SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-61868; File No. SR-NYSEArca-2010-21)

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE Arca, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Rule Change Amending its Fee Schedule

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1)¹ of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act")² and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,³ notice is hereby given that, on March 30, 2010, NYSE Arca, Inc. ("NYSE Arca" 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 Rule Change</u>

The Exchange proposes changes to its Schedule of Fees and Charges for Exchange Services (the "Schedule"). While changes to the Schedule pursuant to this proposal will be effective upon filing, the changes will become operative on April 1, 2010. The amended section of the Schedule is available on the Commission's Website at http://www.sec.gov. A copy of this filing is available on the Exchange's Web site at www.nyse.com, at the Exchange's principal office and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

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

³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 15 U.S.C. 78a.

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. <u>Purpose</u>

The Exchange is proposing changes to the Tier 1 rates and volume levels. Under this proposal, Tier 1 rates will be applied to ETP Holders and Market Makers that provide liquidity on the Exchange with an ADV per month of greater than 55 million shares. Currently the Tier 1 volume level is set at 60 million shares. The Exchange also proposes to increase the credit for orders that provide liquidity to the Book in Tape A and Tape C securities from \$0.0029 per share to \$0.0030 per share in Tier 1. In conjunction with these changes, the Exchange will eliminate the Super Tier. All other Tiered pricing remains the unchanged.

The Exchange is also proposing to modify its fees structure for securities that execute at prices below \$1. For these securities, the Exchange currently charges ETP Holders accessing liquidity a fee equal to 0.1% (10 basis points) of the total dollar value of the execution and provides no credit to ETP Holders providing liquidity. Under the new fee structure, ETP Holders accessing liquidity will be charged 0.3% (30 basis points) of the total dollar value of the execution, and ETP Holder providing liquidity will be provided a credit equal to 0.25% (25 basis points) of the total dollar value of the transaction. These fees are consistent with the limitations of Regulation NMS, SEC Rule 610(c), for securities with a price of less than \$1.00.

The proposed changes to the Schedule are part of the Exchange's continued effort to attract and enhance participation on the Exchange by offering volume based incentives along with attractive rates for removing liquidity and rebates for providing liquidity. The Exchange

believes the proposed fees are reasonable and equitable in that they apply uniformly to all similarly situated ETP Holders. The proposed changes will become operative on April 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 proposed changes to the Schedule are part of the Exchange's continued effort to attract and enhance participation on the Exchange by offering volume based incentives along with attractive rates for removing liquidity and rebates for providing liquidity to the Exchange. The proposed changes to the Schedule are reasonable and equitable in that they apply uniformly to all similarly situated ETP Holders.

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

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 $19(b)(3)(A)^6$ of the Act and subparagraph (f)(2) of Rule $19b-4^7$ thereunder, because it establishes a due, fee, or other

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b). [sic]

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

charge imposed by NYSE Arca on its members. 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-NYSEArca-2010-21 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-NYSEArca-2010-21. 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 (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

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⁷ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

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 such 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-NYSEArca-2010-21 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. 8

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^{8 17} CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).