SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-56984; File No. SR-NYSE-2007-110)

December 18, 2007

Self-Regulatory Organizations; New York Stock Exchange LLC; Notice of Filing of a Proposed Rule Change as Modified by Amendment No. 1 Thereto to Amend Listing Fees for Structured Products, Short-Term Securities, and Debt Securities

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 November 28, 2007, New York Stock

Exchange, LLC (the "NYSE" or the "Exchange") 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 substantially prepared by the Exchange. On December 17, 2007,

NYSE 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</u> <u>Rule Change</u>

The Exchange proposes to alter the listing fees applicable to structured products, short-

term securities, and debt securities. The text of the proposed rule change is available at the

Exchange's principal office, in the Commission's Public Reference Room, and at

www.nyse.com.

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, NYSE 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

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

below. NYSE 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>

The Exchange proposes to amend Section 902 of the Listed Company Manual to alter the Exchange's listing fees applicable to structured products, short-term securities, and debt securities. This filing does not amend the listing fees applicable to equity securities of operating companies.

Annual fees for structured products (Section 902.05) and short-term securities (Section 902.06) are currently subject to a minimum fee of \$5,000 per year. The Exchange proposes to charge a supplement to the 2008 Annual Fees for the period from February 1, 2008, until year end. An issuer that would pay less than \$15,000 in Annual Fees for 2008 would be required to pay a supplemental amount equal to the difference between its Annual Fee and \$15,000. For 2009 and thereafter, the Exchange would increase the minimum annual fee to \$15,000, as the Exchange believes that this is more appropriate than the current \$5,000 minimum in light of the costs it incurs in connection with the listing of such securities. Annual fees will not be increased for short-term warrants to purchase equity securities (which would continue to be subject to a \$5,000 minimum annual fee) and such warrants would not be subject to the supplemental payment for 2008.

The Exchange currently applies the debt securities fee schedule set forth in Section 902.08 to securities listed under Section 703.19 and traded on NYSE Bonds. The Exchange proposes to amend Section 902.08 to impose a flat initial listing fee of \$15,000 on all structured products (including short-term securities) listed under Section 703.19 and traded on NYSE

Bonds. Currently, NYSE-listed companies and their affiliates pay no fees on structured products that trade on NYSE Bonds; the new proposed \$15,000 initial listing fee would apply to all structured products listed on NYSE Bonds going forward. Section 902.08 would also be amended to impose a \$15,000 initial listing fee on securities listed under the debt standard of Section 102.03 in place of the current fees. Debt listed under Section 102.03 of NYSE equity issuers and affiliated companies and of issuers exempt from registration under the Exchange Act would continue to be exempt from listing fees.

2. <u>Statutory Basis</u>

The proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Exchange Act³ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section $6(b)(5)^4$ in particular in that it is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in facilitating transactions in securities, and to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanisms of a free and open market and a national market system.

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 Exchange Act.

C. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule</u> <u>Change Received from Members, Participants or Others</u>

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

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³ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

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

Within 35 days of the date of publication of this notice in the <u>Federal Register</u> or within such longer period (i) as the Commission may designate up to 90 days of such date if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or (ii) as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission will:

(A) by order approve such proposed rule change, or

(B) institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be 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 (<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-NYSE-2007-110 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-2007-110. 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 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 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-2007-110 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.⁵

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⁵ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).