

Exchange proposes to implement these changes on January 2, 2008.

The Exchange proposes to restructure its Schedule of Fees and allocation of market data rebates to provide Equity Electronic Access Members ("Equity EAMs") that submit equity orders an efficient method of calculating the exact cost of trading on the ISE Stock Exchange. Specifically, rather than providing these Equity EAMs with a lump sum market data rebate every quarter, the Exchange proposes to increase the rebate for execution of equity orders that provide liquidity from \$0.0025 to \$0.0032 for securities that trade at or above \$1.00. This change will allow Equity EAMs to perform a precise cost benefit analysis in determining where to route their order flow.

The Exchange proposes to increase the rebate for the execution of equity orders submitted on an order delivery basis that provide liquidity from \$0.0025 to \$0.0027 for securities that trade at or above \$1.00, but to leave the allocation of market data rebates the same for these orders. The Exchange has determined that increasing the maker rebate, discussed above, and continuing to rebate 50% of its quote and trade revenue to Order Delivery Equity EAMs is necessary for competitive reasons, particularly in light of the fact that other markets have similar maker rebates and provisions in their market data revenue rebate program.⁶

The Exchange believes that these fee changes will not impair its ability to carry out its regulatory responsibilities. Furthermore, the Exchange intends that this rule change will not have an overall effect on the amounts rebated to Equity EAMs, except that payments will occur on a monthly instead of quarterly basis. The monies rebated to Order Delivery Equity EAMs on a quarterly basis remain unchanged.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the objectives of section 6(b) of the Act,⁷ in general, and furthers the objectives of section 6(b)(4),⁸ in particular, in that it is designed to provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among its members and issuers and other persons using its facilities.

⁶ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 56890 (December 4, 2007), 72 FR 70360 (December 11, 2007) (SR-NSX-2007-13).

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

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

The Exchange believes that 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 unsolicited written comments from members or interested parties.

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

The foregoing proposed rule change has become effective upon filing with the Commission pursuant to section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act⁹ and Rule 19b-4(f)(2)¹⁰ thereunder, because it establishes or changes a due, fee, or other charge applicable only to a member.

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 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 e-mail to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-ISE-2007-124 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-2007-124. This file

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

¹⁰ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

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, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of ISE. 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-2007-124 and should be submitted on or before February 27, 2008.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹¹

Florence E. Harmon,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-57239; File No. SR-NYSE-2007-98]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; New York Stock Exchange LLC; Order Approving Proposed Rule Change, as Modified by Amendment No. 1 Thereto, To Reduce From Six Months to Three Months the Period for Which a Company's Average Global Market Capitalization Must Exceed the Levels Established by the Exchange's Pure Valuation/Revenue Test

January 30, 2008.

I. Introduction

On October 29, 2007, the New York Stock Exchange LLC ("NYSE" or

¹¹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

“Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”) ¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² a proposed rule change to reduce from six months to three months the period for which the average global market capitalization of companies seeking to list on the Exchange must exceed the levels established by the Exchange’s “pure valuation/revenue” test contained in Section 102.01C of the Exchange’s Listed Company Manual (the “Manual”). On December 14, 2007, the Exchange filed Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change. The proposed rule change, as modified by Amendment No. 1, was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on December 26, 2007.³ The Commission received no comments on the proposal. This order approves the proposed rule change, as amended.

II. Description of the Proposal

Section 102.01C of the Exchange’s Manual requires companies listing under the Exchange’s “pure valuation/revenue” test to have a global market capitalization of \$750 million. In the case of companies listing other than in connection with an initial public offering or a spin-off or upon emergence from bankruptcy, Section 102.01C provides that the market capitalization valuation will be determined on the basis of a six-month average.

The Exchange now proposes to reduce from six months to three months the period over which prospective companies seeking to list on the Exchange must have had an average global market capitalization that meets the required level of \$750 million. In addition, the Exchange proposes to amend the rule to specify that in considering the suitability for listing of a company pursuant to this standard, the Exchange will consider whether the company’s business prospects and operating results indicate that the company’s market capitalization value is likely to be sustained or increase over time.

III. Discussion

After careful review, the Commission finds that the proposed rule change, as amended, is consistent with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to a national securities exchange and, in particular, with Section 6(b)(5) of the

Act,⁴ which requires, among other things, that the rules of a national securities exchange be designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, 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.⁵

The Commission notes that the proposed rule change does not change the quantitative global market capitalization requirement under the Exchange’s “pure valuation/revenue” test. This requirement will remain at \$750 million global market capitalization. Rather, the Exchange is shortening the time period over which the average global market capitalization of a prospective listed company must meet this level. The Commission notes that the proposed rule change requires the Exchange to look not only at the average three month market capitalization of the company but to also consider whether the company’s market capitalization is likely to be sustained or increase over time based on the company’s business prospects and operation results. The Commission therefore believes that the proposed rule change may allow the earlier listing of companies, but at the same time, it is designed to ensure that the Exchange does not list companies on the basis of a market capitalization valuation that is unlikely to be sustained. In this regard, the Commission expects that the Exchange will scrutinize companies to ensure that it will only list companies that should be able to continue to meet the market capitalization standard.

IV. Conclusion

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,⁶ that the proposed rule change (SR-NYSE-2007-98), as modified by Amendment No. 1, be, and hereby is, approved.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁷

Florence E. Harmon,
Deputy Secretary.

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¹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

² In approving this proposed rule change, the Commission has considered the proposed rule’s impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

⁴ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-57236; File No. SR-NYSE-2008-03]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; New York Stock Exchange LLC; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change to Rescind Rule 97 (Limitation on Member’s Trading Because of Block Positioning)

January 30, 2008.

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 January 11, 2008, 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, II, and III below, which Items have been substantially 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

NYSE proposes to rescind NYSE Rule 97 (Limitation on Member’s Trading Because of Block Positioning). The text of the proposed rule change is available at NYSE, the Commission’s Public Reference Room, and <http://www.nyse.com>.

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

In its filing with the Commission, NYSE included statements concerning the purpose of, and basis for, 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

Through this filing, the Exchange seeks to rescind Exchange Rule 97. Exchange Rule 97 prevents a member organization that holds a long position in a security that resulted from a block transaction with a customer from

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 56976 (December 17, 2007), 72 FR 73055.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.