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- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR-ICC-2015-002 on the subject line.

##### *Paper Comments*

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

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-ICC-2015-002. 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 filings will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of ICE Clear Credit and on ICE Clear Credit's Web site at <https://www.theice.com/clear-credit/regulation>.

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-ICC-2015-002 and should be submitted on or before February 13, 2015.

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

**Brent J. Fields,**

*Secretary.*

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#### **SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**[Release No. 34-74075; File No. SR-BYX-2015-03]**

#### **Self-Regulatory Organizations; BATS Y-Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Clarify the Use of Certain Data Feeds**

January 15, 2015.

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 January 7, 2015, BATS Y-Exchange, Inc. (the "Exchange" or "BYX") 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 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 filed a proposal to clarify for Members<sup>3</sup> and non-Members the Exchange's use of certain data feeds for order handling and execution, order routing, and regulatory compliance. On July 15, 2014, the Exchange filed a proposed rule change that described its use of data feeds for order handling and execution, order routing, and regulatory compliance (the "Initial Proposal") with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission").<sup>4</sup> The Exchange submits this supplemental filing in order to further clarify for Members and non-Members the

<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.

<sup>3</sup> The term "Member" is defined as "any registered broker or dealer that has been admitted to membership in the Exchange. A Member will have the status of a "member" of the Exchange as that term is defined in Section 3(a)(3) of the Act." See Exchange Rule 1.5(n).

<sup>4</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 72687 (July 28, 2014), 79 FR 44926 (August 1, 2014) (SR-BYX-2014-012). Other national securities exchange filed similar proposals. See, e.g., Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 72710 (July 29, 2014), 79 FR 45511 (August 5, 2014) (SR-NYSE-2014-38), and 72684 (July 28, 2014), 79 FR 44956 (August 1, 2014) (SR-NASDAQ-2014-072).

Exchange's use of certain data feeds and to make one modification with respect to the usage of such data feeds as previously described.<sup>5</sup>

The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Exchange's Web site at <http://www.batstrading.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 Exchange 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 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

###### Background

On June 5, 2014, Chair White requested that all national securities exchanges develop proposed rule changes to disclose their use of data feeds to execute and route orders and comply with regulatory requirements.<sup>6</sup> In addition, on June 20, 2014, the Commission's Division of Trading and Markets requested that the Exchange file proposed rule changes that disclose its usage of particular market data feeds, among other things.<sup>7</sup> In response to these requests, the Exchange filed the Initial Proposal with the Commission on July 15, 2014.<sup>8</sup> The Exchange submits this supplemental filing to further clarify for Members and non-Members the Exchange's use of certain data feeds for order handling and execution, order

<sup>5</sup> The Exchange understands that other national security exchanges will file similar proposed rule changes with the Commission to further describe their use of data feeds for order handling and execution, order routing, and regulatory compliance.

<sup>6</sup> See Mary Jo White, Chair, Securities and Exchange Commission, Speech at Sandler O'Neill & Partners L.P. Global Exchange and Brokerage Conference (June 5, 2014).

<sup>7</sup> See letter from Stephen Luparello, Director, Division of Trading and Markets, Securities and Exchange Commission, to Joe Ratterman, Chief Executive Officer, BATS Global Markets, Inc., dated June 20, 2014.

<sup>8</sup> See *supra* note 6.

routing, and regulatory compliance.<sup>9</sup> In addition, the Exchange proposes to modify the way that it constructs the Pegged NBBO, as further described below. To ensure proper context and a complete filing describing the Exchange's procedures in this area, the Exchange has repeated all relevant information from the Initial Proposal and supplemented such information as necessary.

#### Order Handling and Execution

In order to calculate the national best bid and offer ("NBBO") in its Matching Engine (the "ME"), the Exchange uses quotes disseminated by market centers through proprietary data feeds (generally referred to as "Direct Feeds") as well as by the Securities Information Processors ("SIP"). The ME uses quotes disseminated from SIP feeds for the Chicago Stock Exchange, Inc., NYSE MKT LLC and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority's Alternative Display Facility. The ME consumes the Direct Feeds from every other protected venue, including the Exchange's affiliates, BATS Exchange, Inc. ("BZX"), EDGA Exchange, Inc. ("EDGA"), and EDGX Exchange, Inc. ("EDGX").

The ME will include odd lot quotations in its calculation of the NBBO depending on the source of the quotation. Where a protected market center aggregates odd lot quotations at a single price level into round lot quotations and publishes such aggregated quotations to the SIPs, then the ME will include those odd lot quotations in its calculation of the NBBO. In addition, where a protected market center aggregates odd lot quotations across more than one price level and publishes such aggregated quotations to the SIPs, then the ME will include those odd lot quotations in its calculation of the NBBO.

In addition to receiving Direct Feeds and SIP feeds, the ME's calculation of the NBBO may be adjusted based on orders sent to other venues with protected quotations, execution reports received from those venues, and certain orders received by the Exchange (collectively "Feedback"). The Exchange does not include its quotes in the calculation of the Exchange's NBBO because the system is designed such that all incoming orders are separately compared to the Exchange's Best Bid or Offer and the Exchange calculated NBBO, which together create a complete view of the NBBO, prior to display, execution, or routing.

Feedback from the receipt of Intermarket Sweep Orders ("ISOs") with

a time-in-force of Day ("Day ISOs") and feedback from the Exchange's routing broker/dealer, BATS Trading, Inc., ("BATS Trading"), defined respectively as "Day ISO Feedback" and "Router Feedback," are used to augment the market data received by Direct Feeds and the SIP feeds as further described below. The Exchange's ME will update the NBBO upon receipt of a Day ISO. When a Day ISO is posted on the BATS Book,<sup>10</sup> the ME uses the receipt of a Day ISO as evidence that the protected quotes have been cleared, and the ME does not check away markets for equal or better-priced protected quotes.<sup>11</sup> The ME will then display and execute non-ISO orders at the same price as the Day ISO.

All Feedback expires as soon as: (i) One (1) second passes; (ii) the Exchange receives new quote information; or (iii) the Exchange receives updated Feedback information. With the exception of Day ISO Feedback, the Exchange currently generates Feedback where an order was routed using a routing strategy offered by the Exchange that accesses protected quotes of trading venues on the System routing table ("Smart Order Routing").<sup>12</sup>

The Exchange currently determines the price at which a Pegged Order,<sup>13</sup> Mid-Point Peg Order,<sup>14</sup> Market Maker Peg Order,<sup>15</sup> or Supplemental Peg Order<sup>16</sup> is to be pegged based on the Pegged NBBO ("PBBO"). The Exchange's Matching Engine calculates the PBBO using the Exchange's quotes from the SIP feeds, and quotes disseminated from the same Direct Feeds, SIP feeds, and Feedback used by the ME for its NBBO calculation. As noted above, the Exchange does not otherwise utilize quotations from its local book in calculating the NBBO, and thus, the quotation from the SIP has been necessary for pegged orders in

order to generate a view of the Exchange's quotations.

Earlier this year, the Exchange and its affiliate, BZX, received approval to effect a merger (the "Merger") of the Exchange's parent company, BATS Global Markets, Inc., with Direct Edge Holdings LLC, the indirect parent of EDGA and EDGX (the Exchange, together with BZX, EDGA and EDGX, the "BGM Affiliated Exchanges").<sup>17</sup> In the context of the Merger, the BGM Affiliated Exchanges are working to align certain system functionality, retaining only intended differences between the BGM Affiliated Exchanges. As previously described by EDGA and EDGX,<sup>18</sup> in addition to information regarding other markets' quotes such exchanges currently construct an NBBO for purposes of pegged orders using information regarding orders on the applicable exchange's local order book (*i.e.*, EDGA constructs a pegged NBBO using information regarding orders on the EDGA order book and EDGX constructs a pegged NBBO using information regarding orders on the EDGX order book). In connection with the technology integration the Exchange similarly proposes to use information regarding orders displayed on the BATS Book in addition to quotes disseminated from Direct Feeds, SIP Feeds, and Feedback in order to construct the PBBO. Thus, as proposed, the Exchange would no longer use the Exchange's quotes from the SIP feeds in order to construct the PBBO.

#### Order Routing

When the Exchange has a marketable order with instructions from the sender that the order is eligible to be routed, and the ME identifies that there is no matching price available on the Exchange, but there is a matching price represented at another venue that displays protected quotes, then the ME will send the order to the Routing Engine ("RE") of BATS Trading.

In determining whether to route an order and to which venue(s) it should be routed, the RE makes its own calculation of the NBBO using the Direct Feeds, SIP feeds, and Router Feedback, as described below.<sup>19</sup> The RE will include odd lot quotations in its calculation of the NBBO depending on the source of the quotation. Where a

<sup>10</sup> See Exchange Rule 1.5(e).

<sup>11</sup> Pursuant to Regulation NMS, a broker-dealer routing a Day ISO is required to simultaneously route one or more additional ISOs, as necessary, to execute against the full displayed size of any protected quote priced equal to or better than the Day ISO. See also Question 5.02 in the "Division of Trading and Markets, Responses to Frequently Asked Questions Concerning Rule 611 and Rule 610 of Regulation NMS" (last updated April 4, 2008) available at <http://www.sec.gov/divisions/marketreg/nmsfaq610-11.htm>.

<sup>12</sup> As set forth in Rule 11.13(a)(3), the term "System routing table" refers to the proprietary process for determining the specific trading venues to which the System routes orders and the order in which it routes them.

<sup>13</sup> See Exchange Rule 11.9(c)(8).

<sup>14</sup> See Exchange Rule 11.9(c)(9).

<sup>15</sup> See Exchange Rule 11.9(c)(16).

<sup>16</sup> See Exchange Rule 11.9(c)(19).

<sup>17</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 71375 (January 23, 2014), 79 FR 4771 (January 29, 2014) (SR-BATS-2013-059; SR-BYX-2013-039).

<sup>18</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 72682 (July 28, 2014), 79 FR 44938 (August 1, 2014) (SR-EDGA-2014-17); 72683 (July 28, 2014), 79 FR 44950 (August 1, 2014) (SR-EDGX-2014-20).

<sup>19</sup> The ME and RE consume the same Direct Feeds and SIP feeds.

<sup>9</sup> See *supra* note 7.

protected market center aggregates odd lot quotations at a single price level into round lot quotations and publishes such aggregated quotations to the SIPs, then the RE will include those odd lot quotations in its calculation of the NBBO.

The RE does not utilize Day ISO Feedback in constructing the NBBO; however, because all orders initially flow through the ME, to the extent Day ISO Feedback has updated the ME's calculation of the NBBO, all orders processed by the RE do take Day ISO Feedback into account. The RE receives Feedback from all Smart Order Routing strategies.

There are three types of Router Feedback that contribute to the Exchange's calculation of the NBBO:

- Immediate Feedback. Where BATS Trading routes an order to a venue with a protected quotation using Smart Order Routing (a "Feedback Order"), the number of shares available at that venue is immediately decreased by the number of shares routed to the venue at the applicable price level.

- Execution Feedback. Where BATS Trading receives an execution report associated with a Feedback Order that indicates that the order has fully executed with no remaining shares associated with the order, all opposite side quotes on the venue's order book that are priced more aggressively than the price at which the order was executed will be ignored.

- Cancellation Feedback. Where BATS Trading receives an execution report associated with a Feedback Order that indicates that the order has not fully executed (either a partial execution or a cancellation), all opposite side quotes on the venue's order book that are priced equal to or more aggressively than the limit price for the order will be ignored.

All Feedback expires as soon as: (i) One (1) second passes; (ii) the Exchange receives new quote information; or (iii) the Exchange receives updated Feedback information.

#### Regulatory Compliance

**Locked or Crossed Markets.** The ME determines whether the display of an order would lock or cross the market. At the time an order is entered into the ME, the ME will establish, based upon its calculation of the NBBO from Direct Feeds, SIP feeds and Feedback, whether the order will lock or cross the prevailing NBBO for a security. In the event that the order would produce a locking or crossing condition, the ME will cancel the order, re-price<sup>20</sup> the

order, or route the order based on the Member's instructions. Two exceptions to this logic are Day ISOs and declarations of self-help.

Pursuant to Regulation NMS, when an Exchange receives a Day ISO, the sender of the ISO retains the responsibility to comply with applicable rules relating to locked and crossed markets.<sup>21</sup> In such case, the Exchange is obligated only to display a Day ISO order at the Member's price, even if such price would lock or cross the market.<sup>22</sup>

Declarations of self-help occur when the RE detects that an exchange displaying protected quotes is slow, as defined in Regulation NMS, or non-responsive to the Exchange's routed orders. In this circumstance, according to Rule 611(b) of Regulation NMS, the Exchange may display a quotation that may lock or cross the market that the Exchange invoked self-help against.<sup>23</sup> The Exchange may also declare self-help where another exchange's SIP quotes are slow or non-responsive resulting in a locked or crossed market. Once the Exchange declares self-help, the ME and RE will ignore the quotes generated from the self-help market in their calculations of the NBBO for execution and routing determinations in compliance with Regulation NMS. The Exchange will also disable all routing to the self-help market. The ME and RE will continue to consume the self-help market center's quotes; however, in order to immediately include the quote in the NBBO calculation and enable routing once self-help is revoked.

**Trade-Through Rule.** Pursuant to Rule 611 of Regulation NMS, the Exchange shall establish, maintain, and enforce written policies and procedures that are reasonably designed to prevent trade-throughs on trading centers of protected quotations in NMS stocks that do not fall within a valid exception and, if relying on such an exception, that are reasonably designed to ensure compliance with the terms of the exception. The ME does not permit an execution on the Exchange if there are better-priced protected quotations displayed in the market unless the order is an ISO. At the time an order is entered into the ME, the ME uses the view of the NBBO as described above. If the NBBO is priced better than what is resident on the Exchange, the Exchange does not match such order on

the BATS Book, and based on the Member's instructions, the ME cancels the order, re-prices the order or routes the order.

**Regulation SHO.** The Exchange cannot execute a Short Sale Order<sup>24</sup> equal to or below the current National Best Bid ("NBB") when a short sale price restriction is in effect pursuant to Rule 201 of Regulation SHO ("Short Sale Circuit Breaker").<sup>25</sup> When a Short Sale Circuit Breaker is in effect, the Exchange utilizes information received from Direct Feeds, SIP feeds, and Feedback, and a view of the BATS Book to assess its compliance with Rule 201 of Regulation SHO. The primary difference between the NBBO used for compliance with Rule 201 of Regulation SHO and other constructions of the NBBO, however, is that the Exchange includes market centers against which it has declared self-help in its view of the NBBO.

**Latent or Inaccurate Direct Feeds.** Where the Exchange's systems detect problems with one or more Direct Feeds, the Exchange will immediately fail over to the SIP feed to calculate the NBBO for the market center(s) where the applicable Direct Feed is experiencing issues. Problems that lead to immediate fail over to the SIP feed may include a significant loss of information (*i.e.*, packet loss) or identifiable latency, among other things. The Exchange can also manually fail over to the SIP feed in lieu of Direct Feed data upon identification by a market center of an issue with its Direct Feed(s).

#### 2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act<sup>26</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act<sup>27</sup> in particular, in that it is designed to

<sup>24</sup> See Exchange Rule 11.19.

<sup>25</sup> 17 CFR 242.200(g); 17 CFR 242.201. On February 26, 2010, the Commission adopted amendments to Regulation SHO under the Act in the form of Rule 201, pursuant to which, among other things, short sale orders in covered securities generally cannot be executed or displayed by a trading center, such as the Exchange, at a price that is at or below the current NBB when a Short Sale Circuit Breaker is in effect for the covered security. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 61595 (February 26, 2010), 75 FR 11232 (March 10, 2010). In connection with the adoption of Rule 201, Rule 200(g) of Regulation SHO was also amended to include a "short exempt" marking requirement. See also Securities Exchange Act Release No. 63247 (November 4, 2010), 75 FR 68702 (November 9, 2010) (extending the compliance date for Rules 201 and 200(g) to February 28, 2011). See also Division of Trading & Markets: Responses to Frequently Asked Questions Concerning Rule 201 of Regulation SHO, [www.sec.gov/divisions/marketreg/rule201faq.htm](http://www.sec.gov/divisions/marketreg/rule201faq.htm).

<sup>26</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>27</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

<sup>21</sup> See supra note 13.

<sup>22</sup> See supra note 13.

<sup>23</sup> See also Question 5.03 in the "Division of Trading and Markets, Responses to Frequently Asked Questions Concerning Rule 611 and Rule 610 of Regulation NMS" (last updated April 4, 2008) available at <http://www.sec.gov/divisions/marketreg/nmsfaq610-11.htm>.

<sup>20</sup> See Rule 11.9(g).

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 Exchange does not believe that this proposal will permit unfair discrimination among customers, brokers, or dealers because it will be available to all Users.

The Exchange believes that its proposal to describe the Exchange's use of data feeds removes impediments to and perfects the mechanism of a free and open market and protects investors and the public interest because it provides additional specificity and transparency. The Exchange's proposal will enable investors to better assess the quality of the Exchange's execution and routing services. Other than the proposed modification to the construction of the PBBO, the proposal does not change the operation of the Exchange or its use of data feeds; rather it describes how, and for what purposes, the Exchange uses the quotes disseminated from data feeds to calculate the NBBO for a security for purposes of Regulation NMS, Regulation SHO and various order types that update based on changes to the applicable NBBO. The Exchange believes the additional transparency into the operation of the Exchange as described in the proposal will remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, protect investors and the public interest.

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposal will impose any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. On the contrary, the Exchange believes the proposal would enhance competition because describing the Exchange's use of data feeds enhances transparency and enables investors to better assess the quality of the Exchange's execution and routing services.

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

The Exchange filed the Initial Proposal with the Commission on July 15, 2014, and it was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on August 1, 2014. The Commission

received one (1) written comment letter in response to the Initial Proposal.<sup>28</sup> In addition, two (2) comment letters were submitted to the Commission commenting on a companion BZX filing<sup>29</sup> and one (1) comment letter was submitted to the Commission commenting on a companion EDGX filing.<sup>30</sup> The Exchange believes that the comments raised in these letters are either not directly related to the Exchange's proposal but instead raise larger market structure issues or are adequately addressed in this proposal, particularly as it relates to the Commission's request to describe the Exchange's use of data feeds for order handling and execution, order routing, and regulatory compliance. The Exchange further notes that the comments received regarding the Exchange's calculation of the PBBO are no longer applicable based on the proposed change described above related to the technology integration of the BGM Affiliated Exchanges.

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

Because the 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, the proposed rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act<sup>31</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.<sup>32</sup>

A proposed rule change filed pursuant to Rule 19b-4(f)(6) under the Act<sup>33</sup> normally does not become operative for 30 days after the date of its

filing. However, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii)<sup>34</sup> 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 asked the Commission to waive the 30-day operative delay so that the proposal may become operative immediately upon filing. The Exchange stated that waiver of the operative delay will allow the Exchange to immediately adopt rule text consistent with the Initial Proposal and offer certain functionality that is already available on EDGA and EDGX with respect to the use of information regarding orders on the applicable exchange's order book to construct the PBBO. In addition, the Exchange stated that waiver of the operative delay will allow it to continue to move towards a complete technology integration of the BGM Affiliated Exchanges to ensure stability of the System. For these reasons, the Commission believes the waiver of the operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. Therefore, the Commission hereby waives the operative delay and designates the proposal operative upon filing.<sup>35</sup>

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. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule should be approved or disapproved.

#### **IV. Solicitation of Comments**

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<sup>34</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

<sup>35</sup> For purposes only of waiving the 30-day operative delay, the Commission has also considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

<sup>28</sup> See Letter from Donald Bollerman, Head of Market Operations, IEX ATS, to the Commission, dated September 25, 2014 (SR-BATS-2014-029) (SR-BYX-2014-012) (discussing the Exchange's calculation of the PBBO).

<sup>29</sup> See Letter from R.T. Leuchtkofer to the Commission, dated August 22, 2014 (SR-BATS-2014-029) (discussing the Exchange's market data feed practices). See Letter from Eric Scott Hunsader, Nanex, LLC, to the Commission, dated August 22, 2014 (SR-BATS-2014-029) (discussing the Exchange's use of NBBO as a defined term).

<sup>30</sup> See Letter from Suzanne Hamlet Shatto to the Commission, dated August 19, 2014 (SR-EDGX-2014-20) (discussing Dodd Frank principles).

<sup>31</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>32</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). As required under Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii), the Exchange provided the Commission with written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change, along with a brief description and the text of the proposed rule change, at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission.

<sup>33</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

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For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>36</sup>

**Brent J. Fields,**

*Secretary.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-74087; File No. SR-NYSEMKT-2014-86]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE MKT LLC; Order Instituting Proceedings To Determine Whether To Approve or Disapprove a Proposed Rule Change To Remove the Exchange's Quote Mitigation Plan as Provided by Exchange Rule 970.1NY

January 16, 2015.

#### I. Introduction

On October 2, 2014, NYSE MKT LLC, ("NYSE MKT" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), 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> a proposed rule change to remove the Exchange's quote mitigation plan as provided by NYSE MKT Rule 970.1NY. The proposed rule change was published for comment in the *Federal Register* on October 21, 2014.<sup>3</sup> On December 2, 2014, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,<sup>4</sup> the Commission designated a longer period within which to approve the proposed rule change, disapprove the proposed rule change, or institute proceedings to determine whether to disapprove the proposed rule change.<sup>5</sup> On January 8, 2015, the Exchange submitted a letter in further support of the proposal.<sup>6</sup> The Commission received no comments on the proposal. This order institutes proceedings under Section 19(b)(2)(B) of the Act<sup>7</sup> to determine whether to approve or disapprove the proposal.

#### II. Description of the Proposal

In 2007, the Exchange adopted a quote mitigation plan in connection with the Penny Pilot Program.<sup>8</sup> According to the Exchange, the quote

mitigation plan was designed to reduce the number of quotation messages sent by the Exchange to the Options Price Reporting Authority ("OPRA") by only submitting quote messages for "active" series.<sup>9</sup> The Exchange defines active series under the quote mitigation plan in Exchange Rule 970.1NY as: (i) Series that have traded on any options exchange in the previous 14 calendar days; or (ii) series that are solely listed on the Exchange; or (iii) series that have been trading ten days or less; or (iv) series for which the Exchange has received an order.<sup>10</sup> In addition, under the Exchange's quote mitigation plan, the Exchange may define a series as active on an intraday basis if: (i) The series trades at any options exchange; (ii) the Exchange receives an order in the series; or (iii) the Exchange receives a request for quote from a customer in that series.<sup>11</sup>

The Exchange proposes to remove its quote mitigation plan from its rules by deleting Exchange Rule 970.1NY.<sup>12</sup> The Exchange believes that its quote mitigation plan is no longer necessary primarily for three reasons. First, the Exchange states that its incorporation of select provisions of the Options Listing Procedures Plan ("OLPP")<sup>13</sup> in Exchange Rule 903A serves to reduce the potential for excess quoting because the OLPP limits the number of options series eligible to be listed, which, according to the Exchange, reduces the number of options series a market maker would be obligated to quote.<sup>14</sup> Second, the Exchange states its view that Exchange Rule 925.1NY Commentary .01, which removes certain options series from market makers' continuous quoting obligations, reduces the number of quote message traffic that the

<sup>9</sup> See Notice, *supra* note 3, at 63009.

<sup>10</sup> See Exchange Rule 970.1NY, and Notice, *supra* note 3, at 63009.

<sup>11</sup> See *id.*

<sup>12</sup> In addition, the Exchange proposes to amend paragraphs (b)(1) and (b)(2) of Exchange Rule 970NY (Firm Quotes) to delete references to the "Quote Mitigation Plan." See Notice, *supra* note 3, at 63010.

<sup>13</sup> See Amendment to Plan for the Purpose of Developing and Implementing Procedures Designed to Facilitate the Listing and Trading of Standardized Options Submitted Pursuant to Section 11A(a)(3)(B) of the Securities Exchange Act available at <http://www.theocc.com/clearing/industry-services/olpp.jsp> (providing for the most current OLPP). See also Securities and Exchange Release No. 44521 (July 6, 2001), 66 FR 36809 (July 13, 2001) (order approving the OLPP).

<sup>14</sup> See Notice, *supra* note 3, at 63009. See also Securities and Exchange Release No. 61978 (April 23, 2010), 75 FR 22886 (April 30, 2010) (in which the Exchange adopted select provisions of the OLPP into Exchange Rule 903A).

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

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

<sup>3</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 73367 (October 15, 2014), 79 FR 63009 ("Notice").

<sup>4</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

<sup>5</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 73718, 79 FR 72748 (December 8, 2014). The Commission designated January 19, 2014, as the date by which it should approve, disapprove, or institute proceedings to determine whether to disapprove the proposed rule change.

<sup>6</sup> See Letter from Elizabeth King, Secretary & General Counsel, Exchange, to Kevin O'Neill, Deputy Secretary, Commission, dated January 8, 2015 ("NYSE MKT Letter") available at <http://www.sec.gov/comments/sr-nysemkt-2014-86/nysemkt201486-1.pdf>.

<sup>7</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2)(B).

<sup>8</sup> See Securities and Exchange Release No. 55162 (January 24, 2007), 72 FR 4738 (February 1, 2007) (Order Granting Approval of SR-Amex-2006-106) ("Quote Mitigation Approval Order").

<sup>36</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).