SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-58700; File No. SR-CBOE-2008-100)

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Amend its Fees Schedule

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 September 22, 2008, Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated ("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 Exchange has designated this proposal as one establishing or changing a due, fee, or other charge imposed by CBOE under Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act and Rule 19b-4(f)(2) thereunder. 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 amend its Fees Schedule to establish fees for transactions in CBOE S&P 500 BuyWrite Index (1/10<sup>th</sup> value) ("BXO") options and CBOE S&P 500 Three-Month Realized Volatility ("RUH") options. The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's Web site (<a href="http://www.cboe.org/Legal">http://www.cboe.org/Legal</a>), at the Exchange's Office of the Secretary and at the Commission.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

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

# 1. <u>Purpose</u>

The Exchange recently received approval to list and trade options on BXO and RUH, both of which are calculated by the Exchange.<sup>5</sup> The purpose of this rule change is to establish transaction fees for these new products. The Exchange states that the proposed transactions fees for BXO options and RUH options are identical to those established for options on volatility indexes.<sup>6</sup>

The amount of the transactions fees for BXO and RUH options shall be as follows:

- \$0.20 per contract for Market-Maker, Designated Primary Market-Maker and Remote Market-Maker transactions; <sup>7</sup>
- \$0.20 per contract for member firm proprietary transactions;
- \$0.25 per contract for manually executed broker-dealer transactions;
- \$0.45 per contract for electronically executed broker-dealer transactions;
- \$0.40 per contract for voluntary professional transactions;

See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 58207 (July 22, 2008), 73 FR 43963 (July 29, 2008) (SR-CBOE-2008-26) and 58171 (July 16, 2008), 73 FR 422841 (July 23, 2008) (SR-CBOE-2008-31).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> For purposes of CBOE's Fees Schedule, RUH options shall be treated as index options.

This is the standard rate that is subject to the Liquidity Provider Sliding Scale as set forth in Footnote 10 to the Fees Schedule.

- \$0.40 per contract for customer transactions; and
- \$0.10 per contract CFLEX surcharge fee.

The Exchange also proposes to adopt a \$.06 per contract surcharge fee on all non-public customer transactions in BXO and RUH options to help the Exchange recoup license fees the Exchange pays to the reporting authority. The proposed surcharge fee is identical to the surcharge fee currently assessed non-public customer transactions in options on the S&P 100 Index ("OEX" and "XEO"), S&P 500 Index ("SPX") and volatility indexes.

The Exchange's Liquidity Provider Sliding Scale<sup>8</sup> shall apply to transaction fees in BXO and RUH options, but the Exchange's marketing fee<sup>9</sup> shall not apply. The Exchange believes the rule change will further the Exchange's goal of introducing new products to the marketplace that are competitively priced.<sup>10</sup>

# 2. <u>Statutory Basis</u>

The proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act, <sup>11</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(4)<sup>12</sup> of the Act, in particular, in that it is designed to provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among CBOE members and other persons using its facilities.

See Footnote 10 of the Fees Schedule.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> <u>See</u> Footnote 6 of the Fees Schedule.

Linkage order fees are inapplicable for options on CBOE's proprietary products.

<sup>15</sup> U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>15</sup> U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

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

CBOE 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</u>
<u>Change Received from Members, Participants, or Others</u>

The Exchange neither solicited nor received comments on the proposal.

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

Because the foregoing proposed rule change establishes or changes a due, fee, or other charge imposed by the Exchange, it has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act<sup>13</sup> and subparagraph (f)(2) of Rule 19b-4<sup>14</sup> thereunder. 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 (<a href="http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml">http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml</a>);
 or

15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>14</sup> 17 C.F.R. 240.19b-4(f)(2).

• Send an e-mail to <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include File Number SR-CBOE-2008-100 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-CBOE-2008-100. 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 Commission's Internet Web site (<a href="http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml">http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml</a>). 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 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 am and 3:00 pm. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the CBOE. 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.

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All submissions should refer to File Number SR-CBOE-2008-100 and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from publication in the Federal Register].

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.  $^{15}$ 

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