SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-63274; File No. SR-NYSEAmex-2010-101)

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE Amex LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Amending its Options Fee Schedule to Reflect Fees Charged for Colocation Services

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1)¹ of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act")² and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,³ notice is hereby given that, on October 26, 2010, NYSE Amex LLC ("NYSE Amex" or the "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by the self-regulatory organization. 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 Exchange proposes to amend its Options Fee Schedule to reflect fees charged for colocation services, as described more fully herein. The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Exchange, the Commission's Public Reference Room, on the Commission's website at http://www.sec.gov, and http://www.nyse.com.

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

In its filing with the Commission, the self-regulatory organization 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 those statements may be examined at the places

³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

¹ 15 U.S.C.78s(b)(1).

² 15 U.S.C. 78a.

specified in Item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant parts of such statements.

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

1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to amend its Options Fee Schedule to identify fees pertaining to co-location services, which allow Users⁴ of the Exchange to rent space on premises controlled by the Exchange in order that they may locate their electronic servers in close physical proximity to the Exchange's trading and execution systems. ⁵ The Exchange plans to offer these co-location services beginning in January 2011 at its data center in Mahwah New Jersey. ⁶ The Exchange will offer space at the data center in cabinets with power usage capability of either four or eight

For the purposes of this filing, the term "Users" includes any "ATP Holder," as that term is defined in NYSE Amex (Options) Rule 900.2NY(4) and any "Sponsored Participant," as that term is defined in NYSE Amex (Options) Rule 900.2NY(77).

The Commission has approved proposed rule filings submitted by the Exchange (with respect to its equities business) and the Exchange's affiliate, the New York Stock Exchange LLC to offer the same co-location services from the Mahwah data center at the same prices. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 62961 (September 21, 2010), 75 FR 59299 (September 27, 2010) (SR-NYSE-2010-56); Securities Exchange Act Release No. 62960 (September 21, 2010) 75 FR 59310 (September 27, 2010) (SR-NYSEAmex-2010-80).

The Exchange will announce the effective date of the fees set forth in this proposed rule change through a notice to Users.

kilowatts (kW). In addition, the Exchange will offer Users services related to co-location, including cross connections, equipment and cable installation, and remote "hot-hands" services.

Users that receive co-location services from the Exchange will not receive any means of access to the Exchange's trading and execution systems that is separate from or superior to that of Users that do not receive co-location services. All orders sent to the Exchange enter the Exchange's trading and execution systems through the same order gateway regardless of whether the sender is co-located in the Exchange's data center or not. In addition, co-located Users do not receive any market data or data service product that is not available to all Users. However, Users that receive co-location services normally would expect reduced latencies in sending orders to the Exchange and receiving market data from the Exchange. In addition, co-located Users have the option of obtaining access to the Exchange's Liquidity Center Network ("LCN"), a local area network available in the data center. Co-located Users have the option of using either the LCN or the Exchange's Secure Financial Transaction Infrastructure ("SFTI") network, to which all Users have access. Because it operates as a local area network within the data center, the LCN provides reduced latencies in comparison with SFTI. Other than the reduced

The Exchange also allows Users, for a monthly fee (i.e., 40% of the applicable monthly per kW fee), to obtain an option for future use on available, unused cabinet space in proximity to their existing cabinet space. Specifically, Users may reserve cabinet space of up to 30% of the cabinet space under contract, which the Exchange will endeavor to provide as close as reasonably possible to the User's existing cabinet space, taking into consideration power availability within segments of the data center and the overall efficiency of use of data center resources as determined by the Exchange. (If the 30% measurement results in a fractional cabinet, the cabinet count is adjusted up to the next increment.) If reserved cabinet space becomes needed for use, the reserving User will have 30 business days to formally contract with the Exchange for full payment for the reserved cabinet space needed or the space will be reassigned.

As set forth below, pricing for LCN access is provided on a stand-alone basis and on a bundled basis in combination with SFTI connections and optic connections to outside access centers and within the data center. The SFTI and optic connections are not related to the co-location services.

latencies, the Exchange believes that there are no material differences in terms of access to the Exchange between Users that choose to co-locate and those that do not. SFTI and LCN both provide Users with access to the Exchange's trading and execution systems and to the Exchange's proprietary market data products. User access to non-proprietary market data products is available through SFTI and not through LCN.

The Exchange offers co-location space based on availability and the Exchange believes that it has sufficient space in the Mahwah data center to accommodate current demand on an equitable basis for the foreseeable future. In addition, the Exchange believes that any difference among the positions of the cabinets within the data center does not create any material difference to co-location Users in terms of access to the Exchange.

The following charts identify the proposed tiered fees for co-location and the proposed fees for related services.

Initial Fee per Cabinet	\$5,000
Number of kWs	Per kW Fee Monthly
4 - 8	\$1,200
12 - 20	\$1,050
24 – 40	\$950
44 +	\$900

Type of Service	Description	Amount of Charge
LCN Access	1 GB Circuit	\$6,000 per connection initial charge plus \$5,000 monthly per connection
LCN Access	10 GB Circuit	\$10,000 per connection
Bundled Network Access, Option 1 (2 LCN connections, 2 SFTI connections, and 2 optic connections to outside access center)	1 GB Bundle	\$25,000 initial charge plus \$13,000 monthly charge
	10 GB Bundle	\$50,000 initial charge plus \$47,000 monthly charge
Bundled Network Access,	1 CD D	\$26,000 initial charge plus
Option 2 (2 LCN	1 GB Bundle	\$16,000 monthly charge
connections, 2 SFTI connections, 1 optic connection to outside access center, and 1 optic connection in data center)	10 GB Bundle	\$50,000 initial charge plus \$54,250 monthly charge
Bundled Network Access, Option 3 (2 LCN	1 GB Bundle	\$27,500 initial charge plus \$19,000 monthly charge
Connections, 2 SFTI connections, and 2 optic connections in data center)	10 GB Bundle	\$50,000 initial charge plus \$61,500 monthly charge
Data Center Fiber Cross Connect	Cross connect between a single User's cabinets within the data center.	\$500 per unit initial charge plus \$500 monthly per unit
Initial Install Services (Required per cabinet)	Includes initial racking of equipment in cabinet and provision of up to 10 cables (4 hrs).	\$800 per cabinet
Hot Hands Service: Normal Business Hours, Scheduled (Note: Hot Hands Service allows Users to use on-site data center personnel to maintain User equipment.)	Applies on non-NYSE Amex holidays, Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm if scheduled at least 1 day in advance.	\$200 per hour

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Hot Hands Service:	Applies Monday to	\$275 per hour
Extended Business Hours,	Friday 5pm to 9am,	
Scheduled	NYSE Amex holidays,	
	and weekends if	
	scheduled at least 1 day	
	in advance.	
Hot Hands Service: Normal	Applies on non-NYSE	\$250 per hour
Business Hours, Expedited	Amex holidays, Monday	1
, 1	to Friday, 9am to 5pm if	
	NOT scheduled at least	
	1 day in advance.	
Hot Hands Service:	Applies Monday to	\$325 per hour
Extended Business Hours,	Friday 5pm to 9am,	. 1
Expedited	NYSE Amex holidays,	
F	and weekends if NOT	
	scheduled at least 1 day	
	in advance.	
Rack and Stack	Installation of one	\$200 per server
Tuest and Such	server in User's cabinet.	φ200 per server
	Service encompasses	
	handling, unpacking,	
	tagging, and installation	
	of the server as well as 1	
	network connection	
	within the User rack.	
	within the eger ruck.	
Power Recycling	Reboot of power on one	\$50 per reset
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	as observing and	
	reporting on the status	
	of the reboot back to the	
	User.	
Shipping and Receiving	Receipt of one shipment	\$100 per shipment
	of goods at data center	4200 Per simpine
	from User/supplier.	
	Includes coordination of	
	shipping and receiving.	
Badge Request	Request for provision of	\$50 per badge
	a permanent data center	\$50 per ouage

site access badge for a User representative.

Engineer, furnish and

install Rittal 5"H x 12"W cable tray on

cabinet.

\$400 per tray

External Cabinet Cable Tray

Custom External Cabinet Cable Tray	Engineer, furnish and install 4" H x 24" W	\$100 per linear foot
Cable Tray	custom basket cable tray	
	above client's cabinet	
	rows.	
Install and Document Cable	Labor charges to install	\$200 per hour
	and document the fitting	
	of a cable(s) in a User's	
	cabinet(s) in excess of	
	the 10 copper cables	
	included in the cabinet	
	installation fee.	1100
Equipment Maintenance	Hardware maintenance-	\$100 per call
Call Escalation	break fix services	
	available through NYSE	
	arrangement with Delta	
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Visitor Security Escort	NYSE employee escort,	\$75 per hour
	which is required during	
	User visits to the data	
	center. (Note: all User	
	representatives are	
	required to have a	
	visitor security escort	
	during visits to the data center, including User	
	representatives who	
	have a permanent data	
	center site access	
	badge.)	

Technician Support Service-	Network technician	\$200 per hour
Non Emergency	equipped to support	-
	User network	
	troubleshooting activity	
	and to provide all	
	necessary testing	
	instruments to support	
	the User request. Prior	
	day notice is required.	
Technician Support Service-	Network technician	\$325 per hour
Emergency	equipped to support	
	User network	
	troubleshooting activity	
	and to provide all	
	necessary testing	
	instruments to support	
	the User request. Two	
	hour notice is required.	

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 6 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act"), 9 in general, and Sections 6(b)(4) and 6(b)(5), of the Act, 10 in particular, in that it is designed to (i) provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among its members and other persons using its facilities, and (ii) prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in facilitating transactions in securities, and to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanisms of a free and open market and a national market system. The Exchange believes that the proposed changes to the Schedule are equitable in that they apply fees for comparable co-location services uniformly to our Users. Moreover, the Exchange believes that, as described herein, access to its market is offered on fair and non-discriminatory terms.

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4) and 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

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 Rule</u>
<u>Change Received from Members, Participants, or Others</u>

No written comments were solicited or received with respect to the proposed rule change.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The Exchange has filed the proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act¹¹ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.¹² Because the proposed rule change does not: (i) significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) become operative prior to 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest, the proposed rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) thereunder.

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. The Commission notes that the co-location fees sought to be codified here are based on filings by the Exchange and the Exchange's affiliate, the New York Stock Exchange LLC, which have already been approved by the Commission, and that accelerated approval of the co-location fees will ensure that the co-location services and fees are

¹¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

¹⁷ CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). 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 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. The Commission notes that the Exchange satisfied this five-day pre-filing requirement.

made available to all interested parties without delay. For this reason, the Commission designates the proposed rule change as operative upon filing.¹³

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend 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 <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include File Number SR-NYSEAmex-2010-101 on the subject line.

Paper comments:

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

All submissions should refer to File Number SR- NYSEAmex-2010-101. 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 website (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml).

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

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 website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of such 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-NYSEAmex-2010-101 and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21]

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority. 14

days from publication in the Federal Register].

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¹⁴ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).