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Item 1. <u>Text of the Proposed Rule Change</u>

(a) Cboe Exchange, Inc. (the "Exchange" or "Cboe Options") proposes to amend its Fee Schedule. The text of the proposed rule change is provided in Exhibit 5.

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

Item 2. <u>Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization</u>

(a) The Exchange's President (or designee) pursuant to delegated authority approved the proposed rule change on April 22, 2025.

(b) Please refer questions and comments on the proposed rule change to Pat Sexton, Executive Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary, (312) 786-7467, or Allyson Van Marter, (312) 786-7098, Cboe Exchange, Inc., 433 West Van Buren Street, Chicago, Illinois 60607.

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

(a) <u>Purpose</u>

The Exchange proposes to update its Fee Schedule to provide a temporary 20% discount on fees assessed to Exchange Trading Permit Holders¹ and non-Trading Permit Holders for any single purchase of End-of-Day Ad-hoc Request (historical data) and/or Intraday Ad-hoc Request (historical data) that meets the minimum purchase requirement

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Close Data will receive a percentage fee discount where specific purchase thresholds are met. Specifically, the Exchange proposes to provide a temporary 20% discount for ad-hoc purchases of historical Open-Close Data of \$20,000 or more.⁵ The proposed program will apply to all market participants irrespective of whether the market participant is a new or current purchaser; however, the discount cannot be combined with any other discounts offered by the Exchange, including the academic discount provided for Qualifying Academic Purchasers of historical Open-Close Data. The Exchange intends to introduce the discount program beginning April 23, 2025, with the program remaining in effect through June 30, 2025. The Exchange also notes that it previously adopted the same temporary discount program and proposes to update the Fees Schedule with the new program dates accordingly.⁶

(b) <u>Statutory Basis</u>

The Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act") and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to the Exchange and, in particular, the requirements of Section 6(b) of the Act.⁷ Specifically, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section $6(b)(5)^8$

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requirements that the rules of an exchange be designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in regulating, clearing, settling, processing information with respect to, and facilitating transactions in securities, 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. Additionally, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section $6(b)(5)^9$ requirement that the rules of an exchange not be designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

In adopting Regulation NMS, the Commission granted self-regulatory organizations ("SROs") and broker-dealers increased authority and flexibility to offer new and unique market data to the public. It was believed that this authority would expand the amount of data available to consumers, and also spur innovation and competition for the provision of market data. The Exchange believes the proposed fee changes will further broaden the availability of U.S. option market data to investors consistent with the principles of Regulation NMS. Open-Close Data is designed to help investors understand underlying market trends to improve the quality of investment decisions. Indeed, purchasers of the data may be able to enhance their ability to analyze option trade and volume data and create and test trading models and analytical strategies. The Exchange believes Open-Close Data provides a valuable tool that purchasers can use to gain comprehensive insight into the trading activity in a particular series, but also emphasizes such data is not necessary for trading and as noted above, is entirely optional. Moreover,

several other exchanges offer a similar data product which offer same type of data content through end-of-day or intraday reports.¹⁰

The Exchange also operates in a highly competitive environment. Indeed, there are currently 18 registered options exchanges that trade options. Based on publicly available information, no single options exchange has more than 17% of the market share.¹¹ The Commission has repeatedly expressed its preference for competition over regulatory intervention in determining prices, products, and services in the securities markets. Particularly, in Regulation NMS, the Commission highlighted the importance of market forces in determining prices and SRO revenues and, also, recognized that current regulation of the market system "has been remarkably successful in promoting market competition in its broader forms that are most important to investors and listed companies."¹² Making similar data products available to market participants fosters competition in the marketplace, and constrains the ability of exchanges to charge supracompetitive fees. In the event that a market participant views one exchange's data product as more or less attractive than the competition they can and do switch between similar products. The proposed fees are a result of the competitive environment, as the Exchange seeks to adopt fees to attract purchasers of historical Open-Close Data.

The Exchange believes that the proposed incentive program for any Trading Permit Holder or non-Trading Permit Holder who purchases historical Open-Close Data is reasonable because it will give purchasers the ability to use and test the historical Open-

¹⁰ See supra note 4.

¹¹ <u>See</u> Cboe Global Markets U.S. Options Market Month-to-Date Volume Summary (April 21, 2025), available at <u>https://markets.cboe.com/us/options/market_statistics/</u>.

¹² See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 51808 (June 9, 2005), 70 FR 37496, 37499 (June 29, 2005) ("Regulation NMS Adopting Release").

Close Data at a discounted rate, prior to purchasing additional months or a monthly subscription, and will therefore encourage and promote users to purchase the historical Open-Close Data. Further, the proposed discount is intended to promote increased use of the Exchange's historical Open-Close Data by defraying some of the costs a purchaser would ordinarily have to expend before using the data product. The Exchange believes that the proposed discount is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because it will apply equally to all Trading Permit Holders and non-Trading Permit Holders who purchase historical Open-Close Data. Lastly, the purchase of this data product is discretionary and not compulsory. Indeed, no market participant is required to purchase the historical Open-Close Data available to all investors. Potential purchasers may request the data at any time if they believe it to be valuable or may decline to purchase such data. As noted above, the Exchange has previously adopted this discount program at other times.¹³

Item 4. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition</u>

The Exchange 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. The Exchange operates in a highly competitive environment in which the Exchange must continually adjust its fees to remain competitive. Because competitors are free to modify their own fees in response, including the adoption of similar discounts to those fees, the Exchange believes that the degree to which fee changes (including discounts and rebates) in this market may impose any burden on competition is extremely limited. As discussed above, Open-Close Data is subject to direct competition from several other options exchanges that offer

See supra note 6.

substitutes to Open-Close Data. Moreover, purchase of Open-Close Data is optional. It is designed to help investors understand underlying market trends to improve the quality of investment decisions, but is not necessary to execute a trade. The Exchange believes that this does not impose any burden on intramarket competition as the benefit is given to any purchasers who meet the minimum purchase amount.

The proposed rule changes are grounded in the Exchange's efforts to compete more effectively. In this competitive environment, potential purchasers are free to choose which, if any, similar product to purchase to satisfy their need for market information. As a result, the Exchange believes this proposed rule change permits fair competition among national securities exchanges. Further, the Exchange believes that these changes will not cause any unnecessary or inappropriate burden on intermarket competition, as the proposed incentive program applies uniformly to any purchaser of historical Open-Close Data.

Item 5.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.

Item 6. Extension of Time Period for Commission Action

Not applicable.

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

(a) The proposed rule change is filed for immediate effectiveness pursuant to

Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act¹⁴ and Rule $19b-4(f)(2)^{15}$ thereunder.

¹⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹⁵ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

(b) The Exchange designates that the proposed rule change establishes or changes a due, fee, or other charge imposed by the Exchange, which renders the proposed rule change effective upon filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission"). At any time within 60 days of the filing of this 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.

- (c) Not applicable.
- (d) Not applicable.

Item 8. <u>Proposed Rule Change Based on Rules of Another Self-Regulatory</u> Organization or of the Commission

The proposed rule change is not based on a rule either of another self-regulatory organization or of the Commission.

Item 9. <u>Security-Based Swap Submissions Filed Pursuant to Section 3C of the</u> <u>Act</u>

Not applicable.

Item 10. <u>Advance Notices Filed Pursuant to Section 806(e) of the Payment,</u> <u>Clearing and Settlement Supervision Act</u>

Not applicable.

Item 11. <u>Exhibits</u>

- Exhibit 1. Completed Notice of Proposed Rule Change for publication in the Federal Register.
- Exhibit 5. Proposed rule text.

EXHIBIT 1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34- ; File No. SR-CBOE-2025-035]

[Insert date]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Cboe Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change Relating to Amend its Fee Schedule

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act"),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on [insert date], Cboe Exchange, Inc. (the "Exchange" or "Cboe Options") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "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> <u>Proposed Rule Change</u>

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¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

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

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> <u>Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change</u>

1. <u>Purpose</u>

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The Exchange also operates in a highly competitive environment. Indeed, there are currently 18 registered options exchanges that trade options. Based on publicly available information, no single options exchange has more than 17% of the market share.¹³ The Commission has repeatedly expressed its preference for competition over regulatory

¹² <u>See</u> supra note 6.

¹³ See Cboe Global Markets U.S. Options Market Month-to-Date Volume Summary (April 21, 2025), available at <u>https://markets.cboe.com/us/options/market_statistics/</u>.

intervention in determining prices, products, and services in the securities markets. Particularly, in Regulation NMS, the Commission highlighted the importance of market forces in determining prices and SRO revenues and, also, recognized that current regulation of the market system "has been remarkably successful in promoting market competition in its broader forms that are most important to investors and listed companies."¹⁴ Making similar data products available to market participants fosters competitive fees. In the event that a market participant views one exchange's data product as more or less attractive than the competition they can and do switch between similar products. The proposed fees are a result of the competitive environment, as the Exchange seeks to adopt fees to attract purchasers of historical Open-Close Data.

The Exchange believes that the proposed incentive program for any Trading Permit Holder or non-Trading Permit Holder who purchases historical Open-Close Data is reasonable because it will give purchasers the ability to use and test the historical Open-Close Data at a discounted rate, prior to purchasing additional months or a monthly subscription, and will therefore encourage and promote users to purchase the historical Open-Close Data. Further, the proposed discount is intended to promote increased use of the Exchange's historical Open-Close Data by defraying some of the costs a purchaser would ordinarily have to expend before using the data product. The Exchange believes that the proposed discount is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because it will apply equally to all Trading Permit Holders and non-Trading Permit Holders who purchase

See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 51808 (June 9, 2005), 70 FR 37496, 37499 (June 29, 2005) ("Regulation NMS Adopting Release").

historical Open-Close Data. Lastly, the purchase of this data product is discretionary and not compulsory. Indeed, no market participant is required to purchase the historical Open-Close Data, and the Exchange is not required to make the historical Open-Close Data available to all investors. Potential purchasers may request the data at any time if they believe it to be valuable or may decline to purchase such data. As noted above, the Exchange has previously adopted this discount program at other times.¹⁵

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

The Exchange 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. The Exchange operates in a highly competitive environment in which the Exchange must continually adjust its fees to remain competitive. Because competitors are free to modify their own fees in response, including the adoption of similar discounts to those fees, the Exchange believes that the degree to which fee changes (including discounts and rebates) in this market may impose any burden on competition is extremely limited. As discussed above, Open-Close Data is subject to direct competition from several other options exchanges that offer substitutes to Open-Close Data. Moreover, purchase of Open-Close Data is optional. It is designed to help investors understand underlying market trends to improve the quality of investment decisions, but is not necessary to execute a trade. The Exchange believes that this does not impose any burden on intramarket competition as the benefit is given to any purchasers who meet the minimum purchase amount.

The proposed rule changes are grounded in the Exchange's efforts to compete more effectively. In this competitive environment, potential purchasers are free to choose which,

See supra note 8.

if any, similar product to purchase to satisfy their need for market information. As a result, the Exchange believes this proposed rule change permits fair competition among national securities exchanges. Further, the Exchange believes that these changes will not cause any unnecessary or inappropriate burden on intermarket competition, as the proposed incentive program applies uniformly to any purchaser of historical Open-Close Data.

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

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

III. <u>Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission</u> <u>Action</u>

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act¹⁶ and paragraph (f) of Rule 19b-4¹⁷ 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:

¹⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹⁷ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f).

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-CBOE-2025-035 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-CBOE-2025-035. 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 the Commission's website comments on internet (https://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 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-CBOE-2025-035 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.¹⁸

Sherry R. Haywood,

Assistant Secretary.

¹⁷ CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

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Open-Close Data				Download Daily Updates all Cboe Securities (Equities, Indexes	s Notes	
			Download** all Cboe Securities (Equities, Indexes and ETFs)		& ETFs)	*Academic discount applies. Qualifying Academic Purchasers will be charged \$1,500 per year and \$125 per month for each additional month.
Data Products			One-Four Years (price per month)	Five or More Years (price per month)	Monthly	
						**File sizes larger than 500GB will be shipped to purchaser on a hard drive.
Open Close			\$600.00*	\$300.00*	\$600.00	***From [October 10, 2024 through December 31, 2024]April 23, 2025 through June 30, 2025, any single purchase of End-of-Day Ad-hoc Request (historical data) and/or Intraday Ad-hoc Request (historical data) totaling \$20,000 or more will receive a 20% discount (for example, a qualifying order of \$25,000 would be discounted to \$20,000, i.e. receive a 20% discount of \$5,000). This discount cannot be combined with any other discount provided for Qualifying Academic Purchasers of historical Open-Close Data.
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Intraday Open Close	\$3,000 per month					per year for the first year and \$250 per month for each additional month.
	\$1,000 per month \$36,000 per year				**A free trial is available for up to 6 months of Intraday Open-Close Historical Data to both TPHs and non-TPHs who have not previously subscribed to Intraday Open- Close Historical Data or previously recieved a free trial.	
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External Distribution Fee		\$5,000 per month				The fee for external distribution of Derived Data from Open-Close Data is in addition to fees for the End-of-Day product or the intraday product, or both, as applicable. "Derived Data" is pricing data or other data that (i) is created in whole or in part from Data, (iii) is not an index or financial product, and (iii) cannot be readily reverse- engineered to recreate Data or used to create other data that is a reasonable facsimile or substitute for Data.