

easily navigate and understand the Exchange's rulebook, thereby avoiding potential confusion.

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule changes will impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The proposed changes are not designed to address any competitive issue or attract additional order flow to the Exchange. Rather, these changes would update, remove, and clarify outdated cross-references and definitions, and redundant language, and also conform the Exchange's rules and definitions to the rules of an affiliated exchange, thereby reducing potential confusion and making the Exchange's rules easier to understand and navigate. The Exchange notes that it and its affiliate, NYSE American, operate in a similar manner and consistent rules across the Exchange and NYSE American would reduce the likelihood of potential investor confusion. Therefore, the proposed rule change is not intended to impose a burden on competition but rather provide for standardized rules and a consistent set of obligations for common members as well as those members that are engaged in market making activities on both the Exchange and NYSE American.

C. 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 with respect to the proposed rule change.

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

The Exchange has filed the proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act³⁰ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.³¹ Because the proposed rule change does not: (i) significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) become operative prior to 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the

Commission may designate, if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest, the proposed rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) thereunder.

At any time within 60 days of the filing of such proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend 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. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings under Section 19(b)(2)(B)³² of the Act to determine whether the proposed rule change should be approved or 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 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 email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-NYSEARCA-2018-65 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090.
- All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NYSEARCA-2018-65. This file number should be included on the subject line if email 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 website (<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 website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change. Persons submitting comments are cautioned that we do not redact or edit personal identifying information from comment submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NYSEARCA-2018-65 and should be submitted on or before October 9, 2018.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.³³

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Upon Written Request Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of FOIA Services, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549-2736

Extension:

Regulation 14A (Commission Rules 14a-1 through 14a-21 and Schedule 14A), SEC File No. 270-056, OMB Control No. 3235-0059

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") is soliciting comments on the collection of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

Section 14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") operates to make it unlawful for a company with a class of securities registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act to solicit proxies in contravention of such rules and regulations as the Commission has prescribed as necessary or appropriate in the public interest or for the protection of investors. The Commission

³⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

³¹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). In addition, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) requires the Exchange to give the Commission written notice of the Exchange's intent to file the proposed rule change, along with a brief description and text of the proposed rule change, at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The Exchange has satisfied this requirement.

³² 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2)(B).

³³ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

has promulgated Regulation 14A to regulate the solicitation of proxies or consents. Regulation 14A (Exchange Act Rules 14a-1 through 14a-21 and Schedule 14A) (17 CFR 240.14a-1 through 240.14a-21 and 240.14a-101) sets forth the requirements for the dissemination, content and filing of proxy or consent solicitation materials in connection with annual or other meetings of holders of a Section 12-registered class of securities. We estimate that Schedule 14A takes approximately 130.4052 hours per response and will be filed by approximately 5,586 issuers annually. In addition, we estimate that 75% of the 130.4052 hours per response (97.8035 hours) is prepared by the issuer for an annual reporting burden of 546,333 hours (97.89 hours per response × 5,586 responses).

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden imposed by the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number.

Please direct your written comments to Pamela Dyson, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Candace Kenner, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549 or send an email to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov.

Dated: September 12, 2018.

Eduardo A. Aleman,
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; New York Stock Exchange LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Amend Its Price List To Amend the Threshold Levels and Rebate Amounts Payable Under the Liquidity Provider Incentive Program, and To Amend the Rebate Amount Payable Under the Agency Order Incentive Program

September 12, 2018.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1)¹ of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act”)² and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,³ notice is hereby given that, on August 31, 2018, New York Stock Exchange LLC (“NYSE” or the “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 self-regulatory organization. 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 Price List to amend the threshold levels and rebate amounts payable under the Liquidity Provider Incentive Program, and amend the rebate amount payable under the Agency Order Incentive Program. The Exchange proposes to implement the fee changes effective September 1, 2018. The proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s website at www.nyse.com, at the principal office of the Exchange, 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, the self-regulatory organization 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 those 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 parts of such statements.

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

1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to amend its Price List to amend the threshold levels and rebate amounts payable under the Liquidity Provider Incentive Program, and amend the rebate amount payable under the Agency Order Incentive Program. The Exchange proposes to implement the fee changes effective September 1, 2018.

Liquidity Provider Incentive Program

Pursuant to the Liquidity Provider Incentive Program,⁴ a User⁵ can qualify for a daily rebate based on the number of qualifying CUSIPs⁶ on the NYSE Bonds Book for which a Unique User⁷ meets prescribed quoting requirements. The Exchange proposes to amend the threshold levels and rebate amounts payable under the Liquidity Provider Incentive Program to encourage participants to meet the quoting requirements in a greater number of CUSIPs.

Currently, the daily rebate amount is tiered based on the number of qualifying CUSIPs that meet quoting requirements, as follows:

Number of qualifying CUSIPs	Daily rebate
400–599	\$500

⁴ See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 77591 (April 12, 2016), 81 FR 22656 (April 18, 2016) (SR-NYSE-2016-26); 77812 (May 11, 2016), 81 FR 30594 (May 17, 2016) (SR-NYSE-2016-34); 79210 (November 1, 2016), 81 FR 78213 (November 7, 2016) (SR-NYSE-2016-68); and 80934 (June 15, 2017), 82 FR 28173 (June 20, 2017) (SR-NYSE-2017-27).

⁵ A User is any Member or Member Organization, Sponsored Participant, or Authorized Trader that is authorized to access NYSE Bonds. See Rule 86(b)(2)(M). For purposes of the Liquidity Provider Incentive Program, a User is a Member or Member Organization that is authorized to access NYSE Bonds.

⁶ CUSIP stands for Committee on Uniform Securities Identification Procedures. A CUSIP number identifies most financial instruments, including: stocks of all registered U.S. and Canadian companies, commercial paper, and U.S. government and municipal bonds. The CUSIP system—owned by the American Bankers Association and managed by Standard & Poor’s—facilitates the clearance and settlement process of securities. See <http://www.sec.gov/answers/cusip.htm>.

⁷ For purposes of the Liquidity Provider Incentive Program, the term ‘Unique User’ means a User, a trading desk of a User, or a customer of a User, on whose behalf a Member or Member Organization enters quotes or orders under a Unique User ID that such User requests from and is provided by the Exchange. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 80934 (June 15, 2017), 82 FR 28173 (June 20, 2017) (SR-NYSE-2017-27).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 15 U.S.C. 78a.

³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4.