

has entered into an additional Global Reseller Expedited Package (GREP) contract.<sup>1</sup> The Postal Service believes the instant contract is functionally equivalent to the previously submitted GREP contracts, and is supported by Governors' Decision No. 10-1, attached to the Notice and originally filed in Docket No. CP2010-36. *Id.* at 1, Attachment 3. The Notice explains that Order No. 445, which established GREP Contracts 1 as a product, also authorized functionally equivalent agreements to be included within the product, provided that they meet the requirements of 39 U.S.C. 3633. *Id.* at 1-2. Additionally, the Postal Service requested to have the contract in Docket No. CP2010-36 serve as the baseline contract for future functional equivalence analyses of the GREP Contracts 1 product.

*The instant contract.* The Postal Service filed the instant contract pursuant to 39 CFR 3015.5. In addition, the Postal Service contends that the instant contract is in accordance with Order No. 445. The term of the contract is 1 year from the date the Postal Service notifies the customer that all necessary regulatory approvals have been received. Notice at 3. It may, however, be terminated by either party on not less than 30 days' written notice. *Id.* Attachment 1, at 5.

In support of its Notice, the Postal Service filed four attachments as follows:

- Attachment 1—a redacted copy of the contract and applicable annexes;
- Attachment 2—a certified statement required by 39 CFR 3015.5(c)(2);
- Attachment 3—a redacted copy of Governors' Decision No. 10-1 which establishes prices and classifications for GREP contracts, a description of applicable GREP contracts, formulas for prices, an analysis of the formulas, and certification of the Governors' vote; and
- Attachment 4—an application for non-public treatment of materials to maintain redacted portions of the contract and supporting documents under seal.

The Notice advances reasons why the instant GREP contract fits within the Mail Classification Schedule language for GREP Contracts 1. The Postal Service identifies customer-specific information and general contract terms that distinguish the instant contract from the baseline GREP agreement. It states that the instant contract differs from the contract in Docket No. CP2010-36

pertaining to customer-specific information, *e.g.*, customer's name, address, representative, signatory, notice of postage changes and minimum revenue. *Id.* at 4-5. The Postal Service states that the differences, which include price variations based on updated costing information and volume commitments, do not alter the contract's functional equivalency. *Id.* at 4. The Postal Service asserts that "[b]ecause the agreement incorporates the same cost attributes and methodology, the relevant characteristics of this GREP contract are similar, if not the same, as the relevant characteristics of the contract filed in Docket No. CP2010-36." *Id.*

The Postal Service concludes that its filing demonstrates that the new GREP contract complies with the requirements of 39 U.S.C. 3633 and is functionally equivalent to the baseline GREP contract. It states that the differences do not affect the services being offered or the fundamental structure of the contract. Therefore, it requests that the instant contract be included within the GREP Contracts 1 product. *Id.* at 6.

## II. Notice of Filing

The Commission establishes Docket No. CP2011-58 for consideration of matters related to the contract identified in the Postal Service's Notice.

Interested persons may submit comments on whether the Postal Service's contract is consistent with the policies of 39 U.S.C. 3632, 3633, or 3642. Comments are due no later than January 24, 2011. The public portions of this filing can be accessed via the Commission's Web site (<http://www.prc.gov>).

The Commission appoints Paul L. Harrington to serve as Public Representative in the captioned proceeding.

## III. Ordering Paragraphs

*It is ordered:*

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. CP2011-58 for consideration of matters raised by the Postal Service's Notice.

2. Comments by interested persons in this proceeding are due no later than January 24, 2011.

3. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Paul L. Harrington is appointed to serve as the Officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in this proceeding.

4. The Secretary shall arrange for publication of this Order in the **Federal Register**.

By the Commission.

**Shoshana M. Grove,**  
*Secretary.*

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## OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

### National Ocean Council; Development of Strategic Action Plans for the National Policy for the Stewardship of the Ocean, Our Coasts, and the Great Lakes

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent To Prepare Strategic Action Plans for the Nine Priority Objectives for Implementation of the National Policy for the Stewardship of the Ocean, Our Coasts, and the Great Lakes. Request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** On July 19, 2010, President Obama signed Executive Order 13547 establishing a National Policy for the Stewardship of the Ocean, our Coasts, and the Great Lakes ("National Policy"). That Executive Order adopts the Final Recommendations of the Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force ("Final Recommendations") and directs Federal agencies to take the appropriate steps to implement them. The Executive Order creates an interagency National Ocean Council (NOC) to strengthen ocean governance and coordination, identifies nine priority actions for the NOC to pursue, and adopts a flexible framework for effective coastal and marine spatial planning to address conservation, economic activity, user conflict, and sustainable use of the ocean, our coasts and the Great Lakes.

*Purpose:* The NOC is announcing its intent to prepare strategic action plans for the nine priority objectives identified in the Final Recommendations and is requesting input on the development of these strategic action plans. (For general information about the NOC and a copy of Executive Order 13547 and the Final Recommendations, *please see:* <http://www.WhiteHouse.gov/oceans>). Public comments will inform the preparation of the strategic action plans. All comments will be collated and posted on the NOC Web site.

*Public Comment:* The NOC is seeking public input as it develops the strategic action plans for the priority objectives. To be considered during the development of the draft strategic action plans, comments should be submitted by April 29, 2011. Draft strategic action plans will be released for public review in the summer of 2011, allowing

<sup>1</sup> Notice of United States Postal Service of Filing a Functionally Equivalent Global Reseller Expedited Package Negotiated Service Agreement and Application For Non-Public Treatment of Materials Filed Under Seal, January 14, 2011 (Notice).

additional opportunity for the public to provide comments. Plans are expected to be completed by the end of 2011.

In this public comment period, the NOC is interested in comments that address the opportunities, obstacles, and metrics of progress relevant to each of the priority objectives. Comments should take into account that the strategic action plans should address the key areas identified in the Final Recommendations, including, as appropriate, the importance of integrating local, regional, and national efforts.

The NOC is requesting responses to the following questions for each of the priority objectives:

- What near-term, mid-term, and long-term actions would most effectively help the Nation achieve this policy objective?
- What are some of the major obstacles to achieving this objective; are there opportunities this objective can further, including transformative changes in how we address the stewardship of the oceans, coasts, and Great Lakes?
- What milestones and performance measures would be most useful for measuring progress toward achieving this priority objective?

Comments should be submitted electronically at <http://www.WhiteHouse.gov/administration/eop/oceans/comment> or can be sent by mail to: National Ocean Council, 722 Jackson Place, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Additional information regarding this request can be found at <http://www.WhiteHouse.gov/oceans>. Questions about the content of this request may be sent to <http://www.WhiteHouse.gov/administration/eop/oceans/contact> or by mail (please allow additional time for processing) to the address above.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On July 19, 2010, President Obama signed Executive Order 13547 establishing a National Policy for the Stewardship of the Ocean, our Coasts, and the Great Lakes (“National Policy”). That Executive Order adopts the Final Recommendations of the Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force and directs Federal agencies to take the appropriate steps to implement them. The Executive Order creates an interagency National Ocean Council (NOC) to strengthen ocean governance and coordination, identifies nine priority actions for the NOC to pursue, and adopts a flexible framework for effective coastal and marine spatial planning to address

conservation, economic activity, user conflict, and sustainable use of the ocean, our coasts, and the Great Lakes.

The National Policy provides a comprehensive approach, based on science and technology, to uphold our stewardship responsibilities and ensure accountability for our actions to present and future generations. The Obama Administration intends, through the National Policy, to provide a model of balanced, productive, efficient, sustainable, and informed ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes use, management, and conservation. The Final Recommendations provide an implementation strategy that describes a clear set of priority objectives that our Nation should pursue to further the National Policy.

The nine priority objectives seek to address some of the most pressing challenges facing the ocean, our coasts, and the Great Lakes. The nine priority objectives are identified below. Additional information about each priority may be found at <http://www.WhiteHouse.gov/oceans>.

**Objective 1: Ecosystem-Based Management:** Adopt ecosystem-based management as a foundational principle for the comprehensive management of the ocean, our coasts, and the Great Lakes;

**Objective 2: Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning:** Implement comprehensive, integrated, ecosystem-based coastal and marine spatial planning and management in the United States;

**Objective 3: Inform Decisions and Improve Understanding:** Increase knowledge to continually inform and improve management and policy decisions and the capacity to respond to change and challenges. Better educate the public through formal and informal programs about the ocean, our coasts, and the Great Lakes;

**Objective 4: Coordinate and Support:** Better coordinate and support Federal, State, Tribal, local, and regional management of the ocean, our coasts, and the Great Lakes. Improve coordination and integration across the Federal Government and, as appropriate, engage with the international community;

**Objective 5: Resiliency and Adaptation to Climate Change and Ocean Acidification:** Strengthen resiliency of coastal communities and marine and Great Lakes environments and their abilities to adapt to climate change impacts and ocean acidification;

**Objective 6: Regional Ecosystem Protection and Restoration:** Establish and implement an integrated ecosystem

protection and restoration strategy that is science-based and aligns conservation and restoration goals at the Federal, State, Tribal, local, and regional levels;

**Objective 7: Water Quality and Sustainable Practices on Land:** Enhance water quality in the ocean, along our coasts, and in the Great Lakes by promoting and implementing sustainable practices on land;

**Objective 8: Changing Conditions in the Arctic:** Address environmental stewardship needs in the Arctic Ocean and adjacent coastal areas in the face of climate-induced and other environmental changes; and

**Objective 9: Ocean, Coastal, and Great Lakes Observations, Mapping, and Infrastructure:** Strengthen and integrate Federal and non-Federal ocean observing systems, sensors, data collection platforms, data management, and mapping capabilities into a national system and integrate that system into international observation efforts.

These priority objectives are meant to provide a bridge between the National Policy and action on the ground and in the water, but they do not prescribe specific actions or responsibilities. The NOC is responsible for developing strategic action plans to achieve the priority objectives. As envisioned, the plans will:

- Identify specific and measurable near-term, mid-term, and long-term actions, with appropriate milestones, performance measures, and outcomes to fulfill each objective;
- Consider smaller-scale, incremental, and opportunistic efforts that could build upon existing activities, as well as more complex, larger-scale actions that have the potential to be truly transformative;
- Identify key lead and participating agencies;
- Identify gaps and needs in science and technology; and
- Identify potential resource requirements and efficiencies; and steps for integrating or coordinating current and out-year budgets.

The plans will be adaptive to allow for modification and addition of new actions based on new information or changing conditions. Their effective implementation will also require clear and easily understood requirements and regulations, where appropriate, that include enforcement as a critical component. Implementation of the National Policy for the stewardship of the ocean, our coasts, and the Great Lakes will recognize that different legal regimes, with their associated freedoms, rights, and duties, apply in different maritime zones. The plans will be implemented in a manner consistent

with applicable international conventions and agreements and with customary international law as reflected in the Law of the Sea Convention. The plans and their implementation will be assessed and reviewed annually by the NOC and modified as needed based on the success or failure of the agreed upon actions.

The NOC is committed to transparency in developing strategic action plans and implementing the National Policy. As the NOC develops and revises the plans, it will ensure substantial opportunity for public participation. The NOC will also actively engage interested parties, including, as appropriate, State, Tribal, and local authorities, regional governance structures, academic institutions, nongovernmental organizations, recreational interests, and private enterprise.

**Ted Wackler,**

*Deputy Chief of Staff, OSTP.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meeting

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Public Law 94-409, that the Securities and Exchange Commission will hold a Closed Meeting on Thursday, January 27, 2011 at 2 p.m.

Commissioners, Counsel to the Commissioners, the Secretary to the Commission, and recording secretaries will attend the Closed Meeting. Certain staff members who have an interest in the matters also may be present.

The General Counsel of the Commission, or his designee, has certified that, in his opinion, one or more of the exemptions set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(3), (5), (7), 9(B) and (10) and 17 CFR 200.402(a)(3), (5), (7), 9(ii) and (10), permit consideration of the scheduled matters at the Closed Meeting.

Commissioner Casey, as duty officer, voted to consider the items listed for the Closed Meeting in a closed session.

The subject matter of the Closed Meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 27, 2011 will be:

institution and settlement of injunctive actions; institution and settlement of administrative proceedings; and other matters relating to enforcement proceedings.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting items.

For further information and to ascertain what, if any, matters have been added, deleted or postponed, please contact:

The Office of the Secretary at (202) 551-5400.

Dated: January 20, 2011.

**Elizabeth M. Murphy,**  
*Secretary.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-63717; File No. SR-Phlx-2010-145]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; NASDAQ OMX PHLX LLC; Notice of Filing of Amendment No. 1 and Order Granting Accelerated Approval to a Proposed Rule Change, as Modified by Amendment No. 1 Thereto, Relating to the Establishment of Remote Specialists

January 14, 2011.

#### I. Introduction

On October 14, 2010, NASDAQ OMX PHLX LLC ("Phlx" or the "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), 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> a proposed rule change to allow certain Phlx exchange members to act as option specialists that are not physically present on the option trading floor. The proposed rule change was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on November 2, 2010.<sup>3</sup> On January 11, 2011, the Exchange filed Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change.<sup>4</sup> The Commission received no comments on the proposal. This order provides notice of filing of Amendment No. 1 and grants accelerated approval to the proposed rule change, as modified by Amendment No. 1.

#### II. Description of the Proposal

The Exchange proposes to amend Phlx Option Rules 501, 506, 507, 1014, and 1020 to provide for remote specialists under limited circumstances and amend its Option Floor Procedure

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

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

<sup>3</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 63192 (October 27, 2010), 75 FR 67427 ("Notice").

<sup>4</sup> On December 16, 2010, the Exchange extended the period for Commission consideration of its proposal to January 14, 2011. See 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2)(A)(ii)(II) (concerning the ability of the self-regulatory organization that filed a proposed rule change to extend the time period for Commission consideration of its proposal).

Advices<sup>5</sup> B-3 and E-1 to reflect the new category of remote specialist.

Currently, Phlx has several types of Registered Options Traders ("ROTs")<sup>6</sup> that can register as market makers on the Exchange, including specialists, Streaming Quote Traders ("SQTs"),<sup>7</sup> and Remote Streaming Quote Traders ("RSQTs").<sup>8</sup> Specialists are floor-based Exchange members who are registered as options specialists pursuant to Rule 1020(a). An SQT has a physical presence on the options floor (though they may be "in-crowd" or "out-of-crowd") and is authorized to generate and submit option quotations electronically in options to which such SQT is assigned, but may only do so when he or she is physically present on the floor of the Exchange. An RSQT, on the other hand, has no physical trading floor presence and instead is authorized to generate and submit option quotations electronically in options to which such RSQT has been assigned. The various market making requirements applicable to each category of market maker are set forth in Rule 1014. Rules 500 through 599 (the "Allocation and Assignment Rules") generally describe the process for application and appointment of specialists, SQTs and RSQTs, as well as the allocation of classes of options to them.<sup>9</sup>

Accordingly, while Phlx's rules provide for remote market-making ROTs (*i.e.*, RSQTs), they do not provide for remote specialists. Rather, Phlx's rules currently require that each options class and series listed on the Exchange have a specialist physically present on the

<sup>5</sup> Phlx's Options Floor Procedure Advices ("OFFPAs" or "Advices") are part of the Exchange's minor rule plan ("MRP" or "Minor Rule Plan"), which consists of Advices with preset fines, pursuant to Rule 19d-1(c) under the Act (17 CFR 240.19d-1(c)). See *e.g.*, Securities Exchange Act Release No. 50997 (January 7, 2005), 70 FR 2444 (January 13, 2005) (SR-Phlx-2003-40) (order approving the Exchange's Options Floor Broker Management System). As this time, Phlx is not proposing to change any of the fines that are applicable under any of the Advices.

<sup>6</sup> A ROT is a member who has received permission from the Exchange to trade in options for his own account. Phlx also has Directed SQTs and Directed RSQTs, which receive Directed Orders as defined in Rule 1080(l)(i)(A). Specialists may likewise receive Directed Orders. Further, Phlx rules also provide for non-streaming ROTs ("non-SQT ROT"), which can make markets in certain options on an issue-by-issue basis. See Rule 1014(b)(ii)(C).

<sup>7</sup> See Rule 1014(b)(ii)(A).

<sup>8</sup> See Rule 1014(b)(ii)(B).

<sup>9</sup> The Allocation and Assignment Rules also indicate under what circumstances new allocations may not be made. See, *e.g.*, Supplementary Material .01 to Rule 506.