SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-50139; File No. SR-PCX-2004-62)

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change and Amendment No. 1 thereto by the Pacific Exchange, Inc. Relating to the Exchange's Schedule of Fees and Charges

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") and Rule 19b-4 thereunder, notice is hereby given that on July 7, 2004, the Pacific Exchange, Inc. ("PCX" 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 PCX. On July 28, 2004, PCX filed Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change, as amended, from interested persons.

I. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change</u>

PCX proposes to amend its Schedule of Fees and Charges in order to adopt a fee that will apply to each OTP Holder that accesses the Exchange's server capacity to use the Actant quoting

¹⁵ U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

See letter from Steven B. Matlin, Regulatory Policy, PCX, to Nancy J. Sanow, Assistant Director, Division of Market Regulation, Commission, dated July 27, 2004 ("Amendment No. 1"). In Amendment No.1, PCX clarified that Actant is a third-party vendor the Exchange has contracted with to provide quoting software to be employed in PCX Plus. PCX also amended the rule text to clarify that the proposed fee will apply to each OTP Holder that accesses the Exchange's server capacity to use the Actant quoting software and made conforming changes to the description and purpose sections of the proposal. Amendment No. 1 supercedes and replaces the proposed rule change in its entirety.

software employed in PCX Plus. The text of the proposed rule change is available at PCX and at the Commission.

II. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis</u> for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, PCX 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 these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. PCX has prepared summaries, set forth in Sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant parts 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

The Exchange proposes to adopt a fee for those OTP Holders that wish to access the Exchange's server capacity to use the Actant quoting software employed in PCX Plus. Actant is a third-party vendor the Exchange has contracted with to provide quoting software to be employed in PCX Plus. PCX represents that, since it would be prohibitively expensive for small OTP Holders to purchase their own servers, the Exchange will create a server bank from which each OTP Holder could lease capacity. The Exchange believes that this will facilitate participation from smaller OTP Holders that might not have the expertise, capital, or staff to acquire and maintain the servers needed to support the quoting software. The Exchange states that it will charge the fee to each OTP Holder that accesses the Exchange's server capacity in order to use the Actant software.

2. <u>Statutory Basis</u>

The Exchange believes that the proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act, ⁴ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(4) of the Act, ⁵ in particular, in that the proposed rule change provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among its members.

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 on the Proposed Rule</u> Change Received from Members, Participants, or Others

Written comments were neither solicited nor received with respect to the proposed rule change.

III. <u>Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action</u>

The foregoing proposed rule change has become effective pursuant to section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act⁶ and subparagraph (f)(2) of Rule 19b-4⁷ thereunder, because the proposed rule change establishes or changes a due, fee, or other charge imposed by the Exchange.

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

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

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⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

⁷ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.⁸

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-PCX-2004-62 on the subject line.

Paper comments:

 Send paper comments in triplicate to Jonathan G. Katz, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549-0609.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-PCX-2004-62. 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

For purposes of calculating the 60-day abrogation period within which the Commission may summarily abrogate the proposed rule change under Section 19(b)(3)(C) of the Act

may summarily abrogate the proposed rule change under Section 19(b)(3)(C) of the Act, 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(C), the Commission considers that period to commence on July 28, 2004, the date PCX filed Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change.

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 Section, 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of PCX. 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-PCX-2004-62 and should be submitted on or before [insert date

21 days from publication in the Federal Register].

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.

Margaret H. McFarland Deputy Secretary

9 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

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