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Section 3C(b)(2) * [ ]

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Description

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The Exchange proposes a rule change to authorize Cboe Options to list for trading options on the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index.

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 action.

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Signature

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.

Date 10/15/2018

By Laura G. Dickman

(Name *)

(Title *)

Vice President, Associate General Counsel

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Item 1. **Text of the Proposed Rule Change**

(a) Cboe Exchange, Inc. (the "Exchange" or "Cboe Options") proposes to list and trade options that overlie the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index. 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 President (or designee) pursuant to delegated authority approved the proposed rule change on September 26, 2018.

(b) Please refer questions and comments on the proposed rule change to Pat Sexton, Executive Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary, (312) 786-7467, or Laura G. Dickman, (312) 786-7572, Cboe Exchange, Inc., 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

The Exchange is currently authorized to list for trading options on ten S&P Select Sector Indexes.[1] The purpose of this proposed rule change is to amend certain rules to authorize the Exchange to list for trading options on a recently added eleventh S&P Select Sector Index – the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index. Each S&P Select Sector Index represents the performance of companies that are components of the Standard & Poor's 500 Index ("S&P 500") within a specific sector (each of which is referred to as an "S&P Select Sector Index"). Each constituent of an S&P Select Sector

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[1] See Rule 24.9(a); see also Securities Exchange Act Release No. 34-81879 (October 16, 2017), 82 FR 48858 (October 20, 2017) (SR-CBOE-2017-065).

Index is a constituent of the S&P 500, and each S&P Select Sector Index is a subindex of the S&P 500. S&P Dow Jones Indices[2] assigns each constituent to a S&P Select Sector Index(es) based on the constituent's classification under a global industry classification standard. S&P Dow Jones Indices monitors and maintains each Select Sector Index and rebalances each S&P Select Sector Index quarterly. S&P Dow Jones Indices recently added an eleventh sector. As a result, the following represents the current breakdown of the sectors and the components of each sector:

Sector	Symbol[3]	Number of Components
Financial	IXM	68
Energy	IXE	31
Technology	IXT	76
Health Care	IXV	63
Utilities	IXU	29
Consumer Staples	IXR	32
Industrials	IXI	70
Consumer Discretionary	IXY	80
Materials	IXB	24
Real Estate	IXRE	32
Communication Services	IXC	26

2 S&P Dow Jones Indices is the reporting authority for the S&P Select Sector Indexes, including the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index. See proposed Rule 24.1, Interpretation and Policy .01.

3 These symbols represent the index. The corresponding option symbols are SIXM, SIXE, SIXT, SIXV, SIXU, SIXR, SIXI, SIXY, SIXB, SIXRE, and SIXC respectively.

Initial and Maintenance Listing Criteria

The S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index meets the definition of a narrow-based index as set forth in Rule 24.1(i)(2) (an index designed to be representative of a particular industry or a group of related industries and include indices having component securities that are all headquartered with in a single country). Additionally, the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index satisfies the initial listing criteria of a narrow-based index, as set forth in Rule 24.2(b):

(1) options will be A.M.-settled;

(2) the index is capitalization-weighted, price-weighted, equal dollar-weighted, or modified capitalization-weighted, and consists of ten or more component securities (the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index is modified capitalization-weighted);

(3) each component security has a market capitalization of at least $75 million, except that for each of the lowest weighted component securities in the index that in the aggregate account for no more than 10% of the weight of the index, the market capitalization is at least $50 million;

(4) trading volume of each component security has been at least one million shares for each of the last six months, except that for each of the lowest weighted component securities in the index that in the aggregate account for no more than 10% of the weight of the index, trading volume has been at least 500,000 shares for each of the last six months;

(5) in a capitalization-weighted index or a modified capitalization-weighted index, the lesser of the five highest weighted component securities in the

index or the highest weighted component securities in the index that in the aggregate represent at least 30% of the total number of component securities in the index each have had an average monthly trading volume of at least 2,000,000 shares over the past six months;

(6) no single component security represents more than 25% of the weight of the index, and the five highest weighted component securities in the index do not in the aggregate account for more than 50% (60% for an index consisting of fewer than 25 component securities) of the weight of the index;

(7) component securities that account for at least 90% of the weight of the index and at least 80% of the total number of component securities in the index satisfy the requirements of Rule 5.3 applicable to individual underlying securities;

(8) all component securities are "reported securities" as defined in Rule 11A a3-1 under the Exchange Act;

(9) non-U.S. component securities (stocks or ADRs) that are not subject to comprehensive surveillance agreements do not in the aggregate represent more than 20% of the weight of the index;

(10) the current underlying index value will be reported at least once every fifteen seconds during the time the index options are traded on the Exchange;

(11) an equal dollar-weighted index will be rebalanced at least once every calendar quarter; and

(12) if an underlying index is maintained by a broker-dealer, the index is calculated by a third party who is not a broker-dealer, and the broker-dealer has erected a "Chinese Wall" around its personnel who have access to information concerning changes in and adjustments to the index.

The S&P Select Sector Index options will be subject to the maintenance listing standards set forth in Rule 24.2(c):

(1) the conditions stated in (1), (3), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (11) and (12) above must continue to be satisfied, provided that the conditions stated in (6) above must be satisfied only as of the first day of January and July in each year;

(2) the total number of component securities in the index may not increase or decrease by more than 33 1/3% from the number of component securities in the index at the time of its initial listing, and in no event may be less than nine component securities;

(3) trading volume of each component security in the index must be at least 500,000 shares for each of the last six months, except that for each of the lowest weighted component securities in the index that in the aggregate account for no more than 10% of the weight of the index, trading volume must be at least 400,000 shares for each of the last six months; and

(4) in a capitalization-weighted index or a modified capitalization-weighted index, the lesser of the five highest weighted component securities in the index or the highest weighted component securities in the index that in the aggregate represent at least 30% of the total number of stocks in the index

each have had an average monthly trading volume of at least 1,000,000 shares over the past six months.[4]

Expiration Months, Settlement, and Exercise Style

Consistent with existing rules for certain index options, the Exchange will allow up to twelve near-term expiration months for the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index options.[5] The Exchange elects to have the ability to list up to twelve near-term expiration months, as that is the same amount the Rules permit for options on the S&P 500 ("SPX options") and the other S&P Select Sector Indexes. The S&P Select Sector Indexes consist of the same components as the S&P 500, as discussed above. Because of the relation between the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index, the other S&P Select Sector Indexes, and the S&P 500, which will likely result in market participants' investment and hedging strategies consisting of options over all, the Exchange believes it is appropriate to permit the same number of monthly expirations for the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index options as SPX options and the other S&P Select Sector Index options.

The S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index options will be A.M., cash-settled contracts with European-style exercise.[6] A.M.-settlement is consistent with

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4 As is the case with other index options authorized for listing and trading on Cboe Options, in the event the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index fails to satisfy the maintenance listing standards, the Exchange will not open for trading any additional series of options of that class unless such failure is determined by the Exchange not to be significant and the Commission concurs in that determination, or unless the continued listing of that class of index options has been approved by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") under Section 19(b)(2) of the Securities and Exchange Act (the "Act").

5 See proposed Rule 24.9(a)(2).

6 See proposed Rule 24.9(a)(3)(cxxiv) and (4)(xcxix).

the generic listing criteria for industry-based indexes[7] (as well as broad-based indexes[8]), and thus it is common for index options to be A.M.-settled. The Exchange proposes to amend Rule 24.9(a)(4) to add the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index options to the list of other A.M.-settled options. Standard third-Friday SPX options and the other S&P Select Sector Index options are A.M.-settled. European-style exercise is consistent with many index options, as set forth in Rule 24.9(a)(3). Standard third-Friday SPX options and the other S&P Select Sector Index options are A.M.-settled with European-style exercise. The Exchange proposes to amend Rule 24.9(a)(3) to add the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index options to the list of other European-style index options. Because of the relation between the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index, the other S&P Select Sector Indexes, and the S&P 500, which will likely result in market participants' investment and hedging strategies consisting of options over both, the Exchange believes it is appropriate to list the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index options with the same settlement and exercise style as the other S&P Select Sector Index options and SPX options.

Trading Hours

The Exchange proposes to amend Rule 24.6(b) to add the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index options to the list of index options that may trade on the Exchange from 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Chicago time.[9] The Exchange understands that investors who plan to trade options on the S&P Communication Services Select Sector

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7 See Rule 24.2(b)(1).

8 See Rule 24.2(f)(2).

9 See proposed Rule 24.6(b)(lii). The proposed rule change also corrects a numbering error in other subparagraphs of Rule 24.6(b).

Index would often use the prices of the stock components of the Index to price options rather than futures on the Index (which are often used to price index options, such as options on the S&P 500). Investors similarly use pricing of underlying stocks to price shares of exchange-traded funds ("ETFs") derived from the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index (e.g., Communication Services Select Sector SPDR ETF), the components of which are stocks that are components of the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index. The underlying stocks end regular trading at 3:00 p.m. Chicago time each day. Closing trading in the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index options at the same time the stocks end regular trading[10] will ensure investors have access to robust pricing of the underlying stock components they use to price the options, thus reducing investors' price risk. Various other index options, including the other S&P Select Sector Index options and other narrow-based index options, may trade from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Chicago time.[11]

Appointment Costs

The Exchange proposes a Market-Maker appointment cost of .001 for the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index options, and each will have a Market-Maker appointment cost of .001.[12] This is the same appointment cost as the other S&P

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10 While the stocks may continue to trade in an aftermarket trading session on the listing exchanges, there is less liquidity in aftermarket trading, which generally leads to wider spreads and more volatile pricing.

11 See Rule 24.6(b) (for example, options on the S&P transportation, retail, health care, banking, insurance, and chemical indices, and the Cboe PowerPacks SM bank, biotechnology, gold, internet, iron & steel, oil, oil services, pharmaceuticals, retail, semiconductor, technology, and telecom indices).

12 See proposed Rule 8.3(c)(i). S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index options will be in Tier AA (as are other S&P index options, including the other S&P Select Sector Index options). While the appointment costs of Tier AA classes are not subject to quarterly rebalancing under Rule 8.3(c)(iv), the

Select Sector Index options. The Exchange determines appointment costs of Tier AA classes based on several factors, including, but not limited to, competitive forces and trading volume. The Exchange believes the proposed initial appointment cost for the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index options will foster competition by incentivizing Market-Makers to obtain an appointment in these newly listed options, which may increase liquidity in the new class.

Capacity

The Exchange has analyzed its capacity and represents that it believes the Exchange and OPRA have the necessary systems capacity to handle the additional traffic associated with the listing of new series that would result from the introduction of the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index options up to the proposed number of possible expirations. Because the proposal is limited to one class, the Exchange believes any additional traffic that would be generated from the introduction of the S&P Communication Services Sector Index options would be manageable.

(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 the Exchange and, in particular, the requirements of Section 6(b) of the Act.[13] Specifically, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the

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Exchange regularly reviews the appointment costs of Tier AA classes to ensure that they continue to be appropriate. The Exchange determines appointment costs of Tier AA classes based on several factors, including, but not limited to, competitive forces and trading volume.

13 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

Section 6(b)(5)[14] 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)[15] requirement that the rules of an exchange not be designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

In particular, the Exchange believes that the proposed rule change will protect investors, as the Exchange believes there is unmet market demand for exchange-listed security options listed on this new sector index. Sector SPDRs and E-mini S&P future products for the S&P Communication Services Select Sector are listed and traded on other exchanges.[16] As a result, the Exchange believes that the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index options are designed to provide different and additional opportunities for investors to hedge or speculate on the market risk associated with this index by listing an option directly on this index. Because of the relation between the

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14 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

15 Id.

16 The primary listing exchange for the Communication Services Select Sector SPDR Fund (and the other Select Sector SPDR Funds) is NYSE Arca (trading under symbol XLC). See the Fund's prospectus, available at https://us.spdrs.com/public/SPDR_SELECT%20SECTOR_PROSPECTUS.pdf. The contract specifications for the E-mini Communication Services Select Sector Futures Contract, which trades on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange ("CME"), is available at https://www.cmegroup.com/trading/equity-index/select-sector-index/e-mini-communication-services-select-sector-index_contract_specifications.html; see also Chapter 369 of the CME Rulebook.

S&P Communication Services Select Sector, the other S&P Select Sector Indexes, and the S&P 500, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change will benefit investors, as it will provide market participants' with additional investment and hedging strategies consisting of options over each of these indexes. The Exchange notes it is currently authorized to list options on ten S&P Select Sector Indexes (subject to the same terms as those proposed for the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index options).

The Exchange believes the proposed rule change will remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, because the proposed rule change is consistent with current Rules, which were previously filed with approved as consistent with the Exchange Act by the Commission. The S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index options satisfy the initial listing standards for narrow-based indexes in the Exchange's current Rules, which the Commission previously deemed consistent with Act.[17] The proposed rule change merely adds the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index to the table regarding reporting authorities for indexes, to the rule regarding number of permissible expirations, to the list of European-style exercise index options, and to the list of A.M.-settled index options. These changes are consistent with existing Rules and index options currently authorized and listed for trading on the Exchange, including the other S&P Select Sector Index options. The Exchange notes, with respect to these changes, standard third-Friday SPX options (which overly the S&P 500, which consist of the same components as the S&P Select Sector Indexes, including the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index)

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[17] See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 34-34157 (June 3, 1994), Federal Register Volume 59, Issue 111 (June 10, 1994) (SR-CBOE-93-59) (order approving generic listing standards for options on narrow-based indexes).

and the other S&P Select Sector Index options currently have the same reporting authority, the same number of permissible expirations, the same settlement, and the same exercise style.[18] The Exchange has observed no trading or capacity issues in SPX trading given the number of permissible expirations, a.m. settlement, and European-style exercise. Because of the relation between the S&P Communication Services Select Sector, the other S&P Select Sector Indexes, and the S&P 500, which will likely result in market participants' investment and hedging strategies consisting of options over each of these indexes, the Exchange believes it is appropriate to have the same number of expiration, settlement, and exercise style for options on each of these indexes. The Exchange also represents that it has the necessary systems capacity to support the new option series given these proposed specifications.

The Exchange believes the proposed trading hours for the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index options are reasonable and will protect investors, as closing trading in these options at the same time the stocks end regular trading will ensure investors have access to robust pricing of the underlying stock components they use to price the options, which protects investors by reducing their price risk. Various other index options, including the other S&P Select Sector Index options and other narrow-based index options, may trade from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Chicago time.[19]

The Exchange believes the proposed initial low appointment cost for the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index options promotes competition and efficiency by incentivizing more Market-Makers to obtain an appointment in the newly listed class. The Exchange believes this may result in liquidity and competitive pricing in

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[18] See Rules 24.1, Interpretation and Policy .01 and 24.9(a)(2) through (4).

[19] See supra note 11.

this class, which ultimately benefits investors. The proposed rule change does not result in unfair discrimination, as the appointment cost will apply to all Market-Makers in this class. Additionally, the proposed appointment cost is the same as the appointment cost for each of the other S&P Select Sector Index options.[20]

Item 4. <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 S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index satisfies initial listing standards set forth in the Rules, and the proposed number of expirations, settlement, and exercise style are consistent with current rules applicable to index options, including the other S&P Select Sector Index options and standard third-Friday SPX options. Because of the relation between the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index, the other S&P Select Sector Indexes, and the S&P 500, which will likely result in market participants' investment and hedging strategies consisting of options over each of these indexes, the Exchange believes it is appropriate to have the same number of expirations, settlement, and exercise style for options on each index. The S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index options will provide investors with different and additional opportunities to hedge or speculate on the market associated with the this index.

With respect to the proposed trading hours, all market participants will be able to trade options on the S&P Communication Select Services Sector Index during the same trading hours. Various other index options, including the other S&P Select Sector Index options and other narrow-based index options, may trade from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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[20] <u>See</u> Rule 8.3(c)(i).

Chicago time.[21] The Exchange believes the proposed rule change will promote competition, as it brings the trading hours for the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index options in line with those of the other S&P Select Sector Index options as well as competitive products trading on other exchanges. Additionally, the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index options will trade exclusively on Cboe Options. To the extent that the proposed changes make Cboe Options a more attractive marketplace for market participants at other exchanges, such market participants are welcome to become Cboe Options market participants.

The Exchange believes the proposed initial low appointment cost for the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index options promotes competition and efficiency by incentivizing more Market-Makers to obtain an appointment in the newly listed class. The Exchange believes this may result in liquidity and competitive pricing in this class, which ultimately benefits investors. The proposed rule change does not result in unfair discrimination, as the appointment cost will apply to all Market-Makers in this class. Additionally, as discussed above, the proposed appointment cost for the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index options is the same as the appointment cost for the other S&P Select Sector Index options.

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.

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21 See supra note 11.

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 Act[22] and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)[23] thereunder.

(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 proposed rule change does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest, as it does not raise any new or unique issues. It relates to listing a new option that satisfies the initial listing standards for narrow-based indexes in the Exchange's current rules. The proposed rule change merely adds administrative details regarding the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index options to applicable rules (related to the reporting authorities for indexes, permissible expirations, settlement, and exercise style). The proposed number of expirations, settlement, and exercise style

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22 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

23 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

are consistent with existing rules and several other index options currently authorized and listed for trading on the Exchange, including the other S&P Select Sector Index options and standard third-Friday SPX options. Because of the relation between the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index, the other S&P Select Sector Indexes, and the S&P 500, which will likely result in market participants' investment and hedging strategies consisting of options over each index, the Exchange believes it is appropriate to have the same number of expirations, settlement, and exercise style for options on each index.

Additionally, closing trading in the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index options at the same time the stocks end regular trading will ensure investors have access to robust pricing of the underlying stock components they use to price the options, which protects investors by reducing their price risk. Various other index options, including the other S&P Select Sector Index options and other narrow-based index options, may trade from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Chicago time.[24] The proposed rule change merely applies to the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index options trading hours currently applicable to other index options that may be listed for trading on the Exchange. With respect to the proposed initial low appointment cost for each S&P Select Sector Index option, the Exchange believes it will incentivize more Market-Makers to obtain an appointment in the newly listed class. The Exchange believes this may result in liquidity and competitive pricing in this class, which ultimately benefits investors.

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[24] See supra note 11.

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 S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index satisfies initial listing standards set forth in the Rules, and the proposed number of expirations, settlement, and exercise style are consistent with current rules applicable to index options, including the other S&P Select Sector Index options and standard third-Friday SPX options. The S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index options will provide investors with different and additional opportunities to hedge or speculate on the market associated with the this index.

With respect to the proposed trading hours, all market participants will be able to trade options on the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index during the same trading hours. Various other index options, including the other S&P Select Sector Index options and other narrow-based index options, may trade from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Chicago time.[25] The Exchange believes the proposed rule change will promote competition, as it brings the trading hours for the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index options in line with those of the other S&P Select Sector Index options as well as competitive products trading on other exchanges.

The Exchange believes the proposed initial low appointment cost for the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index options promotes competition and efficiency by incentivizing more Market-Makers to obtain an appointment in the newly listed class. The Exchange believes this may result in liquidity and competitive pricing in this class, which ultimately benefits investors. The proposed rule change does not result

25 See supra note 11.

in unfair discrimination, as the appointment cost will apply to all Market-Makers in this class. Additionally, as discussed above, the proposed appointment cost for the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index options is the same as the appointment cost for the other S&P Select Sector Index options.

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 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. 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 5. Proposed rule text.

EXHIBIT 1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34- ; File No. SR-CBOE-2018-067]

[Insert date]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Cboe Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change Relating to List and Trade Options that Overlie the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index

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], Cboe Exchange, Inc. (the "Exchange" or "Cboe Options") 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 Act[3] 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 text of the proposed rule change is provided below in Exhibit 5.

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.

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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).

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

The Exchange is currently authorized to list for trading options on ten S&P Select Sector Indexes.[5] The purpose of this proposed rule change is to amend certain rules to authorize the Exchange to list for trading options on a recently added eleventh S&P Select Sector Index – the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index. Each S&P Select Sector Index represents the performance of companies that are components of the Standard & Poor's 500 Index ("S&P 500") within a specific sector (each of which is referred to as an "S&P Select Sector Index"). Each constituent of an S&P Select Sector Index is a constituent of the S&P 500, and each S&P Select Sector Index is a subindex of the S&P 500. S&P Dow Jones Indices[6] assigns each constituent to a S&P Select Sector Index(es) based on the constituent's classification under a global industry classification standard. S&P Dow Jones Indices monitors and maintains each Select Sector Index and

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5 See Rule 24.9(a); see also Securities Exchange Act Release No. 34-81879 (October 16, 2017), 82 FR 48858 (October 20, 2017) (SR-CBOE-2017-065).

6 S&P Dow Jones Indices is the reporting authority for the S&P Select Sector Indexes, including the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index. See proposed Rule 24.1, Interpretation and Policy .01.

rebalances each S&P Select Sector Index quarterly. S&P Dow Jones Indices recently added an eleventh sector. As a result, the following represents the current breakdown of the sectors and the components of each sector:

Sector	Symbol[7]	Number of Components
Financial	IXM	68
Energy	IXE	31
Technology	IXT	76
Health Care	IXV	63
Utilities	IXU	29
Consumer Staples	IXR	32
Industrials	IXI	70
Consumer Discretionary	IXY	80
Materials	IXB	24
Real Estate	IXRE	32
Communication Services	IXC	26

Initial and Maintenance Listing Criteria

The S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index meets the definition of a narrow-based index as set forth in Rule 24.1(i)(2) (an index designed to be representative of a particular industry or a group of related industries and include indices having component securities that are all headquartered with in a single country). Additionally,

7 These symbols represent the index. The corresponding option symbols are SIXM, SIXE, SIXT, SIXV, SIXU, SIXR, SIXI, SIXY, SIXB, SIXRE, and SIXC respectively.

the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index satisfies the initial listing criteria of a narrow-based index, as set forth in Rule 24.2(b):

(1) options will be A.M.-settled;

(2) the index is capitalization-weighted, price-weighted, equal dollar-weighted, or modified capitalization-weighted, and consists of ten or more component securities (the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index is modified capitalization-weighted);

(3) each component security has a market capitalization of at least $75 million, except that for each of the lowest weighted component securities in the index that in the aggregate account for no more than 10% of the weight of the index, the market capitalization is at least $50 million;

(4) trading volume of each component security has been at least one million shares for each of the last six months, except that for each of the lowest weighted component securities in the index that in the aggregate account for no more than 10% of the weight of the index, trading volume has been at least 500,000 shares for each of the last six months;

(5) in a capitalization-weighted index or a modified capitalization-weighted index, the lesser of the five highest weighted component securities in the index or the highest weighted component securities in the index that in the aggregate represent at least 30% of the total number of component securities in the index each have had an average monthly trading volume of at least 2,000,000 shares over the past six months;

(6) no single component security represents more than 25% of the weight of the index, and the five highest weighted component securities in the index do not in the aggregate account for more than 50% (60% for an index consisting of fewer than 25 component securities) of the weight of the index;

(7) component securities that account for at least 90% of the weight of the index and at least 80% of the total number of component securities in the index satisfy the requirements of Rule 5.3 applicable to individual underlying securities;

(8) all component securities are “reported securities” as defined in Rule 11A a3-1 under the Exchange Act;

(9) non-U.S. component securities (stocks or ADRs) that are not subject to comprehensive surveillance agreements do not in the aggregate represent more than 20% of the weight of the index;

(10) the current underlying index value will be reported at least once every fifteen seconds during the time the index options are traded on the Exchange;

(11) an equal dollar-weighted index will be rebalanced at least once every calendar quarter; and

(12) if an underlying index is maintained by a broker-dealer, the index is calculated by a third party who is not a broker-dealer, and the broker-dealer has erected a “Chinese Wall” around its personnel who have access to information concerning changes in and adjustments to the index.

The S&P Select Sector Index options will be subject to the maintenance listing standards set forth in Rule 24.2(c):

(1) the conditions stated in (1), (3), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (11) and (12) above must continue to be satisfied, provided that the conditions stated in (6) above must be satisfied only as of the first day of January and July in each year;

(2) the total number of component securities in the index may not increase or decrease by more than 33 1/3% from the number of component securities in the index at the time of its initial listing, and in no event may be less than nine component securities;

(3) trading volume of each component security in the index must be at least 500,000 shares for each of the last six months, except that for each of the lowest weighted component securities in the index that in the aggregate account for no more than 10% of the weight of the index, trading volume must be at least 400,000 shares for each of the last six months; and

(4) in a capitalization-weighted index or a modified capitalization-weighted index, the lesser of the five highest weighted component securities in the index or the highest weighted component securities in the index that in the aggregate represent at least 30% of the total number of stocks in the index each have had an average monthly trading volume of at least 1,000,000 shares over the past six months.[8]

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8 As is the case with other index options authorized for listing and trading on Cboe Options, in the event the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index fails to satisfy the maintenance listing standards, the Exchange will not open for

Expiration Months, Settlement, and Exercise Style

Consistent with existing rules for certain index options, the Exchange will allow up to twelve near-term expiration months for the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index options.[9] The Exchange elects to have the ability to list up to twelve near-term expiration months, as that is the same amount the Rules permit for options on the S&P 500 ("SPX options") and the other S&P Select Sector Indexes. The S&P Select Sector Indexes consist of the same components as the S&P 500, as discussed above. Because of the relation between the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index, the other S&P Select Sector Indexes, and the S&P 500, which will likely result in market participants' investment and hedging strategies consisting of options over all, the Exchange believes it is appropriate to permit the same number of monthly expirations for the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index options as SPX options and the other S&P Select Sector Index options.

The S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index options will be A.M., cash-settled contracts with European-style exercise.[10] A.M.-settlement is consistent with the generic listing criteria for industry-based indexes[11] (as well as broad-based

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trading any additional series of options of that class unless such failure is determined by the Exchange not to be significant and the Commission concurs in that determination, or unless the continued listing of that class of index options has been approved by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") under Section 19(b)(2) of the Securities and Exchange Act (the "Act").

9 See proposed Rule 24.9(a)(2).

10 See proposed Rule 24.9(a)(3)(cxxiv) and (4)(xcxix).

11 See Rule 24.2(b)(1).

indexes[12]), and thus it is common for index options to be A.M.-settled. The Exchange proposes to amend Rule 24.9(a)(4) to add the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index options to the list of other A.M.-settled options. Standard third-Friday SPX options and the other S&P Select Sector Index options are A.M.-settled. European-style exercise is consistent with many index options, as set forth in Rule 24.9(a)(3). Standard third-Friday SPX options and the other S&P Select Sector Index options are A.M.-settled with European-style exercise. The Exchange proposes to amend Rule 24.9(a)(3) to add the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index options to the list of other European-style index options. Because of the relation between the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index, the other S&P Select Sector Indexes, and the S&P 500, which will likely result in market participants' investment and hedging strategies consisting of options over both, the Exchange believes it is appropriate to list the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index options with the same settlement and exercise style as the other S&P Select Sector Index options and SPX options.

Trading Hours

The Exchange proposes to amend Rule 24.6(b) to add the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index options to the list of index options that may trade on the Exchange from 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Chicago time.[13] The Exchange understands that investors who plan to trade options on the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index would often use the prices of the stock components of the Index to price options rather than futures on the Index (which are often used to price index options, such as

12 See Rule 24.2(f)(2).

13 See proposed Rule 24.6(b)(lii). The proposed rule change also corrects a numbering error in other subparagraphs of Rule 24.6(b).

options on the S&P 500). Investors similarly use pricing of underlying stocks to price shares of exchange-traded funds ("ETFs") derived from the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index (e.g., Communication Services Select Sector SPDR ETF), the components of which are stocks that are components of the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index. The underlying stocks end regular trading at 3:00 p.m. Chicago time each day. Closing trading in the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index options at the same time the stocks end regular trading[14] will ensure investors have access to robust pricing of the underlying stock components they use to price the options, thus reducing investors' price risk. Various other index options, including the other S&P Select Sector Index options and other narrow-based index options, may trade from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Chicago time.[15]

Appointment Costs

The Exchange proposes a Market-Maker appointment cost of .001 for the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index options, and each will have a Market-Maker appointment cost of .001.[16] This is the same appointment cost as the other S&P

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14 While the stocks may continue to trade in an aftermarket trading session on the listing exchanges, there is less liquidity in aftermarket trading, which generally leads to wider spreads and more volatile pricing.

15 See Rule 24.6(b) (for example, options on the S&P transportation, retail, health care, banking, insurance, and chemical indices, and the Cboe PowerPacks SM bank, biotechnology, gold, internet, iron & steel, oil, oil services, pharmaceuticals, retail, semiconductor, technology, and telecom indices).

16 See proposed Rule 8.3(c)(i). S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index options will be in Tier AA (as are other S&P index options, including the other S&P Select Sector Index options). While the appointment costs of Tier AA classes are not subject to quarterly rebalancing under Rule 8.3(c)(iv), the Exchange regularly reviews the appointment costs of Tier AA classes to ensure that they continue to be appropriate. The Exchange determines appointment costs of Tier AA classes based on several factors, including, but not limited to,

Select Sector Index options. The Exchange determines appointment costs of Tier AA classes based on several factors, including, but not limited to, competitive forces and trading volume. The Exchange believes the proposed initial appointment cost for the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index options will foster competition by incentivizing Market-Makers to obtain an appointment in these newly listed options, which may increase liquidity in the new class.

Capacity

The Exchange has analyzed its capacity and represents that it believes the Exchange and OPRA have the necessary systems capacity to handle the additional traffic associated with the listing of new series that would result from the introduction of the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index options up to the proposed number of possible expirations. Because the proposal is limited to one class, the Exchange believes any additional traffic that would be generated from the introduction of the S&P Communication Services Sector Index options would be manageable.

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.[17] Specifically, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5)[18] requirements that the rules of an exchange be designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles

competitive forces and trading volume.

17 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

18 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

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)[19] requirement that the rules of an exchange not be designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

In particular, the Exchange believes that the proposed rule change will protect investors, as the Exchange believes there is unmet market demand for exchange-listed security options listed on this new sector index. Sector SPDRs and E-mini S&P future products for the S&P Communication Services Select Sector are listed and traded on other exchanges.[20] As a result, the Exchange believes that the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index options are designed to provide different and additional opportunities for investors to hedge or speculate on the market risk associated with this index by listing an option directly on this index. Because of the relation between the S&P Communication Services Select Sector, the other S&P Select Sector Indexes, and the S&P 500, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change will benefit investors, as it

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19 Id.

20 The primary listing exchange for the Communication Services Select Sector SPDR Fund (and the other Select Sector SPDR Funds) is NYSE Arca (trading under symbol XLC). See the Fund's prospectus, available at https://us.spdrs.com/public/SPDR_SELECT%20SECTOR_PROSPECTUS.pdf. The contract specifications for the E-mini Communication Services Select Sector Futures Contract, which trades on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange ("CME"), is available at https://www.cmegroup.com/trading/equity-index/select-sector-index/e-mini-communication-services-select-sector-index_contract_specifications.html; see also Chapter 369 of the CME Rulebook.

will provide market participants' with additional investment and hedging strategies consisting of options over each of these indexes. The Exchange notes it is currently authorized to list options on ten S&P Select Sector Indexes (subject to the same terms as those proposed for the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index options).

The Exchange believes the proposed rule change will remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, because the proposed rule change is consistent with current Rules, which were previously filed with approved as consistent with the Exchange Act by the Commission. The S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index options satisfy the initial listing standards for narrow-based indexes in the Exchange's current Rules, which the Commission previously deemed consistent with Act.[21] The proposed rule change merely adds the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index to the table regarding reporting authorities for indexes, to the rule regarding number of permissible expirations, to the list of European-style exercise index options, and to the list of A.M.-settled index options. These changes are consistent with existing Rules and index options currently authorized and listed for trading on the Exchange, including the other S&P Select Sector Index options. The Exchange notes, with respect to these changes, standard third-Friday SPX options (which overly the S&P 500, which consist of the same components as the S&P Select Sector Indexes, including the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index) and the other S&P Select Sector Index options currently have the same reporting authority, the same number of permissible expirations, the same settlement, and the same

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[21] See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 34-34157 (June 3, 1994), Federal Register Volume 59, Issue 111 (June 10, 1994) (SR-CBOE-93-59) (order approving generic listing standards for options on narrow-based indexes).

exercise style.[22] The Exchange has observed no trading or capacity issues in SPX trading given the number of permissible expirations, a.m. settlement, and European-style exercise. Because of the relation between the S&P Communication Services Select Sector, the other S&P Select Sector Indexes, and the S&P 500, which will likely result in market participants' investment and hedging strategies consisting of options over each of these indexes, the Exchange believes it is appropriate to have the same number of expiration, settlement, and exercise style for options on each of these indexes. The Exchange also represents that it has the necessary systems capacity to support the new option series given these proposed specifications.

The Exchange believes the proposed trading hours for the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index options are reasonable and will protect investors, as closing trading in these options at the same time the stocks end regular trading will ensure investors have access to robust pricing of the underlying stock components they use to price the options, which protects investors by reducing their price risk. Various other index options, including the other S&P Select Sector Index options and other narrow-based index options, may trade from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Chicago time.[23]

The Exchange believes the proposed initial low appointment cost for the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index options promotes competition and efficiency by incentivizing more Market-Makers to obtain an appointment in the newly listed class. The Exchange believes this may result in liquidity and competitive pricing in this class, which ultimately benefits investors. The proposed rule change does not result

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[22] See Rules 24.1, Interpretation and Policy .01 and 24.9(a)(2) through (4).

[23] See supra note 15.

in unfair discrimination, as the appointment cost will apply to all Market-Makers in this class. Additionally, the proposed appointment cost is the same as the appointment cost for each of the other S&P Select Sector Index options.[24]

B. 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 S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index satisfies initial listing standards set forth in the Rules, and the proposed number of expirations, settlement, and exercise style are consistent with current rules applicable to index options, including the other S&P Select Sector Index options and standard third-Friday SPX options. Because of the relation between the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index, the other S&P Select Sector Indexes, and the S&P 500, which will likely result in market participants' investment and hedging strategies consisting of options over each of these indexes, the Exchange believes it is appropriate to have the same number of expirations, settlement, and exercise style for options on each index. The S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index options will provide investors with different and additional opportunities to hedge or speculate on the market associated with the this index.

With respect to the proposed trading hours, all market participants will be able to trade options on the S&P Communication Select Services Sector Index during the same trading hours. Various other index options, including the other S&P Select Sector Index options and other narrow-based index options, may trade from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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[24] See Rule 8.3(c)(i).

Chicago time.[25] The Exchange believes the proposed rule change will promote competition, as it brings the trading hours for the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index options in line with those of the other S&P Select Sector Index options as well as competitive products trading on other exchanges. Additionally, the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index options will trade exclusively on Cboe Options. To the extent that the proposed changes make Cboe Options a more attractive marketplace for market participants at other exchanges, such market participants are welcome to become Cboe Options market participants.

The Exchange believes the proposed initial low appointment cost for the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index options promotes competition and efficiency by incentivizing more Market-Makers to obtain an appointment in the newly listed class. The Exchange believes this may result in liquidity and competitive pricing in this class, which ultimately benefits investors. The proposed rule change does not result in unfair discrimination, as the appointment cost will apply to all Market-Makers in this class. Additionally, as discussed above, the proposed appointment cost for the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index options is the same as the appointment cost for the other S&P Select Sector Index options.

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.

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25 See supra note 15.

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 Act[26] and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)[27] 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

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26 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

27 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

- Send an e-mail to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-CBOE-2018-067 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 Number SR-CBOE-2018-067. 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-2018-067 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.[28]

Secretary

[28] 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

EXHIBIT 5

(additions are underlined; deletions are [bracketed])

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Rules of Cboe Exchange, Inc.

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Rule 8.3. Appointment of Market-Makers

(a) – (b) No change.

(c) Market-Maker Appointments. Absent an exemption by the Exchange, an appointment of a Market-Maker confers the right to quote electronically and in open outcry in the Market-Maker's appointed classes during Regular Trading Hours as described below. Subject to paragraph (e) below, a Market-Maker may change its appointed classes upon advance notification to the Exchange in a form and manner prescribed by the Exchange.

(i) Hybrid Classes. Subject to paragraphs (c)(iv) and (e) below, a Market-Maker can create a Virtual Trading Crowd ("VTC") appointment, which confers the right to quote electronically during Regular Trading Hours in an appropriate number of Hybrid classes (as defined in Rule 1.1(aaa)) selected from "tiers" that have been structured according to trading volume statistics, except for the AA tier. All classes within a specific tier will be assigned an "appointment cost" depending upon its tier location. The following table sets forth the tiers and related appointment costs.

Tier	Hybrid Option Classes	Appointment Cost
AA	Options on the Cboe Volatility Index (VIX)	.499
	Options on the Standard & Poor's 500 Index (SPX)	1.0**
	Options on the iShares Russell 2000 Index Fund (IWM)	.25
	Options on the NASDAQ 100 Index (NDX)	.50
	Options on the S&P 100 (OEX)	.40
	Options on Standard & Poor's Depositary Receipts (SPY)	.25
	Options on the Russell 2000 Index (RUT)	.50
	Options on the S&P 100 (XEO)	.10

	Morgan Stanley Retail Index Options (MVR)	.25
	Options on the iPath S&P 500 VIX Short-Term Futures	.10
	Index ETN (VXX)	.001
	Options on the S&P Energy Select Sector Index (SIXE)	.001
	Options on the S&P Technology Select Sector Index (SIXT)	.001
	Options on the S&P Health Care Select Sector Index (SIXV)	.001
	Options on the S&P Utilities Select Sector Index (SIXU)	.001
	Options on the S&P Consumer Staples Select Sector Index (SIXR)	.001
	Options on the S&P Industrials Select Sector Index (SIXI)	.001
	Options on the S&P Consumer Discretionary Select Sector Index (SIXY)	.001
	Options on the S&P Materials Select Sector Index (SIXB)	.001
	Options on the S&P Real Estate Select Sector Index (SIXRE)	.001
	<u>Options on the S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index (SIXC)</u>	<u>.001</u>
A*	Hybrid Classes 1 - 60	.10
B*	Hybrid Classes 61 - 120	.05
C*	Hybrid Classes 121 - 345	.04
D*	Hybrid Classes 346 - 570	.02
E*	Hybrid Classes 571 - 999	.01
F*	All Remaining Hybrid Classes	.001
* Excludes Tier AA.		
** If the Exchange determines to list SPX on a group basis pursuant to Rule 8.14, the		

SPX appointment cost confers the right to trade in all SPX groups.

(ii) – (v) No change.

(d) – (e) No change.

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Rule 24.1. Definitions

(a) – (bb) No change.

. . . Interpretations and Policies:

.01 The reporting authorities designated by the Exchange in respect of each index underlying an index option contract traded on the Exchange are as follows:

Index	***Reporting Authority***
* * * * *	
S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index (IXC)	S&P Dow Jones Indices

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Rule 24.6. Days and Hours of Business

(a) No change.

(b) Transactions in the following index options may be effected on the Exchange during the Regular Trading Hours of 8:30 a.m. Chicago time to 3:00 p.m. Chicago time:

(i) – (xlix) No change.

([xlx]l) S&P Materials Select Sector Index (SIXB)

([xlxi]li) S&P Real Estate Select Sector Index (SIXRE)

(lii) S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index (SIXC)

. . . Interpretations and Policies:

.01 – .06 No change.

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Rule 24.9. Terms of Index Option Contracts

(a) General.

(1) No change.

(2) Expiration Months and Weeks. Index option contracts may expire at three-month intervals, in consecutive months or in consecutive weeks (as specified by class below).

The Exchange may:

- list up to six standard monthly expirations at any one time in a class, but will not list index options that expire more than 12 months out;
- list up to 12 standard monthly expirations at any one time for any class that the Exchange (as the Reporting Authority) uses to calculate a volatility index and for CBOE S&P 500 AM/PM Basis, EAFE, EM, FTSE Emerging, FTSE Developed, FTSE 100, China 50, and S&P Select Sector Index (SIXM, SIXE, SIXT, SIXV, SIXU, SIXR, SIXI, SIXY, SIXB, [and] SIXRE, and SIXC) options;
- list up to 12 consecutive weekly expirations in VXST options; and
- list up to six weekly expirations and up to 12 standard (monthly) expirations in VIX options. The six weekly expirations shall be for the nearest weekly expirations from the actual listing date and weekly expirations may not expire in the same week in which standard (monthly) VIX options expire. Standard (monthly) expirations in VIX options are not counted as part of the maximum six weekly expirations permitted for VIX options.

(A) – (B) No change.

(3) "European-Style Exercise". The following European-style index options, some of which are A.M.-settled as provided in paragraph (a)(4), are approved for trading on the Exchange:

(i) – (cxxiii) No change

(cxxiv) S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index (SIXC)

(4) A.M.-Settled Index Options. The last day of trading for non-Volatility A.M.-settled index options shall be the business day preceding the last day of trading in the underlying securities prior to expiration. The last day of trading for Volatility Index, Individual Stock or ETF Based Volatility Index options that measure a 30-day volatility period is governed by subparagraph (5) below and the last day of trading for VXST options is governed by subparagraph (6) below. The current index value at the

expiration of an A.M.-settled index option shall be determined, for all purposes under these Rules and the Rules of the Clearing Corporation, on the last day of trading in the underlying securities prior to expiration, by reference to the reported level of such index as derived from the opening prices (intra-day auction prices in the case of FTSE 100 options and closing prices in the case of China 50 options) of the underlying securities on such day, as determined by the market for such security selected by the Reporting Authority pursuant to Interpretation and Policy .09 to Rule 24.9, except that in the event that the primary market for an underlying security does not open for trading, halts trading prematurely, or otherwise experiences a disruption of normal trading on that day, or in the event that the primary market for an underlying security is open for trading on that day, but that particular security does not open for trading, halts trading prematurely, or otherwise experiences a disruption of normal trading on that day, the price of that security shall be determined, for the purposes of calculating the current index value at expiration, as set forth in Rule 24.7(e). The current index level at the expiration of an A.M.- settled S&P 500 Dividend Index option shall be a special quotation of the S&P 500 Dividend Index as determined by the Reporting Authority pursuant to Interpretation and Policy .09 to Rule 24.9, except that in the event that the Reporting Authority is unable to calculate a special quotation of the S&P 500 Dividend Index, the special quotation shall be determined, for the purposes of calculating the current index value at expiration, as set forth in Rule 24.7(e).

The following A.M.-settled index options are approved for trading on the Exchange:

(i) – (xcxviii) No change.

<u>(xcxix)</u> <u>S&P Communication Services Select Sector Index (SIXC)</u>

(5) – (6) No change.

(b) – (e) No change.

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.01 – .14 No change.

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