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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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99-11]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change by the American Stock Exchange LLC Relating to an Increase in the Maximum Size of Options Orders Eligible To Be Entered Through the Amex Order File System Into the Amex Options Display Book

April 19, 1999.

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 March 29,
1999, the American Stock Exchange LLC
("Amex" 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.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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

The Exchange proposes to increase
from 50 to 100 the maximum number of
equity and index option contracts in an
order that may be entered through the
Amex Order File System ("AOF") into
the Amex Options Display Book
("AODB"). The text of the proposed rule
change is available at the Office of the
Secretary, Amex and 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
Amex 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 AOF routes orders to specialists'
order books and to Auto-Ex, an
automatic execution system that
executes public customer market and
marketable limit orders in options at the
best bid or offer displayed at the time
the order is entered. Currently, the AOF
permits a Member or Member Firm to
enter orders for up to 50 option
contracts directly into an Exchange
specialist's order book (the AODB)³
from off the Exchange's trading floor
and orders of up to 20 contracts into
Auto-Ex.⁴

Amex proposes to increase the
maximum size of options orders that
may be entered through the AOF into

³ The Exchange represents that currently, orders
for more than 50 option contracts are either
manually entered by the specialist into the AODB
or "worked" in the crowd. Telephone conversation
between Scott Van Hatten, Legal Counsel, Amex
and Gordon Fuller, Special Counsel, Division of
Market Regulation ("Division"), SEC (April 7,
1999).

⁴ The Commission notes that Amex received
Commission approval to increase the maximum size
of orders entered into Auto-Ex from 20 options
contracts to 50. Securities Exchange Act Release No.
41098 (February 24, 1999), 64 FR 10511 (March 4,
1999) (File No. SR-Amex-98-44). Amex represents,
however, that the Auto-Ex order size limit is
currently set at 20 contracts. Telephone
conversation between Scott Van Hatten, Amex, and
David Sieradzki and Gordon Fuller, Special
Counsels, Division, SEC (April 5, 1999).

the AODB from 50 to 100 option
contracts.⁵ This increase in maximum
size of orders eligible for automated
entry into the AODB will permit
Members and Member Firms to send a
larger percentage of orders directly to a
specialist's order book for execution,
resulting in increased automated order
handling. Amex believes this increased
automated order handling will benefit
customers as well as Members and
Member Firms by expanding the
number of option orders eligible for
automated handling and promoting the
orderly and timely delivery, processing
and execution of such orders.

The Exchange represents that AOF/
AODB has been successful in enhancing
execution and operational efficiencies.
It anticipates that the proposed increase
in the AOF's maximum order size
parameters should further increase
execution and operational efficiencies
realized since the introduction of the
AOF.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange represents that the
proposed rule change is consistent with
Section 6(b)⁶ of the Act, in general, and
further the objectives of Section
6(b)(5)⁷ in particular, because 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.⁸

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

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

⁵ Amex represents that its systems capacity is
sufficient to accommodate the anticipated increased
volume of orders entered into AODB as a result of
the increase in maximum order size. Telephone
conversation between Scott Van Hatten, Amex, and
David Sieradzki and Gordon Fuller, Special
Counsels, Division, SEC (April 5, 1999).

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

⁸ In reviewing this proposal, the Commission has
considered its impact on efficiency, competition,
and capital formation. 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

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

The Amex represents that the foregoing rule change effects a change in an Amex order-entry system that: (1) Does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (2) does not impose any significant burden on competition; and (3) does not have the effect of limiting the access to or availability of the system. Therefore, the rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act⁹ and subparagraph (f)(5) of Rule 19b-4 under the Act.¹⁰

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. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549. 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 at the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-Amex-99-11 and should be submitted by May 18, 1999.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹¹

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change by the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. Relating to SelectNet Fees

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 March 24, 1999, the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. ("NASD" or "Association"), through its wholly-owned subsidiary the Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc. ("Nasdaq"), 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 Nasdaq.

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

The NASD is submitting this proposed rule change to extend, through March 31, 2000, the fees currently charged under NASD Rule 7010(l) for the execution of transactions in SelectNet as discussed below. If no further action is taken, SelectNet fees will revert to their original per-side level on April 1, 2000.³

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. Nasdaq has prepared summaries, set forth below in Sections A, B, and C 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

Nasdaq is proposing to again extend its current reduced SelectNet fees. The

reasons for Nasdaq's prevailing SelectNet fee structure were fully explained in its original fee structure proposal filed with the Commission in February of 1998.⁴ Since then, SelectNet usage has continued at significantly elevated levels. As such, Nasdaq believes that an extension of these reduced fees, through March 31, 2000, is warranted. Under the proposed extension, SelectNet fees would continue to be assessed in the following manner: (1) \$1.00 will be charged for each SelectNet order entered and directed to one particular market participant that is subsequently executed in whole or in part, (2) no fee will be charged to a member who receives and executes a directed SelectNet order, (3) the existing \$2.50 fee will remain in effect for both sides of executed SelectNet orders that result from broadcast messages; and (4) a \$0.25 fee will remain in effect for any member who cancels a SelectNet order. Nasdaq will continue to monitor and review SelectNet activity to determine if further extensions of its reduced SelectNet fee structure are appropriate. If no further action is taken, SelectNet fees will revert to their original \$2.50 per-side level on April 1, 2000.

For the reason set forth above, Nasdaq believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 15A(b)(5) of the Act,⁵ which requires that the rules of the NASD provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among members and issuers and other persons using any facility or system which the NASD operates or controls.

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

The NASD believes that the proposed rule change will not 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

Comments were neither solicited nor received.

⁴ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 39641 (February 10, 1998), 63 FR 8241 (February 18, 1998). Nasdaq's current reduced fee structure was originally approved for a 90 day trial period, commencing the day that the proposal was published in the **Federal Register**. The reduced fees were extended in May, September and November of 1998 and would expire on March 31, 1999, if not extended by this filing. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 40783 (December 11, 1998), 63 FR 70177 (December 18, 1998).

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78o-3(b)(5).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ Nasdaq notes that it recently filed with the Commission a rule proposal to, in part, return SelectNet to a pure order delivery and negotiation facility. See SR-NASD-99-11. Notwithstanding the one year extension of reduced fees contemplated here, Nasdaq reserves the right to adjust its SelectNet pricing by proposed rule change pending the approval of SR-NASD-99-11.

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹⁰ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(5).

¹¹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).