Proposed Rule Change by Philadelphia Stock Exchange

Pursuant to Rule 19b-4 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

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Description

Provide a brief description of the proposed rule change (limit 250 characters).

Changes to dissemination of index values.

Contact Information

Provide the name, telephone number and e-mail address of the person on the staff of the self-regulatory organization prepared to respond to questions and comments on the proposed rule change.

First Name Carla

Last Name Behnfeldt

Title Director

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Telephone (215) 496-5208

Signature

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 01/12/2006

By Carla Behnfeldt

(Director)

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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.

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**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).

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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.

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**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.

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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.

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1. **Text of the Proposed Rule Change**

The Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Inc. ("Phlx" or "Exchange"), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") and Rule 19b-4 thereunder, proposes to continue the listing and trading of options on various stock indices upon making certain changes to the procedures for dissemination of the values of the indices. Specifically, Phlx has determined to license the current and closing index values underlying options currently listed pursuant to Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") approval pursuant to Rule 19b-4 rule filings, namely, the Phlx Gold/Silver SectorSM ("XAUSM"), Phlx Oil Service SectorSM ("OSXSM"), Phlx Semiconductor Sector ("SOXSM"), Phlx Europe SectorSM ("XEXSM"), and the Phlx Utility SectorSM ("UTYSM") (together, the "Approved Index Options"), as well as values of most of Phlx’s other proprietary indexes, to its wholly owned subsidiary, the Philadelphia Board of Trade ("PBOT"), for the purpose of selling, reproducing and distributing the index values over PBOT’s Market Data Distribution Network ("MDDN"). The Exchange proposes that the index values underlying the Approved

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Index Options will no longer be disseminated as described in their respective Rule 19b-4 filings and approval orders. The Exchange is also seeking approval to cease disseminating the current and closing index values of all its proprietary indexes over the facilities of the Consolidated Tape Association (“CTA”), and to disseminate such values solely over the PBOT’s MDDN. Finally, the Exchange is seeking approval for the subscriber fees to be charged to market data vendors by PBOT for all the values of Phlx’s proprietary indexes disseminated by PBOT’s MDDN.

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 May 31, 2005 and on January 12, 2006. Questions and comments on the proposed rule change may be directed to Carla Behnfeldt, Director, Legal Department New Product will enter into similar license agreements with proprietors of other indexes underlying options traded on the Phlx.

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6 Phlx’s proprietary indexes are, in addition to the indexes underlying the Approved Index Options, the Phlx Defense SectorSM, Phlx Drug SectorSM, Phlx Europe SectorSM, Phlx Housing SectorSM, and the Phlx World Energy IndexSM, all of which were listed pursuant to Phlx Rule 1009A(b), the Exchange’s generic index option listing standard rule. Phlx’s proprietary indexes are owned and maintained by Phlx. The Exchange has determined not to remove the Phlx World Energy IndexSM and the Phlx Europe SectorSM from CTA immediately, but is requesting approval to do so when and if the Exchange determines that disseminating these indexes in the same manner as its other proprietary indexes will be appropriate.
Development Group, at (215) 496-5208, or 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

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dissemination procedures whereby PBOT will be disseminating index value information,
as described above. Currently, the Exchange realizes no revenues from the sale of
current and closing index values disseminated over CTA that are not shared with other
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CTA. At that time, those index values will not be available from CTA and will be available only through the PBOT’s MDDN. They will, however, continue to be disseminated by major market data vendors, as explained below.

In contemplation of removing the index values from CTA, the Exchange has entered into a license agreement with PBOT in which the Exchange granted to PBOT, subject to the terms and conditions set forth therein, a non-exclusive, fully-paid, royalty-free, worldwide right and license to sell, offer for sale, perform, display, reproduce and distribute the current and closing index values derived from the Phlx proprietary indices to be disseminated over the MDDN. In the license agreement Phlx agreed that it or its third party designee would use commercially reasonable efforts to objectively calculate and make available to PBOT every 15 seconds real time current and closing index values on each trading day so that PBOT may market, sell and distribute the values to third parties. In turn, PBOT agreed that it would commercialize the values in a diligent manner. Finally, the parties acknowledged and agreed that the goodwill created from PBOT’s exercise of its rights under the agreement would constitute the full consideration for the grant of licenses therein.

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9 As noted above, for business reasons the Phlx World Energy IndexSM (“XWE”SM) and the Phlx Europe SectorSM (“XEX”SM) will not initially be disseminated over the MDDN but will continue to be disseminated over the facilities of CTA.

10 PBOT has and will also enter into license agreements with one or more third party index providers to sell, reproduce and distribute index values which underlie other Phlx traded options listed pursuant to Rule 19b-4(e). Those index values will also be removed from CTA.

11 The license does not include the right to sublicense, modify, improve or create derivative works of, the values or the indices.
PBOT, in turn, will and has executed agreements with various vendors/subvendors of market data for the right to receive, store, and retransmit the current and closing index values transmitted over the MDDN. The subscriber fees payable to PBOT by vendors for the use or resale of these values are set forth in those agreements. Initially, all vendors will be charged a monthly fee of $1.00 per “Device,” as defined in the agreement,\(^{12}\) that is used by Vendors/Subvendors and their subscribers to receive and re-transmit Phlx proprietary sector index spot and settlement values, and $.00025 per request for real-time snapshot data, which is essentially market data that is refreshed no more frequently than once every 60 seconds, and $1,500 per month for unlimited snapshot data requests.\(^ {13}\) Separate charges will apply for futures market data, which is not the subject of this proposed rule change. However, the agreements will provide that PBOT may change any of the fees enumerated in the agreement by giving the vendor or subvendor advance written notice of such changes. Under the agreements

\(^{12}\) The definition of “Device” in the agreement is complex and incorporates a number of other defined terms. The agreement provides that

“Device” shall mean, in case of each Subscriber and in such Subscriber’s discretion, either any Terminal or any End User. For the avoidance of doubt, a Subscriber’s Device may be exclusively Terminals, exclusively End Users or a combination of Terminals or End Users and shall be reported in a manner that is consistent with the way the Vendor identifies such Subscriber’s access to Vendor’s data.

By way of further explanation, an “End User” is an individual authorized or allowed by a Vendor or a Subscriber to access and display real time market data that distributed by PBOT over the MDDN; and a “Terminal” is any type of equipment (fixed or portable) that accesses and displays such market data.

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In the various proposed rule changes filed by the Exchange seeking Commission approval for the listing and trading of the Approved Index Options, the Exchange made certain representations regarding the manner in which index values would be disseminated. The Commission’s approval orders also described the index value dissemination procedures in some cases. The Exchange now proposes to continue the listing and trading of options on various stock indices upon ceasing the dissemination of index values over CTA Tape B as described above. However, current index values will continue to be disseminated as required by Phlx Rule 1100A.15 Moreover, the current index values will be widely disseminated by one or more major market data vendors at least every 15 seconds during trading hours on the Exchange.16 Phlx will also continue to maintain the indexes underlying the Approved Index Options as described in their respective Rule 19b-4 filings and approval orders. Phlx anticipates that it may list options on new Phlx proprietary indexes in the future, in which event the underlying current and closing values of those new indexes will also be disseminated over the PBOT MDDN and

14 One or more major market data vendors may charge PBOT a 15% Administrative Fee, to be deducted from the monthly Subscriber Fees that they are obligated to pay PBOT under the Vendor/Subvendor Agreement.

15 Rule 1100A(a) provides that “[t]he Exchange shall disseminate or shall assure that the closing index value is disseminated after the close of business and the current index value is disseminated from time-to-time on days on which transactions in index options are made on the Exchange.”

16 Current underlying index values for narrow-based index options trading pursuant to Phlx Rule 1009A(b) and Commission Rule 19b-4(e) are also reported at least once every fifteen seconds during the time the index options are traded on the Exchange pursuant to Rule 1009A(b)(10).
not over CTA Tape B. Further, the Exchange may determine at a later date to remove the Phlx World Energy IndexSM ("XWE"SM) and the Phlx Europe SectorSM ("XEX"SM) and disseminate their values over PBOT’s MDDN, like the other Phlx proprietary indexes.

b. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act17 in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act18 in particular, in that it is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest, by permitting the Exchange to cause the dissemination of index values in a manner that will enhance the value to the Exchange of indexes which the Exchange owns, while continuing to maintain the listing and trading of options on these indices as an investment alternative available to investors. The Exchange also believes that its proposal furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(4) of the Act19 in particular, in that it is an equitable allocation of reasonable fees among persons using its facilities.

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

The Phlx does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any inappropriate burden on competition.

5. **Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received from Members, Participants, or Others**

Although the Exchange received no written comments on the proposed rule change to continue listing and trading the Approved Index Options following changes in the index dissemination procedures or the level of fees to be charged by PBOT, the Exchange did receive one comment on the Exchange’s underlying decision to remove index values from the consolidated tape and disseminate them over the PBOT MDDN.\(^{20}\)

While the commenter did not specify the basis for his conclusion that the proposed changes would reduce the volume in index options to zero, the Exchange continues to believe that continued listing and trading of the Approved Index Options after underlying index values are removed from the consolidated tape is appropriate, as are the relocation of all Phlx proprietary index values from the consolidated tape to the PBOT MDDN and the fees to be assessed by PBOT, and, so long as the values continue to be widely disseminated by one or more market data vendors, is consistent with the Act.

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)**

The Exchange requests that the Commission finds good cause, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act, for approving the proposed rule change prior to the thirtieth day after the date of publication of the notice of the filing thereof in the Federal Register. The Exchange believes that granting accelerated approval would permit the Exchange to

\(^{20}\) See e-mail from Brian Schaer to the Exchange dated Thursday, August 25, 2005.
remove the index values in question from CTA and generate fee revenue for the Exchange in order to finance its operations in an expedited manner.

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

The proposed rule change is based in part on proposed rule changes of the New York Stock Exchange Inc., the American Stock Exchange LLC and Nasdaq, which were recently approved by the Commission.21 Those proposed rule changes revised certain generic listing standards for exchange traded funds by eliminating requirements that the current value of the underlying index be disseminated by a particular means (for example, by the consolidated tape) and replaced them with requirements that the current value of the underlying index must be widely disseminated by one or more major market data vendors. As recently amended, these listing standards conform more closely to existing generic narrow based index option listing standards, which do not require underlying index values to be disseminated by any particular party or procedure, so long as they are disseminated every 15 seconds.22


22 See, e.g., Chicago Board Options Exchange, Inc. Rule 24.2(b); International Securities Exchange Inc. Rule 2002(b); Pacific Exchange Inc. Rule 5.13; and Phlx Rule 1009A(b) (listing standards for narrow-based index options requiring that, among other
9. **Exhibits**

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

2. Comment Letter

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things, the current underlying index value be reported at least once every 15 seconds during the time the index option trades on the exchange). The Exchange notes that the International Securities Exchange has filed a proposed rule change to adopt similar generic listing standards for broad based index options which would require only that the current index value be “widely disseminated at least once every fifteen (15) seconds by one or more major market data vendors. . .” without specifying the precise means of such dissemination. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 52084 (July 20, 2005), 70 FR 43481 (July 27, 2005) (SR-ISE-2005-27). The Exchange also notes that the Commission has recently approved generic listing standards for index linked securities which merely require that the current value of the underlying index be widely disseminated at least every 15 seconds. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 52204 (August 3, 2005), 70 FR 46559 (August 10, 2005) (SR-PCX-2005-63), and 51563 (April 15, 2005), 70 FR 21257 (April 25, 2005) (SR-Amex-2005-01).
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
(Release No.                  ; File No. SR-Phlx-2006-04)

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change by the
Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Inc. Relating to Dissemination of Index Values

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 ________________ 2006,
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

The Phlx, pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,\(^3\) proposes to continue
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\(^3\) 17 CFR 240.19b-4
“Approved Index Options”), as well as values of most of Phlx’s other proprietary indexes, to its wholly owned subsidiary, the Philadelphia Board of Trade (“PBOT”)\(^4\), for the purpose of selling, reproducing and distributing the index values over PBOT’s Market Data Distribution Network (“MDDN”).\(^5\) The Exchange proposes that the index values underlying the Approved Index Options will no longer be disseminated as described in their respective Rule 19b-4 filings and approval orders\(^6\). The Exchange is also seeking approval to cease disseminating the current and closing index values of all its proprietary indexes over the facilities of the Consolidated Tape Association (“CTA”), and to disseminate such values solely over the PBOT’s MDDN.\(^7\) Finally, the Exchange is

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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

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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 Act in particular, in that it is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest, by permitting the Exchange to cause the dissemination of index values in a manner that will enhance the value to the Exchange of indexes which the Exchange owns, while continuing to maintain the listing and trading of options on these indices as an investment alternative available to investors. The Exchange also believes that its proposal furthers the objectives of

17 Current underlying index values for narrow-based index options trading pursuant to Phlx Rule 1009A(b) and Commission Rule 19b-4(e) are also reported at least once every fifteen seconds during the time the index options are traded on the Exchange pursuant to Rule 1009A(b)(10).


Section 6(b)(4) of the Act\textsuperscript{20} in particular, in that it is an equitable allocation of reasonable fees among persons using its facilities.

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

Although the Exchange received no written comments on the proposed rule change to continue listing and trading the Approved Index Options following changes in the index dissemination procedures or the level of fees to be charged by PBOT, the Exchange did receive one comment on the Exchange’s underlying decision to remove index values from the consolidated tape and disseminate them over the PBOT MDDN.\textsuperscript{21} While the commenter did not specify the basis for his conclusion that the proposed changes would reduce the volume in index options to zero, the Exchange continues to believe that continued listing and trading of the Approved Index Options after underlying index values are removed from the consolidated tape is appropriate, as are the relocation of all Phlx proprietary index values from the consolidated tape to the PBOT MDDN and the fees to be assessed by PBOT, and, so long as the values continue to be widely disseminated by one or more market data vendors, is consistent with the Act.


\textsuperscript{21} See e-mail from Brian Schaer to the Exchange dated Thursday, August 25, 2005.
III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The Exchange requests that the Commission finds good cause, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act, for approving the proposed rule change prior to the thirtieth day after the date of publication of the notice of the filing thereof in the Federal Register. The Exchange believes that granting accelerated approval would permit the Exchange to remove the index values in question from CTA and generate fee revenue for the Exchange in order to finance its operations in an expedited manner.

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-2006-04 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-2006-04. 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-2006-04 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.  

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Effective October 1, 2005, the proprietary sector index spot and settlement values
<http://www.phlx.com/pbot/Market_Data/Available%20Sector%20Index%20Spot%20and%20Settlement%20Values.pdf> will only be available via PBOT Market Data Distribution, and no longer distributed via the consolidated tape. List of vendors licensed to provide sector index spot and settlement values as well as PBOT market- Coming Soon.

This is a fine example of how to make sure the volume in these index options goes completely to ZERO. Who is the brain surgeon that made this decision?

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