# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-59889; File No. SR-BATS-2009-011)

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; BATS Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Related to Fees for Use of BATS Exchange, Inc.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act"),<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on May 1, 2009, BATS Exchange, Inc. ("BATS" or the "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. BATS has designated the proposed rule change as one establishing or changing a member due, fee, or other charge imposed by the Exchange under Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act<sup>3</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(2) thereunder,<sup>4</sup> which renders the proposed rule change effective upon filing with the Commission. 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 modify its fee schedule applicable to use of the Exchange effective as of May 1, 2009.

The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Exchange's website at <a href="http://www.batstrading.com">http://www.batstrading.com</a>, at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

- <sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).
- <sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.
- <sup>3</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).
- <sup>4</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

### 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 parts 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

Under the Exchange's fee schedule effective May 1, 2009, the Exchange charges 0.25% of the total dollar value of the execution for any security priced under \$1.00 per share that is routed away from the Exchange. The Exchange is filing this proposed rule change to clarify that this charge only applies to orders routed through its "CYCLE" strategy,<sup>5</sup> and thus, does not apply to other non-standard routing options such as Directed ISO's, Dark Scan orders, and orders routed through its "DART" strategy to dark liquidity venues. For any security priced under \$1.00 that is routed away and executed through an order type or routing strategy other than CYCLE, the Exchange will charge the specified fee or provide the specified rebate for such execution. For instance, an order for a security priced below \$1.00 that is routed and executed through Dark Scan would receive the same \$0.0001 rebate as a security priced above \$1.00.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The Exchange's CYCLE strategy is the best execution routing strategy through which the Exchange routes to venues other than dark liquidity venues. The current fee schedule states that the charge applies to "orders routed to and executed at other markets." The Exchange intended this to apply only to orders routed through CYCLE, and believes that the proposed language clarifies this intent.

#### 2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder that are applicable to a national securities exchange, and, in particular, with the requirements of Section 6 of the Act.<sup>6</sup> Specifically, the Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)(4) of the Act,<sup>7</sup> in that it provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among members and other persons using any facility or system which the Exchange operates or controls. The Exchange notes that it operates in a highly competitive market in which market participants can readily direct order flow to competing venues if they deem fee levels at a particular venue to be excessive. The Exchange believes that its fees and rebates are competitive with those charged by other venues. Finally, the Exchange believes that the proposed rates are equitable in that they apply uniformly to all Members.

#### (B) <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of Burden on Competition</u>

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change imposes any burden on competition.

## (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.

# III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission ActionThe foregoing proposed rule change has been designated as a fee change pursuant to

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act<sup>8</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(2) thereunder,<sup>9</sup> because it establishes or changes a due, fee or other charge imposed on members by the Exchange. Accordingly, the proposal is effective 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 proposal 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 No. SR-BATS-2009-011 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 No. SR-BATS-2009-011. 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

- <sup>8</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).
- <sup>9</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

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 changes 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 am and 3:00 pm. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of BATS. 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-BATS-2009-011 and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from publication in the <u>Federal Register</u>].

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).