

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Before the
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

SECURITIES ACT OF 1933
Release No. 10464 / March 6, 2018

In the Matter of

Intercontinental Exchange, Inc.

ORDER UNDER RULE 405 OF THE
SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, GRANTING A
WAIVER FROM BEING AN INELIGIBLE
ISSUER

Intercontinental Exchange, Inc. (“ICE”) has submitted a letter, dated March 2, 2018, constituting an application for relief from ICE being considered an “ineligible issuer” under clause (1)(vi) of the definition of ineligible issuer in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (“Securities Act”). ICE requests relief from being considered an ineligible issuer under Rule 405, due to the entry on March 6, 2018, of an order instituting administrative and cease-and-desist proceedings against New York Stock Exchange LLC and NYSE American LLC (together, the “Exchanges”), subsidiaries of ICE (the “Cease-and-Desist Order”). The Cease-and-Desist Order requires, among other things, the Exchanges to cease and desist from committing or causing any violations and any future violations of Section 17(a)(2) of the Securities Act.

Under clause (1)(vi) of the definition of ineligible issuer in Rule 405 of the Securities Act, an issuer becomes an ineligible issuer and thus unable to avail itself of well-known seasoned issuer status, if “[w]ithin the past three years (but in the case of a decree or order agreed to in a settlement, not before December 1, 2005), the issuer or any entity that at the time was a subsidiary of the issuer was made the subject of any judicial or administrative decree or order arising out of a governmental action that: (A) [p]rohibits certain conduct or activities regarding, including future violations of, the anti-fraud provisions of the federal securities laws...”

Under clause (2) of the definition of ineligible issuer in Rule 405 of the Securities Act, an issuer shall not be an ineligible issuer if the Commission determines, upon a showing of good cause, that it is not necessary under the circumstances that the issuer be considered an ineligible issuer.

Based on the representations set forth in ICE’s March 2, 2018 request, and on other considerations, the Commission has determined that ICE has made a showing of good cause under clause (2) of the definition of ineligible issuer in Rule 405 of the Securities Act and that ICE should not be considered an ineligible issuer by reason of the entry of the Cease-and-Desist Order. Any different facts from those represented or failure to comply with the terms of the Cease-and-Desist Order would require us to revisit our determination that good cause has been shown and could constitute grounds to revoke or further condition the waiver. The Commission reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to revoke or further condition the waiver under those circumstances.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to clause (2) of the definition of ineligible issuer in Rule 405 of the Securities Act, that a waiver from ICE being an ineligible issuer under Rule 405 of the Securities Act is hereby granted.

By the Commission.

Brent J. Fields
Secretary