POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
[DOCKET NO. MC2015–42; ORDER NO. 2414]

NEW POSTAL PRODUCT

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission is noticing a recent Postal Service filing concerning the Postal Service’s notice of a minor classification change regarding the issuance of new Forever stamps. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

DATES: Comments are due: April 2, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically via the Commission’s Filing Online system at http://www.prc.gov. Those who cannot submit comments electronically should contact the person identified in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section by telephone for advice on filing alternatives.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David A. Trissell, General Counsel, at 202–789–6820.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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I. Introduction

On March 25, 2015, the Postal Service filed a notice of minor classification changes under Commission rules 39 CFR 3020.90 and 3020.91. The Postal Service seeks to add non-denominated, non-expiring (“Forever”) status to stamps in five different First-Class Mail stamp categories: (1) A postcard stamp, (2) the two-ounce letter stamp, (3) the three-ounce letter stamp, (4) the additional ounce stamp, and (5) the first ounce nonmachinable surcharge stamp, as well as modify the definition of Forever stamps. Notice at 1. The Postal Service presents these proposed changes to the Mail Classification Schedule (MCS) in Attachment 1 to the Notice. See Notice, Attachment 1.

The Postal Service states that the proposed changes reflect its objective to simplify the transactions associated with price changes. Notice at 2. It also seeks to eliminate the need for customers and the Postal Service to acquire and distribute new denominated stamps when a prices change occurs. Id. The Postal Service states that the proposed changes are minor in nature and are consistent with 39 U.S.C. 3642. Id. at 1, n.1, and 3.

II. Notice of Commission Action

Pursuant to 39 CFR 3020.92, the Commission has posted the Notice on its Web site and invites comments on whether the Postal Service’s filings in Docket No. MC2015–42 are consistent with the policies of 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 39 CFR 3020 subpart E. Comments are due no later than April 2, 2015. The public portions of these filings can be accessed via the Commission’s Web site (http://www.prc.gov).

The Commission appoints Kenneth E. Richardson to represent the interests of the general public (Public Representative) in this docket.

III. Ordering Paragraphs

It is ordered:


2. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Kenneth E. Richardson is appointed to serve as an officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in this proceeding.

3. Comments by interested persons are due by April 2, 2015.

4. The Secretary shall arrange for publication of this Order in the Federal Register.

Notice of the United States Postal Service of Minor Classification Changes Related to the Issuance of Forever Stamp Status to the Postcard, Two-Ounce, Three-Ounce, Additional Ounce, and Nonmachinable Surcharge Stamps, March 25, 2015 (Notice).
the purpose 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. CME 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

CME is registered as a derivatives clearing organization with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (‘‘CFTC’’) and currently offers clearing services for many different futures and swaps products. With this filing, CME proposes to make rulebook changes that are limited to its business clearing futures and swaps under the exclusive jurisdiction of the CFTC. More specifically, the proposed rule change would make amendments to existing rules to establish a default management committee and address OTC products that are subject to CME’s base financial safeguards, including OTC FX.

CME currently has an IRS Default Management Committee to assist with the management of a defaulting IRS Clearing Member’s positions and a CDS Default Management Committee to assist with the management of a defaulting CDS Clearing Member’s positions. The proposed rule change establishes the Committee as a similar construct to assist with the management of portfolio of its OTC Clearing Member’s positions. The Committee will be comprised of traders in OTC products that are employees or directors of Base OTC Clearing Members (or their affiliates) and will serve on the Committee on a rotating basis. The Committee will assist CME in structuring hedges and portfolios for auction. Members of the Committee will also participate in default management drills for Base OTC products.

The proposed rule amendments are summarized further as follows:

- New CME Rule 8F025. (Active Base OTC Default Management Committee) will establish the Committee and specify its composition of traders in the relevant OTC products who will serve on a rotational basis;
- CME Rule 8F004 (OTC Clearing Member Obligations and Qualifications) amendments will add requirements for OTC Clearing Members to (i) avail traders with proper experience to the Committee and (ii) participate in OTC Derivative default drill exercises;
- CME Rule 8F014 (Mitigation of Losses) amendments will harmonize with the related OTC IRS and OTC CDS rules, including the deletion of allocations of OTC positions;
- CME Rule 8F002 (Definitions) amendments will add the terms ‘‘Base OTC Clearing Member’’ and ‘‘OTC Derivative Product Category.’’

The proposed rule change that is described in this filing is limited to CME’s business as a derivatives clearing organization clearing products under the exclusive jurisdiction of the CFTC. CME has not cleared security based swaps and does not plan to, and therefore the proposed rule change does not impact CME’s security-based swap clearing business in any way. The proposed rule change will become effective immediately. CME notes that it has also submitted the proposed rule change that is the subject of this filing to its primary regulator, the CFTC, in CME Submission 14–080.

CME believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of the Act including Section 17A of the Act. The establishment of the Committee and OTC Clearing Member requirements to provide traders and participate in auction as set forth in the proposed rule change forms part of CME’s default procedures for OTC products to permit CME to take timely action to contain losses resulting from OTC positions in the event of a default of a CME OTC Clearing Member. The proposed rule change should therefore be seen to be designed to promote the prompt and accurate clearance and settlement of securities transactions and, to the extent applicable, derivatives agreements, contracts, and transactions, to assure the safeguarding of securities and funds which are in the custody or control of the clearing agency or for which it is responsible, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest consistent with Section 17A(b)(3)(F) of the Act.

Furthermore, the proposed rule change is limited to CME’s futures and swaps clearing businesses, which means it is limited in its effect to products that are under the exclusive jurisdiction of the CFTC. As such, the proposed rule change is limited to CME’s activities as a derivatives clearing organization clearing futures that are not security futures and swaps that are not security-based swaps. CME notes that the policies of the CFTC with respect to administering the Commodity Exchange Act are comparable to a number of the policies underlying the Act, such as promoting market transparency for over-the-counter derivatives markets, promoting the prompt and accurate clearance of transactions and protecting investors and the public interest.

Because the proposed rule change is limited in its effect to CME’s futures and swaps clearing businesses, the proposed rule change is properly classified as affecting a change in an existing service of CME that:

(a) primarily affects the clearing operations of CME with respect to products that are not securities, including futures that are not security futures, swaps that are not security-based swaps or mixed swaps; and forwards that are not security forwards; and

(b) does not significantly affect any securities clearing operations of CME or any rights or obligations of CME with respect to securities clearing or persons using such securities-clearing service.

As such, the proposed rule change is therefore consistent with the requirements of Section 17A of the Act and is properly filed under Section 19(b)(3)(A) and Rule 19b–4(f)(4)(ii) thereunder.

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

CME does not believe that the proposed rule change will have any impact, or impose any burden, on competition. The proposed rule change would make amendments to existing rules to establish a default management committee to further strengthen CME’s ability to take timely action to contain losses resulting from OTC positions in the event of a default of a CME OTC Clearing Member. Further, the proposed rule change is limited to CME’s futures and swaps clearing businesses and, as such, does not affect the security-based swap clearing activities of CME in any way and therefore does not impose any burden on competition that is inappropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

CME has not solicited, and does not intend to solicit, comments regarding this proposed rule change. CME has not received any unsolicited written comments from interested parties.
III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act and paragraph (f)(4)(ii) of Rule 19b–4 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.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

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

Electronic Comments
- Use the Commission’s Internet comment form (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml), or
- Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File No. SR–CME–2015–005 on the subject line.

Paper Comments
- Send paper comments in triplicate to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours or 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of CME and on CME’s Web site at http://www.cmegroup.com/market-regulation/rule-filings.html.

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–CME–2015–005 and should be submitted on or before April 22, 2015.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.12
Brent J. Fields,
Secretary.
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION


Self-Regulatory Organizations; BATS Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change Related to Fees for Use of BATS Exchange, Inc.

March 26, 2015.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”),1 and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,2 notice is hereby given that on March 17, 2015, BATS Exchange, Inc. (the “Exchange” or “BATS”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC” or “Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Exchange has designated the proposed rule change as one establishing or changing a member due, fee, or other charge imposed by the Exchange under Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act3 and Rule 19b–4(f)(2) thereunder,4 which renders the proposed rule change effective upon filing with the Commission. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange filed a proposal to amend the fee schedule applicable to Members5 and non-members of the Exchange pursuant to BATS Rules 15.1(a) and (c). Changes to the fee schedule pursuant to this proposal are effective upon filing.

The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Exchange’s Web site at www.batstrading.com, at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission’s Public Reference Room.

II. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, the Exchange included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in Sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant parts 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 proposes to modify its fee schedule in order to: (1) Modify the requirements for meeting Add Volume Tiers 5 and 6; (2) delete Tier 3 of the Cross-Asset Step-Up Tiers; (3) adjust rebates for orders that yield fee code A; (4) add new fee code RN; (5) add a clarifying statement regarding fee codes applicable to certain orders routed to NYSE Arca, Inc. (“NYSE Arca”); and (6) to make a non-substantive change to remove a typographical error.

Modifying Add Volume Tiers 5 and 6

The Exchange proposes to amend its fee schedule to raise the ADAV 6 as a percentage of TCV 7 required to meet Tiers 5 and 6 of the Add Volume Tiers.

5 The term “Member” is defined as “any registered broker or dealer that has been admitted to membership in the Exchange.” See Exchange Rule 1.51(n).
6 “ADAV” means average daily volume calculated as the number of shares added per day on a monthly basis.
7 “TCV” means total consolidated volume calculated as the volume reported by all exchanges and trade reporting facilities to a consolidated transaction reporting plan for the month for which the fees apply.