OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Submission for Review: Federal Annuitant Benefits Survey


ACTION: 60-Day Notice and request for comments.


DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until August 10, 2015. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.1.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Planning and Policy Analysis, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E. Street NW., Washington, DC 20415, Attention: Cristin Kane or sent by email to cristin.kane@opm.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A copy of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by contacting the Office of Planning and Policy Analysis, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E. Street NW., Washington, DC 20415, Attention: Cristin Kane or sent by email to cristin.kane@opm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments that:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. Evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

Overview: In the past, the Office of Personnel Management contracted with a vendor to administer the Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS) survey to a sample of both active Federal employees and retirees. CAHPS surveys ask consumers and patients to report on and evaluate their experiences with their health care. Since the CAHPS survey instrument is designed for the active population, it will no longer be administered to retirees. However, annuitant feedback about their health plan experience is an essential part of successful benefit administration for the Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program. As a result, the Federal Annuitant Benefits Survey is designed to replicate CAHPS questions in order to assess annuitant satisfaction with their health plan’s benefits and services. It will inform the Office of Personnel Management’s Healthcare and Insurance contracting officers regarding plan performance.

Analysis


Title: Federal Annuitant Benefits Survey.

OMB Number: 3206–NEW.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Federal Retirees.

Number of Respondents: Unknown at this time, as survey will be administered via “open participation.” No firm sample size exists; however, target completion is between 200 and 1,000 surveys.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 20 minutes.

Total Burden Hours: Dependent on final participation numbers.


Katherine Archuleta, Director.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Sunday, June 22, 2015, at 1:30 p.m.

1. Strategic Issues.

Tuesday, June 23, 2015, at 8:30 a.m.


3. Pricing.

4. Governors’ Executive Session—Discussion of prior agenda items and Board governance.

GENERAL COUNSEL CERTIFICATION: The General Counsel of the United States Postal Service has certified that the meeting may be closed under the Government in the Sunshine Act.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Requests for information about the meeting should be addressed to the Secretary of the Board, Julie S. Moore, at 202–268–4800.

Julie S. Moore.

Secretary, Board of Governors.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION


Self-Regulatory Organizations; BATS Y-Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Adopt Rule 13.8 Describing a Communication and Routing Service Known as BATS Connect

June 4, 2015.

Pursuant to section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act”), and Rule 19b–4 thereunder, notice is hereby given that on May 27, 2015, BATS Y-Exchange, Inc. (the “Exchange” or “BYX”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Exchange has designated this proposal as a “non-controversial” proposed rule change pursuant to section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act and Rule 19b–4(f)(6)(iii) thereunder, which renders it 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 is proposing to adopt Rule 13.8 to describe a communication and routing service known as BATS Connect. The proposed rule change is based on an identical service offered by the Exchange’s affiliate, EDGX Exchange, Inc. (“EDGX”).

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 adopt Rule 13.8 to describe a communication and routing service known as BATS Connect. The Exchange proposes to offer BATS Connect on a voluntary basis in a capacity similar to a vendor. BATS Connect would operate in the same fashion as an identical service, also called BATS Connect, offered by the Exchange’s affiliate, EDGX.

BATS Connect is a communication service that provides Members an alternative means to receive market data from and route orders to other exchange and market centers that are connected to the Exchange’s network. This communications or routing service would allow Members to route orders to other exchanges and market centers that are connected to the Exchange’s network. This communications or routing service would not effect trade executions and would not report trades to the relevant Securities Information Processor. An order sent via the service does not pass through the Exchange’s matching engine before going to a market center outside of the Exchange (i.e., a participant could choose to route an order directly to any market center on the Exchange’s network). A participant would be responsible for identifying the appropriate destination for any orders sent through the service and for ensuring that it had authority to access the selected destination; the Exchange would merely provide the connectivity by which orders (and associated messages) could be routed by a participant to a destination and from the destination back to the participant.

The Exchange will charge a monthly connectivity fee to Members utilizing BATS Connect to route orders to other exchanges and broker-dealers that are connected to the Exchange’s network. BATS Connect would also allow participants to receive market data feeds from the exchanges connected to the Exchange’s network. The Exchange will file a separate proposed rule change with the Commission regarding the connectivity fees for order entry and market data to be charged for the BATS Connect service.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with the requirements of section 6(b) of the Act,11 in general, and section 6(b)(5) of the Act,12 in particular, in that it promotes just and equitable principles of trade, removes impediments to, and perfect the mechanism of, a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, protects investors and the public interest. Specifically, the proposal is consistent with section 6(b)(5) of the Act,13 in that it provides Members an alternative means to receive market data from and route orders to any destination connected to the Exchange’s network, thereby removing impediments to and perfecting the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, protecting investors and the public interest. In addition, BATS Connect removes impediments to and perfects the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system because, in the event of a market disruption, Members would be able to utilize BATS Connect to connect to other market centers where other alternative connection methods become unavailable. BATS Connect would operate in the same fashion as an identical service, also called BATS Connect, offered by the Exchange’s affiliate, EDGX.

The proposed rule change is also similar to a communication and routing service implemented by the Chicago Stock Exchange, Inc. (“CHX”).14 The proposed rule change will also not permit unfair discrimination among customers, brokers, or dealers because BATS Connect will be available to all of the Exchange’s customers on an identical basis regardless of whether the servers of the Member are located in the same facilities as the Exchange.

(B) Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement on Burden on Competition

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will result in any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. To the contrary, the Exchange believes that the proposal will promote competition by

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6 See supra note 5.
7 The term “Member” is defined as “any registered broker or dealer, or any person associated with a registered broker or dealer, that has been admitted to membership in the Exchange. A Member will have the status of a “member” of the Exchange as that term is defined in Section 3(a)(3) of the Act.” See Exchange Rule 1.5(n).
8 The Exchange’s affiliated exchanges are EDGX, EDGA Exchange, Inc., and BATS Exchange, Inc. The Exchange understands that its affiliated exchange intends to file identical proposed rule changes to adopt the BATS Connect service with the Commission.
9 This service is an alternative to a service that the Exchange already provides to its Members—current order-routing Members route orders through access provided by the Exchange to the Exchange that either check the Exchange for available liquidity and then route to other destinations or, in certain circumstances, bypass the Exchange and route to other destinations. See Rule 11.13(b)(3) (setting forth routing options whereby Members may select their orders be routed to other market centers).
10 The Exchange understands that its affiliated exchanges intend to file identical proposed rule changes to adopt fees for the BATS Connect service with the Commission.
13 Id.
14 See supra note 5.
the Exchange offering a service similar to those offered by the CHX and NYSE. Thus, the Exchange believes this proposed rule change is necessary to permit fair competition among national securities exchanges. In addition, the proposed rule change is designed to provide Members with an alternative means to access other market centers if they chose or in the event of a market disruption where other alternative connection methods become unavailable. Therefore, the Exchange does not believe the proposed rule change will have any effect on competition. The Exchange has satisfied this requirement.

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

The Exchange has neither solicited nor received written comments on the proposed rule change.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

Because the proposed rule change does not (i) significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) become operative for 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, the proposed rule change has become effective pursuant to section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act and Rule 19b–4(f)(6) thereunder.

A proposed rule change filed pursuant to Rule 19b–4(f)(6) under the Act normally does not become operative for 30 days after the date of its filing. However, Rule 19b–4(f)(6)(iii) permits the Commission to designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Exchange has asked the Commission to waive the 30-day operative delay so that the proposal may become operative immediately upon filing. Waiver of the 30-day operative delay would permit the Exchange to provide Members with an alternative means to access other market centers, particularly in the event of a market disruption. In addition, the Exchange represents that BATS Connect does not provide any advantage to subscribers for connecting to the Exchange’s affiliates as compared to other methods of connectivity available to subscribers. Based on the foregoing, the Commission believes the waiver of the operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Commission hereby grants the waiver and designates the proposal operative upon filing.

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 shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be approved or disapproved.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

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

Electronic Comments
- Use the Commission’s Internet comment form (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml); or
- Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR–BYX–2015–26 on the subject line.

Paper Comments
- Send paper comments in triplicate to Brent J. Fields, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549–1090. All submissions should refer to File Number SR–BYX–2015–26. This file number should be included on the subject line if email 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 Web site (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 Web site 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 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of the 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 Number SR–BYX–2015–26 and should be submitted on or before July 1, 2015.

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

Robert W. Errett,
Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION


Self-Regulatory Organizations; C2 Options Exchange, Incorporated; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change Relating to the Solicitation Auction Mechanism

June 4, 2015.

Pursuant to section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act”), and Rule 19b–4 thereunder, notice is hereby given that on May 27, 2015, C2 Options Exchange, Incorporated (the “Exchange” or “C2”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.