

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE Arca, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Amend the NYSE Arca Options Fee Schedule to Raise the Take Liquidity Fee for Firm and Broker Dealer Electronic Executions in Penny Pilot Issues

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1)<sup>1</sup> of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act”)<sup>2</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>3</sup> notice is hereby given that, on April 30, 2013, NYSE Arca, Inc. (the “Exchange” or “NYSE Arca”) 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 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 amend the NYSE Arca Options Fee Schedule (“Fee Schedule”) to raise the Take Liquidity fee for Firm and Broker Dealer electronic executions in Penny Pilot Issues. The Exchange proposes to make the fee change operative on May 1, 2013. The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s website at [www.nyse.com](http://www.nyse.com), at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission’s Public Reference Room.

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

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<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C.78s(b)(1).

<sup>2</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78a.

<sup>3</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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 the Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to amend the Fee Schedule to raise the Take Liquidity fee for Firm and Broker Dealer electronic executions in Penny Pilot Issues.<sup>4</sup> The Exchange proposes to make the fee change operative on May 1, 2013.

Currently, the Exchange charges a Take Liquidity fee of \$0.47 per contract for Firm and Broker Dealer, Lead Market Maker ("LMM"), and Market Maker electronic executions in Penny Pilot Issues. The Exchange proposes to raise the Take Liquidity fee to \$0.48 per contract for Firm and Broker Dealer electronic executions in Penny Pilot Issues. The Exchange is increasing the Take Liquidity fee for Firm and Broker Dealer electronic executions in Penny Pilot Issues to keep the fee in the same range as other exchanges<sup>5</sup> and generate revenue that will help support credits offered to market participants that post liquidity. The Exchange does not propose to make any other changes to the fees for electronic executions in Penny Pilot Issues. Take Liquidity fees will remain at \$0.47 for LMMs and Market Makers and \$0.45 for Customers.

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<sup>4</sup> As provided under NYSE Arca Options Rule 6.72, options on certain issues have been approved to trade with a minimum price variation of \$0.01 as part of a pilot program that is currently scheduled to expire on June 30, 2013. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 69106, (March 11, 2013) 78 FR 16552 (March 15, 2013) (SR-NYSEArca-2013-22).

<sup>5</sup> For example, NASDAQ Options Market ("NOM") charges Firms, Professionals, and Non-NOM Market Makers \$0.48 per contract for removing liquidity in Penny Pilot Options while Customers are charged \$0.45 per contract and NOM Market Makers are charged \$0.47 per contract. See NASDAQ Options Rules Chapter XV, Section 2, and Securities Exchange Act Release No. 69321, (April 5, 2013) 78 FR 21691 (April 11, 2013) (SR-NASDAQ-2013-062).

## 2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,<sup>6</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Sections 6(b)(4) and 6(b)(5) of the Act,<sup>7</sup> 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 raising the Take Liquidity fee from \$0.47 per contract to \$0.48 per contract for Firm and Broker Dealer electronic executions in Penny Pilot Issues will result in the Exchange's fees for taking liquidity in Penny Pilot issues remaining comparable to fees charged by at least one other exchange.<sup>8</sup> In addition, the proposed fee change is reasonable because it will generate revenue that will help to support the credits offered to market participants that post liquidity, which should benefit all market participants by increasing the opportunity for order interaction.

The Exchange believes that the proposed fee increase, which would apply only to Firms and Broker Dealers, is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory. The Exchange notes that Customer order flow benefits the market by increasing liquidity, which benefits all market participants. LMMs and Market Makers have obligations to quote and commit capital, both of which contribute to market quality and price discovery on the Exchange. Firms and Broker Dealers do not have such obligations. As such, the Exchange believes that it is reasonable, equitable, and not unfairly discriminatory to charge Firms and Broker Dealers a slightly higher rate for taking liquidity in Penny Pilot issues than Customers, LMMs, and Market Makers.

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<sup>6</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>7</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4) and (5).

<sup>8</sup> See supra n.5.

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. The proposed fee will allow the Exchange to remain competitive with other exchanges by keeping its fees in a similar range.<sup>9</sup> The Exchange believes that the proposed fee change reduces the burden on competition because it takes into account the value that various market participants add to the marketplace, as discussed above. The Exchange notes that it operates in a highly competitive market in which market participants can readily favor competing venues. In such an environment, the Exchange must continually review, and consider adjusting, its fees and credits to remain competitive with other exchanges. For the reasons described above, the Exchange believes that the proposed rule change promotes a competitive environment.

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

The foregoing rule change is effective upon filing pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)<sup>10</sup> of the Act and subparagraph (f)(2) of Rule 19b-4<sup>11</sup> 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

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<sup>9</sup> See id.

<sup>10</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>11</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

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)<sup>12</sup> 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:

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an e-mail to [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR-NYSEARCA-2013-46 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- NYSEARCA-2013-46. 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

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<sup>12</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2)(B).

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 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-NYSEARCA-2013-46 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.<sup>13</sup>

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<sup>13</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).