SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-74473; File No. SR-NYSEMKT-2015-12)

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE MKT LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Modifying the NYSE Amex Options Fee Schedule to Amend the Fees Associated with Booth Space Provided at the Exchange

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 February 26, 2015, NYSE MKT LLC (the "Exchange" or "NYSE MKT") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III 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</u> <u>Rule Change</u>

The Exchange proposes to modify the NYSE Amex Options Fee Schedule ("Fee Schedule") to amend the fees associated with booth space provided at the Exchange. The Exchange proposes to implement the fee change effective March 1, 2015. The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's website at www.nyse.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 self-regulatory organization included statements concerning the purpose of, and basis for, the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it

¹ 15 U.S.C.78s(b)(1).

² 15 U.S.C. 78a.

³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

received on the proposed rule change. The text of those 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 parts of such statements.

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

1. <u>Purpose</u>

The Exchanges proposes to amend the fees associated with booth space provided at the Exchange. The purpose of the proposed fee change is to ensure a fair and reasonable use of Exchange resources by enabling the Exchange to charge for and recoup costs related to hosting operations on Exchange premises (e.g., utilities, routine maintenance, etc.) based on the size of the space utilized. The Exchange proposes to implement the fee change effective March 1, 2015.

Currently, the Exchange charges \$150 per month for each Floor Booth utilized at the Exchange. Floor Booths are primarily used by floor brokerage firms to perform various functions in support of trading activities on the Exchange. The Exchange recently moved the NYSE Amex Options Trading Floor into a newly renovated space. In connection with this relocation, the Exchange has re-evaluated how it charges for physical space on the Exchange. The Exchange believes that a more equitable method for charging under the new configuration is one based on the amount of space occupied at the Exchange, as opposed per Floor Booth(s) utilized. Accordingly, the Exchange proposes to impose a monthly fee of \$40 per linear foot required to accommodate an entity's operations at the Exchange. The Exchange also proposes to change the name of the fee from "Floor Booths" to "Booth Premises," to more accurately reflect the way the fees are calculated.

2. <u>Statutory Basis</u>

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,⁴ in general, and furthers the objectives of Sections 6(b)(4) and (5) of the Act,⁵ in particular, because it provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among its members, issuers and other persons using its facilities and does not unfairly discriminate between customers, issuers, brokers or dealers.

The Exchange believes the proposed fee change is reasonable, equitable, and non-discriminatory for the following reasons. First, the proposed Booth Premises fee would be determined in an objective manner based on the each linear foot utilized, which encourages the fair and reasonable use of resources by the entities subject to the fee. Further, because this proposed fee would be based on clearly defined, objective parameters, the fee change would ensure the fair and reasonable use of Exchange resources by enabling the Exchange to recoup for the costs related to hosting operations on Exchange premises (e.g., utilities, routine maintenance, etc.) based on the size of the operation.

For these reasons, the Exchange believes that the proposal is consistent with the Act.

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

In accordance with Section 6(b)(8) of the Act, ⁶ 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. Because the proposed change results in the fair and reasonable use of Exchange resources, the Exchange believes this change is pro-competitive and would benefit all market participants.

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⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

^{5 15} U.S.C. 78f(b)(4) and (5).

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(8).

The Exchange notes that it operates in a highly competitive market in which market participants can readily favor competing venues. In such an environment, the Exchange must continually review, and consider adjusting, its fees and credits to remain competitive with other exchanges. For the reasons described above, the Exchange believes that the proposed rule change reflects this competitive environment.

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

The foregoing rule change is effective upon filing pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)⁷ of the Act and subparagraph (f)(2) of Rule 19b-4⁸ thereunder, because it establishes a due, fee, or other charge imposed by the Exchange.

At any time within 60 days of the filing of such 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. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings under Section 19(b)(2)(B)⁹ of the Act to determine whether the proposed rule change should be approved or disapproved.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁸ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2)(B).

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-NYSEMKT-2015-12 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 Number SR-NYSEMKT-2015-12. 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). 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 the filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the NYSE's principal office and on its Internet website at www.nyse.com. All comments received will be posted without change; the

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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-NYSEMKT-2015-12, 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.10

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