SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-63756; File No. S7-24-89)

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Joint Industry Plan; Notice of Filing of Amendment No. 25 to the Joint Self-Regulatory Organization Plan Governing the Collection, Consolidation and Dissemination of Quotation and Transaction Information for Nasdaq-Listed Securities Traded on Exchanges on an Unlisted Trading Privileges Basis Submitted by the BATS Exchange, Inc., BATS Y-Exchange, Inc., Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated, Chicago Stock Exchange, Inc., EDGA Exchange, Inc., EDGX Exchange, Inc., Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc., International Securities Exchange LLC, NASDAQ OMX BX, Inc., NASDAQ OMX PHLX, Inc., Nasdaq Stock Market LLC, National Stock Exchange, Inc., New York Stock Exchange LLC, NYSE Amex, Inc., and NYSE Arca, Inc.

Pursuant to Rule 608 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act")¹ notice is hereby given that on December 23, 2010, the operating committee ("Operating Committee" or "Committee")² of the Joint Self-Regulatory Organization Plan Governing the Collection, Consolidation, and Dissemination of Quotation and Transaction Information for Nasdaq-Listed Securities Traded on Exchanges on an Unlisted Trading Privilege Basis ("Nasdaq/UTP Plan" or "Plan") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") an amendment to the Plan.³ This amendment represents Amendment No. 25 to the Plan and proposes to permit

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¹⁷ CFR 242.608.

The Plan Participants (collectively, "Participants") are the: BATS Exchange, Inc. ("BATS"); BATS Y-Exchange, Inc.("BATS Y"); Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated ("CBOE"); Chicago Stock Exchange, Inc. ("CHX"); EDGA Exchange, Inc. ("EDGA"); EDGX Exchange, Inc. ("EDGX"); Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA"); International Securities Exchange LLC ("ISE"); NASDAQ OMX BX, Inc. ("BX"); NASDAQ OMX PHLX, Inc. ("PHLX"); Nasdaq Stock Market LLC ("Nasdaq"); National Stock Exchange, Inc. ("NSX"); New York Stock Exchange LLC ("NYSE"); NYSE Amex, Inc. ("NYSEAmex"); and NYSE Arca, Inc. ("NYSEArca").

The Plan governs the collection, processing, and dissemination on a consolidated basis of quotation information and transaction reports in Eligible Securities for each of its Participants. This consolidated information informs investors of the current quotation and recent trade prices of Nasdaq securities. It enables investors to ascertain from one data source the current prices in all the markets trading Nasdaq securities. The Plan

ministerial amendments to the Plans under the signature of the Chairman of the Nasdaq/UTP

Plan Operating Committee. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments from interested persons on the proposed Amendment.

I. Rule 608(a)

A. <u>Purpose of the Amendments</u>

Currently, Section XVI of the Nasdaq/UTP Plan requires each Participant to execute most amendments to the Plan before they can submit Plan amendments to the Commission. This can result in delays and unwarranted administrative functioning in the context of certain amendments that are of a purely ministerial nature. For that reason, the Participants propose to amend the Plan to permit the submission of Plan amendments to the Commission under the signature of the Chairman of the Nasdaq/UTP Plan Operating Committee, in lieu of signatures from each Participant.

The categories of ministerial Plan amendments that the Participants may submit under the signature of the Chairman include amendments to the Plan that pertain solely to any one or more of the following:

- (1) admitting a new Participant into the Plan;
- (2) changing the name or address of a Participant;
- incorporating a change that the Commission has implemented by rule and that requires no conforming language to the text of the Plan (e.g., the Commission rule establishing the Advisory Committee);

serves as the required transaction reporting plan for its Participants, which is a prerequisite for their trading Eligible Securities. <u>See</u> Securities Exchange Act Release No. 55647 (April 19, 2007) 72 FR 20891 (April 26, 2007).

- (4) incorporating a change (i) that the Commission has implemented by rule, (ii) that requires conforming language to the text of the Plan (e.g., the Commission rule amending the revenue allocation formula), and (iii) that a majority of all Participants has voted to approve; and
- (5) incorporating a purely technical change, such as correcting an error or an inaccurate reference to a statutory provision, or removing language that has become obsolete (e.g., language regarding ITS).

The Participants believe that submission of these categories of ministerial amendments will improve the efficiency of the administration of the Plan and that the signature of each Participant provides no safeguards that are necessary or appropriate in the context of these categories of ministerial amendments.

B. Governing or Constituent Documents

Not applicable.

C. <u>Implementation of Amendment</u>

The Participants propose to implement the change upon Commission approval of the Amendment.

D. <u>Development and Implementation Phases</u>

See Item I(C) above.

E. Analysis of Impact on Competition

The proposed amendment does not impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Exchange Act. The Participants do not believe that the proposed plan amendment introduces terms that are unreasonably discriminatory for the purposes of Section 11A(c)(1)(D) of the Exchange Act.

F. Written Understanding or Agreements relating to Interpretation of, or Participation in, Plan

The Participants have no written understandings or agreements relating to interpretation of the Plans as a result of the amendment.

G. Approval by Sponsors in Accordance with Plan

Each of the Plan's Participants has executed a written amendment to the Plan.

H. <u>Description of Operation of Facility Contemplated by the Proposed Amendment</u>

Not applicable.

I. Terms and Conditions of Access

Not applicable.

J. Method of Determination and Imposition, and Amount of, Fees and Charges

Not applicable.

K. Method and Frequency of Processor Evaluation

Not applicable.

L. Dispute Resolution

Not applicable.

II. Rule 601(a)

A. Reporting Requirements

Not applicable.

B. <u>Manner of Collecting, Processing, Sequencing, Making Available and Disseminating Last Sale Information</u>

Not applicable.

C. Manner of Consolidation

Not applicable.

D. <u>Standards and Methods Ensuring Promptness, Accuracy and Completeness of Transaction Reports</u>

Not applicable.

- E. Rules and Procedures Addressed to Fraudulent or Manipulative Dissemination
 Not applicable.
- F. Terms of Access to Transaction Reports

Not applicable.

G. <u>Identification of Marketplace of Execution</u>

Not Applicable.

III. Solicitation of Comments

The Commission seeks general comments on Amendment No. 25. Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposal 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 S7-24-89 on the subject line.

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 S7-24-89. 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 website (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml). Copies of the submission, all written statements with respect to the proposed Plan amendment that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed Plan amendment 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 on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for website viewing and printing at the Office of the Secretary of the Committee, currently located at the CBOE, 400 S. LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL 60605. 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 S7-24-89 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. 4

Elizabeth M. Murphy Secretary

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⁴ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(27).