brokers for the receipt of orders at the specialist's post through oversight and review of complaints from members at the trading posts as well as observations of floor officials and Exchange personnel.

The Exchange believes that the use of the telephones by floor brokers to receive off-floor orders would provide more efficient order routing and execution, increase the speed of execution, and satisfy member and non-member customers in an increasingly competitive environment.

## (2) Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act 4 in general and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) 5 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.

The Exchange also believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(c)(3)(B) of the Act. Under this Section, it is the Exchange's responsibility to prescribe standards for training, experience and competence for persons associated with Exchange members and member organizations. The Exchange believes that this proposed rule change will establish an additional mechanism for the administration of the education program, which will enable registered persons to satisfy their continuing education obligations.

## 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.

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 foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)

of the Act 7 and subparagraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b–48 thereunder because it does not: (i) Significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) impose any significant burden on competition; (iii) become operative for 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate; and the Exchange has given the Commission written notice of its intention to file the proposed rule change at least five business days prior to filing. At any time within 60 days of the filing of such 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

#### 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. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549-0609. 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 Section. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Amex. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-Amex-2001-73 and should be submitted by October 16, 2001.

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

## Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–44811; File No SR-NYSE-2001–31]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change by the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. Amending Exchange Rule 387 To Apply to Member or Member Organizations

September 18, 2001.

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 21, 2001, the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. ("NYSE" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. 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 proposed amendment to NYSE Rule 387 ("COD Orders") would clarify the Rule's application to all "member[s]" and "member organization[s]."

The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Office of the Secretary, the NYSE, and at the Commission.

## 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, Proposed Rule Change

#### (1) Purpose

Currently, NYSE Rule 387 enumerates the procedures for transactions

<sup>415</sup> U.S.C. 78f(b).

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

<sup>6 15</sup> U.S.C. 78f(c)(3)(B).

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

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

<sup>9 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.

conducted on a COD ("Collection on Delivery") or POD ("Payment on Delivery") basis and specifies requirements for the confirmation, affirmation and book entry settlement of all depository eligible transactions.

NYSE Rule 387, in its present form, refers to "member" and "member organization" only once in the same paragraph (NYSE Rule 387(a)(1)) and thereafter omits reference to "member" throughout the other paragraphs of the Rule. The proposed amendment to NYSE Rule 387 would clarify the Rule's application to all "member[s]" and "Member organization[s]." Specifically, the amendments insert "member" in paragraphs: detailing overall applicability of the Rule (NYSE Rule 387(a)); requiring confirmation (NYSE Rule 387(a)(3)); and affirmation (NYSE Rule 387(a)(4)) of COD/POD transactions.

#### (2) Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes the basis for the proposed rule change is the requirement under Section 6(b)(5) of the Act <sup>3</sup> that the rules of the Exchange be designed to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in regulating, clearing, settling and facilitating transactions in securities.

## 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 the 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 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

Within 35 days of the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** or within such longer period (i) as the Commission may designate up to 90 days of such date if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding, or (ii) as to which the Exchange consents, the commission will:

A. by order approve such proposed rule change; or

B. institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be 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. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609. 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 filings will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-NYSE-2001-31 and should be submitted by October 16, 2001.

For the Commission, by the Division of the Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>4</sup>

## Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

(Release No. 34–44812; File No. SR–PCX–2001–28)

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change and Amendment No. 1 Thereto by the Pacific Exchange, Inc. Relating to the Composition of the Nominating Committee

September 18, 2001.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act") <sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b–4 thereunder, <sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on August 1, 2001, the Pacific Exchange, Inc. ("PCX" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission" or "SEC") the proposed rule change, and amended such proposed rule change on September 6,

2001,<sup>3</sup> as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change, as amended, from interested persons.

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

The Exchange proposes to clarify its interpretation of the PCX Constitution to eliminate the restriction that only public Governors may serve on the Nominating Committee.

## 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 the 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

On November 16, 2000, the Commission approved the Exchange's Constitutional change that required at least one public representative serve on the Nominating Committee ("Committee") and permitted the service of Governors on the Committee.<sup>4</sup> That filing stated that the Exchange interpreted the rule proposal to mean that the only Governors permitted on the Committee were public Governors. Upon further consideration and review, the PCX has determined that this interpretation is too narrow.

The composition of the Committee is governed by Article III, Sections 4(a) and 4(b) of the PCX Constitution.

Section 4(a) provides: "At each annual meeting there shall be elected by the membership, by ballot, for a term of one

<sup>3 15</sup> U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

<sup>4 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> In Amendment No. 1, the PCX clarified its interpretation of Article III, Sections 4(a) and 4(b) of the PCX Constitution to eliminate the restriction that only public Governors may serve on the Nominating Committee. See letter from Cindy L. Sink, Senior Attorney, PCX, to Nancy J. Sanow, Assistant Director, Division of Market Regulations, SEC, dated September 5, 2001 ("Amendment No. 1")

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 43576 (November 16, 2000), 65 FR 71185 (November 29, 2000) (Order approving File No. SR–PCX–00–09).