Exchange cannot set unreasonable fees, or fees that are unreasonably discriminatory, when vendors and subscribers can elect these alternatives. Accordingly, the Exchange believes that the acceptance of datafeed products in the marketplace demonstrates the consistency of these fees with applicable statutory standards.

G. 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)21 of the Act and subparagraph (f)(2) of Rule 19b–422 thereunder, because it establishes a due, fee, or other charge imposed by the NYSE Arca.

At any time within 60 days of the filing of such 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 email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR–NYSEArca–2012–73 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–2012–73. 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 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 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal offices 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–NYSEArca–2012–73, and should be submitted on or before August 9, 2012.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.

Kevin M. O’Neill,
Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION


Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE Arca, Inc.; Order Granting Approval of Proposed Rule Change Amending Its Rules To Reflect the Merger of Archipelago Holdings, Inc. ("Archipelago Holdings"), An Intermediate Holding Company, Into and With NYSE Group, Inc., Thereby Eliminating Archipelago Holdings From the Ownership Structure of the Exchange

July 13, 2012.

I. Introduction

On May 14, 2012, NYSE Arca, Inc. ("NYSE Arca" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")1 and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,2 proposed rule changes to reflect the merger of Archipelago Holdings, Inc. ("Archipelago Holdings"), an intermediate holding company, into and with NYSE Group, Inc. ("NYSE Group"), thereby eliminating Archipelago Holdings from the ownership structure of the Exchange (the "Merger"). The proposed rule changes were published for comment in the Federal Register on May 31, 2012.3 The Commission received no comment letters on the proposal. The Commission has reviewed carefully the proposed rule changes and finds that the proposed rule changes are consistent with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to a national securities exchange.4 This order approves the proposed rule changes.

II. Description

NYSE Euronext intends to merge Archipelago Holdings with and into NYSE Group, effective following approval of the proposed rule change.5 According to the Exchange, the reason for the Merger is to eliminate an unnecessary intermediate holding company.6 Following the Merger, the Exchange would continue to be wholly-owned by NYSE Arca Holdings, which in turn would be wholly-owned by NYSE Group, which in turn would be wholly-owned by NYSE Euronext.

The Exchange has submitted its proposal to (i) Amend and restate the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of NYSE Arca Holdings, Inc. (the "NYSE Arca Holdings Certificate"), (ii) amend and restate the NYSE Arca Holdings, Inc. Bylaws ("NYSE Arca Holdings Bylaws") as required by the NYSE Arca Holdings Certificate, (iii) amend the rules of NYSE Arca and NYSE Arca Equities, Inc., (iv) delete in its entirety the Amended and Restated Certificate of Archipelago Holdings ("Archipelago

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4 In approving the proposed rule changes, the Commission has considered their impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78s(f).
5 Currently, NYSE Arca Holdings, Inc. ("NYSE Arca Holdings") owns all of the equity interest of the Exchange. Archipelago Holdings owns all of the equity interest of NYSE Arca Holdings, and NYSE Group owns all of the equity interest of Archipelago Holdings. NYSE Euronext owns all of the equity interest of NYSE Group.
6 See Notice, 77 FR at 32156.
Bylaws waiving such a restriction. In connection with such amendment, the Board must adopt resolutions stating that: such amendment will not impair the ability of the Exchange to carry out its functions and responsibilities under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Act”), and the rules thereunder; is otherwise in the best interests of NYSE Arca Holdings, its stockholders, and the Exchange; and will not impair the ability of the Commission to enforce the Act. Such amendment is not effective until approved by the Commission. The Board also must find that no such Person or Related Person is subject to a statutory disqualification under Section 3(a)(39) of the Act. Similarly, Article 9, Section 1(c) of the NYSE Arca Holdings Certificate provides that no Person, either alone or together with its Related Persons, may directly or indirectly vote more than 20% of the shares of NYSE Arca Holdings (the “Voting Limit”) unless the Board adopts an amendment to the NYSE Arca Holdings Bylaws waiving such a restriction and, in connection with such amendment, adopts resolutions and makes a determination with respect to statutory disqualification substantially the same as those described above for the Ownership Limit.10

The Board made these findings as set forth in the Resolution. The Board found, in pertinent part, that (1) The Merger will not impair the ability of the Exchange to carry out its functions and responsibilities as an “exchange” under the Act and the rules promulgated thereunder; (2) the Merger will not impair the ability of the Commission to enforce the Act; (3) neither NYSE Group nor any of its Related Persons is subject to any applicable “statutory disqualification” within the meaning of Section 3(a)(39) of the Act; and (4) neither NYSE Group nor any of its Related Persons is an ETP Holder of NYSE Arca Equities, Inc. or an OTP Firm of the Exchange, except as permitted by Article 9, Section 4 of the NYSE Arca Holdings Certificate. The Exchange also proposes to amend the NYSE Arca Holdings Bylaws by adding a new Article 11 that sets forth the waiver of the Ownership and Voting Limits, as required by the NYSE Arca Holdings Certificate, solely for purposes of the Merger.

B. Changes in Corporate Structure and Deletion of Duplicative or Obsolete Text

The proposed rule changes reflect the elimination of Archipelago Holdings from the Exchange’s ownership structure and delete or obsolete text. For example, the Exchange proposes to replace references to Archipelago Holdings in Article 9, Section 4 of the NYSE Arca Holdings Certificate with references to NYSE Group. In addition, the Exchange proposes to delete the last sentence of that section, which relates to certain voting and ownership restrictions that were put in place when the Exchange combined with the New York Stock Exchange in 2005 but have been superseded by other requirements.11

The Exchange proposes to delete in its entirety the text of the Archipelago Holdings Certificate and the Archipelago Holdings Bylaws because Archipelago Holdings will no longer exist upon consummation of the Merger. Accordingly, these documents will no longer be rules of the Exchange.12

Discussion

The Commission finds that the proposed rule changes are consistent with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to a national securities

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10 Article 9, Section 4 of the NYSE Arca Holdings Certificate currently provides certain exceptions to these ownership and voting restrictions for Archipelago Holdings.

11 Other changes include amending the NYSE Arca Holdings Bylaws to change references to the Pacific Exchange, Inc. to NYSE Arca, Inc.; changing references to PCX Holdings, Inc. to NYSE Arca Holdings; and deleting obsolete references to trading in minimum lots. The Exchange also proposes to delete NYSE Arca Rule 1.1(cc) and (gg), which set forth the definitions for Archipelago Holdings and Related Person, and to delete NYSE Arca Rule 3.4, which sets forth ownership and voting restrictions for Archipelago Holdings. Upon the elimination of Archipelago Holdings, NYSE Group would be the next holding company, and voting and ownership restrictions are currently set forth in its Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of NYSE Group, Inc. (“NYSE Group Certificate”) in Article IV, Section 4(b). NYSE Arca Equities Rule 14.3(b) provides that all officers and directors of Archipelago Holdings shall be deemed to be officers and directors of the Exchange and NYSE Arca Equities for purposes of, and subject to oversight pursuant to, the Act. NYSE Arca Equities Rule 14.3(d) provides that Archipelago Holdings must maintain all books and records related to the Exchange within the United States. The Exchange proposes to delete this text and make a conforming change to NYSE Arca Equities Rule 14.3(c). Comparable provisions are already contained in NYSE Group’s governing documents. The Exchange notes that, under Article IX of the NYSE Group Certificate, NYSE Group’s directors and officers already are subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission, and under Article X, NYSE Group’s books and records relating to the Exchange must be maintained within the United States. See Notice, 77 FR at 32156.
The Commission finds that the proposal is consistent with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act, which requires, among other things, that the rules of a national securities 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 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.

The proposal would accommodate the merger of Archipelago Holdings, an intermediate holding company, into and with NYSE Group, thereby eliminating Archipelago Holdings from the ownership structure of the Exchange. The Commission notes that the proposed rule changes would otherwise have no substantive impact on other rules of the Exchange, including those concerning the voting and ownership restrictions that currently apply to the Exchange and its affiliates. The Exchange would continue as an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of NYSE Euronext. In addition, the Commission notes that the Board made certain findings set forth in the Resolution that the direct ownership of NYSE Arca Holdings by NYSE Group as contemplated by the Merger is in the best interests of NYSE Arca Holdings, its shareholders, and the Exchange. In addition, the Board found that neither NYSE Group, nor any of its Related Persons, is (1) An ETP Holder of NYSE Arca Equities, Inc. (except as otherwise permitted by the NYSE Arca Holdings Certificate) (2) an OTP Holder of the Exchange (except as otherwise permitted by the NYSE Arca Holdings Certificate); or (3) subject to any "statutory disqualification." In light of these representations and findings, the Commission believes that the proposed rule changes are consistent with the Act and will not impair the ability of the Commission or the Exchange to discharge their respective responsibilities under the Act.

IV. Conclusion

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act, that the proposed rule change (SR–NYSEArca–2012–45) be, and it hereby is, approved.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.15

Kevin M. O’Neill,
Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION


Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE MKT LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Establishing a Fee for Television Distribution of the NYSE MKT Trades Data Product

July 13, 2012.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) 1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act”)2 and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,3 notice is hereby given that, on July 3, 2012, NYSE MKT LLC (the “Exchange” or “NYSE MKT”) 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 self-regulatory organization. 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 establish a fee for television distribution of the NYSE MKT Trades data product. The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s Web site at www.nyse.com, at the principal office of the Exchange, 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, 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 Exchange proposes to establish a fee for television distribution of the NYSE MKT Trades data product.

In 2010, the Commission approved the NYSE MKT Trades data product and its fees.4 NYSE MKT Trades is a NYSE MKT-only market data service that allows a vendor to redistribute the real-time data to television broadcast clients on a real-time basis. The Exchange reports under the Consolidated Tape Association (“CTA”) Plan and the NASDAQ Unlisted Trading Privileges Plan (“NASDAQ UTP Plan”) for inclusions in those plans’ consolidated data streams and certain related data elements (“NYSE MKT Last Sale Information”). The Exchange currently charges the datafeed recipients (a) an access fee of $750 per month (the “Access Fee”),5 and (b) at the election of the vendor, either (i) a device fee for professional subscribers of $10.00 per month or (ii) a fee based on the number of “Subscriber Entitlements” (the latter two fees together, “User Fees”).

The Exchange proposes to add a new fee category for NYSE MKT Trades to provide television broadcasters with an alternative enterprise fee (the “Broadcast Fee”). For the receipt of access to and the ability to display the datafeeds of the NYSE MKT Trades service by a television broadcaster, the Exchange proposes to charge a flat fee of $5,000 per month. Broadcasters will not be required to track the number of viewers.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 6 of the

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The Access Fee also covers the NYSE MKT BBO service. See the 2010 Release at 31501.

4 Television broadcast can be through cable, satellite, or traditional means.

5 Although the Broadcast Fee will not vary based on the amount of time that the datafeed is displayed during the day or the number of channels the broadcaster utilizes, it will be prorated if a television broadcaster initiates the service during the middle of a month.