

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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Self-Regulatory Organizations; BATS Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Related to Fees for Use of BATS Exchange, Inc.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act”),<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on June 13, 2013, BATS Exchange, Inc. (the “Exchange” or “BATS”) 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 Exchange has designated the proposed rule change as one establishing or changing a member due, fee, or other charge imposed by the Exchange under Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act<sup>3</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(2) thereunder,<sup>4</sup> which renders the proposed rule change effective upon filing with the Commission. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Terms of the Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange filed a proposal to amend the fee schedule applicable to Members<sup>5</sup> and non-members of the Exchange pursuant to BATS Rules 15.1(a) and (c). Changes to the fee schedule pursuant to this proposal are effective upon filing..

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

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

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

<sup>4</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

<sup>5</sup> A Member is any registered broker or dealer that has been admitted to membership in the Exchange.

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

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

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 Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in Sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant parts of such statements.

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

1. Purpose

The purpose of the proposed rule change is to modify the "Equities Pricing" section of its fee schedule effective June 13, 2013, in order to amend the way that the Exchange calculates rebates for adding liquidity to the Exchange. Specifically, the Exchange is proposing to amend the methodology by which it determines the rebate that it will provide to Members for adding liquidity to the Exchange by excluding the last Friday of June from the calculation of both ADV<sup>6</sup> and average daily TCV<sup>7</sup> as they relate to "Equities Pricing."

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<sup>6</sup> As provided in the "Equities Pricing" section of the fee schedule, "ADV" means average daily volume calculated as the number of shares added or removed, combined, per day on a monthly basis; routed shares are not included in ADV calculation.

<sup>7</sup> As provided in the "Equities Pricing" section of the fee schedule "TCV" means total consolidated volume calculated as the volume reported by all exchanges and trade reporting facilities to a consolidated transaction reporting plan for the month for which the fees apply.

The Exchange currently offers a tiered structure for determining the rebates that Members receive for executions that add liquidity to the Exchange.<sup>8</sup> Under the tiered pricing structure, the Exchange provides different rebates to Members based on a Member's ADV as a percentage of average daily TCV, as well as a possible additional rebate where a Member's order sets the NBBO and that Member meets or exceeds a certain threshold of ADV as a percentage of average daily TCV. The Exchange notes that it is not proposing to modify any of the existing rebates or the percentage thresholds at which a Member may qualify for certain rebates. Rather, as mentioned above, the Exchange is proposing to modify the "Equities Pricing" section of its fee schedule in order to exclude trading activity occurring on the last Friday of June from the calculation of ADV and average daily TCV.

The Exchange is proposing to exclude the last Friday of June from the definition of ADV and TCV because the last Friday of June is the day that Russell Investments reconstitutes its family of indexes ("Russell Rebalance"), resulting in particularly high trading volumes, much of which the Exchange believes derives from market participants who are not generally as active entering the market to rebalance their holdings in-line with the Russell Rebalance. The Exchange believes that trading occurring as a result of the Russell Rebalance can significantly skew the calculation of ADV and TCV. For example, since 2008, on the last Friday in June, the TCV has exceeded the average daily TCV for the preceding trading days in June by approximately 42% on average. The chart below reflects the TCV on the last Friday of June for each year dating to 2008 and compares it to the average daily TCV for the preceding trading days in the month of June.

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<sup>8</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 64847 (July 8, 2011), 76 FR 41546 (July 14, 2011) (Notice of filing and immediate effectiveness of proposed rule change related to fees for use of BATS Exchange, Inc., which established tiered rebates based on ADV as a percentage of average daily TCV) (SR-BATS-2011-019).

<b>Russell Reconstitution Date (RCD)</b>	<b>TCV on RCD</b>	<b>MTD Average TCV as of Day Before RCD</b>	<b>% Difference</b>
6/29/2012	7,924,340,355	6,833,486,672	15.96%
6/24/2011	10,472,502,657	7,237,593,514	44.70%
6/25/2010	14,482,717,113	8,981,067,278	61.26%
6/26/2009	13,024,518,377	9,597,498,903	35.71%
6/27/2008	12,010,692,402	7,835,813,201	53.28%

Because of the extremely high volume numbers and abnormally distributed daily volume as a percentage of the TCV on this day, it stands that the ADV as a percentage of average daily TCV can be significantly impacted.

As such, the Exchange believes that eliminating the last Friday of June from the definition of ADV and TCV and thereby eliminating that day from the calculation as it relates to rebates for adding liquidity to the Exchange, will help to eliminate significant uncertainty faced by Members as to their monthly ADV as a percentage of average daily TCV and the rebates that this percentage will qualify for, providing Members with an increased certainty as to their monthly cost for trades executed on the Exchange. The Exchange further believes that removing this uncertainty will encourage Members to participate in trading on the Exchange during the remaining trading days in June in a manner intended to be incented by the Exchange's fee schedule.

## 2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change 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 of the Act.<sup>9</sup> Specifically, the

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<sup>9</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f.

Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)(4) of the Act,<sup>10</sup> in that it provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among members and other persons using any facility or system which the Exchange operates or controls. The Exchange notes that it operates in a highly competitive market in which market participants can readily direct order flow to competing venues if they deem fee structures at a particular venue to be unreasonable and/or excessive.

With respect to the proposed changes to the tiered pricing structure for adding liquidity to the Exchange, the Exchange believes that its proposal is reasonable because, as explained above, it will help provide Members with a greater level of certainty as to their level of rebates for trading in the month of June. The Exchange also believes that its proposal is reasonable because it is not changing the thresholds to become eligible or the dollar value associated with the rebates and, moreover, by eliminating the inclusion of a trading day that would almost certainly lower a Member's ADV as a percentage of average daily TCV, it will make the majority of Members more likely to meet the minimum or higher tier thresholds, which will provide additional incentive to Members to increase their participation on the Exchange in order to meet the next tier. In addition, the Exchange believes that the proposed changes to fees are equitably allocated among Exchange constituents as the methodology for calculating ADV and TCV will apply equally to all Members. While, although unlikely, certain Members may have a higher ADV as a percentage of average daily TCV with the day included, the proposal will make June trading rebates more similar to other months as well as to make all Members' cost of trading on the Exchange more predictable, regardless of how the proposal affects their ADV as a percentage of

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<sup>10</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

average daily TCV, which in turn will preserve Members' incentives to participate in trading on the Exchange in a manner intended to be incented by the Exchange's fee schedule.

Volume-based tiers such as the liquidity adding tiers maintained by the Exchange have been widely adopted in the equities markets, and are equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because they are open to all members on an equal basis and provide rebates that are reasonably related to the value to an exchange's market quality associated with higher levels of market activity, such as higher levels of liquidity provision and introduction of higher volumes of orders into the price and volume discovery process. Accordingly, the Exchange believes that the proposal is equitably allocated and not unfairly discriminatory because it is consistent with the overall goals of enhancing market quality. Further, the Exchange believes that a tiered pricing model not significantly altered by the removal of a single known day of atypical trading behavior, which will allow Members to predictably calculate what the costs associated with their trading activity on the Exchange. is reasonable, fair and equitable and not unreasonably discriminatory because it is uniform in application amongst Members and should enable such participants to operate their business without concern of unpredictable and potentially significant changes in expenses.

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 not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The proposed changes will help the Exchange to continue to incentivize higher levels of liquidity at a tighter spread while providing more stable and predictable costs to its Members. As stated above, the Exchange notes that it operates in a highly competitive market in which market participants can

readily direct order flow to competing venues if they deem fee structures to be unreasonable or excessive.

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

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

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

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act<sup>11</sup> and paragraph (f) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.<sup>12</sup> 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 [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR-BATS-2013-034 on the subject line.

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<sup>11</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>12</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f).

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-BATS-2013-034. 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 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-BATS-2013-034 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.<sup>13</sup>

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<sup>13</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).