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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change by the American Stock Exchange LLC Relating to an Increase in the Maximum Size of Options Orders Eligible To Be Entered Through the Amex Order File System Into the Amex Options Display Book

April 19, 1999.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on March 29, 1999, the American Stock Exchange LLC ("Amex" 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.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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

The Exchange proposes to increase from 50 to 100 the maximum number of equity and index option contracts in an order that may be entered through the Amex Order File System ("AOF") into the Amex Options Display Book ("AODB"). The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Office of the Secretary, Amex and the Commission.

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

In its filing with the Commission, the Exchange included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Amex has prepared summaries, set forth in Sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

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

1. Purpose

The AOF routes orders to specialists' order books and to Auto-Ex, an automatic execution system that executes public customer market and marketable limit orders in options at the best bid or offer displayed at the time the order is entered. Currently, the AOF permits a Member or Member Firm to enter orders for up to 50 option contracts directly into an Exchange specialist's order book (the AODB)³ from off the Exchange's trading floor and orders of up to 20 contracts into Auto-Ex.⁴

Amex proposes to increase the maximum size of options orders that may be entered through the AOF into

³ The Exchange represents that currently, orders for more than 50 option contracts are either manually entered by the specialist into the AODB or "worked" in the crowd. Telephone conversation between Scott Van Hatten, Legal Counsel, Amex and Gordon Fuller, Special Counsel, Division of Market Regulation ("Division"), SEC (April 7, 1999).

⁴ The Commission notes that Amex received Commission approval to increase the maximum size of orders entered into Auto-Ex from 20 options contracts to 50. Securities Exchange Act Release No. 41098 (February 24, 1999), 64 FR 10511 (March 4, 1999) (File No. SR-Amex-98-44). Amex represents, however, that the Auto-Ex order size limit is currently set at 20 contracts. Telephone conversation between Scott Van Hatten, Amex, and David Sieradzki and Gordon Fuller, Special Counsels, Division, SEC (April 5, 1999).

the AODB from 50 to 100 option contracts.⁵ This increase in maximum size of orders eligible for automated entry into the AODB will permit Members and Member Firms to send a larger percentage of orders directly to a specialist's order book for execution, resulting in increased automated order handling. Amex believes this increased automated order handling will benefit customers as well as Members and Member Firms by expanding the number of option orders eligible for automated handling and promoting the orderly and timely delivery, processing and execution of such orders.

The Exchange represents that AOF/AODB has been successful in enhancing execution and operational efficiencies. It anticipates that the proposed increase in the AOF's maximum order size parameters should further increase execution and operational efficiencies realized since the introduction of the AOF.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange represents that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)⁶ of the Act, in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5)⁷ in particular, because it is 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 facilitating transactions in securities, and to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system.⁸

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition.

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

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

⁵ Amex represents that its systems capacity is sufficient to accommodate the anticipated increased volume of orders entered into AODB as a result of the increase in maximum order size. Telephone conversation between Scott Van Hatten, Amex, and David Sieradzki and Gordon Fuller, Special Counsels, Division, SEC (April 5, 1999).

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

⁸ In reviewing this proposal, the Commission has considered its impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

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

The Amex represents that the foregoing rule change effects a change in an Amex order-entry system that: (1) Does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (2) does not impose any significant burden on competition; and (3) does not have the effect of limiting the access to or availability of the system. Therefore, the rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act⁹ and subparagraph (f)(5) of Rule 19b-4 under the Act.¹⁰

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission may summarily abrogate 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.

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. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549. 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 inspection and copying at the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-Amex-99-11 and should be submitted by May 18, 1999.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹¹

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⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹⁰ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(5).

¹¹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change by the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. Relating to SelectNet Fees

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on March 24, 1999, the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. ("NASD" or "Association"), through its wholly-owned subsidiary the Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc. ("Nasdaq"), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission" or "SEC") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by Nasdaq.

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

The NASD is submitting this proposed rule change to extend, through March 31, 2000, the fees currently charged under NASD Rule 7010(l) for the execution of transactions in SelectNet as discussed below. If no further action is taken, SelectNet fees will revert to their original per-side level on April 1, 2000.³

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

In its filing with the Commission, Nasdaq included statements concerning the purpose of, and basis for, the proposed rule change. Nasdaq has prepared summaries, set forth below in Sections A, B, and C of the most significant aspects of such statements.

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

Nasdaq is proposing to again extend its current reduced SelectNet fees. The

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ Nasdaq notes that it recently filed with the Commission a rule proposal to, in part, return SelectNet to a pure order delivery and negotiation facility. See SR-NASD-99-11. Notwithstanding the one year extension of reduced fees contemplated here, Nasdaq reserves the right to adjust its SelectNet pricing by proposed rule change pending the approval of SR-NASD-99-11.

reasons for Nasdaq's prevailing SelectNet fee structure were fully explained in its original fee structure proposal filed with the Commission in February of 1998.⁴ Since then, SelectNet usage has continued at significantly elevated levels. As such, Nasdaq believes that an extension of these reduced fees, through March 31, 2000, is warranted. Under the proposed extension, SelectNet fees would continue to be assessed in the following manner: (1) \$1.00 will be charged for each SelectNet order entered and directed to one particular market participant that is subsequently executed in whole or in part, (2) no fee will be charged to a member who receives and executes a directed SelectNet order, (3) the existing \$2.50 fee will remain in effect for both sides of executed SelectNet orders that result from broadcast messages; and (4) a \$0.25 fee will remain in effect for any member who cancels a SelectNet order. Nasdaq will continue to monitor and review SelectNet activity to determine if further extensions of its reduced SelectNet fee structure are appropriate. If no further action is taken, SelectNet fees will revert to their original \$2.50 per-side level on April 1, 2000.

For the reason set forth above, Nasdaq believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 15A(b)(5) of the Act,⁵ which requires that the rules of the NASD provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among members and issuers and other persons using any facility or system which the NASD operates or controls.

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

The NASD believes that the proposed rule change will not result in any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

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

Comments were neither solicited nor received.

⁴ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 39641 (February 10, 1998), 63 FR 8241 (February 18, 1998). Nasdaq's current reduced fee structure was originally approved for a 90 day trial period, commencing the day that the proposal was published in the **Federal Register**. The reduced fees were extended in May, September and November of 1998 and would expire on March 31, 1999, if not extended by this filing. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 40783 (December 11, 1998), 63 FR 70177 (December 18, 1998).

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78o-3(b)(5).