SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-59710; File No. SR-NYSE-2009-39)

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; New York Stock Exchange LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Implementing Revised Liquidity Credits for Supplemental Liquidity Providers

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on March 31, 2009, the New York Stock Exchange LLC ("NYSE" 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. 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>

The Exchange proposes to implement revised liquidity credits for Supplemental Liquidity Providers ("SLPs"). The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Exchange, the Commission's Public Reference Room, and <a href="https://www.nyse.com">www.nyse.com</a>.

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 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.

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

# 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 modify the credits received by supplemental liquidity providers ("SLPs") when adding liquidity to the Exchange, with effect from April 1, 2009. Currently, SLPs receive a credit of \$0.0015 per share when adding liquidity to the NYSE if the SLP meets the 3% average or more quoting requirement in an assigned security pursuant to Rule 107B. With effect from April 1, 2009, there will be three separate tiers of credits for SLPs that meet the 3% average or more quoting requirement in an assigned security pursuant to Rule 107B:

- SLPs that add liquidity of an average daily volume ("ADV")<sup>3</sup> of 100 million shares or less in the applicable month will continue to receive a credit of \$0.0015 per share when adding liquidity to the NYSE.
- SLPs that add liquidity of an ADV of between 100 million shares and 250 million shares in the applicable month will receive a credit of \$0.0016 per share when adding liquidity to the NYSE.
- SLPs that add liquidity of an ADV of more than 250 million shares in the applicable month will receive a credit of \$0.0017 per share when adding liquidity to the NYSE.

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Qualification for the different tiers of liquidity credits will be based on the SLP's aggregate average daily trading volume in the applicable month in all NYSE listed securities. See e-mail from John Carey, Chief Counsel – U.S. Equities, NYSE Euronext, to Nathan Saunders, Special Counsel, and Brian O'Neill, Attorney, Division of Trading and Markets, Commission, dated April 2, 2009.

## 2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 6 of the Act,<sup>4</sup> in general, and Section 6(b)(4) of the Act,<sup>5</sup> 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. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

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>

No written comments were solicited or 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 is effective upon filing pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act<sup>6</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(2) thereunder.<sup>7</sup>

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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-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-2009-39 on the subject line.

## Paper Comments:

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

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NYSE-2009-39. 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 (<a href="http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro/shtml">http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro/shtml</a>). 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, on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. 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-NYSE-2009-39 and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from date of publication in the <u>Federal Register</u>].

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.  $^{8}$ 

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<sup>8 17</sup> CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).