

Proposed Rule Change by Chicago Board Options Exchange
Pursuant to Rule 19b-4 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

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Description
Provide a brief description of the proposed rule change (limit 250 characters).

Proposal to permit concurrent \$3.50 and \$4 strikes for classes that participate in both the \$0.50 and \$1 Strike Programs.

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.

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

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

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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 the Proposed Rule Change

(a) Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated ("CBOE" or "Exchange") proposes to amend Interpretation and Policy .01 to Rule 5.5, Series of Options Open for Trading, to permit the concurrent listing of \$3.50 and \$4 strikes for classes that participate in both the \$0.50 Strike and \$1 Strike Programs. The text of the proposed rule change is provided below with additions underlined and deletions [bracketed].

(b) Not applicable.

(c) Not applicable.

Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated
Rules

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Rule 5.5— Series of Option Contracts Open for Trading

RULE 5.5 No change.

...Interpretations and Policies:

.01 The interval between strike prices of series of options on individual stocks may be:

a. The \$1 Strike Program.

(1) No change.

(2) To be eligible for inclusion into the \$1 Strike Program, an underlying stock must close below \$50 in its primary market on the previous trading day. After a stock is added to the \$1 Strike Program, the Exchange may list \$1 strike prices from \$1 to \$50 that are no more than \$5 from the closing price of the underlying on the preceding day. For example, if the underlying stock closes at \$13, the Exchange may list strike prices from \$8 to \$18. The Exchange may not list series with \$1.00 intervals within \$0.50 of an existing [\$2.50] strike price [(e.g., \$12.50, \$17.50)] in the same series, except that strike prices of \$2 [and] , \$3 and \$4 shall be permitted within \$0.50 of an an [\$2.50] existing strike price for classes also selected to participate in the \$0.50 Strike Program. Additionally, the Exchange may not list long-term option series ("LEAPS[®]") at \$1 strike price intervals for any option class selected for the \$1 Strike Program, except as provided in subparagraph 3 below.

(3) – (4) No change.

(b) – (e) No change.

.02 - .13 No change.

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Item 2. Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization

(a) The CBOE's Office of the Chairman pursuant to delegated authority approved the proposed rule change on December 22, 2009. No further action is required.

(b) Please refer questions and comments on the proposed rule change to Joanne Moffic-Silver, General Counsel, CBOE, 400 South LaSalle, Chicago, IL 60605, (312) 786-7462 or Jenny L. Klebes, (312) 786-7466.

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

(a) Purpose

The Exchange recently implemented a rule change that permits strike price intervals of \$0.50 for options on stocks trading at or below \$3.00 ("\$0.50 Strike Program").¹ As part of the filing to establish the \$0.50 Strike Program, the Exchange contemplated that a class may be selected to participate in both the \$0.50 Strike Program and the \$1 Strike Program. Under the \$1 Strike Program, new series with \$1 intervals are not permitted to be listed within \$0.50 of an existing \$2.50 strike price in the same series, except that strike prices of \$2 and \$3 are permitted to be listed within \$0.50 of a \$2.50 strike price for classes also

¹ See Exchange Act Release No. 60695 (September 18, 2009), 74 FR 49055 (September 24, 2009) (SR-CBOE-2009-069). See also Interpretation and Policy .01(b) to Rule 5.5.

selected to participate in the \$0.50 Strike Program.² Under CBOE's existing rule, for classes selected to participate in both the \$0.50 Strike Program and the \$1 Strike Program, the Exchange may either: (a) list a \$3.50 strike but not list a \$4 strike; or (b) list a \$4 strike but not list a \$3.50 strike. For example, under the Exchange's current rules, if a \$3.50 strike for an option class in both the \$0.50 and \$1 Strike Programs was listed, the next highest permissible strike price would be \$5.00. Alternatively, if a \$4 strike was listed, the next lowest permissible strike price would be \$3.00. The intent of the \$.50 Strike Program was to expand the ability of investors to hedge risks associated with stocks trading at or under \$3 and to provide finer intervals of \$0.50, beginning at \$1 up to \$3.50. As a result, the Exchange believes that the current filing is consistent with the purpose of the \$0.50 Strike Program and will permit the Exchange to fill in any existing gaps resulting from having to choose whether to list a \$3.50 or \$4 strike for options classes in both the \$0.50 and \$1 Strike Programs.

Therefore, the Exchange is submitting the current filing to permit the listing of concurrent \$3.50 and \$4 strikes for classes that are selected to participate in both the \$0.50 Strike Program and the \$1 Strike Program. To effect this change, the Exchange is proposing to amend Interpretation and Policy .01(a)(2) to Rule 5.5 by adding \$4 to the strike prices of \$2 and \$3 currently permitted if a class participates in both the \$0.50 Strike Program and the \$1 Strike Program.

The Exchange is also proposing to amend the current rule text to delete references to "\$2.50 strike prices" (and the example utilizing \$2.50 strike prices) and to replace those references with broader language, *e.g.*, "existing strike prices."

² See Interpretation and Policy .01(a)(2) to Rule 5.5.

(b) Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act")³ and the rules and regulations thereunder and, in particular, the requirements of Section 6(b) of the Act.⁴ Specifically, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5)⁵ requirements that the rules of an exchange be designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts, to remove impediments to and to perfect the mechanism for a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest by permitting the Exchange to list more granular strikes on options overlying lower priced securities, which the Exchange believes will provide investors with greater flexibility by allowing them to establish positions that are better tailored to meet their investment objectives.

Item 4. 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.

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 for Commission action.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

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

(a) The proposed rule change is filed for immediate effectiveness pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)⁶ of the Act and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.⁷

(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 provided the Commission with written notice of its intent to file the proposal, along with a brief description and text of the proposal, at least five business days prior to the date of the filing of the proposed rule change as required by Rule 19b-4(f)(6).

For the foregoing reasons, the Exchange believes the rule filing qualifies for expedited effectiveness as a "non-controversial" rule change under paragraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 of the Act.

(c) Not applicable.

(d) Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

Item 9. Exhibits

Exhibit 1. Notice of proposed rule change for publication in the Federal Register.

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁷ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

EXHIBIT 1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
(Release No. 34- ; File No. SR-CBOE-2010-002

Dated: _____

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Permit Concurrent Listing of \$3.50 and \$4 Strikes for Classes in the \$0.50 Strike and \$1 Strike Programs

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 _____, 2010, 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 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 proposes to amend Interpretation and Policy .01 to Rule 5.5, Series of Options Open for Trading, to permit the concurrent listing of \$3.50 and \$4 strikes for classes that participate in both the \$0.50 Strike and \$1 Strike Programs. The text of the rule proposal is available on the Exchange's website (<http://www.cboe.org/legal>), at the Exchange's Office of

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 Secretary and at the Commission.

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

1. Purpose

The Exchange recently implemented a rule change that permits strike price intervals of \$0.50 for options on stocks trading at or below \$3.00 ("\$0.50 Strike Program").⁵ As part of the filing to establish the \$0.50 Strike Program, the Exchange contemplated that a class may be selected to participate in both the \$0.50 Strike Program and the \$1 Strike Program. Under the \$1 Strike Program, new series with \$1 intervals are not permitted to be listed within \$0.50 of an existing \$2.50 strike price in the same series, except that strike prices of \$2 and \$3 are permitted to be listed within \$0.50 of a \$2.50 strike price for classes also selected to participate in the \$0.50 Strike Program.⁶ Under CBOE's existing rule, for classes selected to participate in both the \$0.50 Strike Program and the \$1 Strike Program, the Exchange may either: (a) list a \$3.50 strike but not list a \$4 strike; or (b) list a \$4 strike but not list a \$3.50 strike. For example, under the Exchange's current rules, if a \$3.50 strike for

⁵ See Exchange Act Release No. 60695 (September 18, 2009), 74 FR 49055 (September 24, 2009) (SR-CBOE-2009-069). See also Interpretation and Policy .01(b) to Rule 5.5.

⁶ See Interpretation and Policy .01(a)(2) to Rule 5.5.

an option class in both the \$0.50 and \$1 Strike Programs was listed, the next highest permissible strike price would be \$5.00. Alternatively, if a \$4 strike was listed, the next lowest permissible strike price would be \$3.00. The intent of the \$.50 Strike Program was to expand the ability of investors to hedge risks associated with stocks trading at or under \$3 and to provide finer intervals of \$0.50, beginning at \$1 up to \$3.50. As a result, the Exchange believes that the current filing is consistent with the purpose of the \$.50 Strike Program and will permit the Exchange to fill in any existing gaps resulting from having to choose whether to list a \$3.50 or \$4 strike for options classes in both the \$.50 and \$1 Strike Programs.

Therefore, the Exchange is submitting the current filing to permit the listing of concurrent \$3.50 and \$4 strikes for classes that are selected to participate in both the \$.50 Strike Program and the \$1 Strike Program. To effect this change, the Exchange is proposing to amend Interpretation and Policy .01(a)(2) to Rule 5.5 by adding \$4 to the strike prices of \$2 and \$3 currently permitted if a class participates in both the \$.50 Strike Program and the \$1 Strike Program.

The Exchange is also proposing to amend the current rule text to delete references to "\$2.50 strike prices" (and the example utilizing \$2.50 strike prices) and to replace those references with broader language, *e.g.*, "existing strike prices."

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act⁷ and the rules and regulations thereunder and, in particular, the requirements of Section 6(b) of the

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

Act.⁸ Specifically, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5)⁹ requirements that the rules of an exchange be designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts, to remove impediments to and to perfect the mechanism for a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest by permitting the Exchange to list more granular strikes on options overlying lower priced securities, which the Exchange believes will provide investors with greater flexibility by allowing them to establish positions that are better tailored to meet their investment objectives.

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

No written comments were solicited or received with respect to the proposed rule change.

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 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

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

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 Act¹⁰ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.¹¹ 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 (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>);
or
- Send an e-mail to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-CBOE-2010-002 on the subject line.

Paper comments:

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Elizabeth M. Murphy, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-CBOE-2010-002. 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

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹¹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

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 Room, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10:00 am and 3:00 pm. 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-2010-002 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.¹²

Dated: _____

Florence E. Harmon
Deputy Secretary

¹² 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).