SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-56591; File No. SR-NYSE-2007-89)

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; New York Stock Exchange LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Institute a Revised System of Payments to Specialist Firms

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 September 27, 2007, the New York Stock Exchange LLC ("Exchange" or "NYSE") 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 substantially prepared by the Exchange. 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>

NYSE proposes to amend its system of variable payments to specialist firms for liquidity provision ("Liquidity Provision Payments" or "LPPs"). For each of the three months in the three-month period commencing October 1, 2007, 20% of Exchange transaction fee revenues will be allocated to the Liquidity Provision Payment pool. In January 2008, and each month thereafter, the percentage allocated will be 17%. The text of the proposed rule change is available at NYSE, the Commission's Public Reference Room, and http://www.nyse.com.

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 Exchange included statements concerning the purpose of, and basis for, the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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 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

On September 1, 2007, the Exchange instituted a program to provide variable Liquidity Provision Payments to specialist firms.³

Liquidity Provision Payments are based on two revenue sources in NYSE-listed securities (excluding exchange traded funds): (1) the Exchange's share of market data revenue derived from quoting share; and (2) the Exchange's transaction fee revenue.

Under the transaction fee revenue portion of the LPPs, the Exchange distributes among the specialists each month a payment pool consisting of the Exchange's NYSE-listed stock transaction revenue on matched volume (excluding crossing services) in both electronic and manually executed transactions. The pool size was initially set at 25% of the above-noted Exchange transaction revenue and the Exchange noted in the Initial LPP Filing that this percentage may change if the Exchange adjusts its pricing and/or based on other conditions such as specialist performance. The Exchange proposes to reset at 20% the percentage of Exchange transaction fee revenue allocated to the LPP payment pool for each of the three months in the three-month period commencing October 1, 2007. In January 2008, and each month thereafter, the percentage allocated will be 17%.

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See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 56337 (August 29, 2007), 72 FR 51287 (September 6, 2007) (SR-NYSE-2007-78) (the "Initial LPP Filing").

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the objectives of Section 6 of the Act⁴ in general and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(4) of the Act⁵ in particular, in that it is designed to provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among its members and other persons using its facilities.

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 Change Received from Members, Participants or Others</u>

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

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

The foregoing proposed rule change has become effective upon filing pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act^6 and Rule $19b-4(f)(2)^7$ thereunder, because it 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 necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

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⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78f.

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁷ 17 CFR 19b-4(f)(2).

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-NYSE-2007-89 on the subject line.

Paper comments:

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

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NYSE-2007-89. 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 Commissions 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 NYSE. 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-2007-89 and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from the date of publication in the Federal Register].

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.8

> Nancy M. Morris Secretary

¹⁷ CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).