SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-60439; File No. SR-NYSE-2009-78)

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; New York Stock Exchange LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Extending a Temporary Equity Transaction Fee for Shares Executed on the NYSE MatchPoint<sup>SM</sup> System Through October 31, 2009

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1)<sup>1</sup> of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act")<sup>2</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>3</sup> notice is hereby given that on July 31, 2009, New York Stock Exchange LLC ("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 prepared by the self-regulatory organization. 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 extend a temporary equity transaction fee for shares executed on the NYSE MatchPoint<sup>SM</sup> ("NYSE MatchPoint" or "MatchPoint") system, effective upon filing through October 31, 2009. The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Exchange, the Commission's Public Reference Room, and www.nyse.com.

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 self-regulatory organization 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 those statements may be examined at the places

<sup>3</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78a.

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

On January 7, 2009, the Exchange filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") a proposed rule change to adopt a temporary equity transaction fee for shares executed on the NYSE MatchPoint<sup>SM</sup> system, effective until February 28, 2009 (the "January filing").<sup>4</sup> On February 26, 2009, the Exchange filed with the Commission a proposed rule change to extend this temporary equity transaction fee until April 30, 2009 (the "March filing").<sup>5</sup> On April 29, 2009, the Exchange filed with the Commission a proposed rule change to further extend this temporary equity transaction fee until June 30, 2009 (the "April filing").<sup>6</sup> On July 6, 2009, the Exchange filed with the Commission a proposed rule change to further extend this temporary equity transaction fee until July 31, 2009 (the "July filing").<sup>7</sup> Through this filing, the Exchange proposes to extend this equity transaction fee to be effective upon filing through October 31, 2009.

Prior to the January filing, the equity transaction fee was \$.0015 per share executed on the MatchPoint system. In the January filing, the Exchange proposed to adopt a scaled fee for

See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 59229 (January 12, 2009) 74 FR 3119 (January 16, 2009) (SR-NYSE-2009-01).

See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 59491 (March 3, 2009) 74 FR 10107 (March 9, 2009) (SR-NYSE-2009-20).

See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 59864 (May 5, 2009) 74 FR 22194 (May 12, 2009) (SR-NYSE-2009-44).

See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 60278 (July 10, 2009) 74 FR 34615 (July 16, 2009) (SR-NYSE-2009-67).

MatchPoint users based on the average daily volume of shares executed during a calendar month through the MatchPoint system as follows:

Average Daily Volume of Shares Executed	Rate
50,000 shares or less	\$.0015 per share
Over 50,000 to 499,999	\$.0010 per share
500,000 and greater	\$.0005 per share

The March, April and July filings proposed to continue this fee schedule.

The Exchange believes that the extension of the fee schedule through October 31, 2009 will continue to reward those who have been using the MatchPoint system for share execution, and will provide a continued incentive for new participants in MatchPoint.

# 2. <u>Statutory Basis</u>

The basis under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act")<sup>8</sup> for the proposed rule change is the requirement under Section 6(b)(4) that an exchange have rules that provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among its members and other persons using its facilities. The Exchange believes the fees are reasonable in that they carry forward a reduction in fees that the January filing established and that the March, April and July filings extended, and are equitable in that they are available to all members who access the MatchPoint 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 Act.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78a.

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

No written comments were solicited or received with respect to the proposed rule change.

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

The foregoing rule change is effective upon filing pursuant to Section  $19(b)(3)(A)^9$  of the Act and subparagraph (f)(2) of Rule  $19b-4^{10}$  thereunder, because it establishes a due, fee, or other charge imposed by the NYSE.

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:

#### **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-2009-78 on the subject line.

<sup>9 15</sup> U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

#### 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-2009-78. 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, 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 the filing also will 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 Number SR-NYSE-2009-78 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.<sup>11</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).