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Notice of proposed change pursuant to the Payment, Clearing, and Settlement Act of 2010

Security-Based Swap Submission pursuant
 to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

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Date 04/01/2016

Senior Counsel / Assistant Secretary

By William P. Wallenstein

(Name *)

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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 1A- Notice of Proposed Rule Change, Security-Based Swap Submission, or Advance Notice by Clearing Agencies *

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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.

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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.

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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.

PARTIAL AMENDMENT

Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated (“CBOE” or the “Exchange”) submits this Amendment, constituting Amendment No. 1, to rule filing SR-CBOE-2016-024 in which the Exchange proposes to adopt proposes to amend Rule 6.74A (Automated Improvement Mechanism (“AIM”)) to clarify how orders submitted for electronic crossing into the AIM auction are treated if an auction cannot occur, to adopt Interpretation and Policy .09 to Rule 6.74A (AIM Retained Order Functionality) to describe the Exchange’s AIM Retained Order (“A:AIR”) functionality in the Rules, and make minor edits to Interpretation and Policy .08 to Rule 6.53C (Price Check Parameters) relating to the treatment of complex AIM orders marked A:AIR and correct certain typographical errors. The purpose of this Amendment No. 1 is to amend the proposed rule text of Interpretation and Policy .08 to Rule 6.53C in Exhibit 5 regarding A:AIR orders to include references to the appropriate Rule (i.e. Rule 6.74A) when referring to proposed Interpretation and Policy .09 to Rule 6.74A.

Specifically, the Exchange proposes to add the language “to Rule 6.74A” to final sentences of proposed paragraphs (d) and (f) of Interpretation and Policy .08 to Rule 6.53C on pages 23 and 24 of Exhibit 5 as follows:

(d) Buy-Buy (Sell-Sell) Strategy Parameters: A limit order where (1) all the components of the strategy are to buy and the order is priced at zero, any net credit price, or a net debit price that is less than the number of individual option series legs in the strategy (or applicable ratio) multiplied by the applicable minimum net price increment for the complex order; or (2) all the components of the strategy are to sell and the order is priced at zero, any net debit price, or a net credit price that is less than the number of individual option series legs in the strategy (or applicable ratio) multiplied by the applicable minimum net price increment for the complex order. Such complex orders under this paragraph (d) will not be accepted. In classes where this price check parameter is available, it will also be available for stock-option orders (and the minimum net price increment calculation above will only apply to the individual option series legs). In

addition, in classes where this price check parameter is available, it will also be available for COA responses under Rule 6.53C(d), AIM and Solicitation Auction Mechanism complex orders and responses under Rule 6.74A and 6.74B, customer-to-customer immediate cross complex orders under Rule 6.74A.08, and qualified contingent cross orders under Rule 6.53(u). Such paired complex orders and responses under these provisions will not be accepted except that, to the extent that only a paired contra-side order subject to an auction under Rule 6.74A or 6.74B exceeds this price check parameter, the contra-side order will not be accepted and the paired original Agency Order will not be accepted or, at the order entry firm's discretion (i.e. an AIM Retained ("A:AIR") order, as defined in Interpretation and Policy .09 to Rule 6.74A), continue processing as an unpaired complex order.

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(f) Stock-Option Derived Net Market Parameters: A stock-option order that is marketable if, following COA, the execution would not be within the acceptable derived net market for the strategy that existed at the start of COA.

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(2) Such a stock-option order will route via the order handling system pursuant to Rule 6.12.

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EXHIBIT 4

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**Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated
Rules**

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CHAPTER I Definitions

Rule 6.53C. Complex Orders on the Hybrid System

(a) – (d) No change.

... Interpretations and Policies:

.01 - .07 No change.

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For purposes of this Interpretation and Policy .08:

Vertical Spread. A “vertical” spread is a two-legged complex order with one leg to buy a number of calls (puts) and one leg to sell the same number of calls (puts) with the same expiration date but different exercise prices.

Butterfly Spread. A “butterfly” spread is a three-legged complex order with two legs to buy (sell) the same number of calls (puts) and one leg to sell (buy) twice as many calls (puts), all with the same expiration date but different exercise prices, and the exercise price of the middle leg is between the exercise prices of the other legs. If the exercise price of the middle leg is halfway between the exercise prices of the other legs, it is a “true” butterfly; otherwise, it is a “skewed” butterfly.

Box Spread. A “box” spread is a four-legged complex order with one leg to buy calls and one leg to sell puts with one strike price, and one leg to sell calls and one leg to buy puts with another strike price, all of which have the same expiration date and are for the same number of contracts.

To the extent a price check parameter is applicable, the Exchange will not automatically execute an eligible complex order that is:

(a) – (b) No change.

(c) Debit/Credit Price Reasonability Checks:

(1) – (4) No change.

(5) This check applies to pairs of orders submitted to AIM, SAM or as a QCC order.
If the System rejects either order in the pair pursuant to this check, then the

System also cancels the paired order. Notwithstanding the foregoing, with respect to an AIM Retained (“A:AIR”) order as defined in Interpretation and Policy .09 to Rule 6.74A [that instructs the System to process the agency order as an unpaired order if an AIM auction cannot be initiated], if the System rejects the [a]Agency [o]Order pursuant to this check, then the System also rejects the contra-side order; however, if the System rejects the contra-side order pursuant to this check, the System still accepts the [a]Agency [o]Order if it satisfies the check.

(6) No change.

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(b) No change.

... Interpretations and Policies:

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