POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION


New Postal Products

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission is noticing a recent Postal Service filing for the Commission’s consideration concerning negotiated service agreements. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

DATES: Comments are due: July 25, 2019.

ADDRESS: Submit comments electronically via the Commission’s Filing Online system at http://www.prc.gov. Those who cannot submit comments electronically should contact the person identified in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section by telephone for advice on filing alternatives.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David A. Trissell, General Counsel, at 202–789–6820.

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I. Introduction

The Commission gives notice that the Postal Service filed request(s) for the Commission to consider matters related to negotiated service agreement(s). The request(s) may propose the addition or removal of a negotiated service agreement from the market dominant or the competitive product list, or the modification of an existing product currently appearing on the market dominant or the competitive product list.

Section II identifies the docket number(s) associated with each Postal Service request, the title of each Postal Service request, the request’s acceptance date, and the authority cited by the Postal Service for each request. For each request, the Commission appoints an officer of the Commission to represent the interests of the general public in the proceeding, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505 (Public Representative). Section II also establishes comment deadline(s) pertaining to each request.

The public portions of the Postal Service’s request(s) can be accessed via the Commission’s website (http://www.prc.gov). Non-public portions of the Postal Service’s request(s), if any, can be accessed through compliance with the requirements of 39 CFR 3007.301.

The Commission invites comments on whether the Postal Service’s request(s) in the captioned docket(s) are consistent with the policies of title 39. For request(s) that the Postal Service states concern market dominant product(s), applicable statutory and regulatory requirements include 39 U.S.C. 3622, 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR part 3010, and 39 CFR part 3020, subpart B. For request(s) that the Postal Service states concern competitive product(s), applicable statutory and regulatory requirements include 39 U.S.C. 3632, 39 U.S.C. 3633, 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR part 3015, and 39 CFR part 3020, subpart B. Comment deadline(s) for each request appear in section II.

II. Docketed Proceeding(s)


2. Docket No(s).: CP2019–188; Filing Title: Notice of United States Postal Service of Filing a Functionally Equivalent Global Reseller Expedited Package 2 Negotiated Service Agreement and Application for Non-Public Treatment of Materials Filed Under Seal; Filing Acceptance Date: July 17, 2019; Filing Authority: 39 CFR 3015.5; Public Representative: Christopher C. Mohr; Comments Due: July 25, 2019.

3. Docket No(s).: CP2019–189; Filing Title: Notice of United States Postal Service of Filing a Functionally Equivalent Global Reseller Expedited Package 2 Negotiated Service Agreement and Application for Non-Public Treatment of Materials Filed Under Seal; Filing Acceptance Date: July 17, 2019; Filing Authority: 39 CFR 3015.5; Public Representative: Christopher C. Mohr; Comments Due: July 25, 2019.


This Notice will be published in the Federal Register.

Ruth Ann Abrams,
Acting Secretary.

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Dated: July 18, 2019.
Vanessa A. Countryman,  
Secretary.  

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION


Self-Regulatory Organizations; Investors Exchange LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to IEX’s Fee Schedule To Correct Two Fee Code Combinations

July 18, 2019.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act”) and Rule 19b–4 thereunder, notice is hereby given that, on July 15, 2019, the Investors Exchange LLC (“IEX” or the “Exchange”) 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

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 19(b)(1) under the Act, and Rule 19b–4 thereunder, IEX is filing with the Commission a proposed rule change to modify its Fee Schedule, pursuant to IEX Rule 15.110(a) and (c), to correct two minor Fee Code combination descriptions to conform each to the applicable fee. Specifically, the Exchange proposes to change the words “non-displayed” to “displayed” in the descriptions of fee codes LSN and LSQN. As discussed below, neither descriptive error had any impact on IEX Members because the applicable fees were correctly applied.

Effective July 1, 2018, IEX modified the structure of its Fee Schedule in order to provide more clarity to market participants regarding the fees assessed for executions on the Exchange (“Fee Schedule Update”). Among other changes, the Fee Schedule Update added a table of all possible Fee Code combinations, a description of each combination, and the applicable fee.

The Exchange recently identified that the descriptions for the LSQN and LSQN Fee Code combinations are inaccurate. Each description incorrectly states that the execution involves removing non-displayed liquidity rather than displayed liquidity. As described in the Fee Schedule Update, IEX uses a Fee Code of “I” to designate executions that provide or take resting interest with displayed priority, and a Fee Code of “L” to designate executions that provide or take resting interest with non-displayed priority. Thus, Fee Code “I” is accurately defined in the Fee Schedule as relating to the adding or removing of displayed liquidity, and a Fee Code combination that includes “L” should reference displayed liquidity. Notwithstanding these errors, the table correctly specifies that both Fee Code combinations are free of charge. This is because each includes Fee Code “S” pursuant to which a Member’s order that executes against resting liquidity provided by the same Member is free of charge. Thus, although the Fee Code descriptions for LSN and LSQN inaccurately state that they apply to removal of non-displayed interest, IEX has correctly billed all executions pursuant to each Fee Code combination. In addition, Fee Code combinations ISN and ISQN apply to an execution in which a Member removes non-displayed liquidity provided with a spread-crossing eligible order or a Member removes non-displayed liquidity provided by such Member during periods of quote instability with a spread-crossing eligible order, respectively.

Accordingly, the Exchange proposes to correct the IEX Fee Schedule to reflect that Fee Codes LSN and LSQN apply to the removal of displayed liquidity, not non-displayed liquidity.

IEX notes, as suggested by the May 21, 2019 Staff Guidance on SRO Rule Filings Relating to Fees (“Guidance”), that these proposed corrections to the descriptions of two Fee Codes do not involve any new or changed fees, because IEX will continue to charge Members no fee for executions that remove displayed liquidity from the same Member with a spread-crossing eligible order. Additionally, IEX is not proposing any new product, service, or fee change. While, the Guidance does not suggest that IEX provide an analysis of any impact this proposal will have on market participants, IEX notes that this proposed rule change will have no impact on market participants because it merely corrects descriptive text in the Fee Schedule.

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 these statement may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The self-regulatory organization has prepared summaries, set forth in Sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

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

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2. Statutory Basis

IEX believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 6(b) of the Act in general, and furthers the objectives of Section

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8 The IEX Fee Schedule currently describes Fee Code LSN as “Member removes non-displayed liquidity provided by such Member with a spread-crossing eligible order” and Fee Code LSQN as “Member removes non-displayed liquidity provided by such Member during periods of quote instability with a spread-crossing eligible order.” See Fee Schedule Update, Note 7, at 5.
10 Under some circumstances, executions that receive the LSQN Fee Code combination are not free to the liquidity remover. Specifically, executions that include Fee Code “Q” are subject to footnote 1 of the Fee Schedule which specifies when the Crumbling Quote Remove Fee identified in the Fee Code Modifiers table applies. 11 12 Notably, other lines in the Fee Code Combinations and Associated Fees table correctly indicate that Fee Code combinations containing Fee Code “S” apply to the removal of displayed liquidity. See, e.g., Fee Codes LS, LQ, LN, and LSQ.