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#### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549 For complete Form 19b-4 instructions please refer to the EFFS website. The self-regulatory organization must provide all required information, presented in a Form 19b-4 Information \* clear and comprehensible manner, to enable the public to provide meaningful comment on the proposal and for the Commission to determine whether the proposal Remove is consistent with the Act and applicable rules and regulations under the Act. The Notice section of this Form 19b-4 must comply with the guidelines for publication Exhibit 1 - Notice of Proposed Rule Change \* 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 Add Remove View 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) The Notice section of this Form 19b-4 must comply with the guidelines for publication **Exhibit 1A- Notice of Proposed Rule** in the Federal Register as well as any requirements for electronic filing as published Change, Security-Based Swap Submission, by the Commission (if applicable). The Office of the Federal Register (OFR) offers or Advance Notice by Clearing Agencies \* 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, security-based swap submission, or advance notice being deemed not properly filed. See also Rule 0-3 under the Act (17 CFR 240.0-3) Exhibit 2 - Notices, Written Comments, Copies of notices, written comments, transcripts, other communications. If such Transcripts, Other Communications documents cannot be filed electronically in accordance with Instruction F, they shall be filed in accordance with Instruction G. View Add Remove Exhibit Sent As Paper Document Exhibit 3 - Form, Report, or Questionnaire 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 Add Remove View referred to by the proposed rule change. Exhibit Sent As Paper Document **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 Add View Remove the staff to identify immediately the changes made from the text of the rule with which it has been working. The self-regulatory organization may choose to attach as Exhibit 5 proposed changes **Exhibit 5 - Proposed Rule Text** 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 Add Remove View of the proposed rule change. If the self-regulatory organization is amending only part of the text of a lengthy **Partial Amendment** 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) C2 Options Exchange, Incorporated (the "Exchange" or "C2") proposes to amend the Fees Schedule. 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 Chief Regulatory Officer (or designee) pursuant to delegated authority approved the proposed rule change on October 2, 2015.
- (b) Please refer questions and comments on the proposed rule change to Joanne Moffic-Silver, (312) 786-7462, or William P. Wallenstein, (312) 786-8716, C2 Options Exchange, Incorporated, 400 South LaSalle, Chicago, Illinois 60605.

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

#### (a) Purpose

The Exchange proposes to amend the Fees Schedule. Specifically, the Exchange proposes to make changes to the Continuing Education Fees section of the Fees Schedule to provide that continuing education for all registration except the Series 56 will be \$55 if conducted via Web-delivery. Continuing education for all registration except the Series 56 will remain \$100 if conducted at a testing center.

On August 8, 2015, the Securities and Exchange Commission approved SR-FINRA-2015-015 relating proposed changes to FINRA Rule 1250 to provide a Webbased delivery method for completing the Regulatory Element of the continuing

education requirements.<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to the rule change, effective October 1, 2015, the Regulatory Element of the Continuing Education Programs for the S106 for Investment Company and Variable Contracts Representatives, the S201 for registered principles and supervisors, and the S901 for Operations Professionals will be administered through Web-based delivery or such other technological manner and format as specified by FINRA. The Regulatory Element of these Continuing Education Programs will continue to be offered at testing centers through January 4, 2016. Pursuant to the Approval Order to SR-FINRA-2015-015, the fee for test-center delivery of the Regulatory Element of the S106, S201, and S901 Continuing Education Programs will no longer be offered at testing centers. The fee for Web-based delivery of the Regulatory Elements of the S106, S201, and S901 Continuing Education Programs, however, will be \$55.

The Exchange currently utilizes FINRA's Continuing Education Programs for its own continuing education requirements. Consistent with SR-FINRA-2015-015, the Exchange recently filed SR-CBOE-2015-084<sup>2</sup> relating to continuing education. In that filing, the Exchange proposed to follow the changes set forth in SR-FINRA-2015-015 with respect to Web-based delivery of the Regulatory Element of the Continuing Education Programs for the S106 for Investment Company and Variable Contracts Representatives, the S201 for registered principles and supervisors, and the S901 for Operations Professionals. Consistent with SR-CBOE-2015-084, this proposed rule

See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 75581 (July 31, 2015), 80 FR 47018 (August 6, 2015) (Order Approving a Proposed Rule Change to Provide a Web-based Delivery Method for Completing the Regulatory Element of the Continuing Education Requirements) (SR-FINRA-2015-015).

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change, proposes to amend the Fees Schedule to provide that effective immediately, the fee for Web-based delivery of the Regulatory Elements of the S106, S201, and S901 Continuing Education Programs will be \$55. The fee test-center delivery of the Regulatory Element of the S106, S201, and S901 Continuing Education Programs will continue to be \$100 per session through January 4, 2016 when the programs will no longer be offered at testing centers. At that time, the Exchange will file another fee filing to remove the test center option for delivery of the Regulatory Element from the Fees Schedule.

### (b) <u>Statutory Basis</u>

The Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act") and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to the Exchange and, in particular, the requirements of Section 6(b) of the Act.<sup>3</sup> Specifically, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5)<sup>4</sup> requirements that the rules of an exchange be designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in regulating, clearing, settling, processing information with respect to, and facilitating transactions in securities, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. Additionally, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with

<sup>4</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

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

the Section 6(b)(5)<sup>5</sup> requirement that the rules of an exchange not be designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

In particular, the Web-based delivery method for continuing education is in the interest of investors and free and open markets. In general, Web-based delivery will remove time parameters that exist with respect to taking continuing education at testing centers. Having additional time to take continuing education may result in better learning outcomes, which should enhance investor protection. In addition, the option to have Web-based delivery of the Regulatory Element of the S106, S201, and S901 Continuing Education Programs at a reduced cost lowers barriers to entry and removes impediments to a free and open market and national market system by making it easier and less costly for Trading Permit Holders to participate in the market. Accordingly, the Exchange believes that Web-based delivery of the Regulatory Element of the S106, S201, and S901 Continuing Education Programs and reducing the costs of continuing education in general are goals that are consistent with the Act.

### 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 that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. As FINRA has stated, the proposed rule change is specifically intended to reduce the burdens of continuing education on market participants while preserving the integrity of the S106, S201, and S901 Continuing Education Programs. In general, reduction in cost and removal of barriers to entry encourages competition among market participants, particularly in situations where such rules are employed universally across the markets. By bringing the Exchange's fees structure in line with that of FINRA, the

<sup>&</sup>lt;u>Id.</u>

Exchange believes it is removing impediments to free and open markets and encouraging competition between the Exchange and other markets that use the S106, S201, and S901 Continuing Education Programs. Accordingly, the Exchange further believes that the proposed rule change will relieve burdens on, and otherwise promote competition.

# 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 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)

- (a) The proposed rule change is filed for immediate effectiveness pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act<sup>6</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(2)<sup>7</sup> thereunder.
- (b) The Exchange designates that the proposed rule change establishes or changes a due, fee, or other charge imposed by the Exchange, which renders the proposed rule change effective upon filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission"). At any time within 60 days of the filing of this proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>7 17</sup> CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

Commission takes such action, the Commission will institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be approved or disapproved.

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

# Item 8. <u>Proposed Rule Change Based on Rules of Another Self-Regulatory</u> Organization or of the Commission

The proposed rule change is based on similar fee changes set forth in SR-FINRA-2015-015.8

# Item 9. <u>Security-Based Swap Submissions Filed Pursuant to Section 3C of the Act</u>

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 5. Proposed rule text.

Requirements) (SR-FINRA-2015-015).

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EXHIBIT 1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Release No. 34- ; File No. SR-C2-2015-024

[Insert date]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; C2 Options Exchange, Incorporated; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change to Amend the Fees Schedule

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act"),<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on [insert date], C2 Options Exchange, Incorporated (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 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 Rule Change</u>

C2 Options Exchange, Incorporated (the "Exchange" or "C2") proposes to amend the Fees Schedule. The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's website (<a href="http://www.c2exchange.com/Legal/">http://www.c2exchange.com/Legal/</a>), 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

15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

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

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

### 1. <u>Purpose</u>

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

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

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

# III. <u>Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action</u>

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act<sup>8</sup> and paragraph (f) of Rule 19b-4<sup>9</sup> thereunder. At any time within 60 days of

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f).

the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission will institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be approved or disapproved.

# **IV.** Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

#### Electronic comments:

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml); or
- Send an e-mail to <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. <u>Please include File Number</u>

  <u>SR-C2-2015-024 on the subject line.</u>

#### 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-C2-2015-024. 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 (<a href="http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml">http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml</a>). 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-C2-2015-024 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. <sup>10</sup>

Secretary

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#### **EXHIBIT 5**

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

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# **C2** Options Exchange, Incorporated

### **Fees Schedule**

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## iii) CONTINUING EDUCATION FEES:

There shall be a session fee for each individual who is required to complete the Regulatory Element of the Continuing Education Requirements pursuant to Rule 9.3A.

\$60 For individuals with a Series 56 Registration \$100 For individuals with all other Registrations (at testing centers) \$55 For individuals with all other Registrations (Web-based delivery)

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