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# Exhibit 1 - Notice of Proposed Rule Change \*

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Copies of notices, written comments, transcripts, other communications. If such documents cannot be filed electronically in accordance with Instruction  $\mathsf{F}$ , they shall be filed in accordance with Instruction  $\mathsf{G}$ .

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Copies of any form, report, or questionnaire that the self-regulatory organization proposes to use to help implement or operate the proposed rule change, or that is referred to by the proposed rule change.

# Exhibit Sent As Paper Document

#### **Exhibit 4 - Marked Copies**

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The full text shall be marked, in any convenient manner, to indicate additions to and deletions from the immediately preceding filing. The purpose of Exhibit 4 is to permit the staff to identify immediately the changes made from the text of the rule with which it has been working.

#### **Exhibit 5 - Proposed Rule Text**

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The self-regulatory organization may choose to attach as Exhibit 5 proposed changes to rule text in place of providing it in Item I and which may otherwise be more easily readable if provided separately from Form 19b-4. Exhibit 5 shall be considered part of the proposed rule change

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If the self-regulatory organization is amending only part of the text of a lengthy proposed rule change, it may, with the Commission's permission, file only those portions of the text of the proposed rule change in which changes are being made if the filing (i.e. partial amendment) is clearly understandable on its face. Such partial amendment shall be clearly identified and marked to show deletions and additions.

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A notice of the proposed rule change for publication in the <u>Federal Register</u> is attached as Exhibit 1.

- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Not applicable.

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The proposed rule change was approved by senior management of the Exchange pursuant to authority delegated by the Board of Directors (the "Board"). Exchange staff will advise the Board of any action taken pursuant to delegated authority. No other action is necessary for the filing of the rule change.

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Angela Saccomandi Dunn Principal Associate General Counsel Nasdaq, Inc. (215) 496-5692

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

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3. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis</u> for, the Proposed Rule Change

#### a. <u>Purpose</u>

The Exchange proposes to delay the implementation of a rule change to automate FLEX and Cabinet Orders. The Exchange previously filed SR-Phlx-2023-22, a rule change that amended several Phlx Options 8 rules related to Phlx's trading floor.

#### FLEX Orders

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#### Cabinet Options

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SR-Phlx-2023-22 stated that the rule change would be implemented on or before March 29, 2024. At this time, the Exchange proposes to delay the implementation of SR-Phlx-2023-22 to on or before August 30, 2024, to permit the Exchange additional time to code and test the functionality. The Exchange would issue an Options Trader Alert announcing the exact implementation date to members and member organizations.

## b. <u>Statutory Basis</u>

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,<sup>4</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,<sup>5</sup> in particular, in that it is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general to protect investors and the public interest. The Exchange's proposal to delay the implementation of SR-Phlx-2023-22 to on or before August 30, 2024, is consistent with the Act and the protection of investors and the general public as it will permit the Exchange additional time to code and test the functionality.

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

The proposed rule change does not impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The Exchange's proposal to delay the implementation of SR-Phlx-2023-22 to on or before August 30, 2024, does not impose any burden on competition as it will permit the Exchange additional time to code and test the functionality.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

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5. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received from Members, Participants, or Others</u>

No written comments were either solicited or received.

6. Extension of Time Period for Commission Action

The Exchange does not consent to an extension of the time period for Commission action.

7. <u>Basis for Summary Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3) or for Accelerated Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(2)</u>

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii)<sup>6</sup> of the Act and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder<sup>7</sup> in that it effects a change that: (i) does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) does not impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) by its terms, does not become operative for 30 days after the date of the filing, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest.

The Exchange believes that the proposal does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest nor does it impose any significant burden on competition because delaying the implementation will permit the Exchange additional time to code and test the functionality.

Furthermore, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii)<sup>8</sup> requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file a proposed rule change under that subsection at least five business days prior to the date of filing, or such shorter time as

<sup>6 15</sup> U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

<sup>8 17</sup> CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

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designated by the Commission. The Exchange has provided such notice.

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 shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule should be approved or disapproved.

- 8. <u>Proposed Rule Change Based on Rules of Another Self-Regulatory Organization or of the Commission</u>
  - Not applicable.
- Security-Based Swap Submissions Filed Pursuant to Section 3C of the Act
   Not Applicable.
- 10. Advance Notices Filed Pursuant to Section 806(e) of the Payment, Clearing and Settlement Supervision Act

Not Applicable.

## 11. Exhibits

1. Notice of Proposed Rule Change for publication in the <u>Federal Register</u>.

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**EXHIBIT 1** 

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. ; File No. SR-Phlx-2023-48)

November 2023

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Nasdaq PHLX LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Delay the Implementation of the FLEX and Cabinet Automation

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 November 9, 2023, Nasdaq 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.

I. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the</u> Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to delay the implementation of SR-Phlx-2023-22.<sup>3</sup>

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's Website at <a href="https://listingcenter.nasdaq.com/rulebook/phlx/rules">https://listingcenter.nasdaq.com/rulebook/phlx/rules</a>, at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

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

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# II. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis</u> 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. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory</u> Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

# 1. <u>Purpose</u>

The Exchange proposes to delay the implementation of a rule change to automate FLEX and Cabinet Orders. The Exchange previously filed SR-Phlx-2023-22, a rule change that amended several Phlx Options 8 rules related to Phlx's trading floor.

#### FLEX Orders

With respect to FLEX Orders, SR-Phlx-2023-22 amended FLEX Orders in 3 ways. First, the Exchange amended the rules to require FLEX Orders to be reported into Phlx's Options Floor Based Management System or "FBMS," thereby further automating the execution and reporting of FLEX Options. All executed FLEX contracts will be reported to OPRA and sent to The Options Clearing Corporation ("OCC") for clearing, similar to all other equity, equity index and U.S. dollar-settled foreign currency options orders executed on the Exchange's trading floor. Second, the Exchange removed its RFQ process including the BBO Improvement Interval Process, with the rule change. Third, the Exchange reorganized Options 8, Section 34 to restructure the rule to include additional information which describes current FLEX trading on Phlx.

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# 2. <u>Statutory Basis</u>

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,<sup>4</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,<sup>5</sup> in particular, in that it is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general to protect investors and the public interest. The Exchange's proposal to delay the implementation of SR-Phlx-2023-22 to on or before August 30, 2024 is consistent with the Act and the protection of investors and the general public as it will permit the Exchange additional time to code and test the functionality.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

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# B. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition</u>

The proposed rule change does not impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The Exchange's proposal to delay the implementation of SR-Phlx-2023-22 to on or before August 30, 2024 does not impose any burden on competition as it will permit the Exchange additional time to code and test the functionality.

C. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed</u> <u>Rule Change Received from Members, Participants, or Others</u>

No written comments were either solicited or received.

III. <u>Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission</u>
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>6</sup> and subparagraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.<sup>7</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 necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

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Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings 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 (https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml); or
- Send an email to <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include file number SR-Phlx-2023-48 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.

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website 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 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. Do not include personal identifiable information in submissions; you should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. We may redact in part or withhold entirely from publication submitted material that is obscene or subject to copyright protection. All submissions should refer to file number SR-Phlx-2023-48 and should be submitted on or before [INSERT DATE 21 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>8</sup>

Sherry R. Haywood,

Assistant Secretary.

<sup>8 17</sup> CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

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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 shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule should be approved or disapproved.

- 8. <u>Proposed Rule Change Based on Rules of Another Self-Regulatory Organization or of the Commission</u>
  - Not applicable.
- Security-Based Swap Submissions Filed Pursuant to Section 3C of the Act
   Not Applicable.
- 10. Advance Notices Filed Pursuant to Section 806(e) of the Payment, Clearing and Settlement Supervision Act

Not Applicable.

## 11. Exhibits

1. Notice of Proposed Rule Change for publication in the <u>Federal Register</u>.

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**EXHIBIT 1** 

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. ; File No. SR-Phlx-2023-48)

November 2023

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Nasdaq PHLX LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Delay the Implementation of the FLEX and Cabinet Automation

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 November 9, 2023, Nasdaq 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.

I. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the</u> Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to delay the implementation of SR-Phlx-2023-22.<sup>3</sup>

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's Website at <a href="https://listingcenter.nasdaq.com/rulebook/phlx/rules">https://listingcenter.nasdaq.com/rulebook/phlx/rules</a>, at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

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

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

See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 97658 (June 7, 2023), 88 FR 38562 (June 13, 2023) (SR-Phlx-2023-22) (Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Amend Various Options 8 Rules) ("SR-Phlx-2023-22").

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# II. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis</u> 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. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory</u> Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

# 1. <u>Purpose</u>

The Exchange proposes to delay the implementation of a rule change to automate FLEX and Cabinet Orders. The Exchange previously filed SR-Phlx-2023-22, a rule change that amended several Phlx Options 8 rules related to Phlx's trading floor.

#### FLEX Orders

With respect to FLEX Orders, SR-Phlx-2023-22 amended FLEX Orders in 3 ways. First, the Exchange amended the rules to require FLEX Orders to be reported into Phlx's Options Floor Based Management System or "FBMS," thereby further automating the execution and reporting of FLEX Options. All executed FLEX contracts will be reported to OPRA and sent to The Options Clearing Corporation ("OCC") for clearing, similar to all other equity, equity index and U.S. dollar-settled foreign currency options orders executed on the Exchange's trading floor. Second, the Exchange removed its RFQ process including the BBO Improvement Interval Process, with the rule change. Third, the Exchange reorganized Options 8, Section 34 to restructure the rule to include additional information which describes current FLEX trading on Phlx.

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#### Cabinet Options

With respect to Cabinet Orders, SR-Phlx-2023-22 amended Options 8, Section 33 to require Cabinet Orders to be reported into FBMS. With this change, members and member organizations will be required to record all Cabinet Orders represented in the trading crowd into FBMS. All executed contracts will be reported to OPRA and sent to OCC for clearing similar to all other equity, equity index and U.S. dollar-settled foreign currency options orders executed on the Exchange's trading floor.

SR-Phlx-2023-22 stated that the rule change would be implemented on or before March 29, 2024. At this time, the Exchange proposes to delay the implementation of SR-Phlx-2023-22 to on or before August 30, 2024 to permit the Exchange additional time to code and test the functionality. The Exchange would issue an Options Trader Alert announcing the exact implementation date to members and member organizations.

# 2. <u>Statutory Basis</u>

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,<sup>4</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,<sup>5</sup> in particular, in that it is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general to protect investors and the public interest. The Exchange's proposal to delay the implementation of SR-Phlx-2023-22 to on or before August 30, 2024 is consistent with the Act and the protection of investors and the general public as it will permit the Exchange additional time to code and test the functionality.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

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# B. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition</u>

The proposed rule change does not impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The Exchange's proposal to delay the implementation of SR-Phlx-2023-22 to on or before August 30, 2024 does not impose any burden on competition as it will permit the Exchange additional time to code and test the functionality.

C. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed</u> <u>Rule Change Received from Members, Participants, or Others</u>

No written comments were either solicited or received.

III. <u>Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission</u>
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>6</sup> and subparagraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.<sup>7</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 necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

<sup>17</sup> 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.

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Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings 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
   (https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml); or
- Send an email to <a href="mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov">rule-comments@sec.gov</a>. Please include file number SR-Phlx-2023-48 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-2023-48. 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 website (<a href="https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml">https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml</a>). 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

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website 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 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. Do not include personal identifiable information in submissions; you should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. We may redact in part or withhold entirely from publication submitted material that is obscene or subject to copyright protection. All submissions should refer to file number SR-Phlx-2023-48 and should be submitted on or before [INSERT DATE 21 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>8</sup>

Sherry R. Haywood,

Assistant Secretary.

<sup>8 17</sup> CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).