

equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among its Permit Holders and other persons using its facilities. Additionally, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5)<sup>6</sup> requirement that the rules of an exchange not be designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

The Exchange believes the proposed fee change is reasonable because it would help the Exchange offset increased regulatory costs but would not result in total regulatory revenue exceeding total regulatory costs. Moreover, the Exchange believes the ORF ensures fairness by assessing higher fees to those Permit Holders that require more Exchange regulatory services based on the amount of customer options business they conduct. Regulating customer trading activity is much more labor intensive and requires greater expenditure of human and technical resources than regulating non-customer trading activity, which tends to be more automated and less labor-intensive. As a result, the costs associated with administering the customer component of the Exchange's overall regulatory program are materially higher than the costs associated with administering the non-customer component (e.g., Permit Holder proprietary transactions) of its regulatory program.<sup>7</sup> The Exchange believes the proposed fee change is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory in that it is charged to all Permit Holders on all their transactions that clear in the customer range at the OCC.

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

C2 does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act, because it applies to all Permit Holders. The proposed ORF is comparable to fees charged by other options exchanges for the same or similar service. The Exchange believes any burden on competition imposed by the proposed rule change is outweighed by the need to help the Exchange adequately fund its regulatory activities to ensure compliance with the Exchange Act.

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

The Exchange neither solicited nor received comments on the proposed rule change.

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

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act<sup>8</sup> and paragraph (f) of Rule 19b-4<sup>9</sup> thereunder. At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission will institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be approved or 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 email to [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR-C2-2016-001 on the subject line.

##### *Paper Comments*

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-C2-2016-001. This file number should be included on the subject line if email 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 Web site viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. 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-C2-2016-001 and should be submitted on or before February 24, 2016.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>10</sup>

**Robert W. Errett,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## **SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

[Release No. 34-76984; File No. SR-Phlx-2016-07]

### **Self-Regulatory Organizations; NASDAQ OMX PHLX LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Make Minor Changes to Rule 1064, Crossing, Facilitation and Solicited Orders**

January 28, 2016.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on January 14, 2016, NASDAQ OMX PHLX LLC ("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 Exchange. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

<sup>10</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

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

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

<sup>6</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

<sup>7</sup> If the Exchange changes its method of funding regulation or if circumstances otherwise change in the future, the Exchange may decide to modify the ORF or assess a separate regulatory fee on Permit Holder proprietary transactions if the Exchange deems it advisable.

<sup>8</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>9</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f).

## I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to make minor changes to Rule 1064, Crossing, Facilitation and Solicited Orders.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's Web site at <http://nasdaqomxphlx.cchwallstreet.com/>, at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

## 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 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 filing is to improve the readability of Rule 1064 with a few minor changes. Rule 1064 is lengthy and covers several complicated, related topics.

First, the Exchange proposes to add headings to certain paragraphs to make it easier to locate each of the following topics: Crossing,<sup>3</sup> Anticipatory Hedging<sup>4</sup> and Floor Qualified Contingent Cross.<sup>5</sup> Paragraph (b), Facilitation Orders and paragraph (c), Solicited Orders, already have headings so headings would now run consistently throughout the rule.

Second, the Exchange also proposes to move the language from two commentaries into the body of the rule, also to improve readability. Specifically, the language in Commentary .03 is being moved to become the new Rule 1064(a)(iv), because it relates to crossing orders, which is covered in paragraph (a). Also, the language in Commentary .04 is being moved to become the new Rule 1064(d)(iii), which is related to the anticipatory hedging provisions currently in paragraph (d).

<sup>3</sup> Rule 1064(a).

<sup>4</sup> Rule 1064(d).

<sup>5</sup> Rule 1064(e).

#### 2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act<sup>6</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act<sup>7</sup> in particular, in that it is designed to protect investors and the public interest by improving the readability of a lengthy and complicated rule. The Exchange believes that the proposed headings and merging of commentary language into the main body of the rule should prevent confusion.

### 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. Because the proposal merely reorganizes a rule, it has no impact on either inter-market or intra-market 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

Because the foregoing proposed rule change does not: (i) Significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) become operative for 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, it has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act<sup>8</sup> and subparagraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.<sup>9</sup>

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is: (i) Necessary or appropriate in the public interest; (ii) for the protection of investors; or (iii) otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings

<sup>6</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>7</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

<sup>8</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(a)(iii).

<sup>9</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). In addition, Rule 19b-4(f)(6) requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The Exchange has satisfied this requirement.

to determine whether the proposed rule should be approved or 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 email to [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR-Phlx-2016-07 on the subject line.

### Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-Phlx-2016-07. This file number should be included on the subject line if email 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 Web site viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549 on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. 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-2016-07, and should be submitted on or before February 24, 2016.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>10</sup>

**Robert W. Errett,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-76981; File No. SR-NYSEArca-2016-20]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE Arca, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Reflect Changes to the Investment Strategy for the PowerShares S&P 500® Downside Hedged Portfolio

January 28, 2016.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1)<sup>1</sup> of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act”)<sup>2</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>3</sup> notice is hereby given that, on January 26, 2016, NYSE Arca, Inc. (the “Exchange” or “NYSE Arca”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by the self-regulatory organization. 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 a rule change to reflect changes to the investment strategy for the PowerShares S&P 500® Downside Hedged Portfolio (the “Fund”). The proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s Web site at [www.nyse.com](http://www.nyse.com), at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission’s Public Reference Room.

#### 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 self-regulatory organization included statements concerning the purpose of, and basis for, the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of those statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below.

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

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

##### 1. Purpose

The Commission previously approved listing and trading on the Exchange of shares (“Shares”) of the Fund, a series of the PowerShares Actively Managed Exchange-Traded Fund Trust (the “Trust”),<sup>4</sup> under NYSE Arca Equities Rule 8.600, which governs the listing and trading of Managed Fund Shares. Shares of the Fund have commenced listing and trading on the Exchange.

The Shares are offered by the Trust, a statutory trust organized under the laws of the State of Delaware and registered with the Commission as an open-end management investment company.<sup>5</sup> The investment advisor to the Fund is Invesco PowerShares Capital Management LLC (the “Adviser”).

In this proposed rule change, the Exchange proposes to reflect changes to the investment strategy that the Adviser utilizes in seeking to achieve the Fund’s investment objective, as described below.<sup>6</sup>

The Prior Release stated that, according to the Registration Statement, the Fund is an actively managed exchange-traded fund that will seek to achieve positive total returns in rising or falling markets that are not directly

correlated to broad equity or fixed income market returns. According to the Registration Statement, the Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective by using a quantitative, rules-based investment strategy designed to provide returns that correspond to the performance of the S&P 500 Dynamic VEQTOR Index (the “Benchmark”). The Registration Statement also stated that the allocation among the Fund’s investments generally will approximate the allocation among the components of the Benchmark.

The Adviser now represents that, rather than employing a quantitative, rules-based strategy designed to provide returns that correspond to the performance of the Benchmark, the Fund will use a quantitative, rules-based strategy that is designed to outperform the Benchmark rather than match it.

The Adviser will continue to invest the Fund in the same instruments as are contained in the Benchmark, as discussed in the Prior Release. However, the Adviser now represents that the Fund will use portfolio management strategies in seeking to achieve its investment objective that allocate the Fund’s assets in a manner that may not correspond to the Benchmark. The Adviser also now represents that, going forward, the Fund will seek to outperform the Benchmark rather than match it.

The Exchange notes that the Prior Release stated that, according to the Registration Statement, the Fund may invest a portion of its assets in high-quality money market instruments, cash, and cash equivalents to provide liquidity, to collateralize its futures contracts investments, or to track the Benchmark during times when the Benchmark moves its entire allocation to cash. The Exchange also proposes to change this representation to state that the Fund may invest a portion of its assets in high-quality money market instruments, cash, and cash equivalents to provide liquidity, to collateralize its futures contracts investments, or during periods of heightened volatility when the Adviser believes that it is in the best interest of the Fund to do so. Because the Fund, going forward, would seek to outperform rather than match the Benchmark, the Fund would no longer utilize high quality money market instruments, cash and cash equivalents for the purpose of tracking the Benchmark.

The Adviser represents that there is no change to the Fund’s investment objective. The Fund will continue to invest in the securities and financial instruments identified in the Prior

<sup>10</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

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

<sup>2</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78a.

<sup>3</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

<sup>4</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 68158 (Nov. 5, 2012), 77 FR 67412 (Nov. 9, 2012) (SR-NYSEArca-2012-101) (“Prior Order”). See also Securities Exchange Act Release No. 67881 (Sept. 18, 2012), 77 FR 58889 (Sept. 24, 2012) (SR-NYSEArca-2012-101) (“Prior Notice,” and together with the Prior Order, the “Prior Release”).

<sup>5</sup> The Trust is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-1) (“1940 Act”). The Trust intends to file a prospectus supplement with the Commission or a post-effective amendment to its registration statement on Form N-1A under the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77a) (“Securities Act”), and under the 1940 Act relating to the Fund (File Nos. 333-147622 and 811-22148) (“Registration Statement”) to reflect the changes requested in the proposed rule change upon effectiveness of the rule change. The description of the operation of the Trust and the Fund herein will be reflected in any such filing. In addition, the Commission has issued an order granting certain exemptive relief to the Trust under the 1940 Act. See Investment Company Act Release No. 28171 (Feb. 27, 2008) (File No. 812-13386) (“Exemptive Order”).

<sup>6</sup> The changes described herein will be effective contingent upon filing of a prospectus supplement or upon effectiveness of the Trust’s most recent post-effective amendment to its Registration Statement. See note 5, *supra*. The Adviser represents that the Adviser will not implement the changes described herein until the instant proposed rule change is operative.