SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-55589; File No. SR-ISE-2007-18)

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; International Securities Exchange, LLC; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change Relating to Customer Orders on the Book

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on March 5, 2007, the International Securities Exchange, LLC ("ISE" or "Exchange") 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 substantially 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>

The Exchange proposes to include in an automated information feed to members the aggregate quantity of customer interest at the Exchange's best bid and offer ("BBO").³

The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Exchange's principal office, at http://www.iseoptions.com/legal/proposed_rule_changes.asp, 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

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

The proposed rule change also will correct some cross-references in ISE Rule 713.

in Item IV below. The Exchange 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

1. <u>Purpose</u>

The purpose of the proposed rule change is to provide all ISE members with information regarding orders of public customers at the ISE BBO. Currently, the ISE provides full customer information only to its Primary Market Makers ("PMMs"), who effectively act as specialists on the Exchange. Other ISE members do not have this information. Because the ISE provides customer orders with priority over broker-dealer orders and market maker quotations, having access to customer order information would allow members to know how many customer contracts first would need to be satisfied in order to have certainty of knowledge before crossing a large block. This is particularly useful for broker-dealers attempting to execute larger-sized orders through the ISE's Block and Facilitation Mechanisms.⁴

The ISE recently confirmed that at least one other exchange – the Chicago Board Options Exchange ("CBOE") – provides all its members with full information regarding customer orders at that exchange's BBO. The information is available through the CBOE's electronic data feed to its members. In order to remain competitive with the CBOE, we believe it is necessary to provide our members with similar information. Thus, we propose to make available to our members the full quantity of public customer interest included in the Exchange's BBO.

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See ISE Rule 716.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the basis under the Act for this proposed rule change is the requirement under Section 6(b)(5)⁵ that an exchange have rules that are designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism for a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. In particular, the proposal will provide members with additional information to help them execute their orders.

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

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 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 written comments from members or other interested parties.

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

Within 35 days of the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register or within such longer period (i) as the Commission may designate up to 90 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 ISE consents, the Commission will:

A. by order approve such proposed rule change; or

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

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-ISE-2007-18 on the subject line.

Paper comments:

• Send paper comments in triplicate to Nancy M. Morris, Secretary, Securities and
Exchange Commission, Station Place, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-ISE-2007-18. 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

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available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room. 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 publicly available. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-ISE-

2007-18 and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from publication in the

Federal Register].

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated

authority.6

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