NetCoalition I decision, but have also failed to address the characteristics of the product at issue and the evidence already presented.

## III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act.<sup>15</sup> 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 email to *rule-comments@ sec.gov*. Please include File Number SR– NASDAQ–2013–126 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-NASDAQ-2013-126. This file number should be included on the subject line if email 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 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

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.  $^{16}$ 

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-70697; File No. SR-NYSE-2013-69]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; New York Stock Exchange LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change for a Temporary Suspension of Those Aspects of Rules 36.20 and 36.21 That Would Not Permit Floor Brokers To Use Personal Portable Phone Devices on The Trading Floor Due to the Unavailability of Exchange-Provided Cell Phones Beginning on October 10, 2013 Until the Earlier of When Cell Phone Service Is Restored or October 11, 2013

October 16, 2013.

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 October 10, 2013, 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 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. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes a temporary suspension of those aspects of Rules 36.20 and 36.21 that would not permit Floor brokers to use personal portable phone devices on the Trading Floor due to the unavailability of Exchange-provided cell phones beginning on October 10, 2013 until the earlier of when cell phone service is restored or October 11, 2013. The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's Web site at <a href="https://www.nyse.com">www.nyse.com</a>, at the principal office of the Exchange, 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 Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

#### 1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to temporarily suspend those aspects of Rules 36.20 and 36.21 that would not permit Floor brokers to use personal portable phone devices on the Trading Floor.<sup>4</sup> As proposed, all other aspects of Rule 36 remain applicable and the temporary suspensions of the applicable Rule 36 requirements are in effect beginning October 10, 2013 when the outage began, and remain in place until the earlier of when phone service is restored or close of business Friday, October 11, 2013.<sup>5</sup>

On October 10, 2013, the third-party carrier that provides service for the Exchange-provided cell phones experienced an issue that affected Exchange authorized and provided

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 NASDAO. 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-NASDAQ-2013-126 and should be submitted on or before November 12,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).

<sup>1 15</sup> U.S.C.78s(b)(1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78a.

<sup>3 17</sup> CFR 240.19b-4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Pursuant to Rule 6A, the Trading Floor is defined as the restricted-access physical areas designated by the Exchange for the trading of securities.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The Exchange provided Floor brokers with notice of this rule filing, including the applicable recordkeeping and other requirements related to using personal cell phones during the temporary suspension of Rule 36.

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

portable phones for Floor brokers. This outage only impacted the service for Exchange authorized and provided portable phones. As a result, all Exchange authorized and provided cell phones were non-operational before the opening of trading on October 10, 2013. The Exchange is working closely with the third-party carrier to restore such cell phone service.

Rules 36.20 and 36.21 govern the type of telephone communications that are approved for Floor brokers. Pursuant to Rule 36.20, Floor brokers may maintain a telephone line on the Trading Floor and use Exchange authorized and provided portable phones while on the Trading Floor. The use of such Exchange authorized and provided portable phones is governed by Rule 36.21. Because of the issues with the third-party carrier, all Exchange authorized and provided portable phones are not functional and therefore Floor brokers cannot use the Exchange authorized and provided portable phones. However, the personal cell phones of Floor brokers are operational on the Trading Floor. The Exchange believes that because communications with customers is a vital part of a Floor broker's role as agent and therefore contributes to maintaining a fair and orderly market, during the period when Exchange-provided cell phones are nonoperational, Floor brokers should be permitted to use personal portable phone devices in lieu of the nonoperational Exchange authorized and provided portable phones.

The Exchange therefore proposes to temporarily suspend the limitations in Rules 36.20 and 36.21 that permit Floor brokers to use only Exchange authorized and provided portable phones so that Floor brokers may also use personal portable phones on the Trading Floor. The Exchange proposes that pursuant to this temporary suspension, Floor brokers must provide the Exchange with the names of all Floor-based personnel who used personal portable phones during this temporary suspension period, together with the phone number and applicable carrier for each number. Floor broker member organizations must maintain in their books and records all cell phone records that show both incoming and outgoing calls that were made during the period that a personal portable phone was used on the Trading Floor. To the extent the records are unavailable from the third-party carrier, the Floor brokers must maintain contemporaneous records of all calls made or received on a personal portable phone while on the Trading Floor. As with all member organization records, such cell phone records must be

provided to Exchange regulatory staff, including without limitation staff of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA"), on request.

## 2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,<sup>6</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,<sup>7</sup> in particular, in that 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.

In particular, because of issues experienced by a third-party cell phone carrier, Exchange authorized and provided cell phones are not functional. The Exchange believes that the proposed temporary suspensions from those aspects of Rule 36 that restrict Floor broker's use of personal portable phones on the Trading Floor removes impediments to and perfects the mechanism of a free and open market and national market system because the proposed relief will enable Floor brokers to conduct their regular business, notwithstanding the ongoing issues with telephone service. The Exchange further believes that without the requested relief, Floor brokers would be compromised in their ability to conduct their regular course of business on the Trading Floor. In particular, for Floor brokers, because they operate as agents for customers, their inability to communicate with customers could compromise their ability to represent public orders on the Trading Floor.

# 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. The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition because the proposed change only impacts Floor brokers and has no change in operations for other market participants or other market centers. To the contrary, the Exchange believes that without the proposed relief, Floor brokers would be compromised in their ability to conduct

their regular course of business on the Trading Floor, thereby placing a burden on the Floor brokers' ability to compete.

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 Act 8 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 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 10 and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.11

A proposed rule change filed under Rule  $19b-4(f)(6)^{12}$  normally does not become operative prior to 30 days after the date of the filing. However, pursuant to Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii),13 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 waiving the 30-day operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. Waiver of the operative delay allows the terms of the relief described herein to be available during the service outage for Exchange-provided cell phones. Therefore, the Commission hereby waives the 30-day operative delay and

<sup>6 15</sup> U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>7 15</sup> U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

<sup>8 15</sup> U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

<sup>9 17</sup> CFR 240.19b–4(f)(6).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>11 17</sup> CFR 240.19b–4(f)(6). In addition, Rule 19b–4(f)(6) requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission written notice of its 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>12 17</sup> CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)

<sup>13 17</sup> CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

designates the proposal operative upon filing.<sup>14</sup>

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. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings under Section 19(b)(2)(B) of the Act <sup>15</sup> to determine whether the proposed rule change should be approved or disapproved.

#### 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 email to *rule-comments@sec.gov*. Please include File Number SR–NYSE–2013–69 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-2013-69. This file number should be included on the subject line if email 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 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-2013-69 and should be submitted on or before November 12, 2013.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.  $^{16}$ 

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-70675; File No. SR-DTC-2013-10]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; The Depository Trust Company; Order Approving Proposed Rule Change To Terminate the Sealed Envelope Service, Which Is Part of The Depository Trust Company's Custody Service

October 11, 2013.

## I. Introduction

On August 22, 2013, The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") proposed rule change SR–DTC–2013–10 ("Proposed Rule Change") pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") <sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b–4 thereunder. <sup>2</sup> The Proposed Rule Change was published in the **Federal Register** on September 5, 2013. <sup>3</sup> The Commission received one comment to the Proposed Rule Change. <sup>4</sup> This order approves the Proposed Rule Change.

#### **II. Description**

DTC filed the Proposed Rule Change to terminate its Sealed Envelope Service ("Service"), which is part of its Custody Service, as described below.

#### A. Sealed Envelope Service

In 2002, DTC launched the Service as an addition to its Custody Service in response to requests from DTC participants ("Participants") to assist in fully outsourcing their vaults to DTC. The Service is designed to provide physical custody to Participants for documents or instruments that are not securities, such as loan agreements, wills, deeds, mortgages, contracts, and option agreements.<sup>5</sup>

DTC allows for the sealed envelopes containing instruments or documents that are not securities to be held in custody in one of DTC's vaults. DTC assigns each sealed envelope a user-CUSIP number for tracking and record keeping purposes. Participants balance their sealed envelopes daily with DTC in the same manner as for securities held in the Custody Service. The depositing Participant is required to list the contents of the envelope on the outside of the envelope, as DTC does not open any sealed envelopes or verify the contents therein other than an examination for dangerous contents.

## Proposed Rule Change

DTC has determined to discontinue the Service for multiple reasons. First, the Service is not widely used, as only 15 Participants currently use the Service and one of those Participants represents approximately 85% of the total volume. Second, since DTC does not verify the content of the envelope submitted by a Participant under the Service, it cannot confirm that a sealed envelope contains instruments and document qualifying for the Service.

DTC has stated that all 15 Participants of the Service were notified of DTC's intention to discontinue the Service and none of the Participants objected. DTC will work with those Participants to develop a timeline to return sealed envelopes that it currently has in custody.

#### III. Comments Received

The Commission received one comment on the Proposed Rule Change. The commenter supports the Proposed Rule Change and notes that terminating the Service would mitigate risk, promote transparency and integrity in the markets, provide seamless clearing and settlement services, mitigate existing conflicts of interest, and enhance know your customer and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup>For purposes only of waiving the 30-day operative delay, the Commission has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. *See* 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

<sup>15 15</sup> U.S.C. 78s(b)(2)(B).

<sup>16 17</sup> CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Release No. 34–70291 (Aug. 30, 2013), 78 FR 54696 (Sept. 5, 2013).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See Comment from Sheila Waddell dated September 2, 2013 ("Waddell Comment"), http:// www.sec.gov/comments/sr-dtc-2013-10/dtc201310-1.htm.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The deposit of securities certificates, as well as tangible assets such as currency, gold coins, or jewelry, is strictly prohibited by DTC.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Waddell Comment, supra note 4.