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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. Remove View Add Exhibit Sent As Paper Document П 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 The full text shall be marked, in any convenient manner, to indicate additions to and **Exhibit 4 - Marked Copies** deletions from the immediately preceding filing. The purpose of Exhibit 4 is to permit Add Remove View 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 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.

1. Text of the Proposed Rule Change

(a) Pursuant to the provisions of Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act")¹, and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc. (formerly known as Bats BZX Exchange, Inc.) (the "Exchange") is filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") a proposal to update Rule 21.1 to adopt a new Time in Force applicable to the Exchange's equity options platform ("BZX Options").

The Exchange has designated this proposal as a non-controversial filing and requests that the Commission waive the 30-day operative delay contained in Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) under the Act.³ If such waiver is granted by the Commission, the Exchange shall implement this rule proposal immediately.

The text of the proposed rule change is attached as Exhibit 5. Material proposed to be added is underlined. Material proposed to be deleted is enclosed in brackets.

- (b) Not applicable
- (c) Not applicable

2. Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization

- (a) The Exchange's President (or designee) pursuant to delegated authority approved the proposed rule change on October 16, 2017.
- (b) Please refer questions and comments on the proposed rule change to Joanne Moffic-Silver, Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

Secretary, (312) 786-7462, or Anders Franzon, (913) 815-7154, SVP, Associate General Counsel.

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

(a) Purpose

In 2016, the Exchange and its affiliates Bats BYX Exchange, Inc. (now known as Cboe BYX Exchange, Inc.) ("BYX"), Bats EDGA Exchange, Inc. (now known as Cboe EDGA Exchange, Inc.) ("EDGA"), and Bats EDGX Exchange, Inc. (now known as Cboe EDGX Exchange, Inc.) ("EDGX") received approval to affect a merger (the "Merger") of the Exchange's indirect parent company, Bats Global Markets, Inc. ("BGM"), with CBOE Holdings, Inc. (now known as Cboe Global Markets, Inc.) ("CBOE Holdings"), the direct parent of Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated (now known as Cboe Exchange, Inc.) ("Cboe Options") and C2 Options Exchange, Incorporated (now known as Cboe C2 Exchange, Inc.) ("C2 Options", and together with the Exchange, BYX, EDGA, EDGX, and Cboe Options the "Cboe Affiliated Exchanges"). ⁴ The Cboe Affiliated Exchanges are working to align certain system functionality, retaining only intended differences between the Cboe Affiliated Exchanges, in the context of a technology migration. In the context of such migration, the Exchange is working to align its systems to offer certain features currently offered by Cboe Options and C2 Options as well as striving to maintain consistent technology with the options platform operated by EDGX ("EDGX Options"). Although the Exchange intentionally offers certain features

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that differ from those offered by its affiliates and will continue to do so, the Exchange believes that offering similar functionality to the extent practicable will reduce potential confusion for Users.

The Exchange proposes to amend Exchange Rule 21.1, Definitions, to add a new Time in Force, namely the time in force of "At the Open" or "OPG".

As proposed, "At the Open" or "OPG" shall mean, for an order so designated, an order that shall only participate in the opening process on the Exchange. An OPG order not executed in the opening process will be cancelled. The Exchange's affiliate, EDGX Options, recently received approval of various rule changes, including the adoption of a Time in Force of OPG that is identical to the Exchange's proposed rule. The Exchange notes that other options exchanges also offer Times in Force that, similar to OPG, limit an order to participating in an exchange's opening process.

(b) Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act⁷ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act⁸ in particular, in that it is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, 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. In particular, consistent rules and functionality between the Exchange and its affiliated exchanges will reduce complexity

See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 81891 (October 17, 2017) (SR-Bats-EDGX-2017-29).

⁶ See, e.g., C2 Rule 6.10(c)(7); ISE Rule 715(o).

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

and help avoid potential confusion by the Users of the Exchange that are also participants on other Cboe Affiliated Exchanges.

The Exchange believes the proposed amendment will reduce complexity and increase the understanding of the Exchange's operations for all Users of the Exchange. In particular, by offering the same Times in Force as EDGX Options, the Exchange will avoid confusion from market participants that participate on both the Exchange and EDGX Options. In turn, when Cboe Options and C2 Options are migrated to the same technology as that of the Exchange, Users of the Exchange and other Cboe Affiliated Exchanges will have access to similar functionality on all Cboe Affiliated Exchanges. As such, the proposed rule change would foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in facilitating transactions in securities and would remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system.

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. The Exchange notes that the proposal will promote consistency between the Exchange and its affiliated exchanges, and is part of a larger technology integration that will ultimately reduce complexity for Users of the Exchange that are also participants on other Cboe Affiliated Exchanges. The Exchange does not believe that the proposed changes will have any direct impact on competition. Thus, the Exchange does not believe that the proposal creates any significant impact on competition.

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

The Exchange has not solicited, and does not intend to solicit, comments on this proposed rule change. The Exchange has not received any written comments from members or other interested parties.

- Extension of Time Period for Commission Action
 Not applicable.
- 7. <u>Basis for Summary Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3) or for Accelerated Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(2)</u>

The Exchange has designated this rule filing as non-controversial under Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act⁹ and paragraph (f)(6) thereunder.¹⁰ The Exchange asserts that the proposed rule change: (1) will not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (2) will not impose any significant burden on competition; and (3) will not become operative for 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate. In addition, the Exchange provided the Commission with 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, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission.¹¹

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is particularly appropriate for filing on an immediately effective basis under paragraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4. As described above, the rule changes proposed herein are to make the Exchange's

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹⁰ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

¹¹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

functionality with respect to Times in Force consistent with EDGX Options in preparation for the ultimate migration of additional affiliated options exchanges onto the same technology as the Exchange. Further, the Exchange does not believe that the proposal raises any new policy issues.

As noted above, the proposed rule change is based on EDGX Rule 21.1(f)(6) and is identical to such rule. Because this filing is based on a rule currently in place for another options exchange and does not present any new or novel issues that have not been previously considered by the Commission, the Exchange believes this proposal is properly filed pursuant to paragraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4.¹²

A proposed rule change filed under Rule 19b-4(f)(6) normally does not become operative prior to 30 days after the date of filing. Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii), however, permits the Commission to designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Exchange requests that the Commission waive the noted operative delay so that the Exchange may, as soon as possible, implement the changes proposed by this filing. The Exchange notes that the proposal will promote consistency between the Exchange and its affiliated exchanges, and is part of a larger technology integration that will ultimately reduce complexity for Users of the Exchange that are also participants on other Cboe Affiliated Exchanges. Therefore, allowing the Exchange to adopt the change without an operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest.

Furthermore, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file a proposed rule change under that

¹² 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

subsection at least five business days prior to the date of filing, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The Exchange has provided such notice.

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: (i) necessary or appropriate in the public interest; (ii) for the protection of investors; or (iii) otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule should be approved or disapproved.

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

As noted above, the proposed rule change is based on and is identical to EDGX Rule 21.1(f)(6).

- Security-Based Swap Submissions Filed Pursuant to Section 3C of the Act
 Not applicable.
- 10. Advance Notices Filed Pursuant to Section 806(e) of the Payment, Clearing and Settlement Supervision Act

Not applicable.

11. Exhibits

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

Exhibits 2 - 4: Not applicable.

Exhibit 5: Text of Proposed Rule Change.

EXHIBIT 1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE	GE COMMISSION
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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change to Update Rule 21.1 to Adopt a New Time in Force Applicable to the Exchange's Equity Options Platform

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

The Exchange filed a proposal to update Rule 21.1 to adopt a new Time in Force applicable to the Exchange's equity options platform ("BZX Options").

The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Exchange's website at www.markets.cboe.com, at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission's

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

Public Reference Room.

II. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis</u> 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 parts 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. Purpose

In 2016, the Exchange and its affiliates Bats BYX Exchange, Inc. (now known as Cboe BYX Exchange, Inc.) ("BYX"), Bats EDGA Exchange, Inc. (now known as Cboe EDGA Exchange, Inc.) ("EDGA"), and Bats EDGX Exchange, Inc. (now known as Cboe EDGX Exchange, Inc.) ("EDGX") received approval to affect a merger (the "Merger") of the Exchange's indirect parent company, Bats Global Markets, Inc. ("BGM"), with CBOE Holdings, Inc. (now known as Cboe Global Markets, Inc.) ("CBOE Holdings"), the direct parent of Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated (now known as Cboe Exchange, Inc.) ("Cboe Options") and C2 Options Exchange, Incorporated (now known as Cboe C2 Exchange, Inc.) ("C2 Options", and together with the Exchange, BYX, EDGA, EDGX, and Cboe Options the "Cboe Affiliated Exchanges"). The Cboe Affiliated Exchanges are working to align certain system functionality, retaining only

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The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act⁸

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⁷ See, e.g., C2 Rule 6.10(c)(7); ISE Rule 715(o).

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

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The Exchange believes the proposed amendment will reduce complexity and increase the understanding of the Exchange's operations for all Users of the Exchange. In particular, by offering the same Times in Force as EDGX Options, the Exchange will avoid confusion from market participants that participate on both the Exchange and EDGX Options. In turn, when Cboe Options and C2 Options are migrated to the same technology as that of the Exchange, Users of the Exchange and other Cboe Affiliated Exchanges will have access to similar functionality on all Cboe Affiliated Exchanges. As such, the proposed rule change would foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in facilitating transactions in securities and would remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system.

(B) <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition</u>

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. The Exchange notes that the proposal will promote consistency between the Exchange and its affiliated exchanges, and is part of a larger technology integration that

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

will ultimately reduce complexity for Users of the Exchange that are also participants on other Cboe Affiliated Exchanges. The Exchange does not believe that the proposed changes will have any direct impact on competition. Thus, the Exchange does not believe that the proposal creates any significant impact on competition.

(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 has not solicited, and does not intend to solicit, comments on this proposed rule change. The Exchange has not received any written comments from members or other interested parties.

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) by its terms, 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 Act¹⁰ and paragraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder, ¹¹ the Exchange has designated this rule filing as non-controversial. 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.

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹¹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is: (1) necessary or appropriate in the public interest; (2) for the protection of investors; or (3) otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule 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 proposal 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>. Please include File No. SR-BatsBZX-2017-71 on the subject line.

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 No. SR-BatsBZX-2017-71. 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, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10:00 am and 3:00 pm. Copies of such filing will also 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 No. SR-BatsBZX-2017-71 and should be submitted on or before [______21 days from publication in the Federal Register].

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority. ¹²

Robert W. Errett Deputy Secretary

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EXHIBIT 5

Note: Proposed new language is <u>underlined</u>. Proposed deletions are enclosed in [brackets].

Rules of Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc.

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CHAPTER XXI. TRADING SYSTEMS

Rule 21.1. Definitions

(No change.)

- (a)-(e) (No changes.)
- (f) The term "Time in Force" shall mean the period of time that the System will hold an order for potential execution, and shall include:
 - (1)-(5) (No changes.)
 - (6) "At the Open" or "OPG" shall mean, for an order so designated, an order that shall only participate in the opening process on the Exchange. An OPG order not executed in the opening process will be cancelled.
 - (g)-(j) (No changes.)

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