

July 3, 2019

Vanessa Countryman Secretary Securities and Exchange Commission 100 F Street, NE Washington, DC 20549-1090

Re: Forty-Fourth Amendment to the UTP Plan

Dear Ms. Countryman:

Enclosed please find the above-captioned amendment to the Second Restatement of the UTP Plan (the "Plan") as approved and executed by the Plan Participants, Cboe BYX Exchange, Inc., Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc., Cboe EDGA Exchange, Inc., Cboe EDGX Exchange, Inc., Cboe Exchange, Inc., Chicago Stock Exchange, Inc., Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc., Investors' Exchange LLC, Nasdaq BX, Inc., Nasdaq ISE, LLC, Nasdaq PHLX, Inc., The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC, New York Stock Exchange LLC, NYSE American LLC, NYSE Arca, Inc., and NYSE National, Inc. (collectively, the "Participants").

The Participants propose to make mandatory a conflicts of interest disclosure regime that is currently voluntary. Under the regime, the Participants, the Processors, the Administrators, and the members of the Advisory Committee (collectively, the "Disclosing Parties")¹ provide responses to a set of questions designed to provide transparency regarding potential conflicts of interest. Such responses will be made available to the public via the Plan's website. The Participants believe that publicly providing these responses will increase transparency and confidence in the governance of the Plan.

A. <u>Rule 608(a)</u>

1. <u>Purpose of the Amendment</u>

Background

With Exchanges permitted to offer both proprietary market data products and also acting as Participants in running the public market data stream, potential conflicts of interest are inherent

¹ A list of the Processors, Administrators, and Advisory Committee members is available at <u>https://www.utpplan.com/governance</u>.

in the structure developed under Regulation NMS. There may be instances in which representatives from the Participants and Advisory Committee members have responsibilities with respect to both proprietary data and Securities Information Processor ("SIP") data. Drawing on the expertise of persons with such overlapping responsibilities may give rise to potential conflicts of interest, and to address such potential conflicts of interest, the Participants adopted a voluntary conflicts disclosure regime.

After discussion among the Participants and the Advisory Committee at several meetings of the Plan's Operating Committee, the Participants believe that a disclosure regime is a pragmatic step to address potential conflicts of interest.

As noted below, the Disclosing Parties have voluntarily provided responses to the disclosure regime questions. The responses are available on the Plans' website. The purpose of the amendment is to make the disclosures a requirement on a going forward basis instead of relying on voluntary disclosures.

Required Disclosures

As part of the disclosure regime, the Participants propose that the Participants, the Processors, the Administrators, and members of the Advisory Committee respond to questions that are tailored to elicit responses that disclose the potential conflicts of interest.

The Participants propose that the Participants respond to the following questions and instructions:

- Is the Participant's firm for profit or not-for-profit? If the Participant's firm is for profit, is it publicly or privately owned? If privately owned, list any owner with an interest of 5% or more of the Participant, where to the Participant's knowledge, such owner, or any affiliate controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the owner, subscribes, directly or through a third-party vendor, to SIP and/or exchange Proprietary Market Data products.
- Does the Participant firm offer real-time proprietary equity market data that is filed with the SEC ("Proprietary Market Data")? If yes, does the firm charge a fee for such offerings?
- Provide the names of the representative and any alternative representatives designated by the Participant who are authorized under the Plans to vote on behalf of the Participant. Also provide a narrative description of the representatives' roles within the Participant organization, including the title of each individual as well as any direct responsibilities related to the development, dissemination, sales, or marketing of the Participant's Proprietary Market Data, and the nature of those responsibilities.

The Participants propose that the Processors respond to the following questions and instructions:

• Is the Processor an affiliate of or affiliated with any Participant? If yes, disclose the Participant(s)?

- Provide a narrative description of the functions directly performed by the manager employed by the Processor to provide Processor services to the Plans and the staff that reports to that manager (collectively, the "Plan Processor").
- Does the Plan Processor provide any services for any Participant's Proprietary Market Data products or other Plans? If Yes, disclose the services the Plan Processor performs and identify which Plans. Does the Plan Processor have any profit or loss responsibility for a Participant's Proprietary Market Data products?
- List the policies and procedures established to safeguard confidential Plan information that is applicable to the Plan Processor.

The Participants propose that the Administrators respond to the following questions and instructions:

- Is the Administrator an affiliate of or affiliated with any Participant? If yes, which Participant?
- Provide a narrative description of the functions directly performed by administrative services manager and the staff that reports to that manager (collectively, the "Plan Administrator").
- Does the Plan Administrator provide any services for any Participant's Proprietary Market Data products? If yes, what services? Does the Plan Administrator have any profit or loss responsibility for a Participant's Proprietary Market Data products?
- List the policies and procedures established to safeguard confidential Plan information that is applicable to the Plan Administrator.

The Participants propose that the Members of the Advisory Committee respond to the following questions and instructions:

- Provide the Advisor's title and a brief description of the Advisor's role within the firm.
- Does the Advisor have responsibilities related to the firm's use or procurement of market data?
- Does the Advisor have responsibilities related to the firm's trading or brokerage services?
- Does the Advisor's firm use the SIP? Does the Advisor's firm use exchange Proprietary Market Data products?
- Does the Advisor's firm have an ownership interest of 5% or more in one or more Participants? If yes, list the Participant(s).
- Does the Advisor actively participate in any litigation against the Plans?

The Participants will post the responses to these questions on the Plan's website. If a Disclosing Party has any material changes in its responses, the Disclosing Party must promptly update its disclosures. Additionally, the Disclosing Parties will update the disclosures on an annual basis to reflect any changes. This annual update must be made before the first quarterly session meeting of each calendar year, which is generally held in mid-February.

2. <u>Governing or Constituent Documents</u>

Not applicable.

3. <u>Implementation of Amendment</u>

Each of the Participants has approved the amendments in accordance with Section IV.C of the UTP Plan. The Participants also received and incorporated feedback from the Advisory Committee in preparing the disclosure requirements.

4. <u>Development and Implementation Phases</u>

The Disclosing Parties have voluntarily completed, and the Participants have posted, responses to the questions outlined above on the Plan's website. The purpose of the amendment, going forward, is to make the disclosures a requirement rather than relying on voluntary disclosures.

5. <u>Analysis of Impact on Competition</u>

The Participants believe that the proposed amendments do not impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act"). The Participants, together with the other Disclosing Parties, have determined to implement the disclosure regime described herein. The Participants believe that adopting this disclosure regime is an important step in addressing the potential conflicts of interest.

The disclosure regime should increase transparency in the governance of the public market data stream, and consequently, increase confidence in the proper functioning of the Operating Committee.

6. Written Understanding or Agreements relating to Interpretation of, or Participation in, Plan

Not applicable.

7. <u>Approval by Sponsors in Accordance with Plan</u>

Section IV.C.1 of the UTP Plan requires the Participants to unanimously approve the amendment proposed herein. They so approved it.

8. Description of Operation of Facility Contemplated by the Proposed Amendment

Not applicable.

9. <u>Terms and Conditions of Access</u>

Not applicable.

10. Method of Determination and Imposition, and Amount of, Fees and Charges

Not applicable.

11. Method and Frequency of Processor Evaluation

Not applicable.

12. Dispute Resolution

Not applicable.

B. <u>Regulation NMS Rule 601(a)</u>

1. Equity Securities for which Transaction Reports Shall be Required by the Plan

Not applicable.

2. <u>Reporting Requirements</u>

Not applicable.

3. Manner of Collecting, Processing, Sequencing, Making Available and Disseminating Last Sale Information

Not applicable.

4. <u>Manner of Consolidation</u>

Not applicable.

5. Standards and Methods Ensuring Promptness, Accuracy and Completeness of Transaction Reports

Not applicable.

6. Rules and Procedures Addressed to Fraudulent or Manipulative Dissemination

Not applicable.

7. Terms of Access to Transaction Reports

Not applicable.

8. <u>Identification of Marketplace of Execution</u>

Not applicable.

Sincerely yours,

Robert Books Chair, UTP Operating Committee

cc: UTP Plan Participants (w/o attachments) Plan Advisory Committee Members Michael Coe (SEC)

AMENDMENT NO. 44

JOINT SELF-REGULATORY ORGANIZATION PLAN GOVERNING THE COLLECTION, CONSOLIDATION AND DISSEMINATION OF QUOTATION AND TRANSACTION INFORMATION FOR NASDAQ-LISTED SECURITIES TRADED ON EXCHANGES ON AN UNLISTED TRADING PRIVILEGE BASIS

Disclosure of Potential Conflicts of Interest

AGREEMENT made as of the 14th day of June 2019, among Cboe BYX Exchange, Inc., Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc., Cboe EDGA Exchange, Inc., Cboe EDGX Exchange, Inc., Cboe Exchange, Inc., Chicago Stock Exchange, Inc., Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc., Investors' Exchange LLC, Nasdaq BX, Inc., Nasdaq ISE, LLC, Nasdaq PHLX, Inc., The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC, New York Stock Exchange LLC, NYSE American LLC, NYSE Arca, Inc., and NYSE National, Inc. (collectively, the "Participants").

The Participants enter into this Agreement in order to make mandatory a disclosure regime of potential conflicts of interest which currently is voluntary.

For those purposes, the Participants agree that:

- (a) Section IV.F to be added and read as follows:
 - F. Disclosure of Potential Conflicts of Interests
 - (a) <u>Disclosure Requirements</u>. The Participants, the Processor, the Plan Administrator, and members of the Advisory Committee (for purposes of this section, "Disclosing Parties") shall complete the applicable questionnaire attached to this UTP Plan as Exhibit 3.
 - (b) <u>Updates to Disclosures</u>. Following a material change in the information disclosed pursuant to subparagraph (a), a Disclosing Party shall promptly update its disclosures. Additionally, a Disclosing Party shall update annually any inaccurate information prior to the Operating Committee's first quarterly meeting of a calendar year.
 - (c) <u>Public Dissemination of Disclosures</u>. The Disclosing Parties shall provide the Administrator with its disclosures and any required updates. The Administrator shall ensure that the disclosures are promptly posted to the Plan's website.
- (b) The questionnaires, as set forth in <u>Addendum 2</u> to this Agreement, shall be attached to the UTP Plan as <u>Exhibit 3</u>.

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Addendum 1 to this Agreement contains an additional version of Sections I(A) and VIII(C), marked to show the proposed changes set forth in this Agreement. In Addendum 1, proposed additions are <u>double-underlined</u> and proposed deletions are [struck through and bracketed].)

These amendments to the Plan will be effective upon approval by the Commission.

The Participants may execute this Agreement in counterparts, no one of which need contain all signatures of all executing parties. A set of those counterparts that contains all such signatures shall constitute one and the same instrument.

Except for the amendments contained in this amendment, the Plan is unchanged and remains in full force and effect.

Dated: 6/25/2019

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CBOE BYX EXCHANGE, INC.

By .

CBOE BZX EXCHANGE, INC.

CBOE EDGA EXCHANGE, INC.

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CBOE EDGX EXCHANGE, INC.

By

Dated: 6/25/2019

CHICAGO STOCK EXCHANGE, INC.

Dated:

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FINANCIAL INDUSTRY REGULATORY AUTHORITY, INC.

Dated: _____

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INVESTORS' EXCHANGE LLC

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NASDAQ BX, INC.

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NASDAQ STOCK MARKET LLC

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	NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE LLC
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	NYSE AMERICAN LLC
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	NYSE NATIONAL, INC.
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ADDENDUM 1

To the Forty-Fourth Amendment to the Plan

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE UTP PLAN

MARKED TO SHOW CHANGES FROM THE EXISTING PLAN (Additions are <u>double-underlined</u>; Deletions are [struck through and bracketed].)

IV. Administration of Plan

A. - E. No change.

- F. Disclosure of Potential Conflicts of Interests
- (a) Disclosure Requirements. The Participants, the Processor, the Plan
 Administrator, and members of the Advisory Committee (for purposes of this section, "Disclosing Parties") shall complete the applicable questionnaire attached to this UTP Plan as Exhibit 3.
- (b) Updates to Disclosures. Following a material change in the information disclosed pursuant to subparagraph (a), a Disclosing Party shall promptly update its disclosures. Additionally, a Disclosing Party shall update annually any inaccurate information prior to the Operating Committee's first quarterly meeting of a calendar year.
- (c) Public Dissemination of Disclosures. The Disclosing Parties shall provide the Administrator with its disclosures and any required updates. The Administrator shall ensure that the disclosures are promptly posted to the Plan's website.

Addendum 2

Processor Disclosure Form

The Processors of the Consolidated Tape Association ("CTA") and Unlisted Trading Privileges ("UTP") Plans are charged with collecting, processing and preparing for the distribution or publication of CTA and UTP Plan information. To enhance transparency in Plan operations, the Processors submit the following voluntary disclosures.

The Processors intend to update these disclosures annually, or whenever there is a material change to any disclosure, whichever is sooner.

Name of Processor							Date of Disclosure				
1	Is the Processor aff	filiated with any	If "Ye	es," which Participant?							
	Participant?			Cboe BYX Exchange, Inc		Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc.		Cboe EDGA Exchange, Inc.		Cboe EDGX Ex	change, Inc.
	No	Yes		Cboe Exchange, Inc.		Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc.		Investors' Exchange LLC		Nasdaq BX, In	с.
				Nasdaq ISE, LLC		Nasdaq PHLX LLC		Nasdaq Stock Market LLC		New York Stoc	k Exchange LLC
				NYSE American LLC		NYSE Arca, Inc.		NYSE Chicago, Inc.		NYSE National	, Inc.
2	-			e functions directly perfo the "Plan Processor")	rmed	by the manager employed b	y the	Processor to provide Process	or ser	vices to the Plar	n and the staff
	Description of func	tions									
3											
	Market Data produ			What service(s) and wh	nich P	lan(s)?			Any profit/loss responsibility for such Proprietary Market Data?		
	No	Yes		Name(s) of services and	d Plar	n(s)			50	No	Yes
4	List the policies and	d procedures esta	blished	d to safeguard confidentia	l Plan	information that is applicable	le to P	rocessor			
	Policies and Procee	dures									

Participant Disclosure Form

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The Operating Committees of the Consolidated Tape Association ("CTA") and Unlisted Trading Privileges ("UTP") Plans, charged with overseeing the operations of the CTA and UTP Plans, are composed of the national securities associations and national securities exchanges that submit trades and quotes to the Plans, known as the Plan "Participants."¹ The Participants work through designated representatives, or alternate representatives, who are authorized to act on the Participants' behalf. To enhance transparency in Plan governance, the Participants submit the following voluntary disclosures.

The Participants intend to update these disclosures annually, or whenever there is a material change to any disclosure, whichever is sooner.

Partic	ipant Firm Name			Date of Disclosure			
1.a	Is the Participant's firm for pro	fit or not-for-	profit?	If the Participant's firm is for profit, i	s it publically or p	privately owned?	
	Not for Profit		For Profit	Public		Private	
1.b		•		e Participant, where to the Participant' or through a third party vendor, to SI			
	List of Owners with an interest	of 5% or mo	re	Percentage interest			
2.	2. Does the Participant firm offer real-time proprietary equity market data			If "Yes", is there a charge for such Pr	oprietary Market	Data offerings?	
	that is filed with the SEC ("Prop	orietary Mark	et Data")?				
	No		Yes	No		Yes	
3	Please provide the names of t	he representa	ative and any alternate representa	atives designated by the Participant fir	m who are autho	rized under the Plans to vote for the	
				• •	-	of each individual as well as any direct	
	Names of designated primary			ng of the Participant's Proprietary Mar Description of role	ket Data, and the	nature of those responsibilities.	
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	Proprietary Market Data respo	onsibility type	2	Nature of Proprietary Market Data r	esponsibilities		
	Development of Market related policies	Data and	Sales				
	Dissemination of Market	t Data	Marketing				

The list of UTP Plan Participants can be found here (<u>http://www.utpplan.com/participants</u>), and the list of CTA Plan Participants can be found here (<u>https://www.ctaplan.com/index</u>).

Names of designated alternate representat	ive Title	Description of role
Proprietary Market Data responsibility type		Nature of Proprietary Market Data responsibilities
Development of Market Data and related policies	Sales	
Dissemination of Market Data	Marketing	

Advisor Disclosure Form

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The Operating Committees of the Consolidated Tape Association ("CTA") and Unlisted Trading Privileges ("UTP") Plans, charged with overseeing the Plans, are assisted by an Advisory Committee composed of individuals who represent particular types of financial services firms or actors in the securities market, or who were selected by Plan Participants¹ to be members of the Advisory Committee. To enhance transparency in Plan governance, the members of the advisory committee submit the following voluntary disclosures.

The Advisors intend to update these disclosures annually, or whenever there is a material change to any disclosure, whichever is sooner.

Advis	or Name		Firm(s) assoc	Firm(s) associated with AdvisorDate of Disclosure				
1.a	La Advisor's Title			A brief description of Advisor's role within the firm				
	Title			of role within the firm				
1.b	Does the Advisor have respo	onsibilities related to the	use or procurement of	Does the Advisor have responsibilit	ies related to the firm's trac	ding or brokerage services?		
	market data?							
	No	Y	es	No	Y	Yes		
2	Does the Advisor's firm use	SIP and/or exchange Prop	prietary Market Data pro	ducts?				
		No		Yes				
3	Does the Advisor's firm have			", list the Participant(s).				
				sclosure requirement shall not apply to short-term positions in publicly-traded stock of Participant(s)				
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[&]quot;Participants" are the national securities associations and national securities exchanges that submit trades and quotes to the Plans and are members of the Plans' Operating Committees.

4	Does the Advisor actively participate in any litigation against the SIP?							
	(An Advisor "actively participates" in litigation if the Advisor plays a substantial, individual role in such litigation, such as counsel, expert witness, or consultant.)							
	No	Yes						

Administrator Disclosure Form

The Administrators of the Consolidated Tape Association ("CTA") and Unlisted Trading Privileges ("UTP") Plans are charged with administering the Plans, which includes, but is not limited to, data feed approval, customer communications, contract management, and related functions. To enhance transparency in Plan administration, the Administrators submit the following voluntary disclosures.

The Administrators intend to update these disclosures annually, or whenever there is a material change to any disclosure, whichever is sooner.

Na	Jame of Administrator Date of Disclosure							
1	Is the Administrator	affiliated with If	"Yes," which Participant?					
	any Participant?		Cboe BYX Exchange, Inc	Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc.		Cboe EDGA Exchange, Inc.	Cboe EDGX	Exchange, Inc.
	No	_	Cboe Exchange, Inc.	Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc.		Investors' Exchange LLC	Nasdaq BX,	Inc.
			Nasdaq ISE, LLC	Nasdaq PHLX LLC		Nasdaq Stock Market LLC	New York S	tock Exchange LLC
		Γ	NYSE American LLC	NYSE Arca, Inc.		NYSE Chicago, Inc.	NYSE Natio	nal, Inc.
2	Please provide a nai "Plan Administrator		he functions directly perform	ned by administrative services ma	inager	and the staff that reports to	that manager (col	ectively, the
	Description of function	•						
3	Does the Plan Admi	nistrator provide any	If "Yes":					
	service(s) for any Participant'sWhat service(s)?Any profit/loss responsibility for such Proprietary Market Data products?Proprietary Market Data products?Such Proprietary Market Data?							
	No	Yes	Name and description of S	Service(s)			No	Yes
4	List the policies and	procedures establishe	d to safeguard confidential F	Plan information that is applicable	e to th	e Administrator		
	Policies and Procedu	·						