

members and issuers and other persons using its facilities.

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

The NYSE does not believe that the proposed rule change would impose 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

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

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

The Exchange asserts that, 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 may become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act⁶ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.⁷ 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.⁸

A proposed rule change filed under Rule 19b-4(f)(6) normally would not become operative prior to 30 days after the date of the filing. However, Rule 19b-4(f)(6) permits the Commission to designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Exchange has requested that the Commission designate the proposed rule change operative immediately upon filing. The Commission believes that capping the initial listing fees payable by any two or more closed-end funds from the same fund family will benefit those who invest in such funds by reducing the costs associated with the issuance of the shares. Accordingly, the Commission hereby determines to waive the 30-day pre-operative period, and the

proposed rule change becomes operative immediately.⁹

Rule 19b-4(f)(6) also requires the self-regulatory organization submitting the proposed rule change to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change, along with a brief description and text of the proposed rule change, at least five business days prior to the date of filing, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The NYSE has requested that the Commission waive the five-day pre-filing requirement, and the Commission hereby grants that request.

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 20549-0609. 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 will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-NYSE-2003-32 and should be submitted by November 19, 2003.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁰

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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⁹ For purposes only of accelerating the operative date of this proposal, the Commission has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

¹⁰ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change and Amendment No. 1 Thereto, by the Pacific Exchange, Inc. Relating to the Establishment of a Cross-and-Post Order Type

October 21, 2003.

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 July 23, 2003, the Pacific Exchange, Inc. ("PCX") submitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which the PCX has prepared. On September 25, 2003, the PCX submitted Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change.³ The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change, as amended, from interested persons.

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

The PCX, through its wholly owned subsidiary PCX Equities, Inc. ("PCXE"), is proposing to adopt new rules for the implementation of a new order type called a "Cross-and-Post Order" for use on the Archipelago Exchange ("ArcaEx").

The text of the proposed rule change is below. Proposed additions are in *italics*.

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PCX Equities, Inc.

Rule 7

Equities Trading

Orders and Modifiers

Rule 7.31 (a)-(cc)—(No change.)
(dd)-(ee)—*Reserved.*

(ff) *Cross-and-Post Order. A Cross Order that is to be executed in whole or in part on the Corporation pursuant to Rule 7.31(s) where any unexecuted portion of the Cross-and-Post Order will be displayed in the Arca Book at the cross price.*

The Corporation will cancel the Cross-and-Post Order at the time of order entry, if:

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ Amendment No. 1 replaced the original filing in its entirety.

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁷ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

⁸ See 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(C).

(1) The cross price would cause an execution at a price that trades through the NBBO; or

(2) The cross price is between the BBO and does not improve the BBO by the MPII pursuant to Rule 7.6(a), Commentary .06.

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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 PCX included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it had received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The PCX 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

As part of its continuing efforts to enhance participation on ArcaEx, the PCX is proposing to adopt a new order type called a "Cross-and-Post Order." The PCX believes that this new order type will provide ETP Holders and Sponsored Participants (collectively "Users") with more flexibility to facilitate cross transactions.

The PCX proposes to add PCXE Rule 7.31(ff) to define a Cross-and-Post Order. The PCX proposes that a Cross-and-Post Order would be an order that is executed pursuant to the existing cross rules⁴ while allowing for any residual portion of the cross order to be displayed in the Arca Book; provided, however, that the ArcaEx trading system would cancel a Cross-and-Post Order at the time of order entry if: (i) The cross price would cause an execution at a price that trades through the NBBO; or (ii) the cross price is between the BBO and does not improve the BBO by the minimum price improvement increment ("MPII") pursuant to PCXE Rule 7.6(a), Commentary .06.⁵ The PCX believes that Cross-and-Post Orders would facilitate order interaction and provide for greater execution frequency of cross orders in

their entirety. In addition, the PCX believes that the new order type would increase investor choices with respect to executing orders. For example, in the current system, any portion of a cross order that remains unexecuted is canceled. Customers must then re-enter the residual portion of the order if they wish to have it posted in the Arca Book. The Cross-and-Post order would enable electronic posting of the residual portion of the order pursuant to PCXE Rule 7.36.

The PCX believes that the implementation of the Cross-and-Post order type would facilitate enhanced order interaction and foster price competition. The PCX also believes that the proposal would promote a more efficient and effective market operation, and enhance the investment choices available to investors over a broad range of trading scenarios. Finally, the PCX believes that the proposed rule changes would permit the execution of cross transactions in a manner consistent with PCXE rules applicable to price-time priority, price improvement requirements, and NBBO price protection.

2. Statutory Basis

The PCX believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)⁶ of the Act and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5)⁷ because it is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in facilitating transactions in securities, to remove impediments and perfect the mechanisms of a free and open market, and to protect investors and the public interest. In addition, the PCX believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with provisions of Section 11A(a)(1)(B) of the Act,⁸ which states that new data processing and communications techniques create the opportunity for more efficient and effective market operations.

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

The PCX 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.

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

The PCX neither solicited nor received written comments concerning the proposed rule change.

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

Within 35 days after the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** or within such longer period (i) as the Commission may designate up to 90 days of such date if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding, or (ii) as to which the PCX consents, the Commission will:

(A) By order approve such proposed rule change; or

(B) Institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be 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. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609. 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 in the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of such filings will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the PCX. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-PCX-2003-38 and should be submitted by November 19, 2003.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁹

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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⁴ See PCXE Rule 7.31(s).

⁵ The MPII on ArcaEx is equal to \$0.01 or 10% of the NBBO spread, whichever is greater. See PCXE Rule 7.6(a), Commentary .06. Under current PCXE rules, the MPII requirements must be satisfied in the execution of Cross Orders. See PCXE Rule 7.31(s).

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78k(a)(1)(B).

⁹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).