applicable.

Item 9. <u>Exhibits</u>

Exhibit 1. Form of Notice of Proposed Rule Change for publication in the <u>Federal Register</u>.

### EXHIBIT 1

| SECURITIES AND   | EXCHANGE COMMISSION         |
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| (Release No. 34- | ; File No. SR-CBOE-2007-80) |
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Dated:\_\_\_\_\_

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Extend Two Pilot Programs Related to the Exchange's Automated Improvement Mechanism

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act"), and Rule 19b-4 thereunder, notice is hereby given that on July 13, 2007, the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated ("Exchange" or "CBOE") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Exchange filed the proposal as a "non-controversial" proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act<sup>3</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

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

CBOE proposes to extend two pilot programs related to the Exchange's Automated Improvement Mechanism ("AIM") for one year, until July 18, 2008. The text of the proposed

<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> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

rule change is available on the Exchange's website (<a href="http://www.cboe.com">http://www.cboe.com</a>), at the Exchange's Office of the Secretary and at the Commission.

# II. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change</u>

In its filing with the Commission, the self-regulatory organization 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 those 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 parts of such statements.

A. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and the Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change</u>

## <u>Purpose</u>

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#### Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)<sup>8</sup> of the Exchange Act in general and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5)<sup>9</sup> in particular in that by allowing the Commission additional time to evaluate the AIM pilot programs, it should serve to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and protect investors and the public interest.

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

CBOE 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.

C. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received from Members, Participants, or Others</u>

The Exchange neither solicited nor received comments on the proposal.

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

Because the foregoing proposed rule 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

Market-Maker (i.e. when internal quotes lock).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 54147 (July 14, 2006), 71 FR 41487 (July 21, 2006) approving SR-CBOE-2006-64.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78(f)(b)(5).

Commission may designate if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest, provided that the self-regulatory organization has given the Commission written notice of its intent to file 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 proposed rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act<sup>10</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder. At any time within 60 days of the filing of such proposed rule change, the Commission may summarily abrogate 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.

# 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 (<a href="http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml">http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml</a>);
   or
- Send an e-mail to <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include File Number SR-CBOE-2007-80 on the subject line.

# Paper comments:

 Send paper comments in triplicate to Nancy Morris, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549-9303.

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

<sup>17</sup> CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-CBOE-2007-80. 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 Web site (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Section, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549-9303. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the CBOE. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-CBOE-2007-80 and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from publication in the Federal Register].

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority. 12

Margaret H. McFarland
Deputy Secretary

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).