SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-57702; File No. SR-CBOE-2008-48)

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Regarding the Handling of Odd-lot Orders on the CBOE Stock Exchange

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 April 22, 2008, the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated ("Exchange" or "CBOE") 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 substantially prepared by the Exchange. The Exchange has designated this proposal as one effecting a change in an existing order-entry or trading system pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act³ and Rule 19b-4(f)(5) thereunder,⁴ 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. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed</u> <u>Rule Change</u>

The Exchange proposes to change CBOE Stock Exchange ("CBSX") Rule 52.8, which governs the handling of odd-lot orders. The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Exchange's principal office, the Commission's Public Reference Room, and www.cboe.com.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(5).

II. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change</u>

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. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis</u> for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

The purpose of this proposed rule change is to revise CBSX Rule 52.8, which governs the handling of odd-lot orders. Currently, a marketable odd-lot order received by CBSX is executed against the best price being displayed by CBSX Market-Makers. As proposed, an odd-lot order (including the odd-lot portion of a mixed-lot order) received by CBSX would be displayed to CBSX Traders for a period of time not to exceed one second as determined by CBSX. The exposure would also include information regarding the applicable NBBO price for that product. Responses to trade against the odd-lot order could be submitted only at the applicable NBBO price or better and would have to be for the full size of the odd-lot order. The first CBSX Trader to respond would trade against the odd-lot order. If no responses are received, then the order would trade against the best price being displayed by a CBSX Market-Maker. If the odd-lot order has a limit price that is not marketable, it would be entered into an odd-lot order book, where CBSX Traders may submit orders to trade against resting interest. A final feature of the proposal is that odd-lot order senders would be able to specify that, if an NBBO execution is not

attainable, the order should be cancelled. The Exchange believes this new method for handling odd-lot orders will result in better executions for odd-lots orders.

2. <u>Statutory Basis</u>

The Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act⁵ in general and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act⁶ in particular in that, by offering opportunities for price improvement for odd-lot orders, it is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade and to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system.

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act

C. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received from Members, Participants or Others</u>

No written comments were solicited or received with respect to the proposed rule change.

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

The Exchange has designated this proposal as effecting a change in an existing orderentry or trading system that: (i) does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) does not impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) does not have the effect of limiting the access to or availability of the system, thereby qualifying this proposal for filing under Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act⁷ and Rule 19b-4(f)(5) thereunder, which renders the proposal effective upon filing with the Commission.

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

⁸ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(5).

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission may summarily abrogate 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 e-mail to <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include File No. SR-CBOE-2008-48
 on the subject line.

Paper comments:

 Send paper comments in triplicate to Nancy M. Morris, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-CBOE-2008-48. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail 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 Commissions 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

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available for inspection and copying 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-CBOE-2008-48 and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from the date of publication in the Federal Register].

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

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