SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-56635; File No. SR-Amex-2007-56)

October 10, 2007

Self-Regulatory Organizations; American Stock Exchange LLC; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change Relating to Resolving Uncompared Transactions

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ notice is hereby given that on June 4, 2007, the American Stock Exchange LLC ("Amex") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") and on September 18, 2007, amended the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared primarily by Amex. 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>

Amex proposes to amend Rule 724 ("Agents to Resolve DKs") and the corresponding Commentary to require each member to designate a representative away from the Amex's trading floor that is authorized to resolve uncompared transactions ("DKs") on the members' behalf.

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, Amex 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. Amex has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

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¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

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

Currently, Amex Rule 724 requires each member that executes transactions on Amex's trading floor ("Floor") to designate another member on the Floor to act for it in its absence to resolve questions and to receive or sign DK notices relating to transactions it executes. Amex wishes to amend this requirement in order to accommodate members with limited resources and members that can handle their own DKs. Amex believes this proposal will benefit associate members that access Amex electronically and do not have the requisite personnel on the Floor. Amex states that it is not appropriate to require such firms to rely on an individual affiliated with another firm for this purpose.

Specifically, this proposal would make it optional for a Floor member to designate another Floor member to act on its behalf regarding DK notices but would require each member to designate a member firm, allied member, registered representative, or any other person required to be registered as a broker-dealer under the Act that is physically located away from the Floor to act in this DK resolution capacity by means of telephone, e-mail, or fax submission.

Amex states that it believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6 of the Act² in general and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5)³ in particular because the rule change is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, promote just and equitable principles of trade, foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in facilitating transactions in securities, and remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system.

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

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² 15 U.S.C. 78f.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

Amex believes that the proposed rule change does not 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> Change Received from Members, Participants or Others

Amex has not solicited or received written comments with respect to the proposed rule change.

- III. <u>Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action</u>
 Within thirty-five days of the date of publication of this notice in the <u>Federal Register</u> or within such longer period (i) as the Commission may designate up to ninety days of such date if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or (ii) as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission will:
 - (A) by order approve such proposed rule change or
 - (B) institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be 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 (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml); or
- Send an e-mail to <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include File Number SR-Amex-2007-56 on the subject line.

Paper comments:

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 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-Amex-2007-56. 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 (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 inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10:00 am and 3:00 pm. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at Amex's principal office and on Amex's web site (http://www.amex.com). 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-Amex-2007-56 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 Market Regulation pursuant to delegated authority.⁴

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⁴ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).