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–C2–2013–023 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–C2–2013–023. 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, on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., located at 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549. Copies of such 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–C2–2013–023 and should be submitted on or before July 24, 2013.

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 MKT LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Amending Exchange Rule 980NY To Modify the Information Disseminated at the Initiation of a Complex Order Auction

June 27, 2013.

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 June 25, 2013, NYSE MKT LLC (“NYSE MKT” or “Exchange”) 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 amend Exchange Rule 980NY to modify the information disseminated at the initiation of a Complex Order Auction. 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 Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to amend Exchange Rule 980NY to modify the information disseminated at the initiation of a Complex Order Auction (“COA”).

Current Rule 980NY(e)(2) provides that upon receipt of a COA-eligible order, as defined in Rule 980NY(e)(1), and at the direction of the entering ATP Holder that an auction be initiated, the Exchange will send an automated request for responses (“RFR”) message to all ATP Holders who subscribe to RFR messages. RFR messages identify the component series, the size of the order and any contingencies, but do not identify the side of the market. ATP Holders then have an opportunity to submit bids and offers with the price and size they would be willing to participate in the execution of the COA-eligible order (an “RFR Response”). NYSE Amex Options proposes to amend Rule 980NY(e)(2) to include the side (i.e., buy or sell) of a Complex Order entered into COA when broadcasting automated RFRs to ATP Holders. This proposed rule change is similar to a recent change by the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Inc. (“CBOE”). 3 Like the CBOE, because same-side responses to an RFR would not trade with the COA-eligible order, the Exchange has determined that the submission of RFR Responses on the same side as the COA-eligible order are [sic] unnecessary. 4 In order to reduce the number responses on the same side of the market as the COA-eligible order, the Exchange now proposes to amend Rule 980NY(e)(2) to include the side of the market of the order being auctioned when sending out an RFR. By providing the side of the market, ATP Holders will be able to tailor their responses to RFRs and will only need to submit one order on the contra side of the order being auctioned, as opposed to two orders, one on each side of the COA-eligible order, as is generally the case today. In addition, the Exchange believes that the dissemination of the additional information about the terms of an order will encourage more meaningful and competitively priced RFR Responses, which could result in deeper liquidity


4 See CBOE Filing.
and better prices for market participants.

Because a same-side RFR Response cannot trade with a COA-eligible order, the Exchange considers same-side RFR Responses to be unnecessary to the COA process. Therefore, the Exchange proposes to amend Rule 980NY(e)(4) to provide that RFR Responses must be on the opposite side of the COA-eligible order and that same-side RFR Responses will be rejected by the Exchange. Requiring that RFR Responses be on the opposite side of a COA-eligible order and rejecting same-side RFR Responses is consistent with the processing of RFR Responses by the CBOE.\(^5\) The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change will improve the efficiency of the COA process by eliminating excess RFR Responses that can never actually trade with the COA-eligible order.\(^6\)

Pursuant to this proposed rule change, same-side RFR Responses will be rejected, therefore incoming RFR Responses will no longer be eligible to trade against same-side RFR Responses. Accordingly, the Exchange proposes to delete a reference to RFR Responses in Rule 980NY(e)(7).

The Exchange also proposes to amend Rule 980NY(e)(4) by correcting the rule text describing how RFR Responses are treated. Existing rule text states that RFR Responses will be ranked and displayed in the Consolidated Book. However, in accordance with Rule 980NY(e)(7), RFR Responses are only firm with respect to COA-eligible orders and unrelated orders that are received during the Response Time Interval, as defined in Rule 980NY(e)(3), and any unexecuted RFR Responses will expire at the end of the Response Time Interval (signifying the end of the auction). Because RFR Responses are only firm with respect to COA-eligible orders and unrelated orders that are received during an auction, and the fact that unexecuted RFR Responses expire at the conclusion of the auction, RFR Responses should not be ranked and/or displayed in the Consolidated Book. Thus, the language stating that RFR Responses will be ranked and displayed in the Consolidated Book is inaccurate. The Exchange therefore proposes to delete language in Rule 980NY(e)(4) stating that RFR Responses will be ranked and displayed in the Consolidated Book and affirmatively state in Rule 980NY(e)(7) that RFR Responses will not be displayed in the Consolidated Book.

The Exchange also proposes to make non-substantive changes to Rule 980NY subsections (o)(2) and (o)(7) by correcting minor typographical errors in the existing rule text. The Exchange will announce the implementation date of the systems functionality associated with the proposed rule change by Trader Update to be published no later than 90 days following the effective date. The implementation date will be no later than 90 days following the issuance of the Trader Update.

2. Statutory Basis

The proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) \(^7\) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act”), in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5),\(^8\) in that 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 mechanisms of a free and open market and a national market system. In particular, the Exchange believes that adopting similar COA rules to those of other exchanges will allow NYSE Amex Options to more efficiently compete for complex order business. In addition, by disseminating enhanced RFRs, ATP Holders will be able to provide more efficient responses that create a more competitive open market. The Exchange does not believe that requiring RFR responses to be on the opposite side of a COA eligible order and/or rejecting same-side Responses will impose any burden on market participants because market participants will still have the ability to submit unrelated same-side Complex Orders to the Exchange.

Because this proposal adopts a rule that is already in effect at a competing exchange, the Exchange does not believe that the proposed changes will impose a burden on other options exchanges. Rather, making this functionality available to market participants on the Exchange may foster more competition, thus improving the overall efficacy of the options markets.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement on Burden on Competition

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

Because the foregoing proposed rule change: (1) Does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (2) does not impose any significant burden on competition; and (3) by its terms does not become operative for 30 days after the date of this filing, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest, the proposed rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act \(^9\) and Rule 19b–4(f)(6) thereunder.\(^10\)

\(^5\) See CBOE Filing.

\(^6\) The Exchange notes that only same-side Responses will be rejected and that unrelated Complex Orders on the same side of the market as a COA-eligible order that are received during the Response Time Interval will continue to be processed pursuant to Rule 980NY(e)(8).


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 email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR–NYSEMKT–2013–57 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–NYSEMKT–2013–57. 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 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–NYSEMKT–2013–57 and should be submitted on or before July 24, 2013.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.11

Kevin M. O’Neill,
Deputy Secretary.
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION


Self-Regulatory Organizations; BATS Exchange, Inc.; Order Granting Approval to Proposed Rule Change Amending and Restating the Amended and Restated By-Laws of BATS Exchange, Inc.

June 27, 2013.

I. Introduction

On April 29, 2013, BATS Exchange, Inc. (the “Exchange” or “BATS”) 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 a proposed rule change to amend and restate the Amended and Restated By-Laws of BATS Exchange. The proposed rule change was published for comment in the Federal Register on May 13, 2013.3 The Commission received no comments on the proposal. This order approves the proposed rule change.

II. Description of the Proposal

The Exchange has proposed to amend and restate its Amended and Restated By-Laws (the “Current By-Laws”) and adopt these changes as its Second Amended and Restated By-Laws (the “New By-Laws”). The Exchange’s proposed amendments to the Current By-Laws include: (i) Providing that the Board of Directors will consist of four (4) or more directors, with the board fixing the actual number of directors from time to time by resolution of the Board of Directors rather than fixing the number of directors in the by-laws; (ii) clarifying that the existing procedures for filling vacancies on the Board of Directors apply only for non-Member Director Representative Director positions; (iii) clarifying separate procedures for filling vacancies on the Board of Directors for Member Representative Director positions; and (iv) adding a new requirement that the processes for filling any director vacancies apply to vacancies created as a result of an increase in the size of the board.

A. Number of Directors

Article III, Section 2(a) of the Exchange’s Current By-Laws fixes the number of directors of the Exchange at ten (10) directors. Article III, Section 2(a) of the New By-Laws would amend Article III, Section 2(a) to state that the Board of Directors of the Exchange shall consist of four (4) or more members, the number thereof to be determined from time to time by resolution of the Board of Directors, subject to the compositional requirements of the board set forth in Article III, Section 2(b).

The Current By-Laws and the New By-Laws require that the Board of Directors consist of the following: (i) One (1) director who is the Chief Executive Officer of the Company; (ii) representation by Member Representative Directors of at least twenty percent (20%) of the board;4 and (iii) representation by Non-Industry Directors (including at least one (1) Independent Director) that equals or exceeds the sum of the number of Industry Directors and Member Representative Directors.5 Under the Current By-Laws and the New By-Laws, the Chief Executive Officer is considered to be an Industry Director.6 Additionally, under the Current By-Laws and New By-Laws, the Member Representative Director requirement of twenty percent (20%) would require the board to include at least one (1) Member Representative Director.7 Thus, under the proposal, the minimum requisite sum of the number of Industry Directors and Member Representative Directors

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6 See id.
7 Id.