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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change by New York Stock Exchange LLC Extending Until August 21, 2009, the Operation of Interim NYSE Rule 128 which Permits the Exchange to Cancel or Adjust Clearly Erroneous Executions If They Arise Out of the Use or Operation of Any Quotation, Execution or Communication System Owned or Operated by the Exchange, Including Those Executions that Occur in the Event of a System Disruption or System Malfunction

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1)¹ of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act”)² and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,³ notice is hereby given that, on August 10, 2009, New York Stock Exchange LLC (“NYSE” or the “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by the self-regulatory organization. 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 Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to extend until August 21, 2009, the operation of interim NYSE Rule 128 (“Clearly Erroneous Executions for NYSE Equities”) which permits the Exchange to cancel or adjust clearly erroneous executions if they arise out of the use or operation of any quotation, execution or communication system owned or operated by the Exchange, including those executions that occur in the event of a system disruption or system malfunction. The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Exchange, the Commission’s Public Reference Room, and www.nyse.com.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 15 U.S.C. 78a.

³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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 self-regulatory organization 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 those 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 Exchange proposes to extend until August 21, 2009, the operation of interim NYSE Rule 128 ("Clearly Erroneous Executions for NYSE Equities") which permits the Exchange to cancel or adjust clearly erroneous executions if they arise out of the use or operation of any quotation, execution or communication system owned or operated by the Exchange, including those executions that occur in the event of a system disruption or system malfunction.

Prior to the implementation of NYSE Rule 128 on January 28, 2008,⁴ the NYSE did not have a rule providing the Exchange with the authority to cancel or adjust clearly erroneous trades of securities executed on or through the systems and facilities of the NYSE.

In order for the NYSE to be consistent with other national securities exchanges which have some version of a clearly erroneous execution rule, the Exchange is drafting an amended clearly erroneous rule which will accommodate such other exchanges but will be appropriate for the NYSE market model.

⁴ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 57323 (February 13, 2008), 73 FR 9371 (February 20, 2008) (SR-NYSE-2008-09).

The NYSE notes that the Commission approved an amended clearly erroneous execution rule for Nasdaq in May 2008.⁵ On July 28, 2008, the Exchange filed with the SEC a request to extend the operation of interim Rule 128 until October 1, 2008⁶ in order to review the provisions of Nasdaq's clearly erroneous rule and to consider integrating similar standards into its own amendment to Rule 128. On October 1, 2008⁷, the Exchange filed with the SEC a further request to extend the operation of interim Rule 128 until January 9, 2009 in order to consider integrating similar standards into the amendment to Rule 128. On January 9, 2009⁸, the Exchange filed with the SEC a request to extend the operation of interim Rule 128 until March 9, 2009, indicating that the Exchange was still in the process of reviewing the Nasdaq rule with a view towards incorporating certain provisions into the amendment of interim Rule 128.

On February 10, 2009, NYSE Arca submitted a proposal to the SEC to amend its clearly erroneous rule. The NYSE Arca proposed rule differed in certain respects from the Nasdaq clearly erroneous rule. On March 9, 2009, the Exchange filed with the SEC a request to extend the operation of interim Rule 128 until June 9, 2009⁹ to finalize review of NYSE Arca's proposed amended CEE rule, which included market wide CEE initiatives, to determine if it was appropriate to incorporate such provisions into the Rule 128 amendment.

⁵ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 57826 (May 15, 2008), 73 FR 29802 (May 22, 2008) (SR-NASDAQ-2007-001).

⁶ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 58328 (August 8, 2008), 73 FR 47247 (August 13, 2008) (SR-NYSE-2008-63).

⁷ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 58732 (October 3, 2008), 73 FR 61183 (October 15, 2008) (SR-NYSE-2008-99).

⁸ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 59255 (January 15, 2009) 74 FR 4496 (January 26, 2009) (SR-NYSE-2009-02).

⁹ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 59581 (March 9, 2009) 74 FR 12431 (March 24, 2009) (SR-NYSE-2009-26).

Thereafter, on April 24, 2009, NYSE Arca filed a revised rule change with the Commission to amend its clearly erroneous rule (NYSE Arca Rule 7.10).¹⁰ The Exchange was in the process of finalizing its review of NYSE Arca's revised CEE rule change, which also included market wide CEE initiatives, to determine if it was appropriate to incorporate all such provisions into NYSE's interim Rule 128 amendment. On June 9, 2009, the Exchange filed with the SEC a request to extend the operation of interim Rule 128 until July 15, 2009¹¹ to finalize review of NYSE Arca's proposed amended CEE rule. On July 15, 2009¹² the Exchange filed with the SEC a request to extend the operation of interim Rule 128 until August 1, 2009 to finalize review of NYSE Arca's proposed amended CEE rule. On July 31, 2009 the Exchange filed with the SEC a request to extend the operation of interim Rule 128 until August 10, 2009¹³ to finalize review of NYSE Arca's proposed amended CEE rule.

The Exchange anticipates finalizing proposed rule text of its clearly erroneous execution rule shortly, and is, therefore, requesting to extend the operation of interim Rule 128 until August 21, 2009. Prior to August 21, 2009, the Exchange intends to formally file a 19b-4 rule change amending interim Rule 128.

¹⁰ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 59838 (April 28, 2009) 74 FR 20767 (May 5, 2009) (SR-NYSEArca-2009-36) (See NYSE Arca Rule 7.10).

¹¹ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 60131 (June 17, 2009) 74 FR 30196 (June 24, 2009) (SR-NYSEArca-2009-57). [sic]

¹² See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 60312 (July 15, 2009) 74 FR 36298 (July 22, 2009) (SR-NYSE-2009-70).

¹³ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 60419 (August 7, 2009) 74 FR 39987 (August 10, 2009) (SR-NYSE-2009-79).

2. Statutory Basis

The basis under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act")¹⁴ for this proposed rule change is the requirement under Section 6(b)(5)¹⁵ that an Exchange have rules that are designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest.

As articulated more fully in the "Purpose" Section above, the proposed rule would place the NYSE on equal footing with other national securities exchanges. This will promote the integrity of the market and protect the public interest, since it would permit all exchanges to cancel or adjust clearly erroneous trades when such trades occur, rather than canceling them on all other markets, but leaving them standing on only one market.

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 that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

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

No written comments were solicited or received with respect to the proposed rule change.

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

Because the foregoing proposed rule change does not: (i) significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) become operative for 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time

¹⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78f(a).

¹⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

as the Commission may designate, it has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act¹⁶ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.¹⁷

A proposed rule change filed pursuant to Rule 19b-4(f)(6) under the Act¹⁸ normally does not become operative for 30 days after the date of its filing. However, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)¹⁹ permits the Commission to designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. NYSE requests that the Commission waive the 30-day operative delay because the Exchange believes that the absence of such a rule in an automated and fast-paced trading environment poses a danger to the integrity of the markets and the public interest. NYSE notes that immediate effectiveness of the proposed rule change will immediately and timely enable NYSE to cancel or adjust clearly erroneous trades that may present a risk to the integrity of the equities markets and all related markets. The Commission believes that waiving the 30-day operative delay²⁰ is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest because such waiver will permit the Exchange to continue operation of interim NYSE Rule 128 on an uninterrupted basis, and therefore designates the proposal operative upon filing.

¹⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹⁷ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). In addition, Rule 19b-4(f)(6) requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The Commission has determined to waive the five-day pre-filing period in this case.

¹⁸ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

¹⁹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

²⁰ For purposes only of waiving the 30-day operative delay, the Commission has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission may summarily abrogate 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. Please include File Number SR-NYSE-2009-81 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 SR-NYSE-2009-81. 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 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 publicly available. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NYSE-2009-81 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.²¹

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²¹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).