SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-77907; File No. SR-ISE-2016-14)

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; International Securities Exchange, LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Amend the Schedule of 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 May 12, 2016, the International Securities Exchange, LLC (the "Exchange" or "ISE") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III 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>

ISE proposes to amend the Schedule of Fees as described in more detail below. The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's Internet website at <a href="http://www.ise.com">http://www.ise.com</a>, 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 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.

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

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

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

#### 1. Purpose

ISE currently sells a 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. The ISE Open/Close Trade Profile offering is subdivided by origin code (i.e., customer or firm) and the customer data is then further subdivided by order size. The volume data is summarized by day and series (i.e., symbol, expiration date, strike price, call or put). The ISE Open/Close Trade Profile enables subscribers to create their own proprietary put/call calculations. The data is compiled and formatted by ISE as an end of day file. This market data offering is currently available to both members and non-members on an annual subscription basis. The current subscription rate for both members and non-members is \$750 per month.

ISE also sells historical ISE Open/Close Trade Profile data. This market data offering is comprised of the entire opening and closing trade data of both customers and firms that dates back to May 2005. This data is sold to 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 can purchase this data for any number of months, beginning from May 2005 through the current month. Alternatively, subscribers can purchase the entire set of this data, beginning from May 2005 through the present month (the "Complete Set"). The historical ISE Open/Close Trade Profile is compiled and formatted by ISE and sold as a zipped file. ISE charges subscribers \$600 per month for ad-hoc requests for each month of data and a discounted fee of \$500 per request per month of data for the Complete Set.

The Exchange now proposes to adopt a flat fee for the Complete Set. As each year passes, the cost of the Complete Set rises by \$6,000 (12 months \* \$500). As a result of this continual increase in cost, ISE believes the current cost of a Complete Set is too high to generate customer demand. We now propose to offer this same Complete Set for a price of \$27,500.

## 2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 6 of the Act,<sup>3</sup> in general, and Section 6(b)(4) of the Act,<sup>4</sup> in particular, in that it is designed to provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among its members and other persons using its facilities.

The Exchange believes that the proposed fee decrease is reasonable and equitable as the proposed fee is set at a level that the Exchange believes will be attractive to members and non-members because, over time, the fee for a Complete Set has become too high to generate sufficient customer demand and the continuing price increase would ultimately lead to no customer demand and prevent members and non-members from obtaining this data. The proposed fee will ensure that for the foreseeable future members and non-members have access to the data they need for a reasonable fee. The Exchange also notes that the proposed Market Data Fees are not unfairly discriminatory because they apply equally to all members and non-members.

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

In accordance with Section 6(b)(8) of the Act,<sup>5</sup> the Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on intermarket or intramarket competition that is

<sup>4</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(8).

not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The Exchange believes that current fee for the Complete Set became too high over time to generate sufficient customer demand. ISE believes the current fee is set at a fair price for the data being provided to both members and non-members. The Exchange operates in a highly competitive market in which market participants can readily direct their order flow to competing venues. In such an environment, the Exchange must continually review, and consider adjusting, its fees and rebates to remain competitive with other exchanges. For the reasons described above, the Exchange believes that the proposed fee changes reflect this competitive environment.

C. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule 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 Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action</u>

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act,<sup>6</sup> and subparagraph (f)(2) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>7</sup> because it establishes a due, fee, or other charge imposed by ISE.

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

Commission shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule should be approved or disapproved.

## 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-2016-14 on the subject line.

## Paper comments:

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

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-ISE-2016-14. 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 (<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 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-ISE-2016-14, and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from publication in the <u>Federal Register</u>].

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.  $^8$ 

Brent J. Fields Secretary

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<sup>8 17</sup> CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).