SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-62455; File No. SR-NYSE-2010-51)

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; New York Stock Exchange LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Extending the Pilot Program that Offers Liquidity Takers a Reduced Transaction Fee Structure for Certain Bond Trades Executed on the NYSE BondsSM System to December 31, 2010

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that, on June 30, 2010, the 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 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 extend the pilot program that offers liquidity takers a reduced transaction fee structure for certain bond trades executed on the NYSE BondsSM system ("NYSE Bonds") to December 31, 2010. The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Exchange's principal office, www.nyse.com, the Commission's Public Reference Room, and on the Commission's Web site at www.sec.gov.

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

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

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

The New York Stock Exchange LLC (the "Exchange" or the "NYSE") proposes to extend the pilot program that offers liquidity takers a reduced transaction fee structure for certain bond trades executed on the NYSE BondsSM system ("NYSE Bonds") to December 31, 2010.

This pilot program commenced in January 2008³ and has been extended several times since that time.⁴ It is scheduled to terminate, if not extended, on June 30, 2010.

The pilot program reduces transaction fees charged to liquidity takers for transactions executed on NYSE Bonds with a staggered transaction fee schedule based on the number of bonds purchased or sold in excess of ten (10) bonds. The extended fee filing pilot program provides for the following transaction fee schedule: 1) when the liquidity taker purchases or sells from one to ten (10) bonds, the Exchange will charge an execution fee of \$0.50 per bond; 2) when the liquidity taker purchases or sells from eleven (11) to twenty five (25) bonds, the Exchange will charge an execution fee of \$0.20 per bond, and 3) when the liquidity taker purchases or sells twenty six (26) bonds or more, the Exchange will charge an execution fee of \$0.10 per bond.

See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 57176 (January 18, 2008), 73 FR 4929 (January 28, 2008) (SR–NYSE–2008–04).

See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 57823 (May 15, 2008), 73 FR 29804 (May 22, 2008) (SR-NYSE-2008-38), 59178 (December 30, 2008), 74 FR 748 (January 7, 2009) (SR-NYSE-2008-137) and 61201 (December 18, 2009), 74 FR 68651 (December 28, 2009) (SR-NYSE-2009-127).

For example, if a liquidity taker purchases or sells five (5) bonds, the Exchange will charge \$.50 per bond, or a total of \$2.50 for execution fees. If a liquidity taker purchases or sells twenty (20) bonds, the Exchange will charge \$.20 per bond or a total of \$4.00 for execution fees. If a liquidity taker purchases or sells thirty (30) bonds, the Exchange will charge \$.10 per bond or a total of \$3.00 for execution fees.

The Exchange will continue to impose a \$100 execution fee cap per transaction.

The Exchange will seek to file with the Commission, a proposal to make this liquidity taker program permanent. Accordingly, the Exchange proposes to extend the pilot program for an additional six (6) months in order to give the Exchange the necessary time to complete the 19b-4 process regarding the program permanency filing.

2. <u>Statutory Basis</u>

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 6⁵ of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act")⁶ in general and Section 6(b)(4) of the Act⁷ 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 Change Received from Members, Participants, or Others</u>

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

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78f.

^{6 15} U.S.C. 78a.

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

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)⁸ of the Act and subparagraph (f)(2) of Rule 19b-4⁹ thereunder, because it establishes or changes a due, fee, or other charge imposed on its members by the NYSE.

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 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-2010-51 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-2010-51. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process and review your

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

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 Web site viewing and printing 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-2010-51 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. 10

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¹⁰ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).