

markets have caused disruptions and/or lack of trading; or (2) whether other unusual conditions or circumstances detrimental to the maintenance of a fair and orderly market are present. In addition, trading in Shares will be subject to trading halts caused by extraordinary market volatility pursuant to the Exchange's "circuit breaker" rule.<sup>13</sup>

Further, NYSE Arca Equities Rule 8.201 sets forth certain restrictions on ETP Holders acting as registered Market Makers in the Shares to facilitate surveillance. Pursuant to NYSE Arca Equities Rule 8.201(g), an ETP Holder acting as a registered Market Maker in the Shares is required to provide the Exchange with information relating to its trading in the applicable underlying commodity, related commodity futures or options on commodity futures, or any other related commodity derivatives. Commentary .04 of NYSE Arca Equities Rule 6.3 requires an ETP Holder acting as a registered Market Maker in Commodity-Based Trust Shares to establish, maintain and enforce written policies and procedures reasonably designed to prevent the misuse of any material nonpublic information with respect to such products, any components of the related products, any physical asset or commodity underlying the product, applicable currencies, underlying indexes, related futures or options on futures, and any related derivative instruments.

In support of this proposal, the Exchange has made representations, including the following:

(1) The Shares will be subject to the initial and continued listing criteria under NYSE Arca Equities Rule 8.201(e).

(2) The Exchange's surveillance procedures are adequate to properly monitor Exchange trading of the Shares in all trading sessions and to deter and detect violations of Exchange rules and applicable federal securities laws. In addition, the Exchange may obtain trading information via the Intermarket Surveillance Group ("ISG") from other exchanges who are members of the ISG.

(3) Prior to the commencement of trading, the Exchange will inform its ETP Holders in an Information Bulletin of the special characteristics and risks associated with trading the Shares. Specifically, the Information Bulletin will discuss the following: (a) The procedures for purchases and redemptions of Shares in Baskets (including noting that Shares are not individually redeemable); (b) NYSE Arca Equities Rule 9.2(a), which

imposes a duty of due diligence on its ETP Holders to learn the essential facts relating to every customer prior to trading the Shares; (c) how information regarding the IIV is disseminated; (d) the requirement that ETP Holders deliver a prospectus to investors purchasing newly issued Shares prior to or concurrently with the confirmation of a transaction; (d) the possibility that trading spreads and the resulting premium or discount on the Shares may widen as a result of reduced liquidity of gold trading during the Core and Late Trading Sessions after the close of the major world gold markets; and (e) trading information. In addition, the Information Bulletin will reference that the Trust is subject to various fees and expenses described in the Registration Statement. The Information Bulletin will also reference the fact that there is no regulated source of last sale information regarding physical gold, that the Commission has no jurisdiction over the trading of gold as a physical commodity, and that the CFTC has regulatory jurisdiction over the trading of gold futures contracts and options on gold futures contracts.

This approval order is based on the Exchange's representations.

The Commission finds good cause, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,<sup>14</sup> for approving the proposed rule change prior to the 45th day after publication of notice in the **Federal Register**. The Commission does not believe that the Exchange's proposal to list and trade the Shares presents any novel regulatory issues. The Commission has previously approved proposals by the Exchange to list and trade shares of similar trusts that hold gold bullion pursuant to NYSE Arca Equities Rule 8.201.<sup>15</sup> Additionally, the Commission has previously approved proposals to list and trade shares of trusts that hold other commodities such as platinum, palladium, and silver pursuant to NYSE Arca Equities Rule 8.201.<sup>16</sup>

### III. Conclusion

*It is therefore ordered*, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,<sup>17</sup> that the proposed rule change (SR-NYSEArca-2010-95) be, and it hereby is, approved on an accelerated basis.

<sup>14</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

<sup>15</sup> See, e.g., Securities Exchange Act Release No. 59895 (May 8, 2009), 74 FR 22993 (May 15, 2009) (SR-NYSEArca-2009-40).

<sup>16</sup> See Notice, *supra* note 4, 75 FR at 69495, nn. 5-11.

<sup>17</sup> 15 U.S.C.78s(b)(2).

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>18</sup>

**Florence E. Harmon,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-63471; File No. SR-NYSEArca-2010-108]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change by NYSE Arca, Inc. Amending Its Fee Schedule

December 8, 2010.

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 December 1, 2010, NYSE Arca, Inc. ("NYSE Arca" or the "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II 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. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to amend its Fee Schedule (the "Schedule"). While changes to the Schedule pursuant to this proposal will be effective on filing, the changes will become operative on December 1, 2010. The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Exchange's principal office, on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.sec.gov>, at the Commission's Public Reference Room, and the Exchange's Web site at <http://www.nyse.com>.

#### 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 self-regulatory organization 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 those statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries,

<sup>18</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.

<sup>13</sup> See NYSE Arca Equities Rule 7.12.

set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant parts of such statements.

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

1. Purpose

The purpose of this filing is to amend the Schedule to cap transaction fees for Firm Proprietary trades executed in open outcry (manual trades) at \$75,000 per month. The proposed cap will become operative on December 1, 2010.

The proposed fees will only apply to OTP Holder transactions marked with account origin code "F", and will not include Royalty Fees, which are pass-through fees whose purpose is to cover payments that must be made by the Exchange without respect to any cap, and Strategy Executions, which are subject to a separate daily cap. Execution of orders on behalf of Joint Back Office ("JBO") participants will not be included in the monthly cap on fees because the Exchange is unable to differentiate orders of a JBO participant from orders of its clearing broker-dealer, and is therefore unable to aggregate the JBO participant's orders.<sup>3</sup>

The proposed fee cap is similar to a monthly cap previously adopted by NASDAQ OMX PHLX, Inc. ("PHLX") that is currently applicable to all firm proprietary orders on that exchange, and which also excludes orders of JBO participants. In a rule filing last year, PHLX increased that cap to \$75,000 per month per firm, which is the same level as the Exchange's proposed cap.<sup>4</sup>

The Exchange believes the proposed cap on Firm transaction fees will help attract participants to direct proprietary orders for execution on the Trading Floor of the Exchange.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 6 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act"),<sup>5</sup> in general, and Section 6(b)(4) of the Act,<sup>6</sup> in particular, in that it is designed to provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among its members and

other persons using its facilities. The proposed change to the Schedule is part of the Exchange's continued effort to attract and enhance participation on the Exchange by offering competitive rates for certain transactions on the Exchange. The proposed changes to the Schedule are equitable in that they apply uniformly to all similarly situated OTP Holders. The Exchange also believes that the proposed monthly fee cap is equitable, even though it is not available to JBO participants, because the Exchange intends to compete for non-JBO firm business with the CBOE, which excludes JBO participants from its sliding scale for the same reason as the Exchange, which is that each is unable to identify these orders from a billing standpoint to bill them correctly.<sup>7</sup>

In addition, the Exchange believes that the proposed monthly fee cap, which applies only to manual Firm Proprietary trades, is not unfairly discriminatory to other market participants because its purpose is to attract large block order flow to the floor of the Exchange where such orders can be better handled in comparison with electronic orders that are not negotiable. To the extent that this purpose is achieved, all of the Exchange's market participants should benefit from the improved market liquidity.

*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 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*

No written comments were solicited or received with respect to the proposed rule change.

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

The foregoing rule change is effective upon filing pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)<sup>8</sup> of the Act and subparagraph (f)(2) of Rule 19b-4<sup>9</sup> thereunder, because it establishes a due, fee, or other charge imposed by NYSE Arca on its members.

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.

**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-NYSEArca-2010-108 on the subject line.

*Paper Comments*

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Elizabeth M. Murphy, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NYSEArca-2010-108. 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 Web site 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. 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-

<sup>3</sup> The proposed exclusion of JBO volumes from the \$75,000 cap is similar to the provision in footnote 11 of the Chicago Board Options Exchange's rate schedule that excludes JBO participants from participating in the benefits associated with certain sliding scale rates.

<sup>4</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 59393 (February 11, 2009), 74 FR 7721 (February 19, 2009) (File No. SR-PHLX-2009-12).

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

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

<sup>7</sup> See *supra* note 4 [sic].

<sup>8</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>9</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

NYSEArca-2010-108 and should be submitted on or before January 4, 2011.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>10</sup>

**Florence E. Harmon,**  
Deputy Secretary.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-63476; File No. SR-NYSEARCA-2010-109]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE Arca, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Re-establishing and Extending the Exchange's Pilot Program Relating to Cabinet Trades Until June 1, 2011

December 8, 2010.

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 December 2, 2010, NYSE Arca, Inc. ("Exchange" or "NYSE Arca") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II 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. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to re-establish and extend its program that allows transactions to take place at a price that is below \$1 per option contract until June 1, 2011. The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Exchange, the Commission's Public Reference Room, and <http://www.nyse.com>.

#### 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 self-regulatory organization 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 those 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 parts of such statements.

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

##### 1. Purpose

The purpose of this filing is to re-establish the Pilot Program<sup>3</sup> under Rule 6.80 to allow accommodation transactions ("Cabinet Trades") to take place at a price that is below \$1 per option contract, and to extend the program to June 1, 2011. The Exchange proposes to extend the program to the same date as The Chicago Board Options Exchange ("CBOE").<sup>4</sup> The Pilot Program expired on July 1, 2010.

An "accommodation" or "cabinet" trade refers to trades in listed options on the Exchange that are worthless or not actively traded. Cabinet trading is generally conducted in accordance with the Exchange Rules, except as provided in Exchange Rule 6.80 Accommodation Transactions (Cabinet Trades), which sets forth specific procedures for engaging in cabinet trades. Rule 6.80 currently provides for cabinet transactions to occur via open outcry at a cabinet price of a \$1 per option contract in any options series open for trading in the Exchange, except that the Rule is not applicable to trading in option classes participating in the Penny Pilot Program. Under the procedures, bids and offers (whether opening or closing a position) at a price of \$1 per option contract may be represented in the trading crowd by a Floor Broker or by a Market-Maker or provided in response to a request by a Trading Official, a Floor Broker or a Market-Maker, but must yield priority to all resting orders in the Cabinet (those orders held by the Trading Official, and which resting cabinet orders may be closing only). So long as both the buyer and the seller yield to orders resting in the cabinet book, opening cabinet bids can trade with opening cabinet offers at \$1 per option contract.

The Exchange temporarily amended the procedures through July 1, 2010 to allow transactions to take place in open outcry at a price of at least \$0 but less than \$1 per option contract. These lower priced transactions were permitted to be traded pursuant to the same procedures applicable to \$1 cabinet trades, except

that (i) bids and offers for opening transactions were only permitted to accommodate closing transactions in order to limit use of the procedure to liquidations of existing positions, and (ii) the procedures were also made available for trading in option classes participating in the Penny Pilot Program.<sup>5</sup> The Exchange believed (and continues to believe) that allowing a price of at least \$0 but less than \$1 would better accommodate the closing of options positions in series that were worthless or not actively traded, particularly due to recent market conditions which had resulted in a significant number of series being out-of-the-money. For example, a market participant might have a long position in a call series with a strike price of \$100 and the underlying stock might be trading at \$30. In such an instance, there might not otherwise be a market for that person to close-out the position even at the \$1 cabinet price (*e.g.*, the series might be quoted no bid).

As with other accommodation liquidations under Rule 6.80, transactions that occur for less than \$1 will not be disseminated to the public on the consolidated tape. In addition, as with other accommodation liquidations under Rule 6.80, the transactions will be exempt from the Consolidated Options Audit Trail ("COATS") requirements of Exchange Rule 6.67 Order Format and System Entry Requirements. However, the Exchange will maintain quotation, order and transaction information for the transactions in the same format as the COATS data is maintained. In this regard, all transactions for less than \$1 must be reported to the Exchange following the close of each business day.

The Pilot Program lapsed on July 1, 2010. The Exchange is proposing to reinstate the Program at this time to be in place for end-of-year liquidations. During the period from July 1 to date, no sub-penny cabinet trades were executed on the Exchange.

##### 2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with Section

<sup>5</sup> Currently the \$1 cabinet trading procedures are limited to options classes traded in \$0.05 or \$0.10 standard increment. The \$1 cabinet trading procedures are not available in Penny Pilot Program classes because in those classes an option series can trade in a standard increment as low as \$0.01 per share (or \$1.00 per option contract with a 100 share multiplier). Because the instant rule change would allow trading below \$0.01 per share (or \$1.00 per option contract with a 100 share multiplier), the procedures would be made available for all classes, including those classes participating in the Penny Pilot Program.

<sup>3</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 61727 (March 17, 2010), 75 FR 14217 (March 24, 2010) (SR-NYSEArca-2010-13).

<sup>4</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 62192 (May 28, 2010), 75 FR 31828 (June 4, 2010) (SR-CBOE-2010-052).

<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.