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Beth F. Cobert, Acting Director.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. CP2016–210; CP2016–211; CP2016–212; CP2016–213]

New Postal Products

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission is noticing recent Postal Service filings for the Commission’s consideration concerning negotiated service agreements. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

DATES: Comments are due: June 23, 2016 [Comment due date applies to all Docket Nos. listed above].

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.

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I. Introduction

The Commission gives notice that the Postal Service has filed request(s) for the Commission to consider matters related to negotiated service agreement(s). The request(s) may propose the addition or removal of a negotiated service agreement from the market dominant or the competitive product list, or the modification of an existing product currently appearing on the market dominant or the competitive product list.

Section II identifies the docket number(s) associated with each Postal Service request, the title of each Postal Service request, the request’s acceptance date, and the authority cited by the Postal Service for each request. For each request, the Commission appoints an officer of the Commission to represent the interests of the general public in the proceeding, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505 (Public Representative). Section II also establishes comment deadline(s) pertaining to each request.

The public portions of the Postal Service’s request(s) can be accessed via the Commission’s Web site (http://www.prc.gov). Non-public portions of the Postal Service’s request(s), if any, can be accessed through compliance with the requirements of 39 CFR 3007.40.

The Commission invites comments on whether the Postal Service’s request(s) in the captioned docket(s) are consistent with the policies of title 39. For request(s) that the Postal Service states concern market dominant product(s), applicable statutory and regulatory requirements include 39 U.S.C. 3622, 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR part 3010, and 39 CFR part 3020, subpart B. For request(s) that the Postal Service states concern competitive product(s), applicable statutory and regulatory requirements include 39 U.S.C. 3632, 39 U.S.C. 3633, 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR part 3015, and 39 CFR part 3020, subpart B. Comment deadline(s) for each request appear in section II.

II. Docketed Proceeding(s)


SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION


Self-Regulatory Organizations: NASDAQ PHLX LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Make Clarifying Amendments to and Remove Obsolete Language From Rules 1053 and 1056

June 16, 2016.

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 June 8, 2016, NASDAQ PHLX LLC (“Phlx” or “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III, 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.

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

The Exchange proposes to make clarifying amendments to and remove obsolete language from Exchange Rules 1053, Filing of Trade Information, and 1056, Maintaining Office and Filing Signatures, relating to clearing of Exchange options transactions.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s Web site at http://nasdaqomxphlx.cchwallstreet.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 those 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 proposes to make minor amendments to Rules 1053 and 1056 relating to options clearing responsibilities of members. The changes are intended to update and improve readability of the rules by deleting archaic and internally inconsistent provisions.

Phlx Rule 1053 currently provides that member organizations which are clearing members are responsible for supplying, “at the time of execution” certain trade information to the Exchange covering each Exchange options transactions “effected during said business day” for which such clearing member is responsible.3 The Exchange is deleting the phrase “effected during said business day” because the word “said” has no antecedent in the rule and is therefore meaningless. As written the sentence is therefore awkward and illogical. The phrase being deleted adds nothing to the rule and stands in the way of comprehension of the rule’s meaning.

The Exchange is also deleting obsolete language following clause (x) in Rule 1053 which requires the clearing member to supply to the Exchange information as to whether a certificate will be surrendered if the transaction is a closing writing transaction. The deleted text is replaced with the word “Reserved”. At one time, the By-Laws and the Rules of The Options Clearing Corporation (“OCC”) provided for the issuance of physical certificates in respect of options contracts at the request of OCC participants. Certificates could be issued in respect of any option contract included in a long position in a customer’s account to evidence a clearing member’s position as the holder of one or more options of a specified type (put or call) in a specified option series. The certificate was nonnegotiable and conferred no separate legal rights on the holder. Certified options contracts could only be exercised or closed out upon the surrender of the physical certificate. Until the certificate was surrendered, any attempt by a clearing member to write a closing options transaction with respect to a corresponding long certified options position was considered by OCC to be an opening transaction subject to OCC’s margin requirements on short positions.

In 1982, OCC eliminated all provisions in its By-Laws and Rules providing for, or referring to certificates, after concluding that certificates were unnecessary and imposed administrative burdens and costs on OCC and on clearing members.4 Because OCC no longer issues these certificates, Phlx Rule 1053(x) is obsolete.

Phlx Rule 1056 currently requires clearing members to maintain an office at a location approved by the Exchange for the purpose of comparing Exchange options transactions.5 The Exchange is


3 Rule 1053 provides that “[a]t the time of execution, each member organization which is a clearing member of the Options Clearing Corporation shall be responsible for supplying to the Exchange trade information in a form prescribed by the Exchange, covering each Exchange options transaction effected during said business day for which such clearing member is responsible. The trade information shall show for each transaction (i) the identity of the purchasing clearing member and the writing clearing member given up at the time of execution, (ii) the underlying stock, Exchange-Traded Fund Share or foreign currency, as the case may be, (iii) the exercise price, (iv) the expiration month, (v) the number of option contracts, (vi) the premium per share of the underlying stock or the premium per unit of the underlying foreign currency, (vii) whether a purchase or a writing transaction, (viii) except for a transaction in a specialist’s account, whether an opening or closing, (ix) the identity of the account of the clearing member in which the transaction was effected, (x) if a closing writing transaction, whether a certificate will be surrendered, (xi) whether a put or call, and (xii) such other information as may be required by the Exchange. Each member or member organization which is a clearing member of the Options Clearing Corporation shall be responsible to the Exchange in respect of all trade information filed with the Exchange on such form prescribed by the Exchange.”
5 Rule 1056 provides that “[e]very member organization which is a clearing member of the Options Clearing Corporation shall maintain an office at a location approved by the Exchange for the purpose of comparing Exchange options transactions.”