SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-64909; File No. SR-NSX-2011-07)

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; National Stock Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Amend NSX Rule 11.15 Consistent with the Implementation of the Adoption of Rule 15c3-5 under the Act

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act"), and Rule 19b-4 thereunder, notice is hereby given that on July 14, 2011, National Stock Exchange, Inc. filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which items have been prepared by the Exchange. 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> <u>Rule Change</u>

National Stock Exchange, Inc. ("NSX[®]" or "Exchange") is proposing to amend NSX Rule 11.15 to make certain changes consistent with the implementation of the adoption of Rule 15c3-5 under the Act (the "Market Access Rule").

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's website at http://www.nsx.com, at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

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 Exchange included statements concerning

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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 self-regulatory organization 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 Basis</u> for, the Proposed Rule Change

<u>Purpose</u>

On November 3, 2010, the Commission adopted the Market Access Rule,³ pursuant to which, among other things, broker-dealers providing market access are required to implement certain pre-order entry checks in order to manage the financial, regulatory, and certain other risks associated with providing its customers with market access. In anticipation of the July 14, 2011 compliance date for the Market Access Rule, the Exchange is proposing to amend Rule 11.15 to recognize that routable orders will be handled consistent with the Market Access Rule.

Consistent with the Market Access Rule, NSX Securities LLC ("NSX Securities"), as the Exchange's affiliated routing broker-dealer, has implemented certain tests that are designed to limit the financial exposure that could arise as a result of market access and to ensure compliance with all applicable regulatory requirements in connection with market access. Consistent with the requirements of the Market Access Rule, these tests are designed to reject orders that are deemed non-compliant with applicable Market Access Rule requirements. NSX Securities retains sole discretion to determine whether to reject, prior to routing, and/or cancel after routing, an order or series of orders based on a violation of applicable pre-trade requirements.

Statutory Basis

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See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 63241 (November 3, 2010), 75 FR 69792 (November 15, 2010).

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder that are applicable to a national securities exchange, and, in particular, with the requirements of Section 6(b) of the Act.⁴ In particular, the proposed change is consistent with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,⁵ because it would promote just and equitable principles of trade, and, in general, protect investors and the public interest. The proposed rule is consistent with the requirements of the Act because the change recognizes compliance by the Exchange's affiliated broker-dealer, NSX Securities, with the Market Access Rule. The Exchange also believes that the proposed changes will benefit ETP Holders because it provides clarity regarding compliance with the Market Access Rule.

B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

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 Exchange Act.

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

The Exchange has neither solicited nor received written comments on the proposed rule change.

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

Because the foregoing 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 for 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

as the Commission may designate, it has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act⁶ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) thereunder.⁷

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 asked the Commission to waive the 30-day operative delay so that the proposal may become operative immediately upon filing. The Exchange notes that waiving the 30-day operative delay will allow NSX Securities to comply with Rule 15c3-5 under the Act by July 14, 2011; the compliance date for Rule 15c3-5. For this reason, the Commission believes that waiving the 30-day operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest, and designates the proposed rule change to be operative upon filing with the Commission. 11

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

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁷ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

¹⁷ CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii). In addition, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) requires that a self-regulatory organization submit to 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. The Exchange has satisfied this requirement.

⁹ <u>Id</u>.

¹⁰ 17 CFR 240.15c3-5.

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).

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-NSX-2011-07 on the subject line.

Paper comments:

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

All submissions should refer to File No. SR-NSX-2011-07. This file number should be included in the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process and review 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). 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 a.m. and

3 p.m. eastern time. Copies of such filings will also 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-NSX-2011-07 and should be submitted by [insert date 21 days from the date

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority. 12

Elizabeth M. Murphy Secretary

of publication in the Federal Register].

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¹² 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).