

The Exchange lastly believes it's equitable and not unfairly discriminatory to assess higher rebates for non-Penny option classes than Penny option classes because Penny classes and non-Penny classes offer different pricing, liquidity, spread and trading incentives. The spreads in Penny classes are tighter than those in non-Penny classes (which trade in \$0.05 increments). The wider spreads in non-Penny option classes allow for greater profit potential.

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

C2 does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on intramarket competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act because, while different rebates are assessed to different market participants in some circumstances, these different market participants have different obligations and different circumstances (as described in the "Statutory Basis" section above). For example, Public Customers order flow, as discussed above, enhances liquidity on the Exchange for the benefit of all market participants. There is also a history in the options markets of providing preferential treatment to Public Customers. Additionally, Market-Makers have quoting obligations that other market participants do not have.

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed change will impose any burden on intermarket competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act because it only applies to trading on the Exchange. Further, the proposed rebate amounts are similar to those assessed for similar orders by other exchanges,⁸ and therefore should continue to encourage competition. Should the proposed change make C2 a more attractive trading venue for market participants at other exchanges, such market participants may elect to become market participants at C2.

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.

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 Act⁹ and paragraph (f) of Rule 19b-4¹⁰ 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
- Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-C2-2016-013 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-C2-2016-013. 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 such 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-C2-2016-013, and should be submitted on or before August 22, 2016.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹¹

Robert W. Errett,
Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; NASDAQ PHLX LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Amend Phlx Rule 754 (Employees' Discretion as to Customers' Accounts)

July 26, 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 July 14, 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 amend Rule 754 of the Phlx rules. The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's Web site at <http://nasdaqphlx.cchwallstreet.com/>, at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

¹¹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹⁰ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f).

⁸ See supra note 4.

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 purpose of this proposed rule change is to amend Rule 754, which deals with employees' discretion as to customers' accounts and retitle the rule "Discretionary Power as to Customers' Accounts." As discussed below, the Exchange has determined that these rules are outdated and it is more appropriate to follow the corresponding FINRA rule on this subject matter. Consequently, the Exchange is proposing to amend Rule 754 in the Phlx rules.

Rule 754 concerns employees' discretion as to customers' accounts. The rule requires that no member or member organization shall permit any of his or its employees or any employee of another member or member organization to exercise discretion in the handling of a transaction for a customer of such member organization and no member, member organization, partner, officer or stockholder therein shall delegate to any such employee any discretionary power vested by a customer in such member, organization, partner, officer, or stockholder, unless in either case the prior written authorization of the customer has been received and, if such discretionary authority runs, directly or by re-delegation, to an employee of another member or member organization, the carrying organization must obtain the prior written consent of the employer of the individual authorized to exercise discretion. The rule also requires that a member, partner, or officer in the carrying organization shall approve and initial each discretionary order entered by an employee of such organization or of another member or member organization on the day the order is entered.

Further, the provisions of the rule do not apply to discretion as to the price at which or the time when an order given by a customer for the purchase or sale of a definite amount of a specified security shall be executed.

The Exchange believes that the updated language in FINRA Rule 2510 would be more appropriate. The language in FINRA Rule 2510 is more comprehensive in that it also covers excessive transactions; the authorization and acceptance of accounts; and the approval and review of transactions for the benefit of customers. The text of the rule is available on the FINRA Web site.

Furthermore, The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC ("NASDAQ") references NASD Rule 2510 (which mirrors FINRA Rule 2510) in place of providing alternative language at NASDAQ Rule 2510, and substantially similar language is used by The New York Stock Exchange, Inc. ("NYSE") at NYSE Rule 408. Therefore changing the rule as proposed would ensure consistency for market participants providing customer account statements to customers which would also benefit customers and avoid the potential for confusion.

Finally, FINRA Rule 2510 has been updated more frequently over the last few years to address issues raised in response to market participant feedback. This feedback is from a broader market participant base than that which is just available to the Exchange, and so making direct reference to this rule is likely to better serve market participants, customers and investors as a whole on an ongoing basis.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,³ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,⁴ in particular, in that it is 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 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.

The Exchange believes the proposed changes are consistent with just and equitable principles of trade because they update and delete outdated and potentially confusing rule text. Updating Rule 754 will lead to a more comprehensive rule, which ensures

consistency across markets and products, and lends clarity, consistency and certainty to market participants, customers and investors alike. By referencing an existing FINRA rule, the Exchange is also future proofing the rule so that changes made to it to address a wider range of market feedback than that which is just available to the Exchange will be taken into account automatically and consistently.

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

The proposed rule change does not impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. Rather it is designed to promote competition among exchanges by removing archaic rules in comparison to the rules of other exchanges. Last, the proposed changes promote clarity in the application of the Exchange's rule by updating the rule to bring it in line with other similar industry rules and eliminating unneeded rule text.

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

No written comments were either solicited or received.

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

Because the foregoing 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, it has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act⁵ and subparagraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.⁶

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is: (i) Necessary or appropriate in the public interest; (ii) for the protection of investors; or (iii) otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(a)(iii).

⁶ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). In addition, Rule 19b-4(f)(6) requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file 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 Exchange has satisfied this requirement.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

to determine whether the proposed rule should be approved or disapproved.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the 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-Phlx-2016-78 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-Phlx-2016-78. 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 20549-1090, 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-Phlx-2016-78 and should be submitted on or before August 22, 2016.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁷

Robert W. Errett,
Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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New York Life Insurance and Annuity Corporation, et al; Notice of Application

July 26, 2016.

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission").

ACTION: Notice of application for an order approving the substitution of certain securities pursuant to section 26(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended ("Act") and an order of exemption pursuant to section 17(b) of the Act from section 17(a) of the Act.

Applicants: New York Life Insurance and Annuity Corporation ("NYLIAC"); NYLIAC Variable Annuity Separate Account—I ("VA I"), NYLIAC Variable Annuity Separate Account—II ("VA-II"), NYLIAC Variable Annuity Separate Account—III ("VA-III"), NYLIAC Variable Annuity Separate Account—IV ("VA-IV"), NYLIAC Variable Universal Life Separate Account—I ("VUL I"), NYLIAC Corporate Sponsored Variable Universal Life Separate Account—I ("Corporate VUL I"), NYLIAC Private Placement Variable Universal Life Separate Account—I ("Private VUL I"), and NYLIAC Private Placement Variable Universal Life Separate Account—II ("Private VUL II") (collectively, the "Separate Accounts" and together with NYLIAC, the "Section 26 Applicants"); and MainStay VP Funds Trust (the "Trust" and, together with NYLIAC and the Separate Accounts, the "Section 17 Applicants").

Summary of Application: The Section 26 Applicants seek an order pursuant to section 26(c) of the Act approving the substitution of shares of the Replacement Portfolio (defined below) for shares of the Existing Portfolio (defined below), held by the Separate Accounts to support certain variable annuity contracts and variable universal life insurance policies (the "Contracts") issued by NYLIAC (the "Substitution"). The Section 17 Applicants seek an order pursuant to section 17(b) of the Act exempting them from section 17(a) of the Act to the extent necessary to permit

them to engage in certain in-kind transactions ("In-Kind Transactions") in connection with the Substitution.

Filing Dates: The application was filed on December 11, 2015, and amended on May 13, 2016, and July 25, 2016. Applicants have agreed to file an amendment during the notice period, the substance of which is reflected in this notice.

Hearing or Notification of Hearing: An order granting the application will be issued unless the Commission orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing by writing to the Secretary of the Commission and serving applicants with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the Commission by 5:30 p.m. on August 22, 2016, and should be accompanied by proof of service on applicants in the form of an affidavit or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Pursuant to rule 0-5 under the Act, hearing requests should state the nature of the requester's interest, any facts bearing upon the desirability of a hearing on the matter, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons who wish to be notified of a hearing may request notification by writing to Commission's Secretary.

ADDRESSES: Secretary, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090. Applicants, 51 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christine Y. Greenlees, Senior Counsel, at (202) 551-6879, or David J. Marcinkus, Branch Chief, at (202) 551-6821 (Chief Counsel's Office, Division of Investment Management).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following is a summary of the application. The complete application may be obtained via the Commission's Web site by searching for the file number, or for an applicant using the Company name box, at <http://www.sec.gov/search/search.htm> or by calling (202) 551-8090.

Applicants' Representations

1. NYLIAC is a Delaware stock life insurance company licensed to sell life, accident and health insurance, and annuities in the District of Columbia and all states. NYLIAC is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of New York Life Insurance Company, a mutual life insurance company ("New York Life").

2. NYLIAC serves as the depositor of the Separate Accounts, which are segregated asset accounts of NYLIAC established under Delaware law pursuant to resolutions of NYLIAC's Board of Directors to fund the Contracts.

⁷ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).