SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-54589; File No. SR-ISE-2006-60)

October 11, 2006

Self-Regulatory Organizations; International Securities Exchange, LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Relating to Fee Changes

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"), ¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder, ² notice is hereby given that on October 3, 2006, the International Securities Exchange, LLC ("ISE" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the ISE. The ISE has filed the proposed rule change as one establishing or changing a due, fee, or other charge imposed by the ISE under Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act³ and Rule 19b-4(f)(2) thereunder, ⁴ which renders the proposal effective upon filing with the Commission. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change</u>

The ISE is proposing to amend its Schedule of Fees to remove (i) the surcharge fee for transactions in options on the Standard & Poor's Depository Receipts® ("SPDRs®"), and (ii) language relating to an expired fee waiver. The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's Internet Web site (http://www.iseoptions.com), at the principal office of the ISE, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

II. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis</u> for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, the ISE 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 statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The ISE has prepared summaries, set forth in Sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

A. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory</u> <u>Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change</u>

1. Purpose

The Exchange is proposing to amend its Schedule of Fees to remove (i) the surcharge fee previously adopted⁵ for transactions in options on SPDRs[®], and (ii) language relating to an expired fee waiver. The Exchange is proposing to remove the surcharge fee from its Schedule of Fees because it no longer pays a license fee to Standard & Poor's, the owner of the index on which SPDRs are based, in connection with transactions in options on SPDRs. Accordingly, there is no longer a need for this surcharge fee. The Exchange will, however, continue to charge an execution fee and a comparison fee for transactions in options on SPDRs.

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 51901 (June 22, 2005), 70 FR 37455 (June 29, 2005) (Adopting a \$0.10 per contract surcharge for certain transactions in options on SPDRs); and 52237 (August 10, 2005), 70 FR 48454 (August 17, 2005) (Applying the \$0.10 per contract surcharge retroactively to January 10, 2005).

Additionally, the Exchange previously adopted a waiver on the surcharge for options on the Russell 1000 Index.⁶ That waiver expired on September 29, 2006.

Therefore, the Exchange proposes to delete the reference to the waiver under the Notes section on its Schedule of Fees.

2. Statutory Basis

The basis for the proposed rule change is the requirement under Section 6(b)(4) of the Act⁷ that an exchange have an equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among its members and other persons using its facilities.

B. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition</u>

The proposed rule change does not impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

C. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed</u> <u>Rule Change Received from Members, Participants or Others</u>

The Exchange has not solicited, and does not intend to solicit, comments on this proposed rule change. The Exchange has not received any unsolicited written comments from members or other interested parties.

III. <u>Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission</u>
Action

Because the foregoing proposed rule change establishes or changes a due, fee, or other charged imposed by the Exchange, it has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act⁸ and Rule $19b-4(f)(2)^9$ thereunder. At any time within 60 days of

3

See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 53608 (April 6, 2006), 71 FR 19222 (April 13, 2006).

the filing of the proposed rule change the Commission may summarily abrogate such proposed 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.

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 e-mail to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File No. SR-ISE-2006-60 on the subject line.

Paper comments:

 Send paper comments in triplicate to Nancy M. Morris, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, Station Place, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File No. SR-ISE-2006-60. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail 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 Web site (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml). Copies of the submission, all subsequent

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

^{8 15} U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

^{9 17} CFR 19b-4(f)(2).

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 inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-ISE-2006-60 and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from publication in the Federal Register].

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority. ¹⁰

Nancy M. Morris Secretary

5

¹⁰ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).