SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-56194; File No. SR-BSE-2007-32)

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Boston Stock Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change and Amendment No. 1 Thereto to Amend the Existing Fee Schedule

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 July 5, 2007, the Boston Stock Exchange, Inc. ("BSE" 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 substantially prepared by the Exchange. The BSE has designated this proposal as one changing a due, fee, or other charge under Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act³ and Rule 19b-4(f)(2) thereunder,⁴ which renders the proposal effective upon filing with the Commission. On July 20, 2007, BSE filed Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change.⁵ The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change, as amended, from interested persons.

- ³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).
- ⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

⁵ In Amendment No. 1, the Exchange replaced the term Intermarket Sweep Order ("ISO") with the phrase "order routed as a part of an NMS Cross Order" and the term "Reg NMS cross" with the phrase "NMS Cross Order". In addition, the Exchange updated the BeX fee schedule to reflect these changes.

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

The BSE proposes to amend certain transaction fees set forth in the Boston Equities

Exchange ("BeX") fee schedule. The text of the proposed rule change is available at

www.bostonstock.com, at the BSE, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

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

On November 20, 2006, the BSE filed File No. SR-BSE-2006-44,⁶ a rule filing that amended the existing BSE fee schedule and established a fee schedule for the BeX, a facility of the Exchange. On March 5, 2007, a subsequent filing, SR-BSE-2007-13,⁷ was made to add a new Smart Order Routing fee. On June 28, 2007, the Exchange filed an additional fee filing, SR-BSE-2007-29⁸ to lower the rate for this service.

⁶ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 54795 (November 20, 2006), 71 FR 68850 (November 28, 2007).

 ⁷ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 55529 (March 26, 2007), 72 FR 15734 (April 2, 2007).

⁸ <u>See</u> Securities Exchange Act Release No. 56129 (July 25, 2007), 72 FR 42157 (August 1, 2007).

In this filing, the Exchange is proposing to implement a fee for orders routed as a part of an NMS Cross Order,⁹ which the Exchange has developed to help firms comply with the tradethrough requirements of Regulation NMS. An NMS Cross Order consists of a priced cross with two quantities: (i) the quantity that the customer wants to cross; and (ii) the "disinterest" quantity, which is the additional single-sided amount that the customer is willing to add in order to fulfill Regulation NMS obligations.

When this new order type is received, the Exchange will look at the best bids and offers at all Regulation NMS venues and route orders, as needed, up to the disinterest quantity. The cross will then be executed and reported back to the customer, along with any executions from the routed orders. If the disinterest quantity is not large enough to satisfy the size of the total trade-through on all markets, no orders will be routed and the entire cross will be rejected.

The orders routed as a result of an NMS Cross Order will be added to the Exchange's other order routing products and will be charged at a rate of \$0.0020 per share if a firm uses its own give-up on another market center and \$0.0060 per share if a firm used a BeX provided give-up on another market center.

2. <u>Statutory Basis</u>

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of Section 6(b) of the Act,¹⁰ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(4) of the Act,¹¹ in particular, in that it is designed to provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable

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⁹ <u>See</u> Securities Exchange Act Release No. 55903 (June 13, 2007), 72 FR 33792 (June 19, 2007) (SR-BSE-2007-24).

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

¹¹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

dues, fees and other charges among Exchange members and issuers and other persons using Exchange 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</u> <u>Change Received from Members, Participants, or Others</u>

The Exchange has neither solicited nor received comments on the proposed rule change.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The foregoing proposed rule change has been designated as a fee change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act¹² and Rule 19b-4(f)(2) thereunder,¹³ because it establishes or changes a due, fee, or other charge imposed by the Exchange. Accordingly, the proposal will take effect upon filing with the Commission.

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.

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:

¹² 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

¹³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

Electronic comments:

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<u>http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml</u>); or
- Send an e-mail to <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include File Number SR-BSE-2007-32 on the subject line.

Paper comments:

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

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-BSE-2007-32. 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 (<u>http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml</u>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with 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 am and 3:00 pm. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the BSE. 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-BSE-2007-32 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.¹⁴

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¹⁴ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).