SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-56957; File No. SR-ISE-2007-115)

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; International Securities Exchange, LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Relating to Historical ISE Open/Close Trade Profile Fees

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on December 11, 2007, 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 and II below, which Items have been substantially prepared by ISE. The Exchange filed the proposal pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act<sup>3</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) 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 Rule Change</u>

ISE proposes to amend its Schedule of Fees to: (1) clarify the terms on which it offers the ISE Open/Close Trade Profile, a market data product described below; and (2) adopt a subscription fee for the sale of historical ISE Open/Close Trade Profile. The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Exchange, on the Exchange's Web site at <a href="http://www.ise.com">http://www.ise.com</a>, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

<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).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

# 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 Exchange 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 Exchange 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

ISE currently creates volume data for each ISE listed option that consists of opening buys and opening sells and closing buys and closing sells.<sup>5</sup> ISE currently uses a subset of this data, the customer "opening only" trade data, for its calculation of investor sentiment, the ISE Sentiment Index<sup>®</sup>, or ISEE<sup>®</sup>, and for ISEE Select<sup>®</sup>. The Commission recently approved a broader market data offering comprised of the entire opening and closing trade data of ISE listed options of both customers and firms, referred to by the Exchange as the ISE Open/Close Trade Profile.<sup>6</sup> The ISE Open/Close Trade Profile offering is subdivided by origin code (<u>i.e.</u>, customer or firm) and the customer data is then further subdivided by order size. The volume data is summarized by day and series (<u>i.e.</u>, symbol, expiration date, strike price, call or put). ISE Open/Close Trade Profile is a subscription service, available to both members and non-members, and that enables

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An opening buy is a transaction that creates or increases a long position and an opening sell is a transaction that creates or increases a short position. A closing buy is a transaction made to close out an existing position. A closing sell is a transaction to reduce or eliminate a long position.

See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 56254 (August 15, 2007), 72 FR 47104 (August 22, 2007) (SR-ISE-2007-70).

subscribers to create their own proprietary put/call calculations. The data is compiled and formatted by ISE as an end of day file. The Exchange charges both members and non-members \$600 per month based on an annual subscription<sup>7</sup> for the ISE Open/Close Trade Profile market data offering.

ISE now proposes to sell historical ISE Open/Close Trade Profile, a market data offering comprised of the entire opening and closing trade data of both customers and firms that dates back to May 2005, to both members and non-members, on an ad-hoc basis or as a complete set that dates back to May 2005. Ad-hoc subscribers will be able to purchase this data for any number of months, beginning from May 2005 through the current month. Alternatively, subscribers will be able to purchase the entire set of this data, beginning from May 2005 through the current month. The data will be compiled and formatted by ISE and sold as a zipped file. ISE proposes to charge ad-hoc subscribers \$600 per request for each month of data. For subscribers that want the compete set of the data from May 2005 to the present, ISE proposes to charge a discounted fee of \$500.00 for each month of data.

## 2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)(4) of the Act,<sup>8</sup> which requires that a national securities exchange have an equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among its members and other persons using its facilities. The Exchange states that the proposed rule filing will provide

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The Exchange notes that while historical ISE Open/Close Trade Profile is available on a month to month basis, the non-historical ISE Open/Close Trade Profile offering is available only on an annual subscription basis, which the Exchange proposes to clarify by adding the words "With an annual subscription" under the Notes section on its Schedule of Fees.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78(f)(b)(4).

members and non-members with valuable market data, and that it has expended considerable resources, <u>i.e.</u>, internal development costs, purchase of servers, etc., to bring this offering to market. The Exchange states that it took these costs into account in setting the fees proposed for the historical ISE Open/Close Trade Profile market data offering. This product is identical to one that the Chicago Board Options Exchange ("CBOE") currently sells to the marketplace called Open/Close Data. Further, ISE states that its proposed fees for this new historical product are cheaper than or identical to the fees that CBOE currently charges for its Open/Close Data offering. Finally, the Exchange notes that the fees proposed by ISE for this product, which is available for purchase on a voluntary basis, are not discriminatory in that the Exchange proposes to charge both members and non-members an identical fee.

# B. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition</u> The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will 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 neither solicited nor received written comments on the proposed rule change.

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 <sup>&</sup>lt;u>See</u> Securities Exchange Act Release No. 55062 (January 8, 2007), 72 FR 2048 (January 17, 2007) (SR-CBOE-2006-88).

See id.

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

Because the forgoing rule change does not: (1) significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (2) impose any significant burden on competition; and (3) become operative for 30 days after the date of this filing, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, it has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.<sup>11</sup>

A proposed rule change filed under 19b-4(f)(6) normally may not become operative prior to 30 days after the date of filing. However, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) permits the Commission to designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Exchange has requested that the Commission waive the 30-day operative delay. The Commission believes that waiving the 30-day operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest because it will allow ISE to immediately offer the historical ISE Open/Close Trade Profile data to investors interested in subscribing. This market data product is substantially similar to one offered by CBOE, and it appears that it does not raise any novel regulatory issues. For these reasons, the Commission designates the proposed rule change to be effective and operative upon filing with the Commission.

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In addition, Rule 19b-4(f)(6) requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change, along with a brief description and text of the proposed rule change, at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. ISE has satisfied this requirement.

For the purposes only of waiving the 30-day operative delay, the Commission has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

At 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
   (<a href="http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml">http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml</a>); or
- Send an e-mail to <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include File Number SR-ISE-2007-115 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-2007-115. 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 (<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 on official business

days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. 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 Number SR-ISE-2007-115 and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days

from publication in the Federal Register].

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to

delegated authority. 13

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

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