

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁰

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change by the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Inc. Relating to the Application Fee and the ETP Application Fee

January 9, 2003.

Pursuant to section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on December 17, 2002, the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Inc. ("Phlx" or "Exchange"), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission" or "SEC") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II and III below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. 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 Exchange proposes to amend its schedule of dues, fees and charges to increase its current Application Fee from \$200 to \$350, and to delete the reference to the separate ETP Application Fee.

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 amend the Exchange's schedule of dues, fees and charges to increase its current Application Fee to \$350 in order to generate additional revenue. The Exchange currently charges a \$200 Application Fee for applications handled by the Exchange's Membership Services Department, including applications for Exchange membership and foreign currency options ("FCO") participation and for other applications including for approval as a seat lessor or as an inactive nominee.³ The Application Fee is charged only upon the first such approval and is non-recurring; however, a lapse for six months or more necessitates the payment of an Application Fee for reapplication. For example, if a member ceases to be a member on January 1st and applies on or after July 1st of that year to once again become a member, an Application Fee will be charged. Application Fees are used to help offset Exchange clerical and administrative expenditures related to application processing including, but not limited to, regulatory background checks, registration and fingerprint card processing.⁴

Similarly, a \$200 ETP Application Fee is charged to applicants for equity trading permits ("ETPs") who, at the time application is made, are not Exchange members or FCO participants.⁵ The Exchange proposes to delete the \$200 ETP Application Fee from the fee schedule and to simply apply the Application Fee discussed in the previous paragraph to ETP applications to the same extent the Application Fee applies to membership applications. This proposal is intended to remove unnecessary complexity and duplication from the Exchange's fee schedule in order to avoid confusion.

³ Under Exchange rules a lessor need not be an Exchange member. See Phlx Rule 931, Approved Lessor.

⁴ The Exchange has not designated the Application Fee as eligible for the Monthly Member Credit. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 44292 (May 11, 2001), 66 FR 27715 (May 18, 2001) (approving SR-Phlx-2001-49). The Monthly Member Credit allows Exchange members to receive a monthly credit of up to \$1,000 to be applied against certain fees, dues, charges and other such amounts.

⁵ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 45523 (March 8, 2002), 67 FR 11738 (March 15, 2002).

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal to amend its schedule of dues, fees and charges is consistent with section 6(b) of the Act⁶ in general, and furthers the objectives of section 6(b)(4) of the Act⁷ in particular, in that it is an equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among Exchange members and issuers and other persons using its facilities, in particular, in that it fairly allocates costs associated with application processing to those individuals and firms making such applications. The proposal also simplifies the fee schedule by eliminating the reference to the separate ETP Application Fee.

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

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

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 the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission will:

(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 proposal is consistent with the Act. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609. Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the

¹⁰ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1)

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

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 such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Phlx. All submissions should refer to File No. Phlx-2002-79 and should be submitted by February 7, 2003.

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UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION

Sentencing Guidelines for United States Courts

AGENCY: United States Sentencing Commission.

ACTION: Notice of proposed amendments to sentencing guidelines, policy statements, and commentary. Request for public comment, including public comment regarding retroactive application of any of the proposed amendments.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 994(a), (o), and (p) of title 28, United States Code, the United States Sentencing Commission is considering promulgating certain amendments to the sentencing guidelines, policy statements, and commentary. This notice sets forth the proposed amendments and, for each proposed amendment, a synopsis of the issues addressed by that amendment.

The specific amendments proposed in this notice are as follows: (1) A proposed amendment to repromulgate the temporary, emergency amendment implementing the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, Public Law. 107-204, as a permanent, non-emergency amendment, and issues for comment; (2) a proposed amendment to repromulgate the temporary, emergency amendment implementing the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002, Public Law. 107-155, as a permanent, non-emergency amendment; (3) a proposed amendment implementing section 11009 of the 21st Century Department of Justice

Appropriations Authorization Act, Public Law. 107-273, which directs the Commission to review and amend the sentencing guidelines, as appropriate, to provide an appropriate sentencing enhancement for any crime of violence or drug trafficking crime in which the defendant used body armor; (4) a proposed amendment to § 2D1.1 (Unlawful Manufacturing, Importing, Exporting, or Trafficking (Including Possession with Intent to Commit These Offenses); Attempt or Conspiracy) that provides increased penalties for offenses involving oxycodone; (5) issues for comment addressing section 11008 of the 21st Century Department of Justice Appropriations Authorization Act, Public Law. 107-273, regarding an appropriate enhancement for offenses involving influencing, assaulting, resisting, impeding, retaliating against, or threatening a federal judge, magistrate judge, or any other official described in section 111 or section 115 of title 18, United States Code; and (6) an issue for comment regarding section 225 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (the Cyber Security Enhancement Act of 2002), Public Law. 107-296, which directs the Commission to review and amend, if appropriate, the sentencing guidelines and policy statements applicable to persons convicted of an offense under section 1030 of title 18, United States Code. Additional issues for comment regarding the 21st Century Department of Justice Appropriations Authorization Act and the Cyber Security Enhancement Act of 2002 were published in the **Federal Register** on December 18, 2002 (*see* 67 FR 77532).

DATES: Written public comment regarding the proposed amendments set forth in this notice, including public comment regarding retroactive application of any of these proposed amendments, should be received by the Commission not later than March 17, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Public comment should be sent to: United States Sentencing Commission, One Columbus Circle, NE., Suite 2-500, Washington, DC 20002-8002, Attention: Public Affairs.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Courlander, Public Affairs Officer, Telephone: (202) 502-4590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The United States Sentencing Commission is an independent agency in the judicial branch of the United States Government. The Commission promulgates sentencing guidelines and policy statements for federal courts pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 994(a). The Commission also periodically reviews

and revises previously promulgated guidelines pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 994(o) and submits guideline amendments to the Congress not later than the first day of May of each year pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 994(p). The Commission also may promulgate emergency amendments if required to do so by specific congressional legislation.

The Commission seeks comment on the proposed amendments, issues for comment, and any other aspect of the sentencing guidelines, policy statements, and commentary.

The proposed amendments are presented in this notice in one of two formats. First, some of the amendments are proposed as specific revisions to a guideline or commentary. Bracketed text within a proposed amendment indicates a heightened interest on the Commission's part for comment and suggestions for alternative policy choices; for example, a proposed enhancement of (2) levels indicates that the Commission is considering, and invites comment on, alternative policy choices regarding the appropriate level of enhancement. Similarly, bracketed text within a specific offense characteristic or application note means that the Commission specifically invites comment on whether the proposed provision is appropriate. Second, the Commission has highlighted certain issues for comment and invites suggestions on how the Commission should respond to those issues.

The Commission also requests public comment regarding whether the Commission should specify for retroactive application to previously sentenced defendants any of the proposed amendments published in this notice. The Commission requests comment regarding which, if any, of the proposed amendments that may result in a lower guideline range should be made retroactive to previously sentenced defendants pursuant to § 1B1.10 (Reduction in Term of Imprisonment as a Result of Amended Guideline Range).

Additional information pertaining to the proposed amendments described in this notice may be accessed through the Commission's website at <http://www.ussc.gov>.

Authority: 28 U.S.C. 994(a), (o), (p), (x); USSC Rules of Practice and Procedure, Rule 4.4.

Diana E. Murphy,
Chair.

1. Corporate Fraud

Synopsis of Proposed Amendment

This proposed amendment implements directives to the

⁸ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).