SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-68418; File No. SR-NYSEMKT-2012-79)

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE MKT LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Adding New Rule 956.1NY, Which Will Govern the Submission of Automated Trading Data

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 December 7, 2012, NYSE MKT LLC (the "Exchange" or "NYSE MKT") 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 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 the Substance of the Proposed</u> Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to add new Rule 956.1NY, which will govern the submission of automated trading data. The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's website at www.nyse.com, at the principal office of the Exchange, 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 received on the proposed rule change. The text of those statements may be examined at the

<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.

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

### 1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to adopt new Rule 956.1NY, which will govern the automated submission of trading data. The proposed rule is substantially similar to NYSE Arca Rule 10.2(e) and therefore will harmonize the rules between the Exchange and NYSE Arca with respect to the automated submission of trading data for options trading.

The Exchange's rule previously governing the automated submission of trading data was NYSE MKT Rule 153A – Automated Submission of Trading Data. Because the Exchange has a rule specific to the automated submission of equities trading data, the Exchange believes it should also have a rule specific to the automated submission of options trading data. Accordingly, the Exchange proposes to adopt a rule governing automated submission of trading data that is based upon NYSE Arca Rule 10.2(e). To avoid any potential confusion of which rules govern options trading, the Exchange also proposes to add New Rule 956.1NY to the existing rule set relating to the trading of option contracts.

# 2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,<sup>5</sup> in

On November 14, 2012, the Exchange filed a proposal to delete out-of-date and obsolete rules, including Rule 153A, because it was duplicative of an existing equities rule governing the automated submission of trading data (NYSE MKT Rule 410A – Equities) (both of which are substantially similar to proposed Rule 956.1NY). See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 68306 (November 28, 2012), 77 FR 71846 (December 4, 2012) (NYSEMKT-2012-68).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 15 U.S.C. §78f(b).

general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act, <sup>6</sup> in particular, in that, by adopting a rule that is based on an existing rule that addresses the industry standard for automated submission of trading data, it promotes just and equitable principles of trade, removes impediments to and perfects the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, helps to protect investors and the public interest by assuring that the Exchange has proper data to further its regulatory and surveillance programs. The Exchange further believes that the proposal to add the rule to the section relating to options trading removes impediments to and perfects the mechanism of a free and open market by ensuring that members, regulators and the public can more easily navigate the Exchange's rulebook and better understand what obligations attach and when.

# 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 Exchange has filed the proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of
the Act<sup>7</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder. Because the proposed rule change does not: (i)
significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) impose any significant
burden on competition; and (iii) become operative prior to 30 days from the date on which it was

<sup>7</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> 15 U.S.C. §78f(b)(5).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest, the proposed rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) thereunder.<sup>9</sup>

A proposed rule change filed under Rule  $19b-4(f)(6)^{10}$  normally does not become operative prior to 30 days after the date of the filing. However, pursuant to Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii), <sup>11</sup> the Commission may designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest.

The Exchange has asked the Commission to waive the 30-day operative delay so that the proposal may become operative immediately upon filing. The Commission believes that waiver of the operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest because the proposal is substantially similar to NYSE Arca Rule 10.2(e), as well as former NYSE MKT Rule 153A and current NYSE MKT Rule 410A, which have all been approved by the Commission and govern the submission of trading data. Additionally, the effectiveness of this rule will bring NYSE MKT's Rules in line with an industry-wide standard governing the submission of trading data. Waiver of the operative delay will ensure the Exchange is not without an operative rule governing the submission of trading data, as the deletion of former NYSE MKT Rule 153A becomes effective Dec. 14, 2012. Therefore, the Commission designates the proposal operative upon filing. 12

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Id. In addition, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) requires the Exchange to give the Commission written notice of the Exchange's 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 has satisfied this requirement.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

For purposes only of waiving the 30-day operative delay, the Commission has considered

At any time within 60 days of the filing of such 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 (<a href="http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml">http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml</a>); or
- Send an e-mail to <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include File Number SR-NYSEMKT-2012-79 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-NYSEMKT-2012-79. 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 website (<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

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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 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 offices 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-NYSEMKT-2012-79, 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.  $^{13}$ 

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