

XVIII provides procedural rights to contest the fine imposed pursuant to the BOX MRVP and permits disciplinary proceedings on the matter, the Commission believes that BOX Rule Chapter X, as amended by this proposal, provides a fair procedure for the disciplining of members and persons associated with members, consistent with Sections 6(b)(7) and 6(d)(1) of the Act.<sup>8</sup>

Finally, the Commission finds that the proposal is consistent with the public interest, the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act, as required by Rule 19d-1(c)(2) under the Act<sup>9</sup> which governs minor rule violation plans. The Commission believes that the proposed rule change would strengthen the Exchange's ability to carry out its oversight and enforcement responsibilities as a self-regulatory organization in cases where full disciplinary proceedings are unsuitable in view of the minor nature of the particular violation.

In approving this proposed rule change the Commission in no way minimizes the importance of compliance with BOX rules and all other rules subject to the imposition of fines under the BOX MRVP. The Commission believes that the violation of any self-regulatory organization's rules, as well as Commission rules, is a serious matter. However, the BOX MRVP provides a reasonable means of addressing rule violations that do not rise to the level of requiring formal disciplinary proceedings, while providing greater flexibility in handling certain violations. The Commission expects that BSE would continue to conduct surveillance with due diligence and make a determination based on its findings, on a case-by-case basis, whether a fine of more or less than the recommended amount is appropriate for a violation under the BOX MRVP or whether a violation requires formal disciplinary action under BSE Rule Chapter XXX.

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act<sup>10</sup> and Rule 19d-1(c)(2) under the Act,<sup>11</sup> that the proposed rule change (SR-BSE-2006-11), as modified by Amendments No. 1 and 2, be, and hereby is, approved and declared effective.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>12</sup>

**Florence E. Harmon,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-55613; File No. SR-CHX-2007-11]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; Chicago Stock Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change and Amendment No. 1 Thereto Relating to Participant Fees and Credits

April 10, 2007.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act"),<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on March 22, 2007, the Chicago Stock Exchange, Inc. ("CHX" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been substantially prepared by the CHX. On April 10, 2007, the CHX filed Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change. 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 CHX proposes to amend its Schedule of Participant Fees and Credits (the "Fee Schedule") to remove provisions that are no longer in effect due to the roll-out of the Exchange's new trading model. The text of this proposed rule change is available at the CHX, on the Exchange's Web site at [http://www.chx.com/rules/proposed\\_rules.htm](http://www.chx.com/rules/proposed_rules.htm), and in the Commission's Public Reference Room.

#### 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 CHX 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 CHX 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

On January 26, 2007, the CHX completed the transition to its new trading model.<sup>3</sup> The Exchange now proposes to amend its Fee Schedule to delete several provisions that are no longer in effect as a result of that transition. The provisions of the Fee Schedule that would be deleted through this filing include: (1) Section E(8) (Transaction and Order Processing Fees Associated with Securities Not Yet Traded in the Matching System); (2) Parts of Section F(2) (Institutional Broker Credits); (3) Section F(4) (Two-Sided Quote Providers); (4) Section L (Space Charges); and (5) Section M (Equipment, Information Services and Technology Charges). Each of these provisions currently contains an introductory note confirming that it is only in effect until the transition to the new trading model or contains an effective date that has been exceeded.<sup>4</sup> Because of the transition to the new trading model, these fees are no longer in effect for the Exchange's participants.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>3</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 54550 (September 29, 2006); 71 FR 59563 (October 10, 2006) (SR-CHX-2006-05) (approving rules for the new trading model).

<sup>4</sup> See, e.g., Section E(8) of the Fee Schedule (confirming that "these fees will continue to be charged as the Exchange transitions to its new trading model, but will be eliminated as each issue transitions to the new trading model"); see also Section F(4) of the Fee Schedule (noting that it is in effect through October 31, 2006).

<sup>5</sup> For example, an additional network/connectivity fee credit was available to institutional brokers until the completion of the new trading model rollout. See Section F(2) of the Fee Schedule. Similarly, with the transition to the new trading model, the CHX no longer operates a physical trading floor; as a result, the space and equipment charges are no longer charged to participants pursuant to the Fee Schedule, but are instead part of separate agreements between the Exchange and any firms that sublease space on the Exchange's former trading floor. See Sections L and M of the Fee Schedule.

<sup>8</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(7) and 78f(d)(1).

<sup>9</sup> 17 CFR 240.19d-1(c)(2).

<sup>10</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

<sup>11</sup> 17 CFR 240.19d-1(c)(2).

<sup>12</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12); 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(44).

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

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

## 2. Statutory Basis

*The proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)(4) of the Act<sup>6</sup> in that it provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among its members.*

### 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

No written comments were either solicited or received.

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

Because the foregoing proposed rule change establishes or changes a member due, fee or other charge imposed by the Exchange, it has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act<sup>7</sup> and subparagraph (f)(2) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.<sup>8</sup> At any time within 60 days of the filing of such 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.<sup>9</sup>

## 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 (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an e-mail to [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR-CHX-2007-11 on the subject line.

### Paper comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Nancy M. Morris, Secretary,

Securities and Exchange Commission, Station Place, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-CHX-2007-11. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail 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 Web site (<http://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 inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the CHX. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-CHX-2007-11 and should be submitted on or before May 8, 2007.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>10</sup>

**Florence E. Harmon,**

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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### Self-Regulatory Organizations; National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Make Technical Amendments to the Code of Mediation Procedure

April 11, 2007.

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>

<sup>10</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

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

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

notice is hereby given that on March 16, 2007, the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. ("NASD"), through its wholly owned subsidiary, NASD Dispute Resolution, Inc. ("NASD Dispute Resolution") 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 NASD Dispute Resolution. NASD has designated the proposed rule change as concerned solely with the administration of the self-regulatory organization under Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act<sup>3</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(3) thereunder,<sup>4</sup> which renders the proposal effective upon filing with the Commission. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

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

NASD Dispute Resolution is proposing to amend the Code of Mediation Procedure to re-number Rules 10401 through 10410 and update cross references within the re-numbered rules. The text of the proposed rule change is available on NASD's Web site (<http://www.nasd.com>), at NASD's principal office, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

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

In its filing with the Commission, NASD 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. NASD 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

In 1998, the SEC launched an initiative to encourage issuers and self-regulatory organizations to use "plain English" in disclosure documents and other materials used by investors. In response, NASD undertook to rewrite the NASD Code of Arbitration Procedure ("old Code") in "plain

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

<sup>4</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(3).

<sup>6</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

<sup>7</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>8</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

<sup>9</sup> For purposes of calculating the 60-day period within which the Commission may summarily abrogate the proposed rule change under Section 19(b)(3)(C) of the Act, the Commission considers the period to commence on April 10, 2007, the date on which the CHX filed Amendment No. 1. See 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(C).