Proposed Rule Change by Philadelphia Stock Exchange
Pursuant to Rule 19b-4 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

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The Phlx proposes to delete Phlx Rules 129, 219, 236, 241-248 and 923 and to amend Phlx Rule 229, Supplementary Material .07(c)(ii).

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

has duly caused this filing to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Date: 10/14/2005

By: John Dayton, Director and Counsel

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### Form 19b-4 Information

The self-regulatory organization must provide all required information, presented in a clear and comprehensible manner, to enable the public to provide meaningful comment on the proposal and for the Commission to determine whether the proposal is consistent with the Act and applicable rules and regulations under the Act.

### Exhibit 1 - Notice of Proposed Rule Change

The Notice section of this Form 19b-4 must comply with the guidelines for publication in the Federal Register as well as any requirements for electronic filing as published by the Commission (if applicable). The Office of the Federal Register (OFR) offers guidance on Federal Register publication requirements in the Federal Register Document Drafting Handbook, October 1998 Revision. For example, all references to the federal securities laws must include the corresponding cite to the United States Code in a footnote. All references to SEC rules must include the corresponding cite to the Code of Federal Regulations in a footnote. All references to Securities Exchange Act Releases must include the release number, release date, Federal Register cite, Federal Register date, and corresponding file number (e.g., SR-[SRO]-xx-xx). A material failure to comply with these guidelines will result in the proposed rule change being deemed not properly filed. See also Rule 0-3 under the Act (17 CFR 240.0-3).

### Exhibit 2 - Notices, Written Comments, Transcripts, Other Communications

Copies of notices, written comments, transcripts, other communications. If such documents cannot be filed electronically in accordance with Instruction F, they shall be filed in accordance with Instruction G.

### Exhibit 3 - Form, Report, or Questionnaire

Copies of any form, report, or questionnaire that the self-regulatory organization proposes to use to help implement or operate the proposed rule change, or that is referred to by the proposed rule change.

### Exhibit 4 - Marked Copies

The full text shall be marked, in any convenient manner, to indicate additions to and deletions from the immediately preceding filing. The purpose of Exhibit 4 is to permit the staff to identify immediately the changes made from the text of the rule with which it has been working.

### Exhibit 5 - Proposed Rule Text

The self-regulatory organization may choose to attach as Exhibit 5 proposed changes to rule text in place of providing it in Item I and which may otherwise be more easily readable if provided separately from Form 19b-4. Exhibit 5 shall be considered part of the proposed rule change.

### Partial Amendment

If the self-regulatory organization is amending only part of the text of a lengthy proposed rule change, it may, with the Commission’s permission, file only those portions of the text of the proposed rule change in which changes are being made if the filing (i.e. partial amendment) is clearly understandable on its face. Such partial amendment shall be clearly identified and marked to show deletions and additions.
1. **Text of the Proposed Rule Change**


The text of the proposed rule change is set forth below.

Brackets indicate deletions; underlining indicates additions.

**Rule 129 [Withdrawal of Orders]**  **Reserved**

[The withdrawal from the Floor of the Exchange of an order for the purchase or sale of securities, or any part thereof, at the request of another member of the Exchange, for the purpose of the purchase or sale of the securities so withdrawn outside of the Exchange is prohibited.]

**Rule 219 [Seller Must Be Identified]**  **Reserved**

[Orders on which a non-member commission will not be charged the purchaser or seller must be identified to the specialist when entered for execution on the Exchange. To be included in this category are orders entered by an Exchange member, or a general partner or officer of a member organization, or any employee acting in a principal capacity for a member organization, etc., and on which a non-member commission is not charged for the execution.]

**Rule 229 Philadelphia Stock Exchange Automated Communication and Execution System (PACE)**

Supplementary Material:

.01-.07(c)(i) No Change

.07(c)(ii) [Mandatory Manual Double-up/Double-down Price Protection --Where the specialist does not agree to provide automatic price improvement in a security, the specialist must provide manual double-up/double-down price protection in any instance where the bid/ask of the PACE Quote is $.05 or greater for equities trading in decimals, beginning at 9:30 A.M., to all customers and all eligible orders in a security, whereby the]

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PACE System shall stop eligible automatically executable market and marketable limit
orders of 599 shares or less in New York Stock Exchange or American Stock Exchange
listed securities received through PACE in double-up/down situations in order to receive
an opportunity for price improvement over the PACE Quote when received. Orders are
"stopped" by the specialist at the PACE Quote when received, meaning that the order is
guaranteed to receive at least that price by the end of the trading day. A specialist may
voluntarily agree to provide manual double-up/double-down price protection to larger
orders in a particular security to all customers under this provision. Where the execution
(stop) price would be outside the primary market high/low range for the day, if so elected
by the entering member organization, the order will be handled manually pursuant to
paragraph (a) above. Odd-lot orders are not eligible for double-up/double-down manual
price protection.

A double-up/double-down situation is defined as a trade that would be at least:

(i) $0.10 (up or down) for equities trading in decimals from the last regular way sale on the
primary market; or

(ii) $0.10 for equities trading in decimals from the regular way sale that was the previous
intra-day change on the primary market.

(iii) Member organizations entering orders may elect to participate in manual double-
up/double-down price protection. Failure to elect will result in the activation of the
double-up/double-down feature for that User, but specialists determine whether to
provide automatic price improvement in a particular security.

(iv)] Extraordinary Circumstances—[Both a]Automatic price improvement [and manual
double-up/double-down price protection] may be disengaged in a security or floor-wide
in extraordinary circumstances with the approval of two Floor Officials. In addition to
fast market conditions, for purposes of this paragraph, extraordinary circumstances also
include systems malfunctions and other circumstances that limit the Exchange's ability to
receive, disseminate or update market quotations in a timely and accurate manner.

.08-.09  No Change

.10(a)(i) Marketable Limit Orders--round-lot orders up to 500 shares and the
round-lot portion of PRL limit orders up to 599 shares which are entered at the PACE
Quote shall be executed at the PACE Quote. Such orders shall be executed automatically
unless the member organization entering orders otherwise elects. Specialists may
voluntarily agree to execute marketable limit orders greater than 599 shares. Where the
specialist has voluntarily agreed to automatically execute marketable limit orders greater
than 599 shares and the order size is greater than 599 shares, but less than or equal to the
size of the PACE Quote, the marketable limit order is automatically executable at the
PACE Quote; if the order size is greater than 599 shares and greater than the size of the
PACE Quote, the marketable limit order shall manually receive an execution at the PACE
Quote up to the size of the PACE Quote, with the balance of the order available to be
executed as an existing order pursuant to Supplementary Material .04A(b)(i) above, or
receiving a professional execution, in accordance with Supplementary Material, .10(b) below; provided that the specialist may guarantee an automatic execution at the PACE Quote up to the entire size of such specialist's automatic execution guarantee.

When the PACE Quote is locked, automatically executable marketable limit orders entered after the opening will be automatically executed at the locked price, if all the specialists assigned to a security determine to elect this feature for a particular security.

Marketable limit orders may be eligible for automatic price improvement [or manual double-up/double-down price protection] pursuant to Supplementary Material .07(c) above.

.10(a)(ii)-.22 No Change

Rule 236 [Reports of Positions of Specialists and Alternate Specialists in Securities for which the Exchange is the Primary Market] Reserved

[In a manner prescribed by the Exchange, each Specialist and Alternate Specialist in securities for which the Exchange is the primary market shall, no later than 10:00 a.m. on each business day, report to the Exchange his closing position on the previous business day in such securities. The report shall also designate the name of the bank, broker-dealer or clearing corporation carrying and providing financing (margin) for such positions.

Supplementary Material:

.01 For purposes of this Rule, a security for which the Exchange is the primary market, shall mean a security which is listed on one or more regional stock exchanges and which is not listed on either the American or New York Stock Exchanges.

.02 With respect to a specialist and/or alternate who utilizes the services of a clearing corporation or broker-dealer to clear and settle his transactions, compliance with this Rule may be achieved through an arrangement whereby the clearing corporation or broker dealer files the prescribed information with the Exchange on behalf of the specialist or alternate specialist.]

Rule 241 [Special Offerings] Reserved

[Notwithstanding the provisions of other Rules, which might otherwise apply, the Exchange may, subject to the conditions specified in this Rule and to compliance with the provisions contained herein, permit a "Special Offering" (as herein defined) to be made through the facilities of the Exchange, provided that the Exchange (after consulting and with the concurrence of a Governor who is active on the Floor of the Exchange) shall have determined that the regular market on the Exchange cannot, within a reasonable time and at a reasonable price or prices, absorb the particular block of a security which is to be the subject of such Special Offering. In making such determination the following factors shall be taken into consideration, via:

(a) price range and the volume of transactions in such security on the Floor of the
Exchange during the preceding six months;

(b) attempts which have been made to dispose of the security in the regular market on the Floor of the Exchange;

(c) the apparent past and current interest in such security in such regular market on the Floor; and

(d) the number of shares or bonds and the current market value of the block of such security proposed to be covered by such Special Offering.

Except in special circumstances a Special Offering will not be permitted unless the offering involves at least 1,000 shares of stock with an aggregate market value of not less than $25,000, or $15,000 par value in bonds with an aggregate market value of not less than $10,000.]

Rule 242 [Definition] Reserved

[A Special Offering is defined as an offering (designated as a fixed price offering) by one or more members or member organizations acting for his or its own account or for the account of one or more other persons, for the sale of a block of a security dealt in on the Exchange through the facilities of the Exchange at a price not in excess of the last sale of such security or the current offer of such security in the regular market on the Floor of the Exchange, whichever is the lower, but equal to or higher than the current bid for such security in such market, whereby the offer or agrees to pay a special commission to such members and member organizations as may accept all or any part of such Offering for the account of his or its customers; provided, that the security which is the subject of such Offering is a security to which the exemption afforded by Rule 240.10b-2(d)(1) issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission, and such amendments thereto as have been or may be from time to time adopted, is available at the time of such Offering.]

Rule 243 [Conditions] Reserved

[No Special Offering, as provided in these Rules shall be made unless each of the following conditions is complied with, via:

(a) The person for whose account such Special Offering is to be made shall at the time of such Offering be the owner of the entire block of the security so to be offered, except that, for the purpose of stabilizing, there also may be sold for such person's account, or for the account of any member organization offering the block of security on his behalf, as part of the Special Offering, an amount not to exceed 10% of the shares or bonds owned and originally offered in the Special Offering by such person.

(b) The person for whose account such Special Offering is to be made shall include within the Offering all of the security which he then intends to offer within a reasonable time, and there shall be furnished to the Exchange before the Offering is made a written
statement by the offeror to that effect or a written statement by his broker stating that the broker has been so advised by the offeror.

(c) A Special Offering shall be automatically suspended as long as an offering exists "regular way" at a price which would permit a purchase at a lower net cost than in the Special Offering. Unless otherwise specifically exempted by the Exchange, every Special Offering shall remain open for a minimum period of 15 minutes, inclusive of any period during which it is suspended by operation of the above provision. A Special Offering which has not been completed in the 15 minute minimum period shall not be withdrawn before completion without the approval of the Exchange.

(d) The person for whose account such Special Offering is made shall agree that during the period such offering is open, he will not offer in the regular market on the floor of the Exchange any shares or bonds of the security which is the subject of such Special Offering, unless the prior permission of the Exchange is first obtained.

(e) The special commission referred to in Rule 242 shall not exceed $1 per share on purchases at a price of $50 or less per share, or 2% of the purchase price on purchases at a price in excess of $50 per share. In the case of bonds such commission shall not exceed 2 1/2 % of the purchase price.

(f) No member or member organization shall directly or indirectly receive any part of the special commission referred to in Rule 242 in connection with any purchase for his or its own account or the account of a partner thereof or a stockholder therein or for the account of any other member or member organization or partner thereof or stockholder therein, made pursuant to a Special Offering.

(g) A Special Offering shall not be made unless it can be accepted in a lesser amount or amounts than the total of the securities offered.

(h) A Special Offering shall be made for acceptance in round lots or in odd lots, without preference, and in the case of an odd-lot purchase no differential shall be added to the gross purchase price of the Special Offering.

(i) When buying orders in a Special Offering exceed the amount available in the offering, the offered security will be allocated in reasonably proportionate amounts.

Rule 244 [When Effective] Reserved

[A Special Offering, when approved, shall become effective upon announcement by the Exchange on the tape of the terms and conditions of such Offering.]

Rule 245 [Terms of Offering on Tape] Reserved

[The terms of a Special Offering shall be printed on the tape before it is effective, with a statement, if such be the fact, that stabilizing transactions have been effected or are]
contemplated and that it is intended to over allot as permitted by Rule 243 (a).
Transactions effected pursuant to a Special Offering shall when feasible be printed
currently on the tape, and the tape shall show the gross price and the special commission
in a legend such as: "SP OFF 100 XYZ 40 COM .50", as well as the number of orders
involved in such transaction where more than one order is involved; and after the close of
the market, any unprinted remainder of such transactions executed during the day shall be
so printed. When the offering is terminated, an announcement to that effect shall be
printed on the tape; and when the intention to stabilize is terminated, such fact shall be
announced on the tape, together with a statement that stabilizing transactions have been
effected, if such be the fact.]

Rule 246 [Odd Lots] Reserved

[Transactions effected pursuant to a Special Offering shall not elect the execution of any
outstanding "regular way" odd-lot orders.]

Rule 247 [Authorization] Reserved

[(a) A Special Offering may be approved and made only if the person or persons for
whose account it is proposed to be made shall have specifically authorized such Offering
and its terms.

Disclosure

(b) A member organization effecting for the account of a customer a purchase pursuant to
a Special Offering shall confirm such transaction to such customer at the offering price
and shall not charge to or collect from such customer any commission on account of such
transaction.

The confirmation by a member organization to a buyer or seller in a Special Offering
shall state in full the terms and conditions of the Special Offering. The confirmation to a
buyer shall state at least:

(1) That the purchase was part of a Special Offering;

(2) That no commission is to be charged to the customer;

(3) That the seller is to pay a special commission to the member organization, if such be
the fact;

(4) The amount of such special commission;

(5) The information printed on the tape regarding stabilizing transactions or the intention
to stabilize; and

(6) The nature of the member organization's interest in the Special Offering, if any, other
than its interest as a recipient of the special commission.

(c) A member organization soliciting purchase orders for execution pursuant to a Special Offering shall advise the person so solicited of the terms and conditions of such Offering before effecting any transaction for such person pursuant thereto. Such disclosure shall include at least the items described in paragraphs (1) to (6) of Rule 247 (b).

(d) A member organization with an order for the purchase of a security which is the subject of a Special Offering shall effect such purchase in the regular market whenever a "regular way" offering is available which would permit such purchase at a lower net cost than in the Special Offering. Every order for purchase in a Special Offering shall be accepted pursuant to the above condition.

Rule 248 [Information Regarding Special Offerings] Reserved

[It is not the purpose of these Rules to supersede the auction market or supplant approved secondary distributions, but to provide means for the handling of blocks of securities dealt in on the Exchange, through the facilities of the Exchange, where such blocks, under current conditions, cannot readily be absorbed in the auction market within a reasonable time and at a reasonable price.

Rules 241-248 are intended primarily to provide for Special Offerings on an agency basis by members or member organizations on behalf of their non-member customers. However, the Rules do not prohibit a Special Offering by a member or member organization for his or its own account.

.01 Preliminary Information Required. --The broker for the offeror will be required to furnish the following information to the Exchange prior to the announcement of the Special Offering on the tape:

(a) Name of the security and ticker symbol.

(b) Number of shares or bonds.

(c) Special Offering price.

(d) Special commission.

(e) Name of the offeror.

(f) Written assurance of the offeror, or of the broker upon advice from the offeror, that the shares or bonds contained in the Offering are all of the security which he then intends to offer within a reasonable time, as required in Rule 243 (b).

(g) Assurance of agreement of offeror to terms of Offering.
(h) Statement as to whether stabilizing operations will be engaged in to facilitate Special Offering.

(i) Statement as to whether the offeror or his agent intends, for the purpose of stabilizing, to sell shares or bonds in the Special Offering in excess of that owned and included in the original offer as permitted by Rule 243 (a).

(j) Statement that the shares or bonds covered by the application do or do not require registration under the Securities Act of 1933, together with explanation thereof.

This information should be given to the Exchange as soon as possible in advance of the time it is proposed to make the Special Offering. Announcement will not be made on the tape of the Special Offering (and the Special Offering thus cannot become effective) until the Exchange has the requisite information and has approved it.

.02 Ownership. --The offeror in a Special Offering must be the bona fide owner of the entire block of security offered, net of any short account the offeror may have in such security. Sales for the purpose of stabilizing as permitted by Rule 243 (a) are excepted.

.03 "Piecemeal." --"All or None" Offerings. "Piecemeal" or successive offerings of the same security by the same offeror, and offerings on an "all-or-none" basis, will not be permitted.

.04 Minimum Period of Offering. --Rule 243 (c) provides in part that unless otherwise specifically exempted by the Exchange, every Special Offering shall remain open for a minimum period of 15 minutes. An exemption from this minimum requirement is specifically given to any offering which has been announced on the Exchange ticker tape at least one hour before the offering becomes effective. An offering so exempted from the minimum 15 minute requirement shall not be closed without the approval of the Exchange.

.05 Other Offers by Offeror. --It should be noted that, under Rule 243 (d), an offeror may not, while his Special Offering is open, offer any shares or bonds of the same security in the regular auction market, without prior permission of the Exchange.

.06 Orders after Close. --Orders accumulated after the close shall be completed on the Floor of the Exchange at the opening of the next market session.

.07 Handling of Special Offering Transactions. --Purchases against Special Offerings must be completed on the Floor of the Exchange at the post where the security is dealt in. The handling of the Floor end of the business, on either the purchase or the offering side, may be entrusted to a Floor broker or in the same manner as in the case of regular commission orders. In reference to Rule 247 attention is directed to the fact that in connection with a Special Offering, the broker for the buyer is acting in an agency capacity and the agency obligation to buy at the most advantageous cost to the customer shall be observed.
.08 Stabilizing. --The right to sell an amount not to exceed 10 per cent of the number of shares or bonds owned and originally offered in the Special Offering, for the purpose of stabilizing and as part of a Special Offering, is subject to the prior approval of the Exchange. Stabilizing operations in connection with Special Offerings must be discussed in advance with the staff of the Exchange.

.09 Stop Orders --Odd-lot Orders. --Transactions effected pursuant to Special Offerings shall not elect stop-orders or open odd-lot orders for execution in the regular market.

.10 Confirmations. --The information to be furnished on confirmations in conformity with Rule 247 (b) may be inserted on the face of an appropriate form of confirmation in type no smaller than other surrounding type or it may appear on the back of such confirmation in the same type, provided the face of the confirmation contains the following legend in the type illustrated as follows:

"IMPORTANT --SEE REVERSE SIDE"

The information may also be attached and made a part of an appropriate form of confirmation in type no smaller than 8 point.

.11 Reports. --The applicant shall submit to the Exchange at the close of each day a report of all transactions in the offered security effected for the account of any person having an interest, as seller or as agent, offering the block of the security on the seller's behalf, in the Special Offering. Such reports shall cover the period beginning with the date of commencement of the offering or the stabilizing, whichever is earlier, and ending with the date on which the short position has been covered or the Special Offering account has been terminated, whichever is later.

Rule 923 [Member Officers] Reserved
[A member of the Exchange shall be an officer of the member organization that is a corporation. He shall own and continue to own such an interest in the voting stock of said corporation as shall be acceptable to the Committee; provided that the Committee may waive such requirement of voting stock ownership, if the voting stock ownership is otherwise satisfactory to the Committee.]

A notice of the proposed rule change for publication in the Federal Register is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.
2. **Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization**

   The Executive Committee, pursuant to delegated authority, approved the proposal for filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission") on January 6, 2005 and March 3, 2005.

   Questions and comments on the proposed rule change may be directed to John Dayton, Director and Counsel at (215) 496-5162 or to Edith Hallahan, Senior Vice President and Deputy General Counsel at (215) 496-5179.

3. **Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change**

   a. **Purpose**

   The purpose of the proposed rule change is to update Phlx rules to remove rules that are not applicable due to changes in the law or methods of business on the Exchange, or to the Exchange’s lack of utility for effective market surveillance.

   **Rule 129 Withdrawal of Orders**

   Rule 129 prohibits the withdrawal of an order from the Exchange, at the request of another member, for the purpose of the purchase or sale of the securities outside of the Exchange. Currently, it is understood that members, in exercising their agency duty to obtain best execution for orders entrusted to them, may remove orders from the Exchange and seek execution in other venues. Therefore, deletion of this rule should assist members in fulfilling their best execution obligations. The Phlx believes that no other exchange has a similar rule.

   **Rule 219 Seller Must be Identified**

   Rule 219 requires identification to the specialist of any order on which a non-member commission will not be charged. Phlx believes that this rule is no longer
applicable to today’s trading environment and may be referring to certain “fixed commissions,” which have been abolished by the Commission long ago. The Phlx believes that no other exchange has a similar rule.

**Rule 236 Reports of Positions of Specialists and Alternate Specialists in Securities for which the Exchange is the Primary Market.**

Rule 236 requires specialists and alternate specialists to report daily their closing positions in securities for which the Phlx is the primary market (as defined in the rule). Because position limits do not apply to trading in equity securities and because there is no rule for which this information would be useful, Phlx believes that such daily reporting is not needed. If a particular investigation required information regarding the position of a member for a given period of time, that information is available, (and is to be retained by the member) under applicable books and records and disciplinary rules. ³

**Rules 241-248 Rules for Special Offerings**

Rules 241-248 concerned special offerings of securities on the Phlx. The Exchange proposes deletion of these rules because the Commission rescinded Rule 10b-2 under the Act⁴. Special offerings were allowed pursuant to an exemption created by Rule 10b-2 recognizing “special offerings under a plan filed with the Commission by an exchange.” Rules 241-248 referred to the “exemption afforded by Rule 240.10b-2(d)(1).” These rules have become obsolete due to the rescission of Rule 10b-2. ⁵

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⁴ 17 CFR 240.10b-2.

⁵ Similarly, the New York Stock Exchange (“NYSE”) rescinded rules (NYSE rules 391 and 392) similar to Phlx rules 241-248 in 1993 in response to the Commission’s
Rule 923  Member Officers

Rule 923 requires members associated with member corporations to be officers and voting stockholders of those member corporations, noting that the Exchange may waive the voting stock requirement of the rule. The Phlx does not believe that these requirements serve to protect the Exchange and believes deletion gives a member corporation maximum flexibility to choose whom in their organization to employ as members of the Exchange.

Rule 229  Double Up/Down

The Exchange also proposes to delete the mandatory manual double up/double down price protection (“Double Up/Down”) from Rule 229.07(c)(ii).

The Phlx believes the deletion of Double Up/Down should reduce the time between order receipt and execution, thereby improving order turnaround time, and should reduce the number of manual orders, which should reduce the instances where specialists may inadvertently trade ahead of customer orders.

Currently, for all securities trading on PACE\(^6\), specialists may choose to put a particular security on a form of price improvement called automatic price improvement (“API’’). If a specialist does not choose API for that security, then the specialist is required to provide Double Up/Down, unless the order entry firm declines this feature for their orders. Double Up/Down affects automatically executable market and marketable limit orders of 599 shares or less, or such larger orders that the specialist voluntarily rescission of Rule 10b-2. See Securities Act Release No. 32822 (August 31, 1993), 58 FR 47484 (September 9, 1993) (SR-NYSE-93-20).

\(^6\) PACE is the Exchange’s automated order routing, delivery, execution and reporting system for equities. See Phlx Rule 229.
agrees to. In Double Up/Down, the rule mandates that the PACE system drop such orders for manual handling and stop such orders at the PACE Quote in situations where the spread of the PACE Quote is at least $.05 and the last sale is at least $.10 away from price at which the automatic execution would otherwise occur. Specialists then must treat the order as stopped, thereby representing the stopped order in the quote by improving the quote and in any case guaranteeing the order no worse than the stop price by the end of the trading day.

With the elimination of Double Up/Down, orders that would otherwise drop for manual handling because of the existence of certain market conditions would be executed automatically. In addition, specialists will continue to have the opportunity to choose to put any particular security on API.

b. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act\(^7\) in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act\(^8\) in particular, in that it designated 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 to protect investors and the public interest by updating the Exchange’s rules.

4. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement on Burden on Competition

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any

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\(^7\) 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

5. **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.

6. **Extension of Time Period for Commission Action**

   The Exchange does not consent to an extension of the time period for Commission action.

7. **Basis for Summary Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3) or for Accelerated Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(2)**

   Not Applicable.

8. **Proposed Rule Change Based on Rules of Another Self-Regulatory Organization or of the Commission**

   The proposed rule change is not based on the rules of another self-regulatory organization or of the Commission.

9. **Exhibits**

   1. Notice of proposed rule for publication in the **Federal Register**.
Exhibit 1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
(Release No.                  ; File No. SR-Phlx-2005-61)

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change by the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Inc. relating to the Deletion of Obsolete Rules.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") \(^1\), and Rule 19b-4 \(^2\) thereunder, notice is hereby given that on ______________________ 2005, the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Inc. ("Phlx" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III, below, which Items have been prepared by the Phlx. 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

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[The withdrawal from the Floor of the Exchange of an order for the purchase or sale of securities, or any part thereof, at the request of another member of the Exchange, for the purpose of the purchase or sale of the securities so withdrawn outside of the Exchange is prohibited.]

**Rule 219 [Seller Must Be Identified] Reserved**

[Orders on which a non-member commission will not be charged the purchaser or seller must be identified to the specialist when entered for execution on the Exchange. To be included in this category are orders entered by an Exchange member, or a general partner or officer of a member organization, or any employee acting in a principal capacity for a member organization, etc., and on which a non-member commission is not charged for the execution.]

**Rule 229 Philadelphia Stock Exchange Automated Communication and Execution System (PACE)**

Supplementary Material:

.01-.07(c)(i) No Change

.07(c)(ii) [Mandatory Manual Double-up/Double-down Price Protection --Where the specialist does not agree to provide automatic price improvement in a security, the specialist must provide manual double-up/double-down price protection in any instance where the bid/ask of the PACE Quote is $.05 or greater for equities trading in decimals, beginning at 9:30 A.M., to all customers and all eligible orders in a security, whereby the PACE System shall stop eligible automatically executable market and marketable limit orders of 599 shares or less in New York Stock Exchange or American Stock Exchange listed securities received through PACE in double-up/down situations in order to receive an opportunity for price improvement over the PACE Quote when received. Orders are "stopped" by the specialist at the PACE Quote when received, meaning that the order is guaranteed to receive at least that price by the end of the trading day. A specialist may voluntarily agree to provide manual double-up/double-down price protection to larger orders in a particular security to all customers under this provision. Where the execution (stop) price would be outside the primary market high/low range for the day, if so elected by the entering member organization, the order will be handled manually pursuant to paragraph (a) above. Odd-lot orders are not eligible for double-up/double-down manual price protection.

A double-up/double-down situation is defined as a trade that would be at least:

(i) $.10 (up or down) for equities trading in decimals from the last regular way sale on the primary market; or

(ii) $.10 for equities trading in decimals from the regular way sale that was the previous
intra-day change on the primary market.

(iii) Member organizations entering orders may elect to participate in manual double-up/double-down price protection. Failure to elect will result in the activation of the double-up/double-down feature for that User, but specialists determine whether to provide automatic price improvement in a particular security.

(iv) Extraordinary Circumstances – Both automatic price improvement [and manual double-up/double-down price protection] may be disengaged in a security or floor-wide in extraordinary circumstances with the approval of two Floor Officials. In addition to fast market conditions, for purposes of this paragraph, extraordinary circumstances also include systems malfunctions and other circumstances that limit the Exchange's ability to receive, disseminate or update market quotations in a timely and accurate manner.

.08-.09 No Change

.10(a)(i) Marketable Limit Orders--round-lot orders up to 500 shares and the round-lot portion of PRL limit orders up to 599 shares which are entered at the PACE Quote shall be executed at the PACE Quote. Such orders shall be executed automatically unless the member organization entering orders otherwise elects. Specialists may voluntarily agree to execute marketable limit orders greater than 599 shares. Where the specialist has voluntarily agreed to automatically execute marketable limit orders greater than 599 shares and the order size is greater than 599 shares, but less than or equal to the size of the PACE Quote, the marketable limit order is automatically executable at the PACE Quote; if the order size is greater than 599 shares and greater than the size of the PACE Quote, the marketable limit order shall manually receive an execution at the PACE Quote up to the size of the PACE Quote, with the balance of the order available to be executed as an existing order pursuant to Supplementary Material .04A(b)(i) above, or receiving a professional execution, in accordance with Supplementary Material, .10(b) below; provided that the specialist may guarantee an automatic execution at the PACE Quote up to the entire size of such specialist's automatic execution guarantee.

When the PACE Quote is locked, automatically executable marketable limit orders entered after the opening will be automatically executed at the locked price, if all the specialists assigned to a security determine to elect this feature for a particular security.

Marketable limit orders may be eligible for automatic price improvement [or manual double-up/double-down price protection] pursuant to Supplementary Material .07(c) above.

.10(a)(ii)-.22 No Change

Rule 236 [Reports of Positions of Specialists and Alternate Specialists in Securities for which the Exchange is the Primary Market] Reserved

[In a manner prescribed by the Exchange, each Specialist and Alternate Specialist in
securities for which the Exchange is the primary market shall, no later than 10:00 a.m. on each business day, report to the Exchange his closing position on the previous business day in such securities. The report shall also designate the name of the bank, broker-dealer or clearing corporation carrying and providing financing (margin) for such positions.

Supplementary Material:

.01 For purposes of this Rule, a security for which the Exchange is the primary market, shall mean a security which is listed on one or more regional stock exchanges and which is not listed on either the American or New York Stock Exchanges.

.02 With respect to a specialist and/or alternate who utilizes the services of a clearing corporation or broker-dealer to clear and settle his transactions, compliance with this Rule may be achieved through an arrangement whereby the clearing corporation or broker dealer files the prescribed information with the Exchange on behalf of the specialist or alternate specialist.]

Rule 241  [Special Offerings] Reserved

[Notwithstanding the provisions of other Rules, which might otherwise apply, the Exchange may, subject to the conditions specified in this Rule and to compliance with the provisions contained herein, permit a "Special Offering" (as herein defined) to be made through the facilities of the Exchange, provided that the Exchange (after consulting and with the concurrence of a Governor who is active on the Floor of the Exchange) shall have determined that the regular market on the Exchange cannot, within a reasonable time and at a reasonable price or prices, absorb the particular block of a security which is to be the subject of such Special Offering. In making such determination the following factors shall be taken into consideration, via:

(a) price range and the volume of transactions in such security on the Floor of the Exchange during the preceding six months;

(b) attempts which have been made to dispose of the security in the regular market on the Floor of the Exchange;

(c) the apparent past and current interest in such security in such regular market on the Floor; and

(d) the number of shares or bonds and the current market value of the block of such security proposed to be covered by such Special Offering.

Except in special circumstances a Special Offering will not be permitted unless the offering involves at least 1,000 shares of stock with an aggregate market value of not less than $25,000, or $15,000 par value in bonds with an aggregate market value of not less than $10,000.]
Rule 242  [Definition]  Reserved

[A Special Offering is defined as an offering (designated as a fixed price offering) by one or more members or member organizations acting for his or its own account or for the account of one or more other persons, for the sale of a block of a security dealt in on the Exchange through the facilities of the Exchange at a price not in excess of the last sale of such security or the current offer of such security in the regular market on the Floor of the Exchange, whichever is the lower, but equal to or higher than the current bid for such security in such market, whereby the offer or agrees to pay a special commission to such members and member organizations as may accept all or any part of such Offering for the account of his or its customers; provided, that the security which is the subject of such Offering is a security to which the exemption afforded by Rule 240.10b-2(d)(1) issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission, and such amendments thereto as have been or may be from time to time adopted, is available at the time of such Offering.]

Rule 243 [Conditions]  Reserved

[No Special Offering, as provided in these Rules shall be made unless each of the following conditions is complied with, via:

(a) The person for whose account such Special Offering is to be made shall at the time of such Offering be the owner of the entire block of the security so to be offered, except that, for the purpose of stabilizing, there also may be sold for such person's account, or for the account of any member organization offering the block of security on his behalf, as part of the Special Offering, an amount not to exceed 10% of the shares or bonds owned and originally offered in the Special Offering by such person.

(b) The person for whose account such Special Offering is to be made shall include within the Offering all of the security which he then intends to offer within a reasonable time, and there shall be furnished to the Exchange before the Offering is made a written statement by the offeror to that effect or a written statement by his broker stating that the broker has been so advised by the offeror.

(c) A Special Offering shall be automatically suspended as long as an offering exists "regular way" at a price which would permit a purchase at a lower net cost than in the Special Offering. Unless otherwise specifically exempted by the Exchange, every Special Offering shall remain open for a minimum period of 15 minutes, inclusive of any period during which it is suspended by operation of the above provision. A Special Offering which has not been completed in the 15 minute minimum period shall not be withdrawn before completion without the approval of the Exchange.

(d) The person for whose account such Special Offering is made shall agree that during the period such offering is open, he will not offer in the regular market on the floor of the Exchange any shares or bonds of the security which is the subject of such Special Offering, unless the prior permission of the Exchange is first obtained.]
(e) The special commission referred to in Rule 242 shall not exceed $1 per share on purchases at a price of $50 or less per share, or 2% of the purchase price on purchases at a price in excess of $50 per share. In the case of bonds such commission shall not exceed 21/2 % of the purchase price.

(f) No member or member organization shall directly or indirectly receive any part of the special commission referred to in Rule 242 in connection with any purchase for his or its own account or the account of a partner thereof or a stockholder therein or for the account of any other member or member organization or partner thereof or stockholder therein, made pursuant to a Special Offering.

(g) A Special Offering shall not be made unless it can be accepted in a lesser amount or amounts than the total of the securities offered.

(h) A Special Offering shall be made for acceptance in round lots or in odd lots, without preference, and in the case of an odd-lot purchase no differential shall be added to the gross purchase price of the Special Offering.

(i) When buying orders in a Special Offering exceed the amount available in the offering, the offered security will be allocated in reasonably proportionate amounts.]

Rule 244 [When Effective] Reserved

[A Special Offering, when approved, shall become effective upon announcement by the Exchange on the tape of the terms and conditions of such Offering.]

Rule 245 [Terms of Offering on Tape] Reserved

[The terms of a Special Offering shall be printed on the tape before it is effective, with a statement, if such be the fact, that stabilizing transactions have been effected or are contemplated and that it is intended to over allot as permitted by Rule 243 (a). Transactions effected pursuant to a Special Offering shall when feasible be printed currently on the tape, and the tape shall show the gross price and the special commission in a legend such as: "SP OFF 100 XYZ 40 COM .50", as well as the number of orders involved in such transaction where more than one order is involved; and after the close of the market, any unprinted remainder of such transactions executed during the day shall be so printed. When the offering is terminated, an announcement to that effect shall be printed on the tape; and when the intention to stabilize is terminated, such fact shall be announced on the tape, together with a statement that stabilizing transactions have been effected, if such be the fact.]

Rule 246 [Odd Lots] Reserved

[Transactions effected pursuant to a Special Offering shall not elect the execution of any outstanding "regular way" odd-lot orders.]
**Rule 247** [Authorization] Reserved

[(a) A Special Offering may be approved and made only if the person or persons for whose account it is proposed to be made shall have specifically authorized such Offering and its terms.

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(b) A member organization effecting for the account of a customer a purchase pursuant to a Special Offering shall confirm such transaction to such customer at the offering price and shall not charge to or collect from such customer any commission on account of such transaction.

The confirmation by a member organization to a buyer or seller in a Special Offering shall state in full the terms and conditions of the Special Offering. The confirmation to a buyer shall state at least:

1. That the purchase was part of a Special Offering;
2. That no commission is to be charged to the customer;
3. That the seller is to pay a special commission to the member organization, if such be the fact;
4. The amount of such special commission;
5. The information printed on the tape regarding stabilizing transactions or the intention to stabilize; and
6. The nature of the member organization's interest in the Special Offering, if any, other than its interest as a recipient of the special commission.

(c) A member organization soliciting purchase orders for execution pursuant to a Special Offering shall advise the person so solicited of the terms and conditions of such Offering before effecting any transaction for such person pursuant thereto. Such disclosure shall include at least the items described in paragraphs (1) to (6) of Rule 247 (b).

(d) A member organization with an order for the purchase of a security which is the subject of a Special Offering shall effect such purchase in the regular market whenever a "regular way" offering is available which would permit such purchase at a lower net cost than in the Special Offering. Every order for purchase in a Special Offering shall be accepted pursuant to the above condition.]

**Rule 248** [Information Regarding Special Offerings] Reserved

[It is not the purpose of these Rules to supersede the auction market or supplant approved secondary distributions, but to provide means for the handling of blocks of securities]
dealt in on the Exchange, through the facilities of the Exchange, where such blocks, under current conditions, cannot readily be absorbed in the auction market within a reasonable time and at a reasonable price.

Rules 241-248 are intended primarily to provide for Special Offerings on an agency basis by members or member organizations on behalf of their non-member customers. However, the Rules do not prohibit a Special Offering by a member or member organization for his or its own account.

.01 Preliminary Information Required. --The broker for the offeror will be required to furnish the following information to the Exchange prior to the announcement of the Special Offering on the tape:

(a) Name of the security and ticker symbol.
(b) Number of shares or bonds.
(c) Special Offering price.
(d) Special commission.
(e) Name of the offeror.
(f) Written assurance of the offeror, or of the broker upon advice from the offeror, that the shares or bonds contained in the Offering are all of the security which he then intends to offer within a reasonable time, as required in Rule 243 (b).
(g) Assurance of agreement of offeror to terms of Offering.
(h) Statement as to whether stabilizing operations will be engaged in to facilitate Special Offering.
(i) Statement as to whether the offeror or his agent intends, for the purpose of stabilizing, to sell shares or bonds in the Special Offering in excess of that owned and included in the original offer as permitted by Rule 243 (a).
(j) Statement that the shares or bonds covered by the application do or do not require registration under the Securities Act of 1933, together with explanation thereof.

This information should be given to the Exchange as soon as possible in advance of the time it is proposed to make the Special Offering. Announcement will not be made on the tape of the Special Offering (and the Special Offering thus cannot become effective) until the Exchange has the requisite information and has approved it.

.02 Ownership. --The offeror in a Special Offering must be the bona fide owner of the entire block of security offered, net of any short account the offeror may have in such
security. Sales for the purpose of stabilizing as permitted by Rule 243 (a) are excepted.

.03 "Piecemeal." --"All or None" Offerings. "Piecemeal" or successive offerings of the same security by the same offeror, and offerings on an "all-or-none" basis, will not be permitted.

.04 Minimum Period of Offering. --Rule 243 (c) provides in part that unless otherwise specifically exempted by the Exchange, every Special Offering shall remain open for a minimum period of 15 minutes. An exemption from this minimum requirement is specifically given to any offering which has been announced on the Exchange ticker tape at least one hour before the offering becomes effective. An offering so exempted from the minimum 15 minute requirement shall not be closed without the approval of the Exchange.

.05 Other Offers by Offeror. --It should be noted that, under Rule 243 (d), an offeror may not, while his Special Offering is open, offer any shares or bonds of the same security in the regular auction market, without prior permission of the Exchange.

.06 Orders after Close. --Orders accumulated after the close shall be completed on the Floor of the Exchange at the opening of the next market session.

.07 Handling of Special Offering Transactions. --Purchases against Special Offerings must be completed on the Floor of the Exchange at the post where the security is dealt in. The handling of the Floor end of the business, on either the purchase or the offering side, may be entrusted to a Floor broker or in the same manner as in the case of regular commission orders. In reference to Rule 247 attention is directed to the fact that in connection with a Special Offering, the broker for the buyer is acting in an agency capacity and the agency obligation to buy at the most advantageous cost to the customer shall be observed.

.08 Stabilizing. --The right to sell an amount not to exceed 10 per cent of the number of shares or bonds owned and originally offered in the Special Offering, for the purpose of stabilizing and as part of a Special Offering, is subject to the prior approval of the Exchange. Stabilizing operations in connection with Special Offerings must be discussed in advance with the staff of the Exchange.

.09 Stop Orders --Odd-lot Orders. --Transactions effected pursuant to Special Offerings shall not elect stop-orders or open odd-lot orders for execution in the regular market.

.10 Confirmations. --The information to be furnished on confirmations in conformity with Rule 247 (b) may be inserted on the face of an appropriate form of confirmation in type no smaller than other surrounding type or it may appear on the back of such confirmation in the same type, provided the face of the confirmation contains the following legend in the type illustrated as follows:

"IMPORTANT --SEE REVERSE SIDE"
The information may also be attached and made a part of an appropriate form of confirmation in type no smaller than 8 point.

.11 Reports. --The applicant shall submit to the Exchange at the close of each day a report of all transactions in the offered security effected for the account of any person having an interest, as seller or as agent, offering the block of the security on the seller's behalf, in the Special Offering. Such reports shall cover the period beginning with the date of commencement of the offering or the stabilizing, whichever is earlier, and ending with the date on which the short position has been covered or the Special Offering account has been terminated, whichever is later.]

**Rule 923 [Member Officers] Reserved**

[A member of the Exchange shall be an officer of the member organization that is a corporation. He shall own and continue to own such an interest in the voting stock of said corporation as shall be acceptable to the Committee; provided that the Committee may waive such requirement of voting stock ownership, if the voting stock ownership is otherwise satisfactory to the Committee.]

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 Phlx 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 Phlx 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 the proposed rule change is to update Phlx rules to remove rules that are not applicable due to changes in the law or methods of business on the Exchange, or to the Exchange’s lack of utility for effective market surveillance.
Rule 129  Withdrawal of Orders

Rule 129 prohibits the withdrawal of an order from the Exchange, at the request of another member, for the purpose of the purchase or sale of the securities outside of the Exchange. Currently, it is understood that members, in exercising their agency duty to obtain best execution for orders entrusted to them, may remove orders from the Exchange and seek execution in other venues. Therefore, deletion of this rule should assist members in fulfilling their best execution obligations. The Phlx believes that no other exchange has a similar rule.

Rule 219  Seller Must be Identified

Rule 219 requires identification to the specialist of any order on which a non-member commission will not be charged. Phlx believes that this rule is no longer applicable to today’s trading environment and may be referring to certain “fixed commissions,” which have been abolished by the Commission long ago. The Phlx believes that no other exchange has a similar rule.

Rule 236  Reports of Positions of Specialists and Alternate Specialists in Securities for which the Exchange is the Primary Market.

Rule 236 requires specialists and alternate specialists to report daily their closing positions in securities for which the Phlx is the primary market (as defined in the rule). Because position limits do not apply to trading in equity securities and because there is no rule for which this information would be useful, Phlx believes that such daily reporting is not needed. If a particular investigation required information regarding the
position of a member for a given period of time, that information is available, (and is to be retained by the member) under applicable books and records and disciplinary rules. 5

Rules 241-248 Rules for Special Offerings

Rules 241-248 concerned special offerings of securities on the Phlx. The Exchange proposes deletion of these rules because the Commission rescinded Rule 10b-2 under the Act6. Special offerings were allowed pursuant to an exemption created by Rule 10b-2 recognizing “special offerings under a plan filed with the Commission by an exchange.” Rules 241-248 referred to the “exemption afforded by Rule 240.10b-2(d)(1).” These rules have become obsolete due to the rescission of Rule 10b-2. 7

Rule 923 Member Officers

Rule 923 requires members associated with member corporations to be officers and voting stockholders of those member corporations, noting that the Exchange may waive the voting stock requirement of the rule. The Phlx does not believe that these requirements serve to protect the Exchange and believes deletion gives a member corporation maximum flexibility to choose whom in their organization to employ as members of the Exchange.


6 17 CFR 240.10b-2.

Rule 229 Double Up/Down

The Exchange also proposes to delete the mandatory manual double up/down price protection (“Double Up/Down”) from Rule 229.07(c)(ii).

The Phlx believes the deletion of Double Up/Down should reduce the time between order receipt and execution, thereby improving order turnaround time, and should reduce the number of manual orders, which should reduce the instances where specialists may inadvertently trade ahead of customer orders.

Currently, for all securities trading on PACE\(^8\), specialists may choose to put a particular security on a form of price improvement called automatic price improvement (“API’). If a specialist does not choose API for that security, then the specialist is required to provide Double Up/Down, unless the order entry firm declines this feature for their orders. Double Up/Down affects automatically executable market and marketable limit orders of 599 shares or less, or such larger orders that the specialist voluntarily agrees to. In Double Up/Down, the rule mandates that the PACE system drop such orders for manual handling and stop such orders at the PACE Quote in situations where the spread of the PACE Quote is at least $.05 and the last sale is at least $.10 away from price at which the automatic execution would otherwise occur. Specialists then must treat the order as stopped, thereby representing the stopped order in the quote by improving the quote and in any case guaranteeing the order no worse than the stop price by the end of the trading day.

With the elimination of Double Up/Down, orders that would otherwise drop for manual handling because of the existence of certain market conditions would be executed

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\(^8\)PACE is the Exchange’s automated order routing, delivery, execution and reporting system for equities. See Phlx Rule 229.
automatically. In addition, specialists will continue to have the opportunity to choose to put any particular security on API.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act9 in particular, in that it is designated 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 to protect investors and the public interest by updating the Exchange’s rules.

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. 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

Within 35 days of the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register or within such longer period (i) as the Commission may designate up to 90 days of such date if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or (ii) as to which Phlx consents, the Commission shall: (a) by order approve such proposed

rule change, or (b) institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be 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 e-mail to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-Phlx-2005-61 on the subject line.

Paper comments:

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Jonathan G. Katz, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549-0609.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-Phlx-2005-61. 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 [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
inspection and copying in the Commission’s Public Reference Room. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Phlx. 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-2005-61 and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from publication in the Federal Register].

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.\textsuperscript{10}

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Margaret H. McFarland  
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\textsuperscript{10} 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).