SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-72302; File No. SR-NYSE-2014-28)

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; New York Stock Exchange LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Amending its Price List to Eliminate a Credit for Certain Non-Floor Broker Transactions

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) ¹ of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")² and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,³ notice is hereby given that, on May 28, 2014, New York Stock Exchange LLC ("NYSE" 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 prepared by the self-regulatory organization. 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 amend its Price List to eliminate a credit for certain non-Floor broker transactions. The proposed change will be operative on June 1, 2014. The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's website at www.nyse.com, at the principal office of the Exchange, 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 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

¹ 15 U.S.C.78s(b)(1).

² 15 U.S.C. 78a.

³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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 the Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to amend its Price List to eliminate a credit for certain non-Floor broker transactions. The proposed change will be operative on June 1, 2014.

On March 1, 2014, the Exchange established a \$0.0019 per share credit per transaction for all non-Floor broker transactions that add liquidity to the Exchange if the member organization executes an average daily volume ("ADV") during the billing month of at least 1 million shares in Retail Price Improvement Orders ("RPIs")⁴ and a Customer Electronic Adding ADV⁵ during the billing month of at least 5 million shares.⁶ A member organization's provide [sic] volume in RPIs counts toward the 5 million share Customer Electronic Adding ADV threshold if the RPIs meet the definition of Customer Electronic Adding ADV. When it established this credit, the Exchange believed that the credit would incentivize member organizations to submit RPIs and, therefore, contribute to robust amounts of RPI liquidity being available for interaction with retail orders submitted by other market participants and encourage

[&]quot;RPI" is defined in NYSE Rule 107C(a)(4) and consists of non-displayed interest in NYSE-listed securities that is priced better than the best protected bid or best protected offer, as such terms are defined in Regulation NMS Rule 600(b)(57), by at least \$0.001 and that is identified as such.

⁵ "Customer Electronic Adding ADV" is ADV that adds liquidity in customer electronic orders to the Exchange and excludes any liquidity added by a Floor broker, Designated Market Maker, or Supplemental Liquidity Provider. See Price List.

See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 71684 (March 11, 2014), 78 FR 14758 (March 17, 2014) (SR-NYSE-2014-09). The applicable \$0.0015 Midpoint Passive Liquidity ("MPL") order credit did not change as a result of adding this credit and will continue to be available.

overall liquidity in customer electronic orders that add liquidity to the Exchange. Because the credit has not attracted liquidity as the Exchange anticipated, the Exchange proposes to eliminate it.

2. <u>Statutory Basis</u>

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,⁷ in general, and furthers the objectives of Sections 6(b)(4) and (5) of the Act,⁸ in particular, because it provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among its members, issuers and other persons using its facilities and does not unfairly discriminate between customers, issuers, brokers or dealers. The Exchange believes that eliminating the credit is reasonable because it has not attracted liquidity as the Exchange anticipated when it was established. The elimination of the credit is also equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because it will be eliminated for all non-Floor broker transactions.

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

In accordance with Section 6(b)(8) of the Act, ⁹ 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. The credit that the Exchange is proposing to eliminate has not attracted liquidity to the Exchange as anticipated, and therefore removing it will not affect competition. The Exchange notes that it operates in a highly competitive market in which market participants can readily favor competing venues if they deem fee or credit levels at a particular venue to be unattractive. In such an environment, the Exchange must continually

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4) and (5).

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(8).

review, and consider adjusting, its fees and credits to remain competitive with other exchanges. For these reasons, the Exchange believes that the proposed rule change reflects this competitive environment and is therefore consistent with the Act.

C. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the</u>
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

The foregoing rule change is effective upon filing pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)¹⁰ of
the Act and subparagraph (f)(2) of Rule 19b-4¹¹ thereunder, because it establishes a due, fee, or
other charge imposed by the Exchange.

At any time within 60 days of the filing of such 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. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings under Section 19(b)(2)(B)¹² of the Act to determine whether the proposed rule change should be approved or 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:

¹⁵ U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹¹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

¹⁵ U.S.C. 78s(b)(2)(B).

- 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-NYSE-2014-28 on the subject line.

Paper comments:

 Send paper comments in triplicate to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NYSE-2014-28. 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 Section, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090. Copies of the filing will also be available for website viewing and printing at the NYSE's principal office and on its Internet website at www.nyse.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-

NYSE-2014-28 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. 13

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¹³ 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).