SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-60268; File No. SR-CHX-2009-06)

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Chicago Stock Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Adding the Voluntary De-Registration Rule

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹, and Rule 19b-4² thereunder, notice is hereby given that on July 7, 2009, the Chicago Stock Exchange, Inc. ("CHX" or the "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by the CHX. CHX has filed this proposal pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 19b-4(f)(6)³ and requests that the Commission waive the 30-day pre-operative waiting period contained in Exchange Act Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii).⁴ If such waiver is granted by the Commission, this rule proposal, which is effective upon filing with the Commission, shall become immediately operative.

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

CHX proposes to amend its rules to add a rule to Article 17 (governing CHXregistered Institutional Brokers) to notify the Exchange when they seek to voluntarily deregister as an Institutional Broker. The text of this proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's Web site at (www.chx.com) and in the Commission's Public Reference Room.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

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

In its filing with the Commission, the CHX included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule changes and discussed any comments it received regarding the proposal. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The CHX 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</u> <u>Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change</u>

1. <u>Purpose</u>

The Exchange is proposing to add a rule to Article 17, which governs the rights and obligations of Participant firms registered with the Exchange as Institutional Brokers ("Institutional Brokers"). Institutional Brokers utilize a trading platform provided for them by the Exchange and are entitled to certain rebates and credits under the Exchange's fee schedule. The proposed addition would require that an Institutional Broker notify the Exchange of its intent to voluntarily deregister as an Institutional Broker by completing the proper form and submitting it to the Exchange. Such notification would ensure that these Participants would not have unwarranted access to Exchange trading technologies and were being billed in an appropriate manner if they continue to operate as an Exchange Participant in a non-Institutional Broker capacity (e.g., as an order sending firm).

2. <u>Statutory Basis</u>

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act in general,⁵ and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) in particular,⁶ in that it is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in facilitating transaction in securities, to remove impediments and perfect the mechanisms of a free and open market, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest by allowing CHX to add a rule to Article 17 (governing CHX-registered Institutional Brokers) to notify the Exchange they seek to voluntarily deregister as an Institutional Broker by completing the proper form and submitting it to the Exchange. Such notification would ensure that these Participants would not have unwarranted access to Exchange trading technologies and were being billed in an appropriate manner if they continue to operate as an Exchange Participant in a non-Institutional Broker capacity (*e.g.*, as an order sending firm).

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</u> <u>Rule Change Received from Members, Participants or Others</u>

No written comments were either solicited or received.

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

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

Because the foregoing proposed rule change does not: (1) significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (2) impose any significant burden on competition; and (3) become operative for 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest, it has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act⁷ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.⁸

A proposed rule change filed under Rule 19b-4(f)(6) normally may not become operative prior to 30 days after the date of filing.⁹ However, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)¹⁰ permits the Commission to designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. CHX has requested that the Commission waive the 30day operative delay. The Exchange notes that no rule currently requires that a Participant firm notify the Exchange of its intent to voluntarily de-register as an Institutional Broker. The Exchange believes that it is important to establish such a requirement as soon as practicable to prevent unwarranted access to Exchange trading technologies. The Commission believes that waiving the 30-day operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest because it should further the Exchange's

⁹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

¹⁰ Id.

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁸ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). When filing a proposed rule change pursuant to Rule 19b-4(f)(6) under the Act, an Exchange is required to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change, along with a brief description and text of the proposed rule change, at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The Exchange met this requirement.

ability to determine who no longer should have access the Exchange's trading technologies. For this reason, the Commission designates the proposal to be operative upon filing with the Commission.¹¹

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.

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-CHX-2009-06 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-CHX-2009-06. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process and

¹¹ For the purposes only of waiving the operative date of this proposal, the Commission has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. <u>See</u> 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

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 10:00 am and 3:00 pm. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the CHX. 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-CHX-2009-06 and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days after publication in the <u>Federal Register</u>].

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹²

Elizabeth M. Murphy Secretary

¹² 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).