

negotiate fees lower than those posted in the rate schedule, they are reluctant to do so where the fees are disclosed to other prospective and existing customers. Applicants submit that the relief would allow the Adviser to negotiate more effectively with each individual Sub-Adviser.

Applicants' Conditions

Applicants agree that any order granting the requested relief will be subject to the following conditions:

1. Before a Fund may rely on the requested order, the operation of the Fund in the manner described in the application will be approved by a majority of the Fund's outstanding voting securities, as defined in the Act, or, in the case of a Fund whose public shareholders purchased shares on the basis of a prospectus containing the disclosure contemplated by condition 2 below, by the sole initial shareholder before offering the Fund's shares to the public.

2. Each Fund will disclose in its prospectus the existence, substance, and effect of any order granted pursuant to this application. Each Fund will hold itself out to the public as employing the management structure described in the application. The prospectus will prominently disclose that the Adviser has ultimate responsibility, subject to oversight by the Board, for the investment performance of a Fund due to its responsibility to oversee Sub-Advisers and recommend their hiring, termination and replacement.

3. Within 90 days of the hiring of a new Sub-Adviser, the affected Fund's shareholders will be furnished all the information about the new Sub-Adviser that would be included a proxy statement, except as modified to permit the Aggregate Fee Disclosure. This information will include Aggregate Fee Disclosure and any change in such disclosure caused by the addition of a new Sub-Adviser. To meet this condition, the affected Fund will provide Fund shareholders within 90 days of the hiring of a new Sub-Adviser, with an Information Statement meeting the requirements of Regulation 14C, Schedule 14C and Item 22 of Schedule 14A under the Exchange Act, except as modified by the order to permit Aggregate Fee Disclosure.

4. The Adviser will not enter into a Sub-Advisory Agreement with any Affiliated Sub-Adviser without such agreement, including the compensation to be paid thereunder, being approved by the shareholders of the applicable Fund.

5. At all times, a majority of the Board will be Independent Directors, and the

nomination of new or additional Independent Directors will be at the discretion of the then-existing Independent Directors.

6. Whenever a Sub-Adviser change is proposed for a Fund with an Affiliated Sub-Adviser, the Board, including a majority of the Independent Directors, will make a separate finding, reflected in the Board minutes, that the change is in the best interests of the Fund and its shareholders and does not involve a conflict of interest from which the Adviser or the Affiliated Sub-Adviser derives an inappropriate advantage.

7. Independent legal counsel, as defined in rule 0-1(a)(6) under the Act, will be engaged to represent the Independent Directors. The selection of such counsel will be within the discretion of the then existing Independent Directors.

8. The Adviser will provide the Board, no less frequently than quarterly, with information about the profitability of the Adviser on a per-Fund basis. The information will reflect the impact on profitability of the hiring or termination of any Sub-Adviser during the applicable quarter.

9. Whenever a Sub-Adviser is hired or terminated, the Adviser will provide the Board with information showing the expected impact on the profitability of the Adviser.

10. The Adviser will provide general management services to each Fund, including overall supervisory responsibility for the general management and investment of the Fund's assets, and, subject to review and approval by the Board, will: (a) Set each Fund's overall investment strategies, (b) evaluate, select and recommend Sub-Advisers to manage all or a part of a Fund's, (c) allocate and, when appropriate, reallocate a Fund's assets among Sub-Advisers, (d) monitor and evaluate the performance of the Sub-Advisers, and (e) implement procedures reasonably designed to ensure that the Sub-Advisers comply with the relevant Fund's investment objective, policies and restrictions.

11. No director or officer of the Company, or director or officer of the Adviser, will own directly or indirectly (other than through a pooled investment vehicle that is not controlled by such person), any interest in a Sub-Adviser, except for (a) ownership of interests in the Adviser or any entity that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the Adviser, or (b) ownership of less than 1% of the outstanding securities of any class of equity or debt of a publicly traded company that is either a Sub-Adviser or an entity that controls, is controlled by,

or is under common control with a Sub-Adviser.

12. Each Fund will disclose in its registration statement the Aggregate Fee Disclosure.

13. The requested order will expire on the effective date of rule 15a-5 under the Act, if adopted.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, under delegated authority.

Nancy M. Morris,

Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-54463; File No. SR-NASD-2006-100]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Relating to Delivery of Options Disclosure Documents

September 15, 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 August 17, 2006, the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. ("NASD") 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 NASD. NASD filed the proposed rule change as a "non-controversial" rule change under Rule 19b-4(f)(6) under the Act,³ which rendered 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

NASD proposes to amend NASD Rule 2860 (Options) to (1) require that a copy of each amendment to the options disclosure document, Characteristics and Risks of Standardized Options ("ODD"), be distributed to each customer not later than the time of the delivery of a confirmation of a transaction in the category of options issued by The Options Clearing Corporation ("OCC") to which the amendment pertains and (2) clarify that

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

revisions to the Special Statement for Uncovered Option Writers ("Special Written Statement") be distributed to each customer approved for writing uncovered short options not later than the time of the delivery of a confirmation of a transaction in options issued by the OCC. The text of the proposed rule change is available on NASD's Web site, <http://www.nasd.com>, at NASD'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, NASD 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. NASD 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

NASD is proposing revisions to the requirement to deliver amendments and/or revisions to the options disclosure documents in NASD Rule 2860 to conform to similar rules of other self-regulatory organizations.⁴ Specifically, NASD is amending the rule to more clearly delineate the particular delivery requirements applicable to the ODD and the Special Written Statement.

Currently, NASD Rule 2860(b)(11)(A) requires that amendments and revisions to both disclosure documents be distributed to each customer not later than the time a confirmation of a transaction is delivered to each customer who enters into a transaction in options issued by the OCC. By contrast, the rules of the Options Exchanges require that amendments to the ODD be distributed to each customer not later than the time a confirmation of a transaction in the category of options to which the amendment pertains is delivered to such customer.

NASD believes that the delivery of an amendment to the ODD is appropriately triggered by a customer transaction in an options contract to which such amendment pertains. Furthermore, the

proposed rule change will harmonize NASD's rule for amendments to the ODD with those of the Options Exchanges.

In addition, through a new subparagraph (2), NASD is clarifying that revisions to the Special Written Statement be distributed to each customer having an account approved for writing uncovered short options not later than the time a confirmation of a transaction is delivered to each customer who enters into a transaction in options issued by the OCC. NASD states that the rules of the Options Exchanges do not address delivery of revisions to the Special Written Statement.

NASD has filed the proposed rule change for immediate effectiveness. NASD will announce the implementation date of the proposed rule change in a Notice to Members to be published no later than 60 days following the filing of the rule change with the Commission for immediate effectiveness. The implementation date will be 30 days after the date of the Notice to Members.

2. Statutory Basis

NASD believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 15A(b)(6)⁵ of the Act in that it is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. NASD is proposing the rule change to harmonize NASD's rule for delivery of amendments to the ODD with those of the Options Exchanges and to clarify members' delivery obligations for revisions to the Special Written Statement.

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

NASD 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

NASD has neither solicited nor received written comments on the proposed rule change.

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

Because the proposed rule change: (i) Does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) does not impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) by its terms, does not become operative for 30 days after the date of filing, 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 Act⁶ and subparagraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.⁷

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 the furtherance of the purposes of the Act.⁸

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-NASD-2006-100 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-NASD-2006-100. 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

⁴ See CBOE Rule 9.15; ISE Rule 616; Phlx Rule 1029; Amex Rule 926; and NYSE Rule 726 (collectively, "Options Exchanges").

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78o-3(b)(6).

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁷ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

⁸ See 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(C).

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 NASD. 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-NASD-2006-100 and should be submitted on or before October 16, 2006.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁹

Nancy M. Morris,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-54462; File No. SR-NASD-2006-107]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Related to Thru Orders for Nasdaq's INET Facility

September 15, 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 September 11, 2006, the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. ("NASD"), through its subsidiary, The Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc. ("Nasdaq"), 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 Nasdaq. Nasdaq has filed the proposal pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act³ 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 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

Nasdaq proposes to introduce a new Thru order type for Nasdaq's INET Facility that will allow users to direct that their order be delivered by the INET system to the American Stock Exchange ("Amex") or New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE"), as appropriate. Nasdaq has designated this proposal as non-controversial and has requested that the Commission waive the 30-day pre-operative waiting period contained in Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) under the Act.⁵

The text of the proposed rule change is below. Proposed new language is *italicized*; proposed deletions are in [brackets].

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4956. Routing

(a) INET Order Routing Process

(1) The INET Order Routing Process shall be available to Participants from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern Time, and shall route orders as described below:

(A) Routing Options.

The System provides [eight] *nine* routing options for orders. Of these eight, [five] *six*—DOT Immediate, DOT Alternative, DOT Alternative 2, Reactive Only DOT, [and] DOT Nasdaq—and *Thru DOT*—are available for orders ultimately sought to be directed to either the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") or the American Stock Exchange ("AMEX"). The System also allows firms to send individual orders to the NYSE Direct + System, and to elect to have orders not be sent to the AMEX. The [eight] *nine* System routing options are:

(i)–(viii) No Change.

(ix) *Thru DOT ("TDOT")—under this option, orders are sent directly to either the NYSE or AMEX, as directed by the entering party. If unexecuted, the order (or unexecuted portion thereof) shall be returned to the entering party. This option may only be used for orders with time-in-force parameters of either DAY, IOC, or market-on-open/close.*

(B) No Change.

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

In its filing with the Commission, Nasdaq 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. Nasdaq 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

Nasdaq proposes to create a new order routing option for its INET facility that would allow users to direct that their orders be delivered by the INET system to the NYSE or the Amex, as appropriate. Nasdaq notes that this direct delivery functionality already exists in Nasdaq's Brut facility as the Thru Brut order⁶ and would provide additional flexibility and functionality to INET system users that desire to send orders to the NYSE or the Amex.

2. Statutory Basis

Nasdaq believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 15A of the Act,⁷ in general, and with Section 15A(b)(6) of the Act,⁸ in particular, in that it is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, and to remove impediments to a free and open market and a national market system.

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

Nasdaq does not believe that the proposed rule change will result in 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

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

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

The foregoing proposed rule change is subject to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act⁹ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder¹⁰ because the proposal: (i) Does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) does not impose any significant burden on

⁹ 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).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

⁵ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

⁶ See NASD Rule 4903(b).

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78o-3.

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78o-3(b)(6).

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

¹⁰ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).