SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-64358; File No. SR-CHX-2011-03)

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Chicago Stock Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Alter the CHX Fee Schedule Relating to the CHX Connect Service

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 April 26, 2011, the Chicago Stock Exchange, Inc. ("CHX" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. CHX has filed the proposal pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act³ and Rule 19b-4(f)(2) thereunder,⁴ which renders the proposal effective upon filing with the Commission. 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 Rule</u> Change

The CHX proposes to amend its Schedule of Participant Fees and Assessments (the "Fee Schedule"), effective April 26, 2011, to alter its schedule of fees for Participants relating to its CHX Connect service. The text of this proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's website at http://www.chx.com/rules/proposed_rules.htm, at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, DC, 20549.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

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 CHX included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule changes and discussed any comments it received regarding the proposal. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The CHX 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. Purpose

Through this filing, the Exchange is proposing to alter its schedule of fees charged to Participants for receiving orders through its CHX Connect service. CHX Connect is a communications service owned and operated by the Exchange which allows users to transmit orders and related transaction information directly to any destination (such as an over-the-counter market maker or order-routing vendor) connected to the service without being submitted to the Exchange's trading facilities. As an alternative to private order routing systems or vendors, users may also elect to use CHX Connect to transmit orders to the Exchange's Matching System and to CHX-registered Institutional Brokers.

Currently, the Fee Schedule provides for a \$5,000 monthly base fee for Participants that receive orders through CHX Connect, as well as additional charges and credits based upon the number of shares that are processed by CHX Connect during the month. The Exchange proposes to simplify this structure by eliminating the additional charges and credits and limiting the fee charged to Participants that receive orders through CHX Connect to a flat \$5,000 monthly amount. This proposed change will not raise fees on any Participant and, in some cases, will

reduce the fees charged to Participants that receive orders through CHX Connect. The Exchange believes that these changes will equitably allocate fees for the CHX Connect service among its Participants by charging all Participants that receive orders through CHX Connect the same base amount.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act⁵ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(4) of the Act⁶ in particular, 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. Among other things, this change to the fee schedule would equitably allocate the fee for the CHX Connect service among Participants that receive orders through CHX Connect by charging all such Participants the same base amount. This proposed change will not raise fees on any Participant and, in some cases, will reduce the fees charged to Participants that receive orders through CHX Connect.

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

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. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments Regarding the Proposed</u> <u>Rule Change Received from Members, Participants or Others</u>

No written comments were solicited or received.

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⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

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)(ii) of the Act⁷ and subparagraph (f)(2) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder⁸ because it establishes or changes a due, fee or other charge applicable to the Exchange's members and non-members, which renders the proposed rule change effective upon filing.

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 <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include File Number SR-CHX-2011-03 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-CHX-2011-03. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process and review your

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

⁸ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

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 the 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-CHX-2011-03 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. 9

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^{9 17} CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).