

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Pub. L. 94-409, that the Securities and Exchange Commission Equity Market Structure Advisory Committee will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, August 2, 2016, in the Multipurpose Room, LL-006 at the Commission's headquarters, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC

The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. (EDT) and will be open to the public. Seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Doors will be open at 9:00 a.m. Visitors will be subject to security checks. The meeting will be webcast on the Commission's Web site at www.sec.gov.

On July 13, 2016, the Commission published notice of the Committee meeting (Release No. 34-78308), indicating that the meeting is open to the public and inviting the public to submit written comments to the Committee. This Sunshine Act notice is being issued because a majority of the Commission may attend the meeting.

The agenda for the meeting will focus on updates and potential recommendations from the four subcommittees.

For further information, please contact Brent J. Fields from the Office of the Secretary at (202) 551-5400.

Dated: July 26, 2016.

Brent J. Fields,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-78417]

Order Granting Application of Investors' Exchange LLC for a Limited Exemption from Exchange Act Rule 10b-10(a)(2)(i)(A) pursuant to Rule 10b-10(f)

July 26, 2016.

I. Introduction

By letter dated July 19, 2016 ("the Application"), Investors' Exchange LLC ("IEX" or the "Exchange") requests a limited exemption from the requirements of Rule 10b-10(a)(2)(i)(A) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act") on behalf of

Members¹ that execute trades on the Exchange for their customers. As discussed in the Application, IEX will operate a fully automated electronic order book with a continuous, automated matching function that will provide for strict price-display-time priority execution ("Trading System").² The order book and the Exchange's rules provide for post trade anonymity through settlement for trades executed through IEX.³

II. Background⁴

a. The Exchange

IEX is registered as a national securities exchange under Section 6 of the Exchange Act.⁵ The Members of the Exchange consist of those broker-dealers admitted to Membership and entitled to enter orders in, and receive executions through, the Exchange's order book or otherwise.

The Exchange will operate an order book for orders with a continuous, automated matching function, in compliance with the Exchange's rules and Regulation NMS under the Act.⁶ Liquidity will be derived from orders to buy and orders to sell submitted to the Exchange electronically by its Members from remote locations.

The order book and the Exchange's rules will provide for strict price-display-time priority execution. Under IEX Rule 11.220, orders will be prioritized on a strict price-display-time basis, first by price, then by display (with displayed orders and displayed portions of orders having precedence over non-displayed orders and non-displayed portions of orders at a given price) and then by time. Incoming orders are first matched for execution

¹ Unless otherwise defined in this order, defined terms used have the same meaning as described in the Exchange Rules.

² See IEX Rule 11.220. IEX represents that the Exchange's rules do not provide for any special order type that would be an exception to the strict price-display-time priority handling of orders as set forth in IEX Rule 11.220.

³ As explained in the Application, the Exchange does not request an exemption from Rule 10b-10(a)(2)(i)(A) for when it reveals the identity of a Member or a Member's clearing firm: (i) For regulatory purposes or to comply with an order of a court or arbitrator; or (ii) when a Registered Clearing Agency (such as the National Securities Clearing Corporation) ceases to act for a Member or the Member's clearing firm, and determines not to guarantee the settlement of the Member's trades. See IEX Rule 11.250(d)(2).

⁴ Background information is derived from the Application.

⁵ See In the Matter of the Application of: Investors' Exchange, LLC for Registration as a National Securities Exchange; Findings, Opinion, and Order of the Commission, Exchange Act Release No. 78101 (June 17, 2016), 81 FR 41141 (June 23, 2016).

⁶ See 17 CFR 242.600 *et seq.*

against orders in the IEX order book. Orders that cannot be executed are eligible for routing to away trading centers, if consistent with the terms of the orders.⁷ All trades will be executed through the Exchange's Trading System on an anonymous basis. The transaction reports produced by the Trading System will indicate the details of transactions executed in the Trading System but shall not reveal the contra party identities. Transactions executed in the Trading System will also be cleared and settled anonymously.⁸

The order book's matching system algorithm permits orders originated by an IEX Member to execute against other orders from the same participant on the same basis as orders from other Members. In the order book's handling of displayed orders, which is based on strict price-display-time priority, a Member could receive an execution against itself, and under the Exchange's Rules, the Member would not know that it was the contra-side of the trade at the time of execution.

a. Rule 10b-10

Rule 10b-10 under the Exchange Act generally requires broker-dealers effecting a customer transaction in securities (other than U.S. savings bonds or municipal securities)⁹ to provide a written notification to its customer, at or before completion of a securities transaction, that discloses information specific to the transaction. In particular, under Rule 10b-10(a)(2)(i)(A), when a broker-dealer acts as agent for a customer, for some other person, or for both a customer and some other person, the broker-dealer must disclose "[t]he name of the person from whom the security was purchased, or to whom it was sold, for such customer or the fact that the information will be furnished upon written request of such customer" (the "Contra-Party Identity Requirement").

III. Relief Sought

As explained in the Application, trades are executed with total anonymity on IEX, where the identity of the actual contra-party is not revealed

⁷ See IEX Rule 11.230. The Exchange understands that the exemptive relief would not apply to any situation in which the Trading System routes an order to an away trading center for execution, as such executions would be governed by the rules of the away trading center.

⁸ Except for the conditions set forth in IEX Rule 11.250(d)(2). See *supra* note 3.

⁹ Municipal securities are subject to the transaction confirmations requirements under Rule C-15 of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.

when the trade is executed.¹⁰ Because of this, Members will not know the identity of the party to whom they sold securities or from whom they purchased securities. Without this information, Members would not be able to comply with the Contra-Party Identity Requirement of Rule 10b–10. To permit IEX Members to utilize the Exchange without violating Rule 10b–10 under the Exchange Act, on behalf of its Members, is seeking an exemption under Rule 10b–10(f) from the Contra-Party Identity Requirement of Rule 10b–10 when Members execute transactions at IEX, as described in the Application.

IV. Conclusion

Based on the facts and representations contained in the Application, we find that it is appropriate and in the public interest and consistent with the protection of investors to grant the Exchange, on behalf of its Members, a limited exemption from the Contra-Party Identity Requirement in Rule 10b–10(a)(2)(i)(A).

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, pursuant to Rule 10b–10(f) of the Exchange Act, that IEX Members, based on the representations and facts contained in the Application, are exempt from the requirements of Rule 10b–10(a)(2)(i)(A) of the Exchange Act, to the extent that Members execute trades for their customers on the Exchange using the IEX Trading System. This exemption is limited to trades that Members execute on IEX using the post trade anonymity feature described in the Application.¹¹

The foregoing exemption is subject to modification or revocation if at any time the Commission determines that such action is necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Exchange Act.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹²

Robert W. Errett,
Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–78407; File No. SR–CBOE–2016–057]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change Relating to Tied to Stock Orders

July 25, 2016.

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 July 21, 2016, Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated (the “Exchange” or “CBOE”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. 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 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 proposed rule change deletes Rules 6.53(y), 6.77(e) and 15.2A. The text of the proposed rule change is provided below.

(additions are *underlined*; deletions are [bracketed])

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Chicago Board Options Exchange,
Incorporated Rules

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Rule 6.53. Certain Types of Orders Defined

One or more of the following order types may be made available on a class-by-class basis. Certain order types may not be made available for all Exchange systems. The classes and/or systems for which the order types shall be available will be as provided in the Rules, as the context may indicate, or as otherwise specified via Regulatory Circular.

(a)–(x) No change.

[(y) Tied to Stock Order. An order is “tied to stock” if, at the time the Trading Permit Holder representing the order on the Exchange receives or

initiates the order, the Trading Permit Holder has knowledge that the order is coupled with an order(s) for the underlying stock or a security convertible into the underlying stock (“convertible security”). The representing Trading Permit Holder must include an indicator on each tied to stock order upon systemization, unless:

(i) The order is submitted to the Exchange as part of a qualified contingent cross order (as defined in this Rule 6.53) through an Exchange-approved device;

(ii) the order is submitted to the Exchange for electronic processing as a stock-option order (as defined in Rule 6.53C); or

(iii) all of the component orders are systematized on a single order ticket.

An order is not “tied to stock” if it is not coupled with an order(s) for the underlying stock or convertible security at the time of receipt or initiation (e.g., an option order that is received or initiated to hedge a previously executed stock transaction, an option transaction or position that is hedged with a subsequently received or initiated stock order).]

. . . Interpretations and Policies:

.01–.02 No change.

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Rule 6.77. Order Service Firms

(a)–(d) No change.

[(e) Order service firms must submit reports pursuant to Rule 15.2A with respect to the stock transactions it executes on behalf of market-makers pursuant to this Rule 6.77.]

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[Rule 15.2A. Reports of Execution of Stock Transactions

In a manner and form prescribed by the Exchange, each Trading Permit Holder must, on the business day following the order execution date, report to the Exchange the following information for the executed stock or convertible security legs of QCC orders, stock-option orders and other tied to stock orders that the Trading Permit Holder executed on the Exchange that trading day: (a) Time of execution, (b) execution quantity, (c) execution price, (d) venue of execution, and (e) any other information requested by the Exchange. A Trading Permit Holder may arrange for its clearing firm to submit these reports on its behalf; provided that if the clearing firm does not report an executed stock order, the Trading Permit Holder will be responsible for reporting the information.

. . . Interpretation and Policies:

¹⁰ Except for the conditions set forth in IEX Rule 11.250(d)(2). See *supra* note 3.

¹¹ This exemption does not apply: (a) To orders routed to an away trading center for execution; (b) under the circumstances described in note 3 *supra*; or (c) if the functionality of IEX’s order book were to be changed to allow a broker-dealer to select or influence against whom its orders will be executed as described in the Application on page 5 and note 10.

¹² 17 CFR 200.30–3(32).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b–4(f)(6).