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#### *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 Exchange Act.

#### *C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others*

Written comments on the proposed rule change were neither solicited nor received by the Exchange.

### **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 self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission will:

- (A) By order approve such 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, as amended, is consistent with the Exchange 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](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov).
- Please include File Number SR-PCX-2005-54 on the subject line.

#### *Paper Comments*

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

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-PCX-2005-54. 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 Section, Station Place, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090. 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-PCX-2005-54 and should be submitted on or before July 31, 2006.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>11</sup>

**Nancy M. Morris,**  
Secretary.

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### **SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

[Release No. 34-54079; File No. SR-PCX-2005-97]

#### **Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE Arca, Inc., Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change and Amendment Nos. 1 and 2 Thereto Requiring ETP Holders To Participate in the Federal Trade Commission's National Do-Not-Call Registry**

June 30, 2006.

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 May 18, 2006, NYSE Arca, Inc. ("NYSE Arca" or

"Exchange")<sup>3</sup> filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission" or "SEC") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II and III below, which Items have been prepared by the self-regulatory organization. On May 26, 2006, NYSE Arca filed Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change.<sup>4</sup> On June 21, 2006, NYSE Arca filed Amendment No. 2 to the proposed rule change.<sup>5</sup> 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, through its wholly-owned subsidiary NYSE Arca Equities, Inc. ("NYSE Arca Equities" or the "Corporation"), proposes to amend NYSE Arca Equities Rule 9.20. The proposed rule change would require ETP Holders to participate in the Federal Trade Commission's ("FTC") national do-not-call registry. The current text of Arca Equities Rule 9.20(b) would be deleted. The text of the proposed rule change is set forth below. *Italics* indicate new text.

#### **NYSE Arca Equities Rules**

##### **RULE 9 CONDUCTING BUSINESS WITH THE PUBLIC**

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#### **Telemarketing**

9.20(b) (1) *General Telemarketing Requirements. No ETP Holder or associated person shall make any telephone solicitation, as defined in Section 9.20(b)(10)(B) to:*

(A) *Any residence of a person before the hour of 8 a.m. or after 9 p.m. (local time at the called party's location), unless:*

- (i) *The ETP Holder has an established business relationship with the person pursuant to Section 9.20(b)(10)(A);*
- (ii) *The ETP Holder has received that person's prior express invitation or permission; or*

<sup>3</sup> On March 6, 2006, the Pacific Exchange, Inc. filed a rule proposal, effective upon filing, to amend its rules to reflect these name changes: from Pacific Exchange, Inc. to NYSE Arca, Inc.; from PCX Equities, Inc. to NYSE Arca Equities, Inc.; from PCX Holdings, Inc., to NYSE Arca Holdings, Inc.; and from the Archipelago Exchange, L.L.C. to NYSE Arca, L.L.C. See File No. SR-PCX-2006-24 (March 6, 2006). This proposal has been amended to reflect these name changes.

<sup>4</sup> In Amendment No. 1, NYSE Arca partially amended the text of proposed amended NYSE Arca Equities Rule 9.20 and made conforming and technical changes to the original filing.

<sup>5</sup> In Amendment No. 2, NYSE Arca made additional changes to the text of proposed amended NYSE Arca Equities Rule 9.20 and to the original filing.

<sup>11</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

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

<sup>27</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

(iii) The person called is a broker or dealer.

(B) Any person that previously has stated that he or she does not wish to receive an outbound telephone call made by or on behalf of the ETP Holder; or

(C) Any person who has registered his or her telephone number on the Federal Trade Commission's national do-not-call registry.

(2) National Do-Not-Call Registry Exceptions. An ETP Holder will not be liable for violating Section 9.20(b)(1)(C) if:

(A) The ETP Holder has an established business relationship with the recipient of the call. A person's request to be placed on an ETP Holder's firm-specific do-not-call list terminates the established business relationship exception to that national do-not-call registry provision for that ETP Holder even if the person continues to do business with the ETP Holder;

(B) The ETP Holder has obtained the person's prior express invitation or permission. Such permission must be evidenced by a signed, written agreement between the person and the ETP Holder that states that the person agrees to be contacted by the ETP Holder and includes the telephone number to which the calls may be placed; or

(C) The associated person making the call has a personal relationship with the recipient of the call.

(3) Safe Harbor Provision. The ETP Holder or associated person making telephone solicitations will not be liable for violating Section 9.20(b)(1)(C) if the ETP Holder or associated person demonstrates that the violation is the result of an error and that as part of the ETP Holder's routine business practice it meets the following standards:

(A) The ETP Holder has established and implemented written procedures to comply with the national do-not-call rules;

(B) The ETP Holder has trained its personnel, and any entity assisting in its compliance, in procedures established pursuant to the national do-not-call rules;

(C) The ETP Holder has maintained and recorded a list of telephone numbers that it may not contact; and

(D) The ETP Holder uses a process to prevent telephone solicitations to any telephone number on any list established pursuant to the do-not-call rules, employing a version of the national do-not-call registry obtained from the administrator of the registry no more than thirty-one (31) days prior to the date any call is made, and

maintains records documenting this process.

(4) Procedures. Prior to engaging in telemarketing, an ETP Holder must institute procedures to comply with Section 9.20(b)(1). Such procedures must meet the minimum standards:

(A) Written policy. The ETP Holder must have a written policy available upon demand for maintaining a do-not-call list.

(B) Training of personnel engaged in telemarketing. Personnel engaged in any aspect of telemarketing must be informed and trained in the existence and use of the do-not-call list, including the policies and procedures of the firm regarding communication with the public.

(C) Recording, honoring do-not-call requests. If an ETP Holder receives a request from a person not to receive calls from that ETP Holder, the ETP Holder must record the request and place the person's name, if provided, and telephone number on the firm's do-not-call list at the time the request is made. The ETP Holder must honor a person's do-not-call request within a reasonable time from the date such request is made. This period may not exceed 30 days from the date of such request. If such requests are being recorded or maintained by a party other than the ETP Holder on whose behalf the telemarketing call is made, the ETP Holder on whose behalf the telemarketing call is made will be liable for any failure to honor the do-not-call request.

(D) Identification of sellers and telemarketers. An ETP Holder or person associated with an ETP Holder making a call for telemarketing purposes must provide the called party with the name of the individual caller, the name of the ETP Holder, an address or telephone number at which the ETP Holder may be contacted, and that the purpose of the call is to solicit the purchase or sale of securities or a related service. The telephone number provided may not be a 900 number or any other number for which charges exceed local or long distance transmission charges.

(E) Affiliated persons or entities. In the absence of a specific request by the person to the contrary, a person's do-not-call request shall apply to the ETP Holder making the call, and will not apply to affiliated entities unless the consumer reasonably would expect them to be included given the identification of the caller and the product or service being advertised.

(F) Maintenance of do-not-call lists. An ETP Holder making calls for telemarketing purposes must maintain a record of the caller's request not to

receive further telemarketing calls. A firm-specific do-not-call request must be honored for five years from the time the request is made.

(5) Wireless Communications.

(A) ETP Holders are prohibited from using an automatic telephone dialing system or an artificial or prerecorded voice when initiating a telephone call to any telephone number assigned to a paging service, cellular telephone service, specialized mobile radio service, or other radio common carrier service, or any service for which the called party is charged for the call.

(B) The provisions set forth in this rule are applicable to ETP Holders telemarketing or making telephone solicitations calls to wireless telephone numbers.

(6) Outsourcing Telemarketing. If an ETP Holder uses another entity to perform telemarketing services on its behalf, the ETP Holder remains responsible for ensuring compliance with all provisions contained in this rule.

(7) Pre-Recorded Messages.

(A) An ETP Holder may not initiate any telephone call to any residence using an artificial or prerecorded voice to deliver a message, without the prior express consent of the person called, unless the call:

(i) Is not made for a commercial purpose;

(ii) Is made for a commercial purpose, but does not include or introduce an unsolicited advertisement or constitute a telephone solicitation; or

(iii) Is made to any person with whom the ETP Holder has an established business relationship at the time the call is made.

(B) All artificial or prerecorded telephone messages shall:

(i) At the beginning of the message, state clearly the identity of the ETP Holder that is responsible for initiating the call. The ETP Holder responsible for initiating the call must state the name under which the ETP Holder is registered to conduct business with the applicable State Corporation Commission (or comparable regulatory authority); and

(ii) During or after the message, the ETP Holder must state clearly the telephone number (other than that of the autodialer or prerecorded message player that placed the call) of such ETP Holder. The telephone number provided may not be a 900 number or any other number for which charges exceed local or long distance transmission charges.

(iii) For telemarketing messages to a residence, such telephone number, mentioned in Section 9.20(b)(7)(B)(ii) above, must permit any person to make

a do-not-call request during regular business hours for the duration of the telemarketing campaign.

**(8) Telephone Facsimile or Computer Advertisements**

No ETP Holder or associated person may use a telephone facsimile machine, computer or other device to send an unsolicited advertisement to a telephone facsimile machine, computer or other device.

(A) For purposes of Section 9.20(b)(8) of this rule, a facsimile advertisement is not "unsolicited" if the recipient has granted the ETP Holder or associated person prior express invitation or permission to deliver the advertisement. Such express invitation or permission must be evidenced by a signed, written statement that includes the facsimile number to which any advertisements may be sent and clearly indicates the recipient's consent to receive such facsimile advertisements from the ETP Holder or associated person.

(B) ETP Holders and associated persons must clearly mark, in a margin at the top or bottom of each page of the transmission, the date and time it is sent and an identification of the ETP Holder or associated person sending the message and the telephone number of the sending machine or of the ETP Holder or associated person sending the transmission.

**(9) Caller Identification Information**

(A) Any ETP Holder that engages in telemarketing, as defined in Section 9.20(b)(10)(B) of this rule, must transmit caller identification information. Such caller identification information must include either the Calling Party Number ("CPN") or the calling party's billing number, also known as the Charge Number ("ANI"), and, when available from the telephone carrier, the name of the ETP Holder. The telephone number so provided must permit any person to make a do-not-call request during regular business hours. Whenever possible, CPN is the preferred number and should be transmitted.

(B) Any ETP Holder that engages in telemarketing, as defined in Section 9.20(b)(10)(B) of this rule, is prohibited from blocking the transmission of caller identification information.

(C) Provision of caller identification information does not obviate the requirement for a caller to verbally supply identification information during a call.

**(10) Definitions.**

(A) For purposes of Section 9.20, an ETP Holder has an "established business relationship" with a person if:

(i) The person has made a financial transaction or has a security position, a money balance, or account activity with

the ETP Holder or at a clearing firm that provides clearing services to such ETP Holder within the previous 18 months immediately preceding the date of the telemarketing call;

(ii) The ETP Holder is the broker-dealer of record for an account of the person within the previous 18 months immediately preceding the date of the telemarketing call; or

(iii) The person has contacted the ETP Holder to inquire about a product service offered by the ETP Holder within the previous three months immediately preceding the date of the telemarketing call, which relationship has not been previously terminated by either party.

A person's established business relationship with an ETP Holder does not extend to the ETP Holder's affiliated entities unless the person would reasonably expect them to be included, given the nature and type of products or services offered by the affiliate and the identity of the affiliate. Similarly, a person's established business relationship with an ETP Holder's affiliate does not extend to the ETP Holder unless the person would reasonably expect the ETP Holder to be included. A person's request to be placed on an ETP Holder's firm-specific do-not-call list as set forth in Section 9.20(b)(1)(B) of this rule terminates an established business relationship for purposes of telemarketing and telephone solicitation, even if the person continues to do business with the ETP Holder.

(B) The terms "telemarketing" and "telephone solicitation" mean the initiation of a telephone call or message for the purpose of encouraging the purchase or rental of, or investment in, property, goods, or services, which is transmitted to any person.

(C) The term "personal relationship" means any family member, friend or acquaintance of the telemarketer making the call.

(D) The term "account activity" shall include, but not be limited to, purchases, sales, interest credits or debits, charges or credits, dividend payments, transfer activity, securities receipts or deliveries, and/or journal entries relating to securities or funds in the possession or control of the ETP Holder.

(E) The term "broker-dealer of record" refers to the broker-dealer identified on a customer's account application for accounts held directly at a mutual fund or variable insurance product issuer.

(F) The terms "automatic telephone dialing system" and "autodialer" mean equipment which has the capacity to store or produce telephone numbers to

be called using a random or sequential number generator and to dial such numbers.

(G) The term "telephone facsimile machine" means equipment which has the capacity to transcribe text or images (or both) from paper, into an electronic signal and to transmit that signal over a regular telephone line, or to transcribe text or images (or both) from an electronic signal received over a regular telephone line onto paper.

(H) The term "unsolicited advertisement" means any material advertising the commercial availability or quality of any products or services which is transmitted to any person without that person's prior express invitation or permission.

Rule 9.20(c)-(d)—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, 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 purpose of this Amendment No. 2 is to make the proposed rule consistent with NYSE Rule 404A by including provisions concerning general telemarketing requirements, procedures, wireless communications, outsourcing telemarketing, pre-recorded messages, telephone facsimile or computer advertisements and caller identification. This Amendment No. 2 replaces the original filing in its entirety. In 2003, the FTC, via its Telemarketing Sales Rule, and the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"), via its Miscellaneous Rules Relating to Common Carriers, established requirements for sellers and telemarketers to participate in a national do-not-call registry.<sup>6</sup> Since June 2003,

<sup>6</sup> The do-not-call rules of the FCC and FTC are very similar in terms of substance, in part, because Congress directed the FCC to consult with the FTC to maximize consistency between their respective

consumers have been able to enter their home telephone numbers into the national do-not-call registry, which is maintained by the FTC. Under rules of the FTC and FCC, sellers and telemarketers generally are prohibited from making telephone solicitations to consumers whose numbers are listed in the national do-not-call registry. The FCC's do-not-call rules apply to broker-dealers while the FTC's rules do not.<sup>7</sup>

In February 2005, the SEC requested that NYSE Arca adopt the proposed telemarketing rules to require ETP Holders to participate in the do-not-call registry.<sup>8</sup> Because broker-dealers are subject to the FCC's do-not-call rules, NYSE Arca modeled its rules in this area after those of the FCC and codified these do-not-call requirements in NYSE Arca Equities Rule 9.20(b), with minor modifications tailoring the rules to broker-dealer activities and the securities industry. Current NYSE Arca Rule 9.20(b) will be deleted and replaced in its entirety with proposed Rule 9.20(b) set forth in Exhibit 5.

#### **Safe Harbor Provision for the National Do-Not-Call Registry Requirements**

The FCC and FTC each provided persons subject to their respective do-not-call rules a "safe harbor" providing that a seller or telemarketer is not liable for a violation of the do-not-call rules that is the result of an error if the seller or telemarketer's routine business practice meets certain standards. The Corporation has provided a parallel safe harbor in paragraph (3) of proposed NYSE Arca Equities Rule 9.20(b); the safe harbor is limited the requirements of paragraph (1)(C) of proposed NYSE Arca Equities Rule 9.20(b), which prohibits an ETP Holder or associated person from initiating any telephone solicitation to any person who has registered his or her phone number with the national do-not-call registry.

To be eligible for this proposed NYSE Arca Equities Rule 9.20(b) safe harbor, an ETP Holder must demonstrate that the ETP Holder's routine business

practice meets four standards in proposed Rule 9.20(b). First, the ETP Holder must have established and implemented written procedures to comply with the national do-not-call rules. Second, the ETP Holder must have trained its personnel, and any entity assisting it in its compliance, in procedures established pursuant to the national do-not-call rules. Third, the ETP Holder must have maintained and recorded a list of telephone numbers that the ETP Holder may not contact. Fourth, the ETP Holder must use a process to prevent telephone solicitations to any telephone number on any list established pursuant to the do-not-call rules, employing a version of the national do-not-call registry obtained from the FTC no more than thirty-one (31) days prior to the date any call is made, and must maintain records documenting this process.

#### **Other Provisions**

This Amendment No. 2 includes additional provisions concerning general telemarketing requirements, procedures, wireless communications, outsourcing telemarketing, pre-recorded messages, telephone facsimile or computer advertisements and caller identification. Proposed Section 9.20(b)(1) outlines the General Telemarketing Requirements specifying when ETP Holders and associated persons may not contact residences and certain persons. Proposed Section 9.20(b)(2) provides an exception for calling a person on the national do-not-call registry if the ETP Holder has the person's permission to make calls, or if the ETP Holder has an established business relationship with the person. Proposed Section 9.20(b)(4) sets forth the procedures that ETP Holders must institute to comply with the General Telemarketing Requirements set forth in Section 9.20(b)(1). Proposed Section 9.20(b)(5) sets forth when ETP Holders are prohibited from using wireless communications. Proposed Section 9.20(b)(6) sets forth the requirement that ETP Holders outsourcing telemarketing remain responsible for compliance with Section 9.20(b). Proposed Section 9.20(b)(7) sets forth the requirements that ETP Holders must satisfy to utilize pre-recorded messages. Proposed Section 9.20(b)(8) prohibits ETP Holders or associated person from using a telephone facsimile machine, computer or other device to send unsolicited advertisements to a telephone facsimile machine, computer or other device. Finally, proposed Section 9.20(b)(9) sets forth the requirement that ETP Holders engaging in telemarketing must transmit caller identification information.

## **2. Statutory Basis**

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with section 6(b) of the Exchange Act<sup>9</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of section 6(b)(5)<sup>10</sup> in particular, because 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. The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change will increase the protection of investors by enabling investors who do not want to receive telephone solicitations from ETP Holders to receive the benefits and protections of the national do-not-call registry.

#### ***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 Exchange Act.

#### ***C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others***

Written comments on the proposed rule change were neither solicited nor received by the Exchange.

## **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 self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission will:

(A) By order approve such 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, as amended, is consistent with the Exchange Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

<sup>9</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>10</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

do-not-call rules. See The Do-Not-Call Implementation Act, 108 Pub. L. 10, 117 Stat. 557 (March 11, 2003).

<sup>7</sup> See 15 U.S.C. 6102(d)(2)(A), which provides that "The Rules promulgated by the Federal Trade Commission under subsection (a) shall not apply to \* \* \* [among other persons, brokers or dealers] \* \* \*". The FTC's rules were not promulgated under 15 U.S.C. 6102. The FCC's rules are not subject to this limitation and apply to all sellers and telemarketers.

<sup>8</sup> The Telemarketing and Consumer Fraud and Abuse Prevention Act of 1994 (codified at 15 U.S.C. 6102) requires the SEC to promulgate telemarketing rules substantially similar to those of the FTC or to direct self-regulatory organizations to promulgate such rules unless the SEC determines that such rules are not in the interest of investor protection.

*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](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov).

- Please include File Number SR-PCX-2005-97 on the subject line.

*Paper Comments*

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

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-PCX-2005-97. 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 Section, Station Place, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090. 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-PCX-2005-97 and should be submitted on or before July 31, 2006.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>11</sup>

**Nancy M. Morris,**  
Secretary.

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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**Self-Regulatory Organizations; The Options Clearing Corporation; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change Relating to a Surcharge for Non-Clearing Member Subscribers That Have Not Met a Mandated Conversion Date for Data Distribution Service**

June 28, 2006.

Pursuant to section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),<sup>1</sup> notice is hereby given that on May 15, 2006, The Options Clearing Corporation ("OCC") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change described in Items I, II, and III below, which items have been prepared primarily by OCC. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested parties.

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

The proposed rule change would implement a surcharge to the monthly service fee charged to non-clearing member subscribers of OCC's Data Distribution Service ("DDS") that have not converted to the new DDS format by the revised mandated conversion date of September 29, 2006.

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

In its filing with the Commission, OCC 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. OCC has prepared summaries, set forth in sections (A), (B), and (C) below, of the most significant aspects of these statements.<sup>2</sup>

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

The proposed rule change would implement a surcharge to the monthly ancillary service fee for non-clearing member subscribers that have not

converted to the new DDS<sup>3</sup> format by the revised mandated conversion date of September 29, 2006.<sup>4</sup>

*Background*

Both clearing members and non-clearing members may subscribe to DDS. A clearing member may subscribe to DDS in order to receive in a machine readable format data processed by OCC that is proprietary to such clearing member (e.g., position and post-trade entries) as well as non-proprietary data (i.e., data not specific to the clearing member) produced by OCC (e.g., options, series and prices). Non-clearing members may subscribe to DDS in order to receive certain non-proprietary data.

*Discussion*

In December, 2004, OCC informed all DDS subscribers that OCC was requiring them to convert to the new ENCORE<sup>5</sup> DDS format by February 28, 2006. Although OCC diligently worked with subscribers to facilitate their implementation of the new DDS format, it became apparent that subscribers needed additional time in order to complete their systems work. Accordingly, in December, 2005, OCC announced an extension of the mandated conversion date to September 29, 2006.

After the mandated conversion date, OCC will continue to support the legacy data service distribution system. However, for subscribers that do not meet the revised conversion date of September 29, 2006, OCC proposes to charge a monthly surcharge of \$1,000 per month in order to reasonably allocate the costs of continuing to support the legacy data distribution system. The surcharge will be imposed starting with the October, 2006, billing cycle and will continue until the subscriber converts to the new DDS format and ceases to receive any legacy data service distribution transmissions.

By a separate proposed rule change, File No. SR-OCC-2006-06, OCC is similarly proposing to apply the \$1,000 per month surcharge to clearing member subscribers to DDS that likewise fail to convert to the new format. If this filing, which is to implement the surcharge for

<sup>3</sup> For a description of the services, including DDS, offered through OCC's ancillary services program, see Securities Exchange Act File Nos. 53400 (March 2, 2006), 71 FR 12226 (March 9, 2006) [File No. SR-OCC-2006-01] and 52125 (July 26, 2005), 70 FR 44414 (August 2, 2005) [File No. SR-OCC-2005-09].

<sup>4</sup> By a separate proposed rule change, OCC will apply the same surcharge to clearing member DDS subscribers that likewise do not convert to the new DDS format by the mandated date. File No. SR-OCC-2006-06.

<sup>5</sup> ENCORE is OCC's clearing system.

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

<sup>2</sup> The Commission has modified the text of the summaries prepared by OCC.

<sup>11</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).