

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-54151; File No. SR-ISE-2006-27]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; International Securities Exchange, Inc.; Order Granting Approval of Proposed Rule Change Relating to Automatic Execution of Non-Customer Orders

July 14, 2006.

On May 15, 2006, the International Securities Exchange, Inc. ("ISE" or "Exchange"), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") a proposed rule change pursuant to section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² to amend ISE Rule 714 to provide that incoming Non-Customer Orders³ would not be automatically executed at prices that are inferior to the best bid or offer disseminated by another national securities exchange ("NBBO") and that Non-Customer Orders that are not automatically executed would be rejected. The proposed rule change also would clarify the handling of Public Customer Orders⁴ that are not automatically executed and update the rule text to conform with the Exchange's current handling of "fill-or-kill" orders. The proposed rule change was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on June 14, 2006.⁵ The Commission received no comments on the proposal. This order approves the proposed rule change.

The Commission has reviewed carefully the proposed rule change and finds that it is consistent with the requirements of section 6 of the Act⁶ and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to a national securities exchange.⁷ In particular, the Commission finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with section 6(b)(5) of the Act,⁸ which requires, among other things, that the rules of an exchange be designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in

general, to protect investors and the public interest.

In particular, the Commission believes that the proposed change should help to prevent Non-Customer Orders from automatically trading at prices that are inferior to the NBBO. The Commission also believes that the proposed rule change provides clarity with respect to the handling of Public Customer Orders and Non-Customer Orders when such orders are not automatically executed—Public Customer Orders would be handled by the Primary Market Maker pursuant to ISE Rule 803(c) and Non-Customer Orders would be automatically rejected. The Commission further believes that the proposed change relating to "fill-or-kill" orders clarifies for investors and market participants how such orders will be handled by the Exchange.

The Commission notes that the Exchange represents that the proposed rule change with respect to the handling of Non-Customer Orders requires the Exchange to implement a systems change that will be implemented by early September 2006. Therefore, this part of the proposed rule change will not be operative until such systems change is implemented.⁹

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to section 19(b)(2) of the Act,¹⁰ that the proposed rule change (SR-ISE-2006-27) is approved.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹¹

Jill M. Peterson,
Assistant Secretary.

[FR Doc. E6-11571 Filed 7-20-06; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 8010-01-P

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-54146; File No. SR-ISE-2006-39]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; International Securities Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Relating to a One-Year Pilot Extension Until July 18, 2007 for the Price Improvement Mechanism

July 14, 2006.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

⁹ The Exchange represents in the Notice that it would issue a Regulatory Information Circular notifying members at least five days prior to the operative date of the rule change.

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

¹¹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

("Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on July 12, 2006, the International Securities Exchange, Inc. ("Exchange" or "ISE") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Exchange filed the proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act³ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder,⁴ which renders the proposed rule change 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 Exchange proposes to extend the Pilot Periods contained in paragraphs .03 and .05 of the Supplemental Material to Exchange Rule 723. The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's Web site (<http://www.iseoptions.com>), at the Exchange's Office of the Secretary, 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 Exchange 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 these 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 aspects of such statements.

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

1. Purpose

The pilot periods provided in paragraphs .03 and .05 of the Supplementary Material to ISE Rule 723 expire on July 18, 2006.⁵ Paragraph .03 provides that there is no minimum size requirement for orders to be eligible for the Price Improvement Mechanism.

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)(6).

⁵ See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 50819 (December 8, 2004), 69 FR 75093 (December 15, 2004); and 52027 (July 13, 2005), 70 FR 41804 (July 20, 2005).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ See ISE Rule 100(a)(23).

⁴ See ISE Rule 100(a)(33).

⁵ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 53946 (June 6, 2006), 71 FR 34406 ("Notice").

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f.

⁷ In approving this proposal, the Commission has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

Paragraph .05 concerns the termination of the exposure period by unrelated orders. The Exchange proposes to extend these pilots for an additional year to give the Exchange and the Commission additional time to evaluate the effects of the provisions before requesting permanent approval of the rules.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act⁶ in that it is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, remove impediments to and perfect the mechanisms of a free and open market and a national market system and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. Since the Price Improvement Mechanism has only been operating for a relatively short period of time, the Exchange believes it is appropriate to extend the pilot periods to provide the Exchange and the Commission more data upon which to evaluate the rules.

B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

The proposed rule change does not 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

The Exchange has not solicited, and does not intend to solicit, comments on this proposed rule change. The Exchange has not received any written comments from members or other interested parties.

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

Because the foregoing 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) by its terms, become operative for 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, it has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act⁷ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.⁸

A proposed rule change filed under Rule 19b-4(f)(6) normally may not

become operative prior to 30 days after the date of filing. However, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii)⁹ permits the Commission to designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Exchange has requested that the Commission waive the 30-day operative delay and designate the proposed rule change immediately operative upon filing. The Commission believes that waiver of the 30-day operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest because it would allow the pilots to continue without interruption until July 18, 2007. For this reason, the Commission designates the proposal to be effective and operative upon filing with the Commission.¹⁰

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 rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-ISE-2006-39 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Nancy M. Morris, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-ISE-2006-39. 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 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. 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-ISE-2006-39 and should be submitted on or before August 11, 2006.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹¹

Jill M. Peterson,

Assistant Secretary.

[FR Doc. E6-11573 Filed 7-20-06; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 8010-01-P

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-54140; File No. SR-NYSE-2006-48]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; New York Stock Exchange LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Extend the Moratorium on the Qualification and Registration of New Competitive Traders and New Registered Competitive Market Makers, Governed by NYSE Rules 110 and 107A, Respectively, for an Additional Six Months

July 13, 2006.

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 June 30, 2006, the New York Stock Exchange LLC ("NYSE" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Exchange has designated the proposed rule change as constituting a "non-controversial" rule change under Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act,³ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder,⁴ which renders the proposal effective upon filing with the Commission. The Commission is publishing this notice to

⁹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

¹⁰ 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. 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

¹¹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁸ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).