

May-07	22	5,173,409,122,483	235,154,960,113	0.096		
Jun-07	21	5,589,955,070,604	266,188,336,695	0.124		
Jul-07	21	5,941,510,339,617	282,929,063,791	0.061		
Aug-07	23	7,715,893,065,459	335,473,611,542	0.170		
Sep-07	19	4,806,887,798,516	252,994,094,659	-0.282		
Oct-07	23	6,501,037,858,934	282,653,819,954	0.111		
Nov-07	21	7,175,404,886,442	341,685,946,973	0.190		
Dec-07	20	5,512,258,179,521	275,612,908,976	-0.215		
Jan-08	21	7,996,757,181,265	380,797,961,013	0.323		
Feb-08	20				390,166,745,447	7,803,334,908,936
Mar-08	20				399,766,030,385	7,995,320,607,691
Apr-08	22				409,601,486,837	9,011,232,710,417
May-08	21				419,678,925,340	8,813,257,432,139
Jun-08	21				430,004,299,385	9,030,090,287,086
Jul-08	22				440,583,708,939	9,692,841,596,650
Aug-08	21				451,423,404,044	9,479,891,484,931
Sep-08	21				462,529,788,516	9,713,125,558,836

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-57401; File No. SR-Amex-2008-12]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; American Stock Exchange, LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change, as Modified by Amendment No. 2 Thereto, Relating to the Exchange's Options Fee Cap Pilot Program for Dividend Strategies, Merger Spreads, and Short Stock Interest Spreads

February 29, 2008.

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 February 20, 2008, the American Stock Exchange, LLC ("Amex" 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 Exchange. On February 21, 2008, the Exchange filed Amendment No. 1 to the proposal. The Exchange withdrew Amendment No. 1 on February 22, 2008, and submitted Amendment No. 2 on February 27, 2008.³ Amex has designated this proposal as one establishing or changing a due, fee, or other charge imposed by the Exchange under Section 19(b)(3)(A),⁴ and Rule 19b-4(f)(2) thereunder,⁵ which renders

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ Amendment No. 2 deleted the references in the original filing to the retroactive application of the Fee Cap Pilot Program from February 1, 2008 through February 19, 2008.

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁵ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

the proposal effective upon filing with the Commission. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change, as modified by Amendment No. 2, from interested persons.

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

Amex proposes to extend the Fee Cap Pilot Program for dividend strategies, merger spreads, and short stock interest spreads (the "Fee Cap Program") until February 1, 2009. The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Exchange, the Commission's Public Reference Room, and <http://www.amex.com>.

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

In its filing with the Commission, Amex included statements concerning the purpose of, and basis for, the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposal. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. Amex has prepared summaries, set forth in Sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

The purpose of the proposed rule change is to extend the current Fee Cap Program from February 19, 2008 through February 1, 2009. The current Fee Cap Program expired on February 1, 2008.

The Fee Cap Program provides that specialists, registered options traders, non-member market makers, firms, and member and non-member broker-dealers

option transaction, comparison and floor brokerage fees are limited to an aggregate fee of \$100 for all dividend strategies, merger spreads, and short stock interest spreads executed on the same trading day in the same option class.⁶ Additionally, such fees are also limited to \$12,500 per month per initiating firm.

To date, the Exchange believes that the current Fee Cap Program has been beneficial, and submits that an extension through February 1, 2009 is warranted. The Exchange asserts that the Fee Cap Program may increase the trading opportunities for members and provide additional business opportunities for the Exchange.

Accordingly, the proposal seeks to extend the pilot through February 1, 2009.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange submits that the proposed fee change is consistent with Section 6(b)(4) of the Act⁷ regarding the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among exchange members and other persons using exchange facilities. The Exchange believes that the proposed extension of the current Fee Cap Program is beneficial to market participants by providing additional trading opportunities at an efficient cost.

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

Amex 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.

⁶ These fees are charged only to Exchange members.

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

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 has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act⁸ and subparagraph (f)(2) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder,⁹ since it establishes or changes 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 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 the furtherance of the purposes of the Act.¹⁰

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. Please include File Number SR-Amex-2008-12 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-Amex-2008-12. 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 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 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of Amex. 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 No. SR-Amex-2008-12 and should be submitted on or before March 27, 2008.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹¹

Florence E. Harmon,
Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-57400; File No. SR-Amex-2007-109]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; American Stock Exchange, LLC; Order Granting Approval of a Proposed Rule Change as Modified by Amendment No. 1 Thereto Relating to the Trading of Exchange Traded Notes (ETNs)

February 29, 2008.

I. Introduction

On October 9, 2007, the American Stock Exchange, LLC ("Amex" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² a proposed rule change to amend Section 107 of the Amex *Company Guide* ("Company Guide") to permit certain index-linked securities,

commodity-linked securities, and currency-linked securities to trade under the rules applicable to exchange-traded funds ("ETFs"). On January 11, 2008, the Amex submitted Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change. The proposed rule change, as amended, was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on January 30, 2008.³ The Commission received no comment letters on the proposal. This order approves the proposed rule change, as amended.

II. Description of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to amend Sections 107D, 107E and 107F of the *Company Guide* to permit certain index-linked securities ("Index-Linked Securities"), commodity-linked securities ("Commodity-Linked Securities"), and currency-linked securities ("Currency-Linked Securities") (collectively, "Exchange-Traded Notes" or "ETNs") that offer a weekly redemption feature to be traded subject to the AEMI trading rules specific to ETFs.

Background

Securities listed pursuant to Section 107 of the *Company Guide* ("Section 107 Securities") are debt securities of an issuer that typically provide for a cash payment at maturity, or if available, upon earlier redemption (such as a weekly redemption feature) at the holder's option, based on the performance of an underlying index or asset. Permitted underlying assets for Index-Linked Securities include domestic and international equity indexes. Commodity-Linked Securities may be based on a commodity index, basket of commodities, or single commodity while Currency-Linked Securities may similarly be linked to a currency index, basket of currencies, or single currency.

Section 107 Securities typically have a term of at least one year but not greater than 30 years. The issuer may or may not provide for periodic interest payments to holders. The holder of a Section 107 Security may or may not be fully exposed to the appreciation and/or depreciation of the underlying asset.

A number of Section 107 Securities based on securities indexes that are listed and traded on the Exchange provide for a payment amount in a multiple of the positive index return or performance, subject to a maximum gain or cap. The Exchange's generic listing standards for Section 107 Securities

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

⁹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

¹⁰ For purposes of calculating the 60-day period within which the Commission may summarily abrogate the proposed rule change under Section 19(b)(3)(C) of the Act, the Commission considers the period to commence on February 27, 2008, the date on which Amex filed Amendment No. 2. See 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(C).

¹¹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ Securities Exchange Act Release No. 57187 (January 23, 2008), 73 FR 5604.