SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-56497; File No. SR-ISE-2007-86)

September 21, 2007

Self-Regulatory Organizations; International Securities Exchange, LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Commence a One Year Pilot Program Relating to a Quote Mitigation Plan for Competitive Market Makers.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act"), <sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder, <sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on September 17, 2007, the International Securities Exchange, LLC (the "Exchange" or the "ISE") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which items have been substantially prepared by the Exchange. The Exchange has designated this proposal as constituting a stated policy, practice, or interpretation with respect to the meaning, administration, or enforcement of an existing rule under Section 19(b)(3)(A)(i) of the Act, <sup>3</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(1) thereunder, <sup>4</sup> 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</u> Rule Change

The ISE submits this rule filing to implement a quote mitigation plan for the Exchange's Competitive Market Makers ("CMM") on a pilot basis for one-year.<sup>5</sup> The text of the proposed

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(i).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(1).

See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 56444 (September 14, 2007) (Order approving SR-ISE-2007-45).

rule change is available at the ISE, the Commission's Public Reference Room, and http://www.ise.com.

#### Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the II. 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.

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

#### 1. Purpose

The purpose of this rule change is to implement a quote mitigation plan for the Exchange's CMMs. As noted above, the Commission recently approved, <sup>6</sup> on a one-year pilot basis, this quote mitigation plan applicable to up to twenty (20) securities that are in the Penny Pilot. Under this proposal, a CMM will be required to enter continuous quotations in just 60 percent of the series, rather than in all series, of the options classes to which it is appointed. Once a CMM enters a quote in a series, it must continue to quote in that series until the close of trading that day.

Further, ISE Rule 804(e)(2)(iii), which states that a CMM may be called upon to submit quotes in one or more series of options to which it is appointed in the interest of maintaining fair and orderly markets, shall continue to apply during the pilot period.

Id.

The Exchange proposes to commence this pilot program on September 20, 2007 for a period of one year. Prior to the commencement of the pilot program, the Exchange will issue a circular to CMMs identifying the initial list of securities selected for the pilot program.

# 2. Statutory Basis

The statutory basis under the Act for this proposed rule change is the requirement under Section 6(b)(5)<sup>7</sup> that an exchange have rules that are designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism for a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest.

# 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 Rule</u> <u>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 RuleChange and Timing for Commission Action</u>

The proposed rule change has become effective Section 19(b)(3)(A)(i) of the Act,<sup>8</sup> and

Rule 19b-4(f)(1) thereunder,<sup>9</sup> because the proposal constitutes a stated policy, practice, or interpretation with respect to the meaning, administration, or enforcement of an existing rule. At

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(i).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(1).

any time within 60 days of the filing of such proposed rule change, the Commission may summarily abrogate 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.

# 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-2007-86 on the subject line.

### Paper comments:

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

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-ISE-2007-86. 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 Commissions Internet Web site (<a href="http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml">http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml</a>). 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 inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F St.,

NE, Washington, DC 20549 on official business days between the hours of 10:00am and

3:00pm. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal

office of the ISE. 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 Number SR-ISE-

2007-86 and should be submitted by [insert date 21 days from the date of publication in the

Federal Register].

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

authority.<sup>10</sup>

Florence E. Harmon Deputy Secretary

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17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

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