

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE Amex LLC; Notice of Designation of a Longer Period for Commission Action on a Proposed Rule Change Amending Rule 103B – NYSE Amex Equities to Modify the Application of the Exchange’s Designated Market Maker Allocation Policy in the Event of a Merger Involving One or More Listed Companies

On February 24, 2011, NYSE Amex LLC (“Exchange”) 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 Rule 103B – NYSE Amex Equities to modify the application of the Exchange’s Designated Market Maker allocation policy in the event of a merger involving one or more listed companies. The proposed rule change was published for comment in the Federal Register on March 10, 2011.³

Section 19(b)(2) of the Act⁴ provides that within 45 days of the publication of notice of the filing of a proposed rule change, or within such longer period up to 90 days as the Commission may designate if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission shall either approve the proposed rule change, disapprove the proposed rule change, or institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved. The 45th day for this filing is April 24, 2011.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 64040 (March 4, 2011), 76 FR 13249.

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

The Commission is hereby extending the 45-day period for Commission action on the proposed rule change. The Commission finds that it is appropriate to designate a longer period within which to take action on the proposed rule change. In particular, the extension of time will ensure that the Commission has sufficient time to consider and take action on the Exchange's proposal.

Accordingly, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2)(A)(ii)(I) of the Act⁵ and for the reasons stated above, the Commission designates June 8, 2011, as the date by which the Commission should either approve or disapprove, or institute proceedings to determine whether to disapprove, the proposed rule change File No. SR-NYSEAmex-2011-11.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁶

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⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2)(A)(ii)(I).

⁶ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(31).