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Extension: Rule 498

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.) ("Paperwork Reduction Act"), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("the Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") a request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

Rule 498 (17 CFR 230.498) under the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77a et seq.) ("Securities Act") permits open-end management investment companies ("funds") to satisfy their prospectus delivery obligations under the Securities Act by sending or giving key information directly to investors in the form of a summary prospectus ("Summary Prospectus") and providing the statutory prospectus on a Web site. Upon an investor's request, funds are also required to send the statutory prospectus to the investor. In addition, under rule 498, a fund that relies on the rule to meet its statutory prospectus delivery obligations must make available, free of charge, the fund's current Summary Prospectus, statutory prospectus, statement of additional information, and most recent annual and semi-annual reports to shareholders at the Web site address specified in the required Summary Prospectus legend.

A Summary Prospectus that complies with rule 498 is deemed to be a prospectus that is authorized under Section 10(b) of the Securities Act and Section 24(g) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a–1 et seq.).

The purpose of rule 498 is to enable a fund to provide investors with a Summary Prospectus containing key information necessary to evaluate an investment in the fund. Unlike many other federal information collections, which are primarily for the use and benefit of the collecting agency, this information collection is primarily for the use and benefit of investors. The information filed with the Commission also permits the verification of compliance with securities law requirements and assures the public availability and dissemination of the information.

Based on an analysis of fund filings, the Commission estimates that approximately 10,532 portfolios are using a Summary Prospectus. The Commission estimates that the annual hourly burden per portfolio associated with the compilation of the information required on the cover page or the beginning of the Summary Prospectus is 0.5 hours, and estimates that the annual hourly burden per portfolio to comply with the Web site posting requirement is approximately 1 hour, requiring a total of 1.5 hours per portfolio per year. Thus the total annual hour burden associated with the requirements of the rule is approximately 15,798. The Commission estimates that the annual cost burden is approximately $15,900 per portfolio, for a total annual cost burden of approximately $167,458,800.

Estimates of the average burden hours are made solely for the purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act and are not derived from a comprehensive or even a representative survey or study of the costs of Commission rules and forms. Under rule 498, use of the Summary Prospectus is voluntary, but the rule’s requirements regarding provision of the statutory prospectus upon investor request are mandatory for funds that elect to send or give a Summary Prospectus in reliance upon rule 498. The information provided under rule 498 will not be kept confidential. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The public may view the background documentation for this information collection at the following Web site, www.reginfo.gov. Comments should be directed to: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503, or by sending an email to: Shaqulta.Ahmed@omb.eop.gov; and (ii) Pamela Dyson, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Remi Pavlik-Simon, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549 or send an email to: PRA Mailbox@sec.gov. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

October 12, 2017.
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION


Self-Regulatory Organizations; Bats EDGA Exchange, Inc., Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Amend Certain Rules To Add New Optional Functionality to Orders With a Minimum Quantity Instruction

October 12, 2017.

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 October 5, 2017, Bats EDGA Exchange, Inc. ("Exchange" or "EDGA") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which has 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) 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.

6 17 CFR 270.498(e)(1).
I. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange filed a proposal to: (i) Add new optional functionality to orders that include the Minimum Execution Quantity instruction by amending paragraph (h) of Exchange Rule 11.6, Definitions; (ii) amend paragraph (b)(3) of Exchange Rule 11.8 to specify that a Minimum Execution Quantity instruction may be included on a Limit Order with a time-in-force (“TIF”) of Immediate-or-Cancel (“IOC”); and (iii) amend paragraph (e)(3) of Exchange Rule 11.10, Order Execution, to make certain clarifying, non-substantive changes. The proposed amendments are identical to changes recently proposed by EDGX that were published by the Commission for immediate effectiveness.5

The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Exchange’s Web site at www.bats.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: (i) Add new optional functionality to orders that include the Minimum Execution Quantity instruction by amending paragraph (h) of Exchange Rule 11.6, Definitions; (ii) amend paragraph (b)(3) of Exchange Rule 11.8 to specify that a Minimum Execution Quantity instruction may be included on a Limit Order with a TIF of IOC; and (iii) amend paragraph (e)(3) of Exchange Rule 11.10, Order Execution, to make certain clarifying, non-substantive changes. These proposed amendments are identical to changes recently proposed by EDGX that were published by the Commission for immediate effectiveness.6

5 See supra note 5.

6 The term “User” is defined as “any Member or Sponsored Participant who is authorized to obtain access to the System pursuant to Rule 11.3.” See Exchange Rule 1.5(e).

The term “Non-Displayed” is defined as “[a]n instruction the User may attach to an order stating that the order is not to be displayed by the System on the EDGA Book.” See Exchange Rule 11.6(e)(2).

As discussed below, the Exchange also proposes to clarify within Rule 11.6(h) that a Minimum Quantity instruction may also be added to an order with a TIF of IOC. See, e.g., Exchange Rules 11.6(a)(3) and (c)(2) (specifying that the Minimum Quantity instruction may be included on Market Orders and ISOs with a TIF of IOC).

The term “System” is defined as “the electronic communications and trading facility designated by the Board through which securities orders of Users are consolidated for ranking, execution and, when applicable, routing away.” See Exchange Rule 1.5(c).

Today, the System will aggregate multiple resting orders to satisfy the incoming order’s minimum quantity and a User cannot elect the incoming order to execute against a single resting contra-side order.

Exchange Rule 11.6(h), Proposed Individual Minimum Size

The Exchange proposes to add new optional functionality that would enhance the utility of the Minimum Execution Quantity instruction by amending paragraph (h) of Exchange Rule 11.6. Doing so, the proposal would permit an incoming order with a Minimum Execution Quantity to forego executions where multiple resting orders could otherwise be aggregated to satisfy the order’s minimum quantity.

A Minimum Execution Quantity enables a User7 to specify a minimum share amount at which the order will execute. An order with a Minimum Execution Quantity will not execute unless the volume of contra-side liquidity available to execute against the order meets or exceeds the designated minimum. Specifically, Minimum Execution Quantity is an instruction a User may attach to an order with a Non-Displayed8 instruction or a TIF of IOC9 requiring the System10 to execute the order only to the extent that a minimum quantity can be satisfied by execution against a single order or multiple aggregated orders simultaneously.11

Today, an order with a Minimum Execution Quantity will execute upon entry against a single order or multiple orders if the sum of those orders is equal to or greater than its minimum quantity. An order with a Minimum Execution Quantity instruction may be partially executed upon entry so long as the execution size is equal to or exceeds the minimum quantity provided in the instruction. Any shares remaining after a partial execution will continue to be executed at a size that is equal to or exceeds the quantity provided in the instruction. Where the number of shares remaining after a partial execution are [sic] less than the quantity provided in the instruction, the Minimum Execution Quantity shall be equal to the number of shares remaining. The Minimum Execution Quantity instruction may be coupled with Market Orders with a TIF of IOC.12 Limit Orders with a Non-Display instruction or a TIF of IOC (as discussed below), Intermarket Sweep Orders (“ISO”) with a TIF of IOC,14 MidPoint Peg Orders,15 and Supplemental Peg Orders.16

The Exchange has observed that some market participants avoid sending large orders with a Minimum Execution Quantity instruction to the Exchange out of concern that such orders may interact with small orders entered by professional traders, possibly adversely impacting the execution of their larger order. Institutional orders are much larger in size than the average order in the marketplace. To facilitate the liquidation or acquisition of a large position, market participants tend to submit multiple orders into the market that may only represent a fraction of the overall institutional position to be executed. Various strategies used by institutional market participants to execute large orders are intended to limit price movement of the security at issue. Executing in small sizes, even if in the aggregate it meets the order’s minimum quantity, may impact the market for that security such that the additional orders the market participant has yet to enter into the market may be more costly to execute. If an institution is able to execute in larger sizes, the contra-party to the execution is less likely to be a participant that reacts to short term changes in the stock price, and as such, the price impact to the stock may be less acute when larger individual executions are obtained.17

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Exchange Rule 11.6(h), Proposed Individual Minimum Size

The Exchange proposes to add new optional functionality that would enhance the utility of the Minimum Execution Quantity instruction by amending paragraph (h) of Exchange Rule 11.6. Doing so, the proposal would permit an incoming order with a Minimum Execution Quantity to forego executions where multiple resting orders could otherwise be aggregated to satisfy the order’s minimum quantity.

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Today, an order with a Minimum Execution Quantity will execute upon entry against a single order or multiple orders if the sum of those orders is equal to or greater than its minimum quantity. An order with a Minimum Execution Quantity instruction may be partially executed upon entry so long as the execution size is equal to or exceeds the
a result, these orders are often executed away from the Exchange in dark pools or other exchanges that offer the same functionality as proposed herein, or via broker-dealer internalization.

To attract larger orders with a Minimum Execution Quantity, the Exchange proposes to add new optional functionality that would enhance the utility of the Minimum Execution Quantity instruction. In sum, the proposal would permit a User to elect that its incoming order with a Minimum Execution Quantity execute solely against one or more resting individual orders, each of which must satisfy the order’s minimum quantity condition. In such case, the order would forego executions where multiple resting orders could otherwise be aggregated to satisfy the order’s minimum quantity, but do not individually satisfy the minimum quantity condition. As discussed above, under the current rule an order with a Minimum Execution Quantity will execute upon entry against any number of smaller contra-side executions to satisfy the minimum quantity set by the User. This default behavior will remain. For example, assume there are two orders to sell resting on the EDGA Book—the first for 300 shares and a second for 400 shares, with the 300 share order having time priority ahead of the 400 share order. If a User entered an order with a Minimum Execution Quantity to buy 1,000 shares at $10.00 with a minimum quantity of 500 shares, and the order was marketable against the two resting sell orders for 300 and 400 shares, the System would aggregate both sell orders for purposes of meeting the minimum quantity, thus resulting in executions of 300 shares and then 400 shares respectively with the remaining 300 shares of the an order with a Minimum Execution Quantity being posted to the EDGA Book with a minimum quantity restriction of 300 shares.

The proposed new optional functionality will not allow aggregation of smaller executions to satisfy the minimum quantity of an incoming order with a Minimum Execution Quantity. Using the same scenario as above, but with the proposed new functionality and a Minimum Execution Quantity requirement of 400 shares selected by the User, the order with a Minimum Execution Quantity would not execute against the two sell orders because the

300 share order with time priority at the top of the EDGA Book is less than the incoming order’s 400 share Minimum Execution Quantity. The new functionality will cause the order with a Minimum Execution Quantity to be cancelled or posted to the EDGA Book, Non-Displayed, in accordance with the characteristics of the underlying order type when encountering an order with time priority that is of insufficient size to satisfy the minimum execution requirement. If posted, the order with a Minimum Execution Quantity will operate as it does currently and will only execute against individual orders that satisfy its minimum quantity as proposed herein. The Exchange notes that the User entering the order with a Minimum Execution Quantity has expressed its intention not to execute against liquidity below a certain minimum size, and therefore, cedes execution priority when it would lock an order against which it would otherwise execute if it were not for the minimum execution size restriction. The Exchange proposes to add language to paragraph (h) of Rule 11.6 to make clear that the order would cede execution priority in such a scenario.

As amended, the description of Minimum Execution Quantity under paragraph (h) of Exchange Rule 11.6 would set forth the default behavior of the Minimum Quantity instruction of executing upon entry against a single order or multiple aggregated orders in Rule 11.6(h). Amended Rule 11.6(h) would set forth the proposed optional functionality where a User may alternatively specify that the incoming order’s minimum quantity condition be satisfied by each order resting on the EDGA Book that would execute against the order with the Minimum Execution Quantity instruction. If there are such orders, but there are also orders that do not satisfy the minimum quantity condition, the incoming order with the Minimum Execution Quantity instruction will execute against orders resting on the EDGA Book in accordance with Rule 11.9. Order Priority, until it reaches an order that does not satisfy the minimum quantity condition at which point it would be posted to the EDGA Book or cancelled in accordance with the terms of the order. If, upon entry, there are no orders that satisfy the minimum quantity condition resting on the EDGA Book, the order will either be posted to the EDGA Book or cancelled in accordance with the terms of the order.

The Exchange also proposes to re-price incoming orders with a Minimum Execution Quantity instruction where that order may cross an order posted on the EDGA Book. Specifically, where there is insufficient size to satisfy an incoming order’s minimum quantity condition and that incoming order, if posted at its limit price, would cross an order(s) resting on the EDGA Book, the order with the minimum quantity condition will be re-priced to and ranked at the Locking Price. For example, an order to buy at $11.00 with a minimum quantity condition of 500 shares is entered and there is an order resting on the EDGA Book to sell 200 shares at $10.99. The resting order to sell does not contain sufficient size to satisfy the incoming order’s minimum quantity condition of 500 shares. The price of the incoming buy order, if posted to the EDGA Book, would cross the price of the resting sell order. In such case, to avoid an internally crossed book, the System will re-price the incoming buy order to $10.99, the Locking Price. This behavior is similar to how the Exchange currently reprices Non-Displayed orders that cross the Protected Quotation of an external market. In addition, both the Investors Exchange, Inc. (“IEX”) and the Nasdaq Stock Market LLC (“Nasdaq”) also re-price similar orders to avoid an internally crossed book.

The rule would further be amended to account for the partial execution against an individual order in accordance with the proposed rule change. Specifically, paragraph (h) of Exchange Rule 11.6 would further be amended to state that an order with a Minimum Execution Quantity instruction may be partially executed so long as the execution size of the individual order or aggregate size of multiple orders, as applicable, are equal to or exceed the minimum quantity provided in the instruction.

The Exchange also proposes to amend the description of the Minimum Execution Quantity instruction to clarify its operation upon order entry and when the order is posted to the EDGA Book. The Exchange proposes to clarify that upon entry, and by default, an order with a Minimum Execution Quantity
Orders on Bats BZX Exchange, Inc. (“BZX”).

Exchange Rule 11.10(e)(3), Replace Messages

The Exchange also proposes to amend paragraph (e)(3) of Rule 11.10, Order Execution, to specify that the Max Floor is associated with an order with a Reserve Quantity and to replace the phrase "and quantity terms" with the word "size". The rule currently states that other than changing a Limit Order to a Market Order, only the price, Step Price, the sell long indicator, Short Sale instruction, Max Floor and quantity terms of the order may be changed with a Replace message. If a User desires to change any other terms of an existing order, the existing order must be cancelled and a new order must be entered. The Exchange believes these changes will add additional specificity to the rule and ensure the rule uses terminology consistent with the description of Replace messages and their impact on an order’s priority under Exchange Rule 11.9(a)(4).

2. Statutory Basis

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

Exchange Rule 11.6(h), Proposed Individual Minimum Size

The proposed rule change would remove impediments to and promote just and equitable principles of trade because it would provide Users with optional functionality that enhances the use of the Minimum Execution Quantity instruction. The proposed change to the functioning of the Minimum Execution Quantity instruction will provide market participants, including institutional firms who ultimately represent individual retail investors in many cases, with better control over their orders, thereby providing them with greater potential to improve the quality of their order executions. Currently, the rule allows Users to designate a minimum acceptable quantity on an order that may aggregate multiple executions to meet the minimum quantity requirement. Once posted to the book, however, the minimum quantity requirement is equivalent to a minimum execution size requirement. The Exchange is now proposing to provide Users with control over the execution of their orders with a Minimum Execution Quantity instruction by allowing them an option to designate the minimum individual execution size upon entry. The control offered by the proposed change is consistent with the various types of control currently provided by exchange order types. For example, the Exchange and other exchanges offer limit orders, which allow a market participant control over the price it will pay or receive for a stock. Similarly, exchanges offer order types that allow market participants to structure their trading activity in a manner that is more likely to avoid certain transaction cost related economic outcomes.

As discussed above, the functionality proposed herein would enable Users to avoid transacting with smaller orders that they believe ultimately increases the cost of the transaction. Because the Exchange does not have this functionality, market participants, such as large institutions that transact a large number of orders on behalf of retail investors, have avoided sending large orders to the Exchange to avoid potentially more expensive transactions. In this regard, the Exchange notes that the proposed new functionality may improve the Exchange's market by attracting more order flow. Such new order flow will further enhance the depth and liquidity on the Exchange, which supports just and equitable principals of trade. Furthermore, the proposed modification to the Minimum Execution Quantity instruction is consistent with providing market participants with greater control over the nature of their executions so that they may achieve their trading goals and improve the quality of their executions.

The Exchange also believes that re-pricing incoming orders with a
Minimum Execution Quantity instruction where that order may cross an order posted on the EDGA Book promotes just and equitable principles of trade because it enables the Exchange to avoid an internally crossed book. The proposed re-pricing is also similar to how the Exchange currently reprices Non-Displayed orders that cross the Protected Quotation of an external market. In addition, both IEX and Nasdaq also re-price minimum quantity orders to avoid an internally crossed book. In certain circumstances, Nasdaq re-prices buy (sell) orders to one minimum price increment below (above) the lowest (highest) price of such orders. IEX re-prices non-displayed orders, such as minimum quantity orders, that include a limit price more aggressive than the midpoint of the NBBO to the midpoint of the NBBO. These proposed amendments are identical to changes recently proposed by EDGX that were published by the Commission for immediate effectiveness. Moreover, the proposed optional functionality for the Minimum Execution Quantity instruction is also substantially similar to that offered by Nasdaq and IEX, both of which have been recently approved by the Commission. Lastly, the proposed clarifications of the handing of orders with a Minimum Execution Quantity upon entry and once posted to the EDGA Book would add additional specificity to the operation of the Minimum Execution Quantity instruction and are consistent with similar functionality offered by Nasdaq.

Clarification to Exchange Rules 11.8(b)(3) and 11.10(e)(3)

The Exchange believes the proposed amendments to paragraph (b)(3) of Rule 11.8 and paragraph (e)(3) of Rule 11.10 are also consistent with the Act in that they will add additional specificity to the rules. In particular, the proposed amendments to paragraph (b)(3) to Rule 11.8 would add additional specificity regarding the order type instructions that may be coupled with a Limit Order. The Exchange notes that this is also consistent with the treatment of Minimum Quantity Orders on BZX, thereby making the rule clearer and avoiding potential investor confusion. Also, the amendments to paragraph (e)(3) of Rule 11.10 will ensure the rule uses terminology consistent with the description of Replace messages and their impact on an order’s priority under Exchange Rule 11.9(a)(4).

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, as amended. On the contrary, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change promotes competition because it will enable the Exchange to offer functionality substantially similar to that offered by Nasdaq and IEX. In addition, the proposed amendments to paragraph (b)(3) of Rule 11.8 and paragraph (e)(3) of Rule 11.10 would not have any impact on competition as they simply add additional details to each rule and do not alter current System functionality. Therefore, the Exchange does not believe the proposed rule change will result in any burden on intermarket competition that is not necessary or appropriate 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

No comments were solicited or received on the proposed rule change.

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) by its terms, become operative for 30 days from the date on which it was filed or published in the Federal Register, it has been determined that the Commission is not required to file a notice for the publication of the proposed rule change in the Federal Register.

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-BatsEDGA–2017–26 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-BatsEDGA–2017–26. 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 access.
III. 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

Background

Exchange Rules describe the process by which orders sent into the CBOE will execute electronically and/or via manual handling on the Exchange floor. Orders entered by Trading Permit Holders (“TPHs”) that are marketable against the Exchange’s disseminated quotation may execute automatically or after an electronic auction process such as the Exchange’s Simple Auction Liaison (“SAL”). In addition, eligible orders may be entered into the Exchange’s electronic order book. Orders that do not execute via electronic processing and are not entered into the electronic book are, by default, routed to either a Public Automated Routing (“PAR”) workstation or an Order Management Terminal (“OMT”) designated by the TPH entering the order. Orders routed to a PAR or OMT can then be executed in open outcry on the Exchange floor. CBOE Rule 6.12 describes the process for routing orders through the Exchange’s order handling system (“OHS”). Rules 6.12 states, “The order handling system is a feature within the Hybrid System to route orders for automatic execution, book entry, open outcry, or further handling by a broker, agent, or PAR Official, in a manner consistent with Exchange Rules and the Act (e.g., resubmit the order to the Hybrid System for automatic execution, route the order from a booth to a PAR workstation, cancel the order, contact the customer for further instructions, and/or otherwise handle the order in accordance with Exchange Rules and the order’s terms).”

Rule 6.12(a) states, “Orders may route through the order handling system for electronic processing in the Hybrid System or to a designated order management terminal or PAR Workstation in any of the circumstances described below. Routing designations may be established based on various parameters defined by the Exchange, order entry firm or Trading Permit Holder, as applicable.” Rule 6.12(a)(1) further states, “Under Rules 6.2B, 6.13 and 6.53C, orders or the remaining balance of orders initially routed from an order entry firm for electronic processing that are not eligible for automatic execution or book entry will by default route to a PAR workstation designated by the order entry firm. If an order entry firm has not designated a PAR workstation or if a PAR workstation is unavailable, the remaining balance will route to an order management terminal designated by the order entry firm. If it is not eligible to route to a PAR workstation or order management terminal designated by the order entry firm, the remaining balance will be returned to the order entry firm.”

Rule 6.12A describes PAR functionality. Rule 6.12A specifies that orders will be routed to PAR in accordance with TPH and Exchange order routing parameters. And the orders terms. (sic) Rule 6.12A further specifies that once a PAR the PAR user may (a) submit the order electronically, (b) execute the order in open outcry, (c) route the order to a designated OMT or return the order to the order entry firm, or (d) route the order to an away exchange.

Proposed Rule

The Exchange is proposing a new type of order within CBOE Rule 6.53, electronic-only. The proposed rule states, “An electronic-only order is an order to buy or sell that is to be executed in whole or in part via electronic processing on the Exchange without routing the order to a PAR workstation or an order management terminal for manual handling on the Exchange floor. Electronic-only orders will be cancelled if routing for manual handling would be required under Exchange Rules.” Exchange systems will recognize electronic-only orders and will only allow the orders to (a) auto-execute electronically, (b) route to an electronic exchange auction process, or (c) route to the electronic book. If Exchange systems

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION


Self-Regulatory Organizations; Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated; Notice of Filing of a Proposed Rule Change Relating to the Creation of an Electronic-Only Order Type

October 12, 2017.

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 September 29, 2017, Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated (the “Exchange” or “CBOE”) 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 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 a rule change to create an electronic-only order type. The text of the proposed rule change is also available on the Exchange’s Web site (http://www.cboe.com/AboutCBOE/CBOELegalRegulatoryHome.aspx), at the Exchange’s Office of the Secretary, and at the Commission’s Public Reference Room.