

February 8, 2017

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Brent J. Fields Secretary U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission 100 F Street, NE Washington, DC 20549-1090

Re: <u>SR-ISEGemini-2016-17 Amendment No. 2</u>

Dear Mr. Fields:

ISE Gemini LLC filed the above-referenced amendment on February 8, 2017.

Sincerely,

Angela S. Dunn

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| Pursuant to Rule 19b-4 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 | | | | | | | | | |
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| has duly caused this filing to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized. | | | | | | | | | |
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| Form 19b-4 Information * Add Remove View | The self-regulatory organization must provide all required information, presented in a clear and comprehensible manner, to enable the public to provide meaningful comment on the proposal and for the Commission to determine whether the proposal is consistent with the Act and applicable rules and regulations under the Act. | | | | | |
| Exhibit 1 - Notice of Proposed Rule Change * Add Remove View | The Notice section of this Form 19b-4 must comply with the guidelines for publication in the Federal Register as well as any requirements for electronic filing as published by the Commission (if applicable). The Office of the Federal Register (OFR) offers guidance on Federal Register publication requirements in the Federal Register Document Drafting Handbook, October 1998 Revision. For example, all references to the federal securities laws must include the corresponding cite to the United States Code in a footnote. All references to SEC rules must include the corresponding cite to the Code of Federal Regulations in a footnote. All references to Securities Exchange Act Releases must include the release number, release date, Federal Register cite, Federal Register date, and corresponding file number (e.g., SR-[SRO] -xx-xx). A material failure to comply with these guidelines will result in the proposed rule change being deemed not properly filed. See also Rule 0-3 under the Act (17 CFR 240.0-3) | | | | | |
| Exhibit 1A- Notice of Proposed Rule Change, Security-Based Swap Submission, or Advance Notice by Clearing Agencies * Add Remove View | The Notice section of this Form 19b-4 must comply with the guidelines for publication in the Federal Register as well as any requirements for electronic filing as published by the Commission (if applicable). The Office of the Federal Register (OFR) offers guidance on Federal Register publication requirements in the Federal Register Document Drafting Handbook, October 1998 Revision. For example, all references to the federal securities laws must include the corresponding cite to the United States Code in a footnote. All references to SEC rules must include the corresponding cite to the Code of Federal Regulations in a footnote. All references to Securities Exchange Act Releases must include the release number, release date, Federal Register cite, Federal Register date, and corresponding file number (e.g., SR-[SRO] -xx-xx). A material failure to comply with these guidelines will result in the proposed rule change, security-based swap submission, or advance notice being deemed not properly filed. See also Rule 0-3 under the Act (17 CFR 240.0-3) | | | | | |
| Exhibit 2 - Notices, Written Comments, Transcripts, Other Communications Add Remove View Exhibit Sent As Paper Document | Copies of notices, written comments, transcripts, other communications. If such documents cannot be filed electronically in accordance with Instruction F, they shall be filed in accordance with Instruction G. | | | | | |
| Exhibit 3 - Form, Report, or Questionnaire Add Remove View Exhibit Sent As Paper Document | Copies of any form, report, or questionnaire that the self-regulatory organization proposes to use to help implement or operate the proposed rule change, or that is referred to by the proposed rule change. | | | | | |
| Exhibit 4 - Marked CopiesAddRemoveView | The full text shall be marked, in any convenient manner, to indicate additions to and deletions from the immediately preceding filing. The purpose of Exhibit 4 is to permit the staff to identify immediately the changes made from the text of the rule with which it has been working. | | | | | |
| Add Remove View | The self-regulatory organization may choose to attach as Exhibit 5 proposed changes to rule text in place of providing it in Item I and which may otherwise be more easily readable if provided separately from Form 19b-4. Exhibit 5 shall be considered part of the proposed rule change. | | | | | |
| Partial Amendment Add Remove View | If the self-regulatory organization is amending only part of the text of a lengthy proposed rule change, it may, with the Commission's permission, file only those portions of the text of the proposed rule change in which changes are being made if the filing (i.e. partial amendment) is clearly understandable on its face. Such partial amendment shall be clearly identified and marked to show deletions and additions. | | | | | |

SR-ISEGemini-2016-17 Amendment No. 2

ISE Gemini, LLC ("Exchange"), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² is filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission this Amendment No. 2 to SR-ISEGemini-2016-17, submitted on February 8, 2017, to make the following changes to the pending 19b-4, Exhibit 1, and Exhibit 5.

The Exchange proposes to amend the third full paragraph in the 19b-4 which starts on page 29 and carries over to page 30 as follows:

The Exchange's proposal to amend its rules on order handling during Limit up-Limit Down states and trading halts is consistent with the Act because it will harmonize the way the Exchange treats orders during a Limit State or Straddle State in the equity market, or a trading halt in the option, with how those orders are handled on other Nasdaq Exchanges. The proposed rule text should provide certainty about how options orders and trades will be handled during periods of extraordinary volatility in the underlying security. Specifically, under the proposal, market participants will be able to continue to trade options overlying securities that are in a Limit State or Straddle State, while addressing specific order types that are subject to added risks during such periods. The Exchange believes that the rejection of options Market Orders (including elected Stop Orders) should help to prevent executions that might occur at prices that have not been reliably formed, which should, in turn, protect, in particular, retail investors from executions of un-priced orders during times of significant volatility. Specifically, with

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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respect to Market Orders, Market Orders exposed at the NBBO pursuant to Supplementary Material .02 to ISE Rule 1901, which are pending in the system, will continue to be processed. The Exchange believes that it is consistent with the Act to cancel a Market Order, if at the end of the exposure period the affected underlying is in a Limit or Straddle State, because of the uncertainty present which may result in executions that might occur at prices that have not been reliably formed. The Exchange would process the Market Order, with normal handling, provided the affected underlying is no longer in a Limit or Straddle State. The Exchange believes that this approach should, in turn, protect, in particular, retail investors from executions of un-priced orders during times of significant volatility. The Exchange believes that harmonizing these rules will provide a better experience to members that trade on multiple markets operated by Nasdaq, Inc.

The Exchange proposes to amend the third full paragraph in the Exhibit 1 which starts on page 65 and carries over to page 66 as follows:

The Exchange's proposal to amend its rules on order handling during Limit up-Limit Down states and trading halts is consistent with the Act because it will harmonize the way the Exchange treats orders during a Limit State or Straddle State in the equity market, or a trading halt in the option, with how those orders are handled on other Nasdaq Exchanges. The proposed rule text should provide certainty about how options orders and trades will be handled during periods of extraordinary volatility in the underlying security. Specifically, under the proposal, market participants will be able to continue to trade options overlying securities that are in a Limit State or Straddle State, while addressing specific order types that are subject to added risks during such periods. The

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On page77 of the Exhibit 5 to SR-ISEGemini-2016-17, Rule 702 rule text is being amended at (d)(2) as follows:

(2) Provided the Exchange has opened an affected option for trading, the Exchange shall reject Market Orders, as defined in Rule 715(a), and shall notify Members of the reason for such rejection. Market Orders exposed at the NBBO pursuant to Supplementary Material. 02 to ISE Rule 1901, pending in the System, will continue to be processed. If at the end of the exposure period the affected underlying is in a Limit or Straddle State, the Market Order will be cancelled. If the affected underlying is no longer in a Limit or Straddle State after the exposure period, the Market Order will be processed with normal handling.

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On page79 of the Exhibit 5 to SR-ISEGemini-2016-17, Rule 714 rule text is being

amended at to add a new 714(b)(1)(iii) as follows:

Rule 714. Automatic Execution of Orders

(iii) There will be three categories of options for Acceptable Trade Range: (1) Penny Pilot Options trading in one cent increments for options trading at less than \$3.00 and increments of five cents for options trading at \$3.00 or more, (2) Penny Pilot Options trading in one-cent increments for all prices, and (3) Non-Penny Pilot Options.

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