

organizational and personnel matters that relate solely to internal personnel rules and practices of ACRS, and information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.]

2:45 p.m.–3 p.m.: Reconciliation of ACRS Comments and

Recommendations (Open)—The Committee will discuss the responses from the NRC Executive Director for Operations to comments and recommendations included in recent ACRS reports and letters.

3:15 p.m.–4:15 p.m.: Draft Final Report on the Biennial ACRS Review of the NRC Safety Research Program (Open)—The Committee will hold a discussion on the draft final report on the biennial ACRS review of the NRC Safety Research Program.

4:15 p.m.–7 p.m.: Preparation of ACRS Reports (Open)—The Committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports on matters discussed during this meeting. [Note: A portion of this session may be closed in order to discuss and protect information designated as proprietary pursuant to 5 U.S.C 552b(c)(4).]

Friday, January 20, 2012, Conference Room T2–B1, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland

8:30 a.m.–8:35 a.m.: Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman (Open)—The ACRS Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of the meeting.

8:35 a.m.–10 a.m.: Augmented Inspection Team Report on North Anna (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the Augmented Inspection Team Report on the North Anna Nuclear Power Station, following the August 23, 2011, earthquake centered near Mineral, VA.

10:15 a.m.–2:30 p.m.: Preparation of ACRS Reports (Open)—The Committee will continue its discussion of proposed ACRS reports. [Note: A portion of this session may be closed in order to discuss and protect information designated as proprietary pursuant to 5 U.S.C 552b(c)(4).]

2:30 p.m.–3 p.m.: Miscellaneous (Open)—The Committee will continue its discussion related to the conduct of Committee activities and specific issues that were not completed during previous meetings.

Procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACRS meetings were published in the **Federal Register** on October 17, 2011 (75 FR 65038–65039). In accordance with those procedures, oral or written views may be presented by members of the public, including

representatives of the nuclear industry. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify Mr. Antonio Dias, Cognizant ACRS Staff (Telephone: (301) 415–6805, Email:

Antonio.Dias@nrc.gov), five days before the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made to allow necessary time during the meeting for such statements. In view of the possibility that the schedule for ACRS meetings may be adjusted by the Chairman as necessary to facilitate the conduct of the meeting, persons planning to attend should check with the Cognizant ACRS staff if such rescheduling would result in major inconvenience.

Thirty-five hard copies of each presentation or handout should be provided 30 minutes before the meeting. In addition, one electronic copy of each presentation should be emailed to the Cognizant ACRS Staff one day before meeting. If an electronic copy cannot be provided within this timeframe, presenters should provide the Cognizant ACRS Staff with a CD containing each presentation at least 30 minutes before the meeting.

In accordance with Subsection 10(d) Public Law 92–463, and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), certain portions of this meeting may be closed, as specifically noted above. Use of still, motion picture, and television cameras during the meeting may be limited to selected portions of the meeting as determined by the Chairman. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during the open portions of the meeting.

ACRS meeting agenda, meeting transcripts, and letter reports are available through the NRC Public Document Room at *pdr.resource@nrc.gov*, or by calling the PDR at 1–(800) 397–4209, or from the Publicly Available Records System (PARS) component of NRC's document system (ADAMS) which is accessible from the NRC Web site at *http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html* or *http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/ACRS/*.

Video teleconferencing service is available for observing open sessions of ACRS meetings. Those wishing to use this service for observing ACRS meetings should contact Mr. Theron Brown, ACRS Audio Visual Technician ((301) 415–8066), between 7:30 a.m. and 3:45 p.m. (ET), at least 10 days before the meeting to ensure the availability of this service.

Individuals or organizations requesting this service will be responsible for telephone line charges and for providing the equipment and facilities that they use to establish the

video teleconferencing link. The availability of video teleconferencing services is not guaranteed.

If attending this meeting please enter through the One White Flint North building, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD. After registering with security please contact Mr. Theron Brown (240) 888–9835 to be escorted to the meeting room.

Dated: December 15, 2011.

Andrew L. Bates,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release Nos. 33–9285; 34–65984, File No. 265–27]

Advisory Committee on Small and Emerging Companies

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting of SEC Advisory Committee on Small and Emerging Companies.

SUMMARY: The Securities and Exchange Commission Advisory Committee on Small and Emerging Companies is providing notice that it will hold a public telephone meeting on Friday, January 6, 2012, beginning at 1 p.m. Members of the public may attend the meeting by listening to the Webcast accessible on the Commission's Web site at *www.sec.gov*. Persons needing special accommodations to access the meeting because of a disability should notify the contact person listed below. The agenda for the meeting includes consideration of a recommendation to the Commission on relaxing current restrictions on general solicitation and advertising in exempt offerings of securities. The Committee may also discuss written statements received and other matters of concern. The public is invited to submit written statements for the meeting, including any comments.

DATES: Written statements should be received on or before Wednesday, January 4, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Written statements may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Statements

- Use the Commission's Internet submission form (*http://www.sec.gov/info/smallbus/acsec.shtml*); or
- Send an email message to *rule-comments@sec.gov*. Please include File Number 265–27 on the subject line; or

Paper Statements

• Send paper statements in triplicate to Elizabeth M. Murphy, Federal Advisory Committee Management Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549-9303.

All submissions should refer to File No. 265-27. This file number should be included on the subject line if email is used. To help us process and review your statement more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all statements on the Advisory Committee's Web site at <http://www.sec.gov/info/smallbus/acsec.shtml>.

Statements also will be available for Web site viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE., Room 1580, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. All statements received will be posted without change; we do not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Johanna V. Losert, Special Counsel, at (202) 551-3460, Office of Small Business Policy, Division of Corporation Finance, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549-3628.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with Section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C.—App. 1, § 10(a), and the regulations thereunder, Meredith B. Cross, Designated Federal Officer of the Committee, has ordered publication of this notice.

Dated: December 15, 2011.

Elizabeth M. Murphy,
Committee Management Officer.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-65966; File No. SR-BX-2011-083]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; NASDAQ OMX BX, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Extend the Penny Pilot Program

December 15, 2011.

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 2, 2011, NASDAQ OMX BX, Inc. (the “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been 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 Chapter V, Section 33 (Penny Pilot Program) of the Rules of the Boston Options Exchange Group, LLC (“BOX”) to extend, through June 30, 2012, the pilot program that permits certain classes to be quoted in penny increments on BOX (“Penny Pilot Program”).

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 Exchange 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 Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in Sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant parts of such statements.

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

1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to extend the effective time period of the Penny Pilot Program on BOX that is currently scheduled to expire on December 31, 2011, for an additional six months, through June 30, 2012.³ The Penny Pilot

Program permits certain classes to be quoted in penny increments on BOX. The minimum price variation for all classes included in the Penny Pilot Program, except for the QQQs, SPY and IWM, will continue to be \$0.01 for all quotations in option series that are quoted at less than \$3 per contract and \$0.05 for all quotations in option series that are quoted at \$3 per contract or greater. The QQQs, SPY and IWM, will continue to be quoted in \$0.01 increments for all options series. The Exchange is not currently proposing any changes to the classes included within the Penny Pilot Program.

The Exchange may replace any Pilot Program classes that have been delisted on the second trading day following January 1, 2012. The replacement classes will be selected based on trading activity for the six month period beginning June 1, 2011, and ending November 30, 2011. The Exchange will employ the same parameters to prospective replacement classes as approved and applicable under the Pilot Program, including excluding high-priced underlying securities. The Exchange will distribute Regulatory Circular notifying Participants which replacement classes shall be included in the Penny Pilot Program. Since the Exchange is not adding classes other than the replacement classes in the manner described above, the Exchange is proposing to delete the following language: “[t]he Exchange will specify which classes shall be included in the Penny Pilot Program by way of Regulatory Circular filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 19b-4 under the Exchange Act and distributed to Participants”, as this language is no longer necessary.

Further, BOX agrees to submit to the Commission such reports regarding the Penny Pilot Program as the Commission may request. Such reports may include: (1) data and analysis on the number of quotations generated for options included in the Pilot Program; (2) an assessment of the quotation spreads for

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ The Penny Pilot Program has been in effect on BOX since January 26, 2007. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 55155 (Jan. 23, 2007), 72 FR 4741 (Feb. 1, 2007) (SR-BSE-2006-49). The Penny Pilot Program was later extended through September 27, 2007. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 56149 (July 26, 2007), 72 FR 42450 (Aug. 2, 2007) (SR-BSE-2007-38). A subsequent rule filing by the Exchange on September 27, 2007 initiated a two-phased expansion of the Penny Pilot Program. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 56566 (Sept. 27, 2007), 72 FR 56400 (Oct. 3, 2007) (SRBSE-2007-40). See also Securities Exchange Act Release No. 57566 (March 26, 2008), 73 FR

18013 (April 2, 2008) (SR-BSE-2008-20). The Penny Pilot Program was then extended and expanded a number of times and is set to expire on December 31, 2010. See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 59629 (March 26, 2009), 74 FR 15021 (April 2, 2009) (SR-BX-2009-017); 60213 (July 1, 2009), 74 FR 32998 (July 9, 2009) (SR-BX-2009-032); 60886 (Oct. 27, 2009), 74 FR 56897 (Nov. 3, 2009) (SR-BX-2009-067); 60950 (Nov. 6, 2009), 74 FR 58666 (Nov. 6, 2009) (SR-BX-2009-069); 61456 (Feb. 1, 2010), 75 FR 6235 (Feb. 8, 2010) (SR-BX-2010-011); 62039 (May 5, 2010), 75 FR 26313 (May 11, 2010) (SR-BX-2010-032), 62615 (July 30, 2010), 75 FR 47875 (Aug. 9, 2010) (SR-BX-2010-052), and 63397 (Nov. 30, 2010), 75 FR 75716 (Dec. 8, 2010) (SR-BX-2010-084). The extension of the effective date is the only change to the Penny Pilot Program being proposed at this time.