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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Supplement 1 to Revision 9 of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors," and Supplement 1 to Revision 2 of NUREG-1122 [and -1123], "Knowledge and Abilities Catalog for Nuclear Power Plant Operators: Pressurized [Boiling] Water Reactors"

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has issued Supplement 1 to Revision 9 of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors," and Supplement 1 to Revision 2 of NUREG-1122 [and -1123] "Knowledge and Abilities Catalog for Nuclear Power Plant Operators: Pressurized [Boiling] Water Reactors." These NUREGs provide policy and guidance for the development, administration, and grading of examinations used for licensing operators at nuclear power plants pursuant to the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR part 55, "Operators' Licenses." NUREG-1021 also provides guidance for maintaining operators' licenses and for the NRC to conduct requalification examinations, when necessary.

These NUREGs have been revised to implement a number of clarifications and enhancements that have been identified since Revision 9 to NUREG-1021 was published in July 2004 and Revision 2 to NUREG-1122 [and -1123] was published in June 1998. A draft of each of the Supplements was issued for comment on May 22, 2007 (72 FR 28728).

A summary of the comments received regarding the draft Supplements, and the NRC staff's response to those comments is available in the NRC's Public Electronic Reading Room (<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>), at accession number ML072600319. From this site, you can access the NRC's Agencywide Document Access and Management System (ADAMS), which provides text and image files of the NRC's public documents.

Supplement 1 to NUREG-1021 includes a number of minor changes that: (1) Clarify licensed operator medical requirements, including the use of prescription medications; (2) clarify the use of surrogate operators during dynamic simulator scenarios; (3) clarify the selection process for generic knowledge and ability (K/A) statements; (4) qualify the NRC review of post-examination comments; (5) provide additional guidance for maintaining an active license (watchstander proficiency) and license reactivation; and (6) conform with Supplement 1 to Revision 2 of NUREG-1122 [and -1123], which rewords and reorganizes Section 2, "Generic Knowledge and Abilities," and adds a new K/A topic for generator voltage and electric grid disturbances.

Availability: Copies of the three NUREG Supplements are being mailed to the plant or site manager at each nuclear power facility regulated by the NRC. The Supplements are also available electronically via the NRC's Public Electronic Reading Room (<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/>) and in the NRC's Public Document Room located at 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. If you do not have electronic access to NRC documents, single copies of the Supplements are available, to the extent of supply, and may be requested by writing to the Office of Information Services, Information and Records Services, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

DATES: Supplement 1 to Revision 9 of NUREG-1021 and Supplement 1 to Revision 2 of NUREG-1122 [and -1123] will become effective for examinations that are confirmed 60 or more days after the date of this notice by issuance of an official corporate notification letter or at an earlier date agreed upon by the facility licensee and its NRC Regional Office. After the effective date, NRC initial operator licensing examinations are expected to be prepared and administered in accordance with the NUREG Supplements.

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 3rd day of October 2007.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee; Open Committee Meetings

According to the provisions of section 10 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), notice is hereby given that meetings of the Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee will be held on—

Thursday, November 15, 2007,
Thursday, December 13, 2007,
Thursday, January 17, 2008.

The meetings will start at 10 a.m. and will be held in Room 5A06A, U.S. Office of Personnel Management Building, 1900 E Street, NW., Washington, DC.

The Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee is composed of a Chair, five representatives from labor unions holding exclusive bargaining rights for Federal blue-collar employees, and five representatives from Federal agencies. Entitlement to membership on the Committee is provided for in 5 U.S.C. 5347.

The Committee's primary responsibility is to review the Prevailing Rate System and other matters pertinent to establishing prevailing rates under subchapter IV, chapter 53, 5 U.S.C., as amended, and from time to time advise the U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

These scheduled meetings will start in open session with both labor and management representatives attending. During the meetings either the labor members or the management members may caucus separately with the Chair to devise strategy and formulate positions. Premature disclosure of the matters discussed in these caucuses would unacceptably impair the ability of the Committee to reach a consensus on the matters being considered and would disrupt substantially the disposition of its business. Therefore, these caucuses will be closed to the public because of a determination made by the Director of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management under the provisions of section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B). These caucuses may, depending on the issues involved,

constitute a substantial portion of a meeting.

Annually, the Chair compiles a report of pay issues discussed and concluded recommendations. These reports are available to the public, upon written request to the Committee.

The public is invited to submit material in writing to the Chair on Federal Wage System pay matters felt to be deserving of the Committee's attention. Additional information on these meetings may be obtained by contacting the Committee at U.S. Office of Personnel Management, Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee, Room 5526, 1900 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20415, (202) 606-2838.

Dated: October 15, 2007.

Charles E. Brooks,

Chairman, Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change as Modified by Amendment No. 1 Thereto To Broaden the Application of Existing Transaction Fees for VIX Options to Options on All Volatility Indexes Calculated by CBOE

October 15, 2007.

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 September 27, 2007, the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated ("CBOE" or the "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 substantially prepared by the Exchange. On October 4, 2007, CBOE filed Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change. The Exchange filed the proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act³ and Rule 19b-4(f)(2) 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, as amended, from interested persons.

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

CBOE proposes to amend its Fees Schedule to broaden the application of its existing fees for transactions in CBOE Volatility Index ("VIX") options to transactions in options on all volatility indexes that are calculated by the Exchange. The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's Web site (<http://www.cboe.org/Legal>), at the Exchange's Office of the Secretary 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, CBOE 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 parts of such statements.

A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

This rule change proposes to extend the existing fees for transactions in VIX options to options on all volatility indexes calculated by the Exchange. Currently, the established transaction fees for VIX options are: \$0.20 per contract for Market-Makers, Designated Primary Market-Makers and Remote Market-Makers;⁵ \$0.20 per contract for member firm proprietary transactions; \$0.25 per contract for manually executed broker-dealer transactions;⁶ \$0.45 per contract for electronically executed broker-dealer transactions (*i.e.*, broker-dealer orders that are automatically executed on the CBOE Hybrid Trading System),⁷ and \$0.40 per

⁵ This fee is set forth in the "Index Options" section at paragraph II of the Fees Schedule and is the standard rate that is subject to the Liquidity Provider Sliding Scale as set forth in Footnote 10 to the Fees Schedule.

⁶ This fee is set forth in the "Index Options" section at paragraph IV (4th bullet point) of the Fees Schedule.

⁷ This fee is set forth in the "Index Options" section at paragraph IV (5th bullet point) of the Fees Schedule. Broker-dealer manual and electronic

contract for public customer transactions. In addition, there is a \$.04 surcharge fee currently assessed to non-public customer transactions in VIX options.⁸

The Exchange believes the rule change will further the Exchange's goal of introducing new products to the marketplace that are competitively priced.⁹ The Exchange proposes to replace the two references to "VIX" in the Fees Schedule with the category "VOLATILITY INDEXES." The transaction fees for options on "VOLATILITY INDEXES" will apply to currently listed volatility index options and volatility index options to be listed in the future. The impetus for this rule change is the launch of options on the CBOE Nasdaq-100 Volatility Index ("VXN") and on the CBOE Russell 2000 Volatility Index ("RVX").¹⁰

The Exchange represents that the surcharge fee on all non-public customer transactions in options on volatility indexes is to help the Exchange recoup license fees the Exchange must pay to the respective reporting authorities for the options that the Exchange uses to calculate the volatility indexes (*e.g.*, The Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc. and The Frank Russell Company). This surcharge fee is currently assessed on non-public customer transaction options on the Standard & Poor 100 Index ("OEX" and "XEO"), options on the Standard & Poor 500 Index ("SPX") and options on the VIX.

2. Statutory Basis

The proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,¹¹ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(4)¹² of the Act, in particular, in that it is designed to provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges

transaction fees will apply to broker-dealer orders (orders with "B" origin code), non-member market-maker orders (orders with "N" origin code) and orders from specialists in the underlying security (orders with "Y" origin code).

⁸ There is also a \$.04 surcharge fee assessed to non-public customers for options on the S&P 100 Index ("OEX" and "XEO") and for options on the S&P 500 Index ("SPX").

⁹ Linkage order fees are inapplicable for options on CBOE's proprietary volatility indexes.

¹⁰ The Exchange previously received Commission approval to list and trade VXN and RVX options. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 49563 (April 14, 2004), 69 FR 21589 (April 21, 2004) (order approving SR-CBOE-2003-40 to list and trade VXN options); see also Securities Exchange Act Release No. 55425 (March 8, 2007), 72 FR 12238 (March 15, 2007) (order approving SR-CBOE-2006-73 to list and trade RVX options).

¹¹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

¹² 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).