

Proposed Rule Change by Chicago Stock Exchange
Pursuant to Rule 19b-4 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

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Description
Provide a brief description of the proposed rule change (limit 250 characters).

Amendment to Fee Schedule to confirm that, effective immediately, specialist fixed fees are not charged to firms during a temporary assignment of securities.

Contact Information
Provide the name, telephone number and e-mail address of the person on the staff of the self-regulatory organization prepared to respond to questions and comments on the proposed rule change.

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Signature
Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

has duly caused this filing to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Date

By

(Name) (Title)

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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The self-regulatory organization must provide all required information, presented in a clear and comprehensible manner, to enable the public to provide meaningful comment on the proposal and for the Commission to determine whether the proposal is consistent with the Act and applicable rules and regulations under the Act.

Exhibit 1 - Notice of Proposed Rule Change

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The Notice section of this Form 19b-4 must comply with the guidelines for publication in the Federal Register as well as any requirements for electronic filing as published by the Commission (if applicable). The Office of the Federal Register (OFR) offers guidance on Federal Register publication requirements in the Federal Register Document Drafting Handbook, October 1998 Revision. For example, all references to the federal securities laws must include the corresponding cite to the United States Code in a footnote. All references to SEC rules must include the corresponding cite to the Code of Federal Regulations in a footnote. All references to Securities Exchange Act Releases must include the release number, release date, Federal Register cite, Federal Register date, and corresponding file number (e.g., SR-[SRO]-xx-xx). A material failure to comply with these guidelines will result in the proposed rule change being deemed not properly filed. See also Rule 0-3 under the Act (17 CFR 240.0-3)

Exhibit 2 - Notices, Written Comments, Transcripts, Other Communications

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Copies of notices, written comments, transcripts, other communications. If such documents cannot be filed electronically in accordance with Instruction F, they shall be filed in accordance with Instruction G.

Exhibit 3 - Form, Report, or Questionnaire

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Copies of any form, report, or questionnaire that the self-regulatory organization proposes to use to help implement or operate the proposed rule change, or that is referred to by the proposed rule change.

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The full text shall be marked, in any convenient manner, to indicate additions to and deletions from the immediately preceding filing. The purpose of Exhibit 4 is to permit the staff to identify immediately the changes made from the text of the rule with which it has been working.

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The self-regulatory organization may choose to attach as Exhibit 5 proposed changes to rule text in place of providing it in Item I and which may otherwise be more easily readable if provided separately from Form 19b-4. Exhibit 5 shall be considered part of the proposed rule change.

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If the self-regulatory organization is amending only part of the text of a lengthy proposed rule change, it may, with the Commission's permission, file only those portions of the text of the proposed rule change in which changes are being made if the filing (i.e. partial amendment) is clearly understandable on its face. Such partial amendment shall be clearly identified and marked to show deletions and additions.

Form 19b-4 Information

1. Text of Proposed Rule Change

- (a) The Chicago Stock Exchange, Incorporated (the “CHX” or the “Exchange”), pursuant to Rule 19b-4 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act”), proposes to amend its Participant Fee Schedule (the “Fee Schedule”) to confirm that specialist fixed fees are not assessed to a specialist firm during any temporary assignment of securities. The text of the proposed rule change is set out below:

FEES AND ASSESSMENTS

* * *

E. Specialist Fixed Fees

* * *

These fixed fees shall not be assessed to a firm during any temporary assignment of securities.

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- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Not applicable.

2. Procedures of Self-Regulatory Organization

The Exchange’s Board of Directors unanimously approved these proposed rule changes at a meeting on February 16, 2006.

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

- (a) Under the Exchange’s rules, the Committee on Specialist Assignment and Evaluation (“CSAE”) is responsible for appointing participant firms to act as specialists on the Exchange.¹ From time to time, the CSAE may make a temporary assignment of one or more securities to a specialist firm.² Temporary assignments may be made, for example, when one specialist firm has requested

¹ See Article IV, Rule 6.

² See Article XXX, Rule 1.

and been granted the opportunity to deregister in one or more of its securities before the formal posting and assignment process has been completed.³ Through this filing, the Exchange proposes to confirm that, when a firm has been appointed to act as specialist in a security on a temporary basis, the firm will not be charged the specialist fixed fees otherwise associated with the trading of that security. The Exchange believes that this fee waiver creates an appropriate (and limited) incentive for a firm to agree to act as specialist on a temporary basis.⁴

(b) Approval of the rule changes proposed in this submission is consistent with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder that are applicable to a national securities exchange, and, in particular, with the requirements of Section 6(b). The proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)(4) of the Act in that it provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among its members and creates an appropriate (and limited) incentive for a firm to agree to act as specialist on a temporary basis.

4. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of Burden on Competition

The Exchange believes that no burden will be placed on competition as a result of the proposed rule changes.

5. 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.

6. Extension of the Time Period for Commission Action

The Exchange does not consent to an extension of the time period specified in Section 19(b)(2) of the Act.

³ When a security is to be assigned or reassigned, the Exchange notifies specialist firms of the assignment opportunity and invites applications for the security. *See* Article XXX, Rule 1, Interpretation and Policy .01, Section II. If more than one firm seeks the assignment, the CSAE holds meetings with the firms to review their demonstrated ability, experience, financial responsibility and other factors that are relevant to the CSAE's assignment decision. *See* Article XXX, Rule 1, Interpretation and Policy .01, Section II and Section III. Depending upon the number of firms applying for a security and the availability of committee members and specialist firm representatives, this process could take several weeks to complete. An interim temporary assignment allows a security to continue to be traded by a specialist firm, while the process is completed.

⁴ The Exchange also is filing a proposal to make this fee change retroactive to January 1, 2006. *See* CHX-2006-08.

7. **Basis for Summary Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3) or for Accelerated Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(2)**

The proposed rule change is to take effect pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) in that it establishes or changes a due, fee or other charge imposed by the Exchange.

8. **Proposed Rule Change Based on Rule of Another Self-Regulatory Organization or of the Commission**

Not applicable.

9. **Exhibits**

Exhibit 1: The Completed Notice of the Proposed Rule Change for publication in the Federal Register.

Exhibits 2-5: Not applicable.

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

(Release No. 34-____; File No. SR-CHX-2006-07)

SELF-REGULATORY ORGANIZATIONS

Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change by The Chicago Stock Exchange, Inc. Relating to Participant Fees and Credits.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act”), 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1), notice is hereby given that on February 26, 2006, the Chicago Stock Exchange, Inc. (“CHX” or “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II and III below, which Items have been prepared by the CHX. 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 CHX proposes to amend its Participant Fee Schedule (the “Fee Schedule”) to confirm that, effective immediately, specialist fixed fees are not assessed to a specialist firm during any temporary assignment of securities. The text of this proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s website at http://www.chx.com/rules/proposed_rules.htm and in the Commission’s Public Reference Room, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549.

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 CHX included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule changes and discussed any comments it received regarding the proposal. The text of these statements may be examined at the

places specified in Item IV below. The CHX 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 Changes*

1. Purpose

Under the Exchange's rules, the Committee on Specialist Assignment and Evaluation ("CSAE") is responsible for appointing participant firms to act as specialists on the Exchange.¹ From time to time, the CSAE may make a temporary assignment of one or more securities to a specialist firm.² Temporary assignments may be made, for example, when one specialist firm has requested and been granted the opportunity to deregister in one or more of its securities before the formal posting and assignment process has been completed.³ Through this filing, the Exchange proposes to confirm that, when a firm has been appointed to act as specialist in a security on a temporary basis, the firm will not be charged the specialist fixed fees otherwise associated with the trading of

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that security. The Exchange believes that this fee waiver creates an appropriate (and limited) incentive for a firm to agree to act as specialist on a temporary basis.⁴

2. Statutory Basis

The proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)(4) of the Act⁵ in that it provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among its members and creates an appropriate (and limited) incentive for a firm to agree to act as specialist on a temporary basis.

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule changes will impose any burden on competition.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments Regarding the Proposed Rule Changes Received from Members, Participants or Others

No written comments were either solicited or received.

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

The foregoing rule change establishes or changes a due, fee or other charge imposed by the Exchange and therefore has become effective pursuant to Section 19(B)(3)(A) of the Act⁶ and subparagraph (f)(2) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.⁷ At any time within 60 days of the filing of such rule change, the Commission may summarily abrogate such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or

⁴ The Exchange also is filing a proposal to make this fee change retroactive to January 1, 2006. *See* CHX-2006-08.

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78(f)(b)(4).

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁷ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purpose of the Act.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposal 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 No. SR-CHX-2006-07 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 No. SR-CHX-2006-07. 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 changes 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. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the CHX. 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 No. SR-CHX-2006-07 and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from publication in the Federal Register].

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁸

Nancy M. Morris
Secretary

⁸ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).