

Lord Abbett Delta Fund [File No. 811-10177]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. Applicant has never made a public offering of its securities and does not propose to make a public offering or engage in business of any kind.

Filing Dates: The application was filed on March 27, 2006, and amended on May 18, 2006.

Applicant's Address: 90 Hudson St., Jersey City, NJ 07302.

North American Separate Account VAI [File No. 811-21426]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. Applicant requests deregistration based on abandonment of registration. Applicant is not now engaged, or intending to engage, in any business activities, other than those necessary for winding up its affairs.

Filing Date: The application was filed on April 20, 2006.

Applicant's Address: North American Company for Life & Health Insurance of New York, 990 Stewart Avenue, Garden City, New York 11530.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, pursuant to delegated authority.

J. Lynn Taylor,

Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-53873; File No. SR-Amex-2006-52]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; American Stock Exchange LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Amend Numerical Designations of Paragraphs in Amex Rule 935—ANTE

May 25, 2006.

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 May 19, 2006, the American Stock Exchange LLC ("Amex" or "Exchange") submitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by Amex. The Exchange

filed the proposal as a "non-controversial" proposed rule change pursuant to section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act³ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder,⁴ which renders it effective upon filing with the Commission. 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

Amex seeks to correct the numerical designations of paragraphs in Amex Rule 935—ANTE. The text of the proposed rule change is available on Amex's Web site (<http://www.amex.com>), at Amex's Office of the Secretary, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

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

In its filing with the Commission, Amex 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**

On March 14, 2006, the Exchange submitted a proposal to amend Amex Rule 935—ANTE to revise the manner in which executed contracts are allocated when more than one market participant is either quoting, or has orders, at the Amex best bid or offer at the time the execution occurs. However, by the time this filing was approved on May 12, 2006,⁵ other changes to Rule 935—ANTE were approved⁶ and the numerical designations of the new paragraphs to this rule were no longer in order. This filing merely seeks to correct this formatting error to keep published rules organized.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

⁵ See Exchange Act Release No. 53798 (May 12, 2006), 71 FR 29193 (May 19, 2006).

⁶ See Exchange Act Release Nos. 53635 (April 12, 2006), 71 FR 20144 (April 12, 2006) and 53652 (April 13, 2006), 71 FR 20422 (April 20, 2006).

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act and the rules and regulations under the Act applicable to a national securities exchange and, in particular, the requirements of section 6(b) of the Act.⁷ Specifically, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the section 6(b)(5) of the Act,⁸ which requires that the rules of an exchange be designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest.

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

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change will impose no 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

No written comments were either solicited or received by the Exchange on this proposal.

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)(iii) of the Act⁹ and subparagraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4¹⁰ 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 Act.

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

¹⁰ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

Under Rule 19b-4(f)(6) of the Act,¹¹ the proposal does not become operative for 30 days after the date of its filing, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Amex has requested that the Commission waive the five-day pre-filing requirement¹² and the 30-day operative delay to allow for the expeditious and accurate publication of Amex rules. The Commission believes that the Amex's proposal raises no new issues or regulatory concerns as it is simply a proposal to reformat rule text changes that have already been approved by the Commission. Therefore, the Commission, consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest, has determined to waive the five-day pre-filing requirement and the 30-day operative date so that the proposal may take effect upon filing.¹³

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-Amex-2006-52 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-Amex-2006-52. 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 Room. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Amex. 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-Amex-2006-52 and should be submitted on or before June 23, 2006.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁴

J. Lynn Taylor,

Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-34-53872; File No. SR-CBOE-2006-45]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated; Notice of Filing of a Proposed Rule Change Regarding Its Board Review Authority

May 25, 2006.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act"),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on May 5, 2006, the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated ("CBOE" 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 prepared by CBOE. 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 proposes to amend its rules to clarify the authority of its Board

of Directors ("Board") with respect to actions or inactions of committees of CBOE and CBOE staff. The text of the proposed rule change is below. Proposed new language is in *italics*; proposed deletions are in [brackets].

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Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated

Rules

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Chapter II Organization and Administration (Rules 2.1-2.40)

Part A—Committees (Rule 2.1)

Rule 2.1. Committees of the Exchange

(a)–(c) No change.
(d) General Duties and Powers of Committees. Each committee shall administer the provisions of the Constitution and the rules of the Exchange pertaining to matters within its jurisdiction. *In addition to any powers and duties specifically granted in the Constitution or Rules,* e[Each committee shall have *only* such other powers and duties as may be delegated to it by the Board of Directors. Each committee is subject to the control and supervision of the Board of Directors.

Part B—Board Review (Rule 2.2)

Rule 2.2. Power of the Board to Review Exchange Decisions

In connection with any delegation to a committee or committees pursuant to Article EIGHTH of the Certificate of Incorporation, the Board retains the power and authority to review, affirm, modify, suspend or overrule any and all actions or inactions of committees and of all officers, representatives or designees of the Exchange; provided, however, that such power and authority shall not apply to (a) actions taken (or inactions) pursuant to Chapters XVII, XVIII and XIX of the Rules, unless specifically provided for in those Rules, or (b) actions taken by (or inactions of) the Nominating Committee or Executive Committee pursuant to Article IV of the Constitution.

Part [B]C—Departments (Rule 2.15)

No change.

Part [C]D—Dues, Fees and Other Charges (Rules 2.20-2.40)

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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, CBOE included statements concerning

¹¹ *Id.*

¹² Amex provided the Commission with written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change one day prior to the filing date.

¹³ For purposes only of waiving the operative delay for this proposal, the Commission has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. ¹⁵ U.S.C. 78c(f).

¹⁴ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹⁵ U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.