

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

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

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

The Exchange has designated this rule filing as non-controversial under Section 19(b)(3)(A)¹² of the Act and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)¹³ thereunder. 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, it has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) thereunder.¹⁴

A proposed rule change filed under Rule 19b-4(f)(6)¹⁵ normally does not become operative prior to 30 days after the date of the filing. However, pursuant to Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii),¹⁶ the Commission may 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 has represented that it would like to implement the proposed rule changes on the same schedule as the Original Filing to avoid any potential confusion. The proposed rule change only corrects non-substantive typographical errors in the Exchange's recently adopted rule and thus does not raise any new or novel issues. Accordingly, the Commission believes that waiver of the 30-day operative delay period is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest and hereby waives the 30-day operative delay and designates the proposed rule change operative upon filing.¹⁷

¹² 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

¹⁴ In addition, Rule 19b-4(f)(6) requires the Exchange to give the Commission written notice of the Exchange's intent to file the proposed rule change, along with a brief description and 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. The Exchange has satisfied this requirement.

¹⁵ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

¹⁶ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

¹⁷ For purposes only of waiving the 30-day operative delay, the Commission has considered the

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. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings under Section 19(b)(2)(B)¹⁸ of the Act to determine whether the proposed rule change should be approved or disapproved.

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-IEX-2020-01 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-IEX-2020-01. 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 website (<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 website 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

proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

¹⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2)(B).

filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change. Persons submitting comments are cautioned that we do not redact or edit personal identifying information from comment submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-IEX-2020-01 and should be submitted on or before February 7, 2020.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁹

J. Matthew DeLesDernier,

Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Government in Sunshine Act, Public Law 94-409, that the Securities and Exchange Commission Investor Advisory Committee will hold a telephonic meeting on Friday, January 24, 2020.

PLACE: The meeting will be open to the public *via* telephone at 1-844-721-7239 in the United States or (409) 207-6953 outside the United States, participant code 4443950.

STATUS: This meeting will begin at 11:30 a.m. (ET) and conclude at 1:15 p.m. and will be open to the public *via* telephone. The meeting will be webcast by audio-only on the Commission's website at www.sec.gov.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: On December 31, 2019, the Commission issued notice of the Committee meeting (Release No. 33-10739), indicating that the meeting is open to the public *via* telephone, and inviting the public to submit written comments to the Committee. This Sunshine Act notice is being issued because a quorum of the Commission may attend the meeting.

The agenda for the meeting includes: Welcome remarks; a discussion of the SEC's proxy voting advice and Rule 14a-8 proposed rulemakings (which may include a recommendation from the Investor as Owner Subcommittee); and a discussion of exchange rebate tier disclosure (which may include a

¹⁹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

recommendation of the Market Structure Subcommittee).

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

For further information and to ascertain what, if any, matters have been added, deleted or postponed; please contact Vanessa A. Countryman from the Office of the Secretary at (202) 551-5400.

Dated: January 14, 2020.

Vanessa A. Countryman,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; New York Stock Exchange LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Amend Its Price List To Extend a Waiver of New Firm Application Fees for Certain Applications and of Bond Trading License Fees and To Discontinue the Liquidity Provider Incentive Program and the Agency Order Rebate Program

January 13, 2020.

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 December 31, 2019, New York Stock Exchange LLC (“NYSE” 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 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 Price List to (1) extend a fee waiver for new firm application fees for applicants seeking only to obtain a bond trading license (“BTL”) for 2020; (2) waive the BTL fee for 2020; and (3) discontinue the Liquidity Provider Incentive Program and the Agency Order Rebate Program. The Exchange proposes to implement the fee changes effective January 2, 2020. The proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s website 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 amend its Price List to (1) extend a fee waiver for new firm application fees for applicants seeking only to obtain a BTL for 2020; (2) waive the BTL fee for 2020;⁴ and (3) discontinue the Liquidity Provider Incentive Program and the Agency Order Rebate Program. The Exchange proposes to implement the fee changes effective January 2, 2020.

The Exchange currently charges a New Firm Fee ranging from \$2,500 to \$20,000, depending on the type of firm, which is charged per application for any broker-dealer that applies to be approved as an Exchange member organization. The Exchange proposes to amend the Price List to waive the New Firm Fee for 2020 for new member organization applicants that are seeking only to obtain a BTL and not trade equities at the Exchange. The proposed waiver of the New Firm Fee would be available only to applicants seeking approval as a new member organization, including carrying firms, introducing firms, or non-public organizations, which would be seeking to obtain a BTL at the Exchange and not trade equities. Further, if a new firm that is approved as a member organization and has had

the New Firm Fee waived converts a BTL to a full trading license within one year of approval, the New Firm Fee would be charged in full retroactively. The Exchange believes that charging the New Firm Fee retroactively within a year of approval is appropriate because it would discourage applicants to claim that they are applying for a BTL solely to avoid New Firm Fees.

Additionally, the Exchange currently charges a BTL fee of \$1,000 per year. The Exchange proposes to amend the Price List to waive the BTL fee for 2020 for all member organizations.

The Exchange believes that the proposed fee changes would provide increased incentives for bond trading firms that are not currently Exchange member organizations to apply for Exchange membership and a BTL. The Exchange believes that having more member organizations trading on the Exchange’s bond platform would benefit investors through the additional display of liquidity and increased execution opportunities in Exchange-traded bonds at the Exchange.

The Exchange proposes to discontinue the Liquidity Provider Incentive Program and the Agency Order Rebate Program because both programs are underutilized by member organizations. The Liquidity Provider Incentive Program, a voluntary rebate program, was adopted by the Exchange in 2016.⁵ Pursuant to the program, the Exchange pays Users⁶ of NYSE Bonds a monthly [sic], tiered rebate provided Users who opt into the program meet specified quoting requirements. Under the program, the rebate payable is based on the number of CUSIPs⁷ a User quotes. The Agency Order Rebate Program was adopted by the Exchange

⁵ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 77591 (April 12, 2016), 81 FR 22656 (April 18, 2016) (SR-NYSE-2016-26). See also Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 77812 (May 11, 2016), 81 FR 30594 (May 17, 2016) (SR-NYSE-2016-34); 78108 (June 21, 2016), 81 FR 41636 (June 27, 2016) (SR-NYSE-2016-42); 79210 (November 1, 2016), 81 FR 78213 (November 7, 2016) (SR-NYSE-2016-68); 80934 (June 15, 2017), 82 FR 28173 (June 20, 2017) (SR-NYSE-2017-27); and 84100 (September 12, 2018), 83 FR 47230 (September 18, 2018) (SR-NYSE-2018-39).

⁶ Rule 86(b)(2)(I) defines a User as any Member or Member Organization, Sponsored Participant, or Authorized Trader that is authorized to access NYSE Bonds.

⁷ CUSIP stands for Committee on Uniform Securities Identification Procedures. A CUSIP number identifies most financial instruments, including: Stocks of all registered U.S. and Canadian companies, commercial paper, and U.S. government and municipal bonds. The CUSIP system—owned by the American Bankers Association and managed by Standard & Poor’s—facilitates the clearance and settlement process of securities. See <https://www.sec.gov/answers/cusip.htm>.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 15 U.S.C. 78a.

³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

⁴ The Exchange initially filed to adopt the fee waiver and waive the BTL fee in 2015. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 74031 (January 12, 2015), 80 FR 2462 (January 16, 2015) (SR-NYSE-2014-78). The Exchange has filed to extend the fee waiver and waive the BTL fee for each calendar year since 2017. See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 79710 (December 29, 2016), 82 FR 1395 (January 5, 2017) (SR-NYSE-2016-89); 82418 (December 28, 2017), 83 FR 568 (January 4, 2018) (SR-NYSE-2017-70); and 84899 (December 20, 2018), 83 FR 67395 (December 28, 2018) (SR-NYSE-2018-65).