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Item 1. Text of the Proposed Rule Change

(a) Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated (the “Exchange” or “CBOE”) proposes to amend its rules related to both its Automated Improvement Mechanism (“AIM”) and its AIM for Flexible Exchange Options (“FLEX Options”).¹ The text of the proposed rule change is provided below and in Exhibit 1.

(additions are underlined; deletions are [bracketed])

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**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 Trading Permit Holder that represents agency orders may electronically execute an order it represents as agent (“Agency Order”) against principal interest or a solicited order provided it submits the Agency Order for electronic execution into the AIM auction (“Auction”) pursuant to this Rule.

(a) - (b) No change.

... Interpretations and Policies:

.01 – .02 No change.

.03 Initially, and for at least a Pilot Period expiring on [July 18, 2016] January 18, 2017, 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 raw data which is submitted to the Commission will be provided on a confidential basis.

.04 – .05 No change.

¹ FLEX Options provide investors with the ability to customize basic option features including size, expiration date, exercise style, and certain exercise prices. The rules governing the trading of FLEX Options on the FLEX Request for Quote (RFQ) System platform are contained in Chapter XXIVA. The rules governing the trading of FLEX Options on the FLEX Hybrid Trading System platform are contained in Chapter XXIVB.

.06 Subparagraph (b)(2)(E) of this rule will be effective for a Pilot Period until [July 18, 2016] January 18, 2017. 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 raw data which is submitted to the Commission will be provided on a confidential basis.

.07 – .08 No change.

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Rule 24B.5A. FLEX Automated Improvement Mechanism

Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 24B.5, a FLEX Trader that represents agency orders may electronically execute an order it represents as agent (“Agency Order”) against principal interest and/or against solicited orders provided it submits the Agency Order for execution into the automated improvement mechanism auction (“AIM Auction”) pursuant to this Rule.

(a) – (b) No change.

This rule supersedes Exchange Rule 6.74A.

... Interpretations and Policies:

.01 – .02 No change.

.03 Initially, and for at least a Pilot Period expiring on [July 18, 2016] January 18, 2017, there will be no minimum size requirement for orders to be eligible for the AIM 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 AIM Auction. Any raw data which is submitted to the Commission will be provided on a confidential basis.

.04 – .07 No change.

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(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 July 12, 2016.

(b) Please refer questions and comments on the proposed rule change to Joanne Moffic-Silver, Executive Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary, (312) 786-7462, or Kyle Edwards, (312) 786-7304, Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated, 400 South LaSalle, Chicago, Illinois 60605.

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

(a) Purpose

In February 2006, CBOE obtained approval from the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") to adopt the AIM auction process.² AIM exposes certain orders electronically to an auction process to provide these orders with the opportunity to receive an execution at an improved price. The AIM auction is available only for orders that a Trading Permit Holder represents as agent ("Agency Order") 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).

The Commission approved two components of AIM 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 pursuant to Rule 6.45A(d).³ In connection with the pilot programs, the Exchange has

² See Securities Exchange Release No. 53222 (February 3, 2006), 71 FR 7089 (February 10, 2006) (SR-CBOE-2005-60).

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submitted to the Commission reports providing detailed AIM auction and order execution data.

Ten one-year extensions to the pilot programs have previously become effective.⁴ The proposed rule change merely extends the duration of the pilot programs until January 18, 2017. Extending the pilots for an additional six months will allow the Commission more time to consider the impact of the pilot programs on AIM order executions.

Additionally, in March 2012, CBOE obtained approval from the Commission to adopt the AIM auction process for FLEX Options.⁵ AIM for FLEX Options exposes certain FLEX Options orders electronically to an auction process to provide these orders with the opportunity to receive an execution at an improved price. The FLEX AIM auction is available only for Agency Orders 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).

The Commission approved on a pilot basis the component of AIM for FLEX Options that there is no minimum size requirement for orders to be eligible for the

⁴ See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 54147 (July 14, 2006), 71 FR 41487 (July 21, 2006) (SR-CBOE-2006-64); 56094 (July 18, 2007), 72 FR 40910 (July 25, 2007) (SR-CBOE-2007-80); 58196 (July 18, 2008), 73 FR 43803 (July 28, 2008) (SR-CBOE-2008-76); 60338 (July 17, 2009), 74 FR 36803 (July 24, 2009) (SR-CBOE-2009-051); 62522 (July 16, 2010), 75 FR 43596 (July 26, 2010) (SR-CBOE-2010-067); 64930 (July 20, 2011), 76 FR 44636 (July 26, 2011) (SR-CBOE-2011-066); 67302 (June 28, 2012), 77 FR 39779 (July 5, 2012) (SR-CBOE-2012-061); 69867 (June 27, 2013), 78 FR 40230 (July 3, 2013) (SR-CBOE-2013-066); and 72570 (July 9, 2014), 79 FR 41337 (July 15, 2014) (SR-CBOE-2014-054); and 75476 (July 16, 2015), 80 FR 43548 (July 22, 2015) (SR-CBOE-2015-068).

⁵ See Securities Exchange Release No. 66702 (March 30, 2012), 77 FR 20675 (April 5, 2012) (SR-CBOE-2011-123).

auction.⁶ In connection with the pilot program, the Exchange has submitted to the Commission reports providing detailed FLEX AIM auction and order execution data.

Four one-year extensions to the pilot program have previously become effective.⁷ The proposed rule change merely extends the duration of the pilot program until July 18, 2017. Extending the pilot for an additional six months will allow the Commission more time to consider the impact of the pilot program on AIM order executions for FLEX Options.

The Exchange also proposes to correct an inadvertent typographical error in Rule 24B.5A. On December 23, 2011 the Exchange filed a rule change to adopt Rule 24B.5A (FLEX Automated Improvement Mechanism).⁸ As part of that filing, a spelling error was made in the sentence that begins with “RULE 24B5A. Notwithstanding...” The error incorrectly identifies an “AIM Auction” as an “AIM Action.” The Exchange is now proposing to amend this typographical error.

(b) Statutory Basis

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

⁶ The pilot for the FLEX AIM auction process was modeled after the pilot for non-FLEX Options described above, and included an initial expiration date of July 18, 2012 so that the FLEX pilot would coincide with the existing non-FLEX pilot.

⁷ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 67302 (June 28, 2012), 77 FR 39779 (July 5, 2012) (SR-CBOE-2012-061); 69938 (July 5, 2013), 78 FR 41481 (July 10, 2013) (SR-CBOE-2013-069); and 72570 (July 9, 2014), 79 FR 41337 (July 15, 2014) (SR-CBOE-2014-054); and 75476 (July 16, 2015), 80 FR 43548 (July 22, 2015) (SR-CBOE-2015-068).

⁸ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 66702 (March 30, 2012), 77 FR 20675 (April 5, 2012) (SR-CBOE-2011-123) (Order approving Proposed Rule Change to Establish an Automated Improvement Mechanism and a Solicitation Auction Mechanism for FLEX Options).

the Exchange and, in particular, the requirements of Section 6(b) of the Act.⁹ Specifically, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5)¹⁰ 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 the Section 6(b)(5)¹¹ requirement that the rules of an exchange not be designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

In particular, the proposed rule change protects investors and the public interest by allowing for an extension of the AIM and FLEX AIM pilot programs, and thus allowing additional time for the Commission to evaluate the pilot programs. The pilot programs will continue to allow (1) smaller non-FLEX option and FLEX Option orders to receive the opportunity for price improvement pursuant to the AIM auction, and (2) with respect to non-FLEX options, Agency Orders in AIM auctions that are concluded early because of quote lock on the Exchange to receive the benefit of the lock price. The additional data provided will help the Commission determine if there is evidence of meaningful competition for all size orders, significant price improvement for

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

¹¹ Id.

orders going through the AIM and FLEX AIM and an active and liquid market functioning on the Exchange outside of the AIM and FLEX AIM auctions.

Item 4. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

CBOE does not believe that the proposed rule changes will impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The Exchange does not believe the proposed rule changes impose any burden on intramarket competition because it applies to all Trading Permit Holders. All Trading Permit Holders that submit orders into an AIM or FLEX AIM auction are still subject to the same requirements. In addition, the Exchange does not believe the proposed rule changes will impose any burden on intermarket competition, as they merely extend the duration of an existing pilot programs, which are available to all market participants through Trading Permit Holders. AIM and FLEX AIM will continue to function in the same manner as they currently function for an extended period of time.

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 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 Act¹² and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)¹³ thereunder.

¹² 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

(b) The Exchange designates that the proposed rule change effects a change that (i) does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) does not impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) by its terms, does not become operative for 30 days after the date of the filing, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. Additionally, the Exchange has given the Commission 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 of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The Exchange believes the proposed rule changes do not present any new, unique or substantive issues; they merely allow for an extension of the duration of existing pilot programs for the benefit of market participants and allow for continued analysis of how the pilot programs should be structured in the future. Ultimately, the result of the proposed rule changes is that AIM and FLEX AIM will continue to function in the same manner as they currently function for an extended period of time.

For the foregoing reasons, this rule filing qualifies as a “non-controversial” rule change under Rule 19b-4(f)(6), which renders the proposed rule change effective upon filing with 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

¹³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

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

As discussed above, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change does not present any new, unique or substantive issues, but rather is extending the duration of existing pilot programs. 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. Waiver of the 30-day operative delay will allow the Exchange to extend the pilot program prior to its expiration on July 18, 2016. In addition, the Exchange believes that waiver of the operative delay is also consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest because it will allow for the least amount of market disruption as the pilot will continue as it currently does maintaining the status quo.

(c) Not applicable.

(d) Not applicable.

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

The proposed rule change is not based on a rule either of another self-regulatory organization or of the Commission.

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 1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34- ; File No. SR-CBOE-2016-056]

[Insert date]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change Related to the Automated Improvement Mechanism

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], Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated (the “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

The Exchange seeks to extend the pilots associated with the Automated Improvement Mechanism. The text of the proposed rule change is provided below.

(additions are underlined; deletions are [bracketed])

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**Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated
Rules**

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).

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Rule 6.74A. Automated Improvement Mechanism (“AIM”)

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.07 – .08 No change.

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Rule 24B.5A. FLEX Automated Improvement Mechanism

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(a) – (b) No change.

This rule supersedes Exchange Rule 6.74A.

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.04 – .07 No change.

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The text of the proposed rule change is also available on the Exchange's website (<http://www.cboe.com/AboutCBOE/CBOELegalRegulatoryHome.aspx>), 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

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(April 5, 2012) (SR-CBOE-2011-123).

⁹ The pilot for the FLEX AIM auction process was modeled after the pilot for non-FLEX Options described above, and included an initial expiration date of July 18, 2012 so that the FLEX pilot would coincide with the existing non-FLEX pilot.

¹⁰ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 67302 (June 28, 2012), 77 FR 39779 (July 5, 2012) (SR-CBOE-2012-061); 69938 (July 5, 2013), 78 FR 41481 (July 10, 2013) (SR-CBOE-2013-069); and 72570 (July 9, 2014), 79 FR 41337 (July 15, 2014) (SR-CBOE-2014-054); and 75476 (July 16, 2015), 80 FR 43548 (July 22, 2015) (SR-CBOE-2015-068).

¹¹ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 66702 (March 30, 2012), 77 FR 20675 (April 5, 2012) (SR-CBOE-2011-123) (Order approving Proposed Rule Change to

was made in the sentence that begins with “RULE 24B5A. Notwithstanding...” The error incorrectly identifies an “AIM Auction” as an “AIM Action.” The Exchange is now proposing to amend this typographical error.

2. Statutory Basis

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.¹² Specifically, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5)¹³ 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 the Section 6(b)(5)¹⁴ requirement that the rules of an exchange not be designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

In particular, the proposed rule change protects investors and the public interest by allowing for an extension of the AIM and FLEX AIM pilot programs, and thus allowing additional time for the Commission to evaluate the pilot programs. The pilot programs will continue to allow (1) smaller non-FLEX option and FLEX Option orders

Establish an Automated Improvement Mechanism and a Solicitation Auction Mechanism for FLEX Options).

¹² 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

¹³ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

¹⁴ Id.

to receive the opportunity for price improvement pursuant to the AIM auction, and (2) with respect to non-FLEX options, Agency Orders in AIM auctions that are concluded early because of quote lock on the Exchange to receive the benefit of the lock price. The additional data provided will help the Commission determine if there is evidence of meaningful competition for all size orders, significant price improvement for orders going through the AIM and FLEX AIM and an active and liquid market functioning on the Exchange outside of the AIM and FLEX AIM auctions.

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

CBOE does not believe that the proposed rule changes will impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The Exchange does not believe the proposed rule changes impose any burden on intramarket competition because it applies to all Trading Permit Holders. All Trading Permit Holders that submit orders into an AIM or FLEX AIM auction are still subject to the same requirements. In addition, the Exchange does not believe the proposed rule changes will impose any burden on intermarket competition, as they merely extend the duration of an existing pilot programs, which are available to all market participants through Trading Permit Holders. AIM and FLEX AIM will continue to function in the same manner as they currently function for an extended period of time.

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 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 Act¹⁵ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)¹⁶ 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 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-CBOE-2016-056 on the subject line.

¹⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹⁶ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

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-CBOE-2016-056. 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-CBOE-2016-056 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.¹⁷

¹⁷ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

Secretary