

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.²⁸

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change by NYSE Amex LLC Amending Rule 975NY

January 21, 2010.

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 January 8, 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, 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. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to amend Exchange Rule 975NY—Obvious Errors and Catastrophic Errors. The text of the proposed rule change is attached as Exhibit 5 to the 19b-4 form. A copy of this filing is available on the Exchange's Web site at <http://www.nyse.com>, at the Exchange's principal office and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

II. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

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. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and the Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

The Exchange is proposing certain changes to Rule 975NY—Obvious Errors and Catastrophic Errors. Under the current rule, an obvious error occurs when the execution price of an electronic transaction is above or below the Theoretical Price for the series by a specified amount. The “Theoretical Price” of an option series is currently defined in Rule 975NY(a)(2) as the last bid price with respect to an erroneous sell transaction and the last offer price with respect to an erroneous buy transaction, just prior to the trade, that comprise the National Best Bid/Offer (“NBBO”) as disseminated by the Options Price Reporting Authority (“OPRA”). If there are no quotes for comparison, the Theoretical Price is determined by a designated Trading Official.⁴

The Exchange is now proposing to permit Trading Officials to establish the Theoretical Price when the NBBO for the affected series, just prior to the erroneous transaction, is at least two times the permitted bid/ask differential pursuant to the guidelines contained in Rule 925NY(b)(4)–(5). This provision is similar to Rule 1092(b)(ii) of Nasdaq OMX Phlx (“PHLX”) and Rule 6.25(a)(1)(iv) of The Chicago Board Options Exchange (“CBOE”).

2. Statutory Basis

This proposed rule change is designed to allow an Exchange officer to review a transaction in order to provide the opportunity for potential relief to a party affected by an obvious error. The Exchange believes that for these reasons the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act⁵ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act⁶ in particular, because it is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in facilitating transactions in securities, and to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system. The proposed rule change will incorporate a uniform approach in determining obvious errors that is

consistent with other national options exchanges.

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. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule 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 Exchange has filed the proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act⁷ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.⁸ 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 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 Act⁹ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) thereunder.¹⁰

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:

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

⁸ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹⁰ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). 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 the pre-filing requirement.

²⁸ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 15 U.S.C. 78a.

³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

⁴ Trading Officials are employees or officers of the Exchange and are not affiliated with ATP Holders.

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

Electronic Comments

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an e-mail to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File No. SR-NYSEAmex-2010-02 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 No. SR-NYSEAmex-2010-02. 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,¹¹ 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 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of NYSE Amex. 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 No. SR-NYSEAmex-2010-02 and should be submitted on or before February 17, 2010.

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¹¹ The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.sec.gov>.

¹² 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-61392; File No. SR-CHX-2010-02]

**Self-Regulatory Organizations;
Chicago Stock Exchange, Inc.; Notice
of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness
of a Proposed Rule Change To
Implement a Cancellation Fee**

January 21, 2010.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on January 13, 2010, Chicago Stock Exchange, Inc. ("Exchange" or "CHX") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. CHX has filed the proposal pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act³ and Rule 19b-4(f)(2) thereunder,⁴ which renders the proposal effective upon filing with the Commission. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

**I. Self-Regulatory Organization's
Statement of the Terms of Substance of
the Proposed Rule Change**

The CHX proposes to amend its Schedule of Participant Fees and Assessments (the "Fee Schedule"), effective January 25, 2010, to implement a cancellation fee for Participants entering and subsequently cancelling orders under certain circumstances. The text of this proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's Web site at http://www.chx.com/rules/proposed_rules.htm and in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549.

**II. Self-Regulatory Organization's
Statement of the Purpose of, and
Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule
Change**

In its filing with the Commission, the CHX included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule changes and discussed any comments it received regarding the proposal. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The CHX has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B

and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

*A. Self-Regulatory Organization's
Statement of the Purpose of, and
Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule
Change*

1. Purpose

Through this filing, the Exchange would amend its Fee Schedule, effective January 25, 2010, to impose a charge for order cancellations in issues priced \$1.00 per share or more submitted by Participants whose orders rarely are at or near the National Best Bid or Offering ("NBBO").⁵ The Exchange believes that the order cancellation fee will either incent Participants to submit orders which are closer to the NBBO or compensate the Exchange for the systems and operational costs and burdens associated with handling and recording orders which rarely execute.

In determining whether the order cancellation fee would be imposed upon a given Participant, the Exchange would utilize a formula which subtracts the number of Quotable or "Q" orders submitted by the Participant in the Regular Trading Session in a particular month from the number of Wide or "W" orders. Q orders are defined as provide orders in issues priced \$1.00 per share or more submitted by the Participant in the Regular Trading Session which are priced at the relevant side of the NBBO up to (but not including) two (2) cents inferior to the relevant side of the NBBO (bid for buy orders; offer for sell orders) at the time the order is received by the Matching System.⁶ W orders are defined as those submitted by the Participant in the Regular Trading Session in issues priced \$1.00 per share or more which are two (2) or more cents inferior to the relevant side of the NBBO at the time the order is received by the Matching System.⁷ The difference between these two values is then divided by "E," which is defined as the greater of (a) one (1) or (b) the number of all provide orders (W and Q) which are submitted and executed (in whole or in part) in the Regular Trading Session (excluding cross transactions) within the Matching System during the calendar month in

⁵ We are excluding orders and cancellations in issues priced under \$1 per share from this proposal as it does not appear that the activity in those issues gives rise to the same concerns as expressed herein for issues priced at or greater than \$1 per share.

⁶ Provide orders are those which, for some period of time, reside in our Matching System prior to trade execution. They contrast with "take" orders, which interact with orders resting in our book.

⁷ As a result, W order can only be "provide" orders and never "takers" of liquidity residing in our Matching System.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).