SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-63413; File No. SR-NYSEAmex-2010-112)

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change by NYSE Amex LLC Amending the Exchange Price List with Respect to Nasdaq Securities Traded Pursuant to Unlisted Trading Privileges

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 November 30, 2010, NYSE Amex LLC ("NYSE Amex" or the "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II 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 Rule Change</u>

The Exchange proposes to amend its 2010 Price List for equities to amend the fees charged for taking liquidity in Nasdaq securities traded pursuant to unlisted trading privileges and to change the minimum size requirements for larger displayed orders in trades above \$5.00 to receive the enhanced rebate in lieu of the standard rebate for such securities. The amended pricing will become operative on December 1, 2010. The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Exchange's principal office, at www.nyse.com, at the Commission's Public Reference Room, and on the Commission's website at www.sec.gov.

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

¹ 15 U.S.C.78s(b)(1).

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 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 the Statutory Basis</u> for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to amend its 2010 Price List for equities to modify the fees charged to market participants, Supplemental Liquidity Providers ("SLPs") and Designated Market Makers ("DMMs") for taking liquidity in Nasdaq securities traded pursuant to unlisted trading privileges whose share price is \$1.00 or more.

Currently, market participants, SLPs and DMMs are charged a fee of \$0.0023 per share for orders in Nasdaq securities traded pursuant to unlisted trading privileges that take liquidity. Under the proposal, the fee will be changed to \$0.0027 per share for orders that take liquidity.

In a rule filing on October 1, 2010,³ the Exchange adopted a block rebate of \$0.0036 per share for executions of displayed liquidity to all market participants and SLPs that provide liquidity in orders in Nasdaq securities traded pursuant to unlisted trading privileges that originally display a minimum of 5,000 shares with a trading price of at least \$5.00 per share, for as long as the order is not cancelled in amount that would reduce the original displayed amount below 5,000 shares. The Exchange proposes to reduce these minimum displayed size

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See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 63072 (October 8, 2010), 75 FR 64368 (October 19, 2010) (File No. SR-NYSEAmex-2010-97) (the "Block Rebate Filing").

requirements from 5,000 shares to 2,000 shares.

In the Block Rebate Filing, the Exchange also adopted a block rebate for DMMs of \$0.0036 per share in Nasdaq securities traded pursuant to unlisted trading privileges for executions of the displayed portions of s-Quotes that provide liquidity and display 5,000 shares or more at the time of execution with a trading price of at least \$5.00 per share. The Exchange proposes to reduce this minimum displayed size requirement from 5,000 shares to 2,000 shares.

These changes are intended to become operative for all transactions beginning December 1, 2010.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 6 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act"),⁴ in general, and Section 6(b)(4) of the Act,⁵ 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. The Exchange believes that the proposal does not constitute an inequitable allocation of fees, as all similarly situated member organizations will be charged the same amount and access to the Exchange's market is offered on fair and non-discriminatory terms.

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.

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⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

III. <u>Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action</u>

The foregoing rule change is effective upon filing pursuant to Section $19(b)(3)(A)^6$ of the Act and subparagraph (f)(2) of Rule $19b-4^7$ thereunder, because it establishes a due, fee, or other charge imposed on its members by NYSE Amex.

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend 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-NYSEAmex-2010-112 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-NYSEAmex-2010-112. 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

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁷ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

all comments on the Commission's Internet website (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 website 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-NYSEAmex-2010-112 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.8

Florence E. Harmon Deputy Secretary

17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

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