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#### *Electronic Comments*

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- Send an email to [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR-BYX-2014-002 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-BYX-2014-002. 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 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 Web site 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 such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. 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-BYX-2014-002 and should be submitted on or before April 10, 2014.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>14</sup>

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## **SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

[Release No. 34-71727; File No. SR-BATS-2014-005]

### **Self-Regulatory Organizations; BATS Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Related to Fees for Use of BATS Exchange, Inc.**

March 14, 2014.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act"),<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on March 4, 2014, BATS Exchange, Inc. (the "Exchange" or "BATS") 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 the Exchange. The Exchange has designated the proposed rule change as one establishing or changing a member due, fee, or other charge imposed by the Exchange under Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act<sup>3</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(2) thereunder,<sup>4</sup> which renders the proposed rule change 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 the Substance of the Proposed Rule Change**

The Exchange filed a proposal to amend the fee schedule applicable to Members<sup>5</sup> and non-members of the Exchange pursuant to BATS Rules 15.1(a) and (c). Changes to the fee schedule pursuant to this proposal are effective upon filing.

The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Exchange's Web site at <http://www.batstrading.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 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 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 Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change*

##### **1. Purpose**

The Exchange proposes to modify the "Equities Pricing" section of its fee schedule effective March 3, 2014, in order to amend the fees for certain routing strategies based on a change of fees at the New York Stock Exchange LLC ("NYSE"). The Exchange also proposes to remove certain unnecessary language from the definition of "TCV", or total consolidated volume.

The Exchange has previously provided a discounted fee for Destination Specific Orders routed to certain of the largest market centers measured by volume (NYSE, NYSE Arca and NASDAQ), which, in each instance has been \$0.0001 less per share for orders routed to such market centers by the Exchange than such market centers currently charge for removing liquidity (referred to by the Exchange as "One Under" pricing). NYSE is implementing certain pricing changes effective March 1, 2014, including modification from a fee to remove liquidity of \$0.0025 per share to a fee of \$0.0026 per share.<sup>6</sup> Based on the changes in pricing at NYSE, BATS is proposing to increase its fee for Destination Specific Orders<sup>7</sup> executed at NYSE so that the fee remains \$0.0001 less per share for orders routed to NYSE. Specifically, the Exchange proposes to increase the fee charged for BATS + NYSE Destination Specific Orders executed at NYSE from \$0.0024 per share to \$0.0025 per share.

In addition, the Exchange offers a variety of routing strategies, including "SLIM" and "TRIM," each of which has a specific fee for an execution that occurs at NYSE.<sup>8</sup> Consistent with its One Under pricing model, the Exchange currently charges \$0.0024 per share for executions that occur at NYSE through SLIM and TRIM. Based on the increased fee at NYSE, the Exchange proposes to increase the fee charged for SLIM and

<sup>6</sup> See SR-NYSE-2014-09, filed February 24, 2014, available at: <http://www.nyse.com/nyse-notices/nyse/rule-filings/list>.

<sup>7</sup> As defined in Exchange Rule 11.9(c)(12).

<sup>8</sup> See Exchange Rule 11.13(a)(3)(G) for a description of the TRIM routing strategy and Exchange Rule 11.13(a)(3)(H) for a description of the SLIM routing strategy.

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

<sup>3</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

<sup>4</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

<sup>5</sup> A Member is any registered broker or dealer that has been admitted to membership in the Exchange.

<sup>14</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

TRIM orders executed at NYSE from \$0.0024 per share to \$0.0025 per share.

In addition to the changes described above related to orders routed to NYSE through certain Exchange routing strategies, the Exchange proposes to eliminate certain unnecessary language from the fee schedule. Beginning on December 9, 2013, the Exchange temporarily excluded odd lot executions from the calculation of average daily TCV, as defined on the Exchange's fee schedule as it relates to "Equities Pricing."<sup>9</sup> Specifically, odd lots were excluded from the calculation of TCV through January 31, 2014. The Exchange proposes to remove language regarding the exclusion of odd lots, as such exclusion has expired and is thus no longer necessary.

## 2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change 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 of the Act.<sup>10</sup> Specifically, the Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)(4) of the Act,<sup>11</sup> in that it provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among members and other persons using any facility or system which the Exchange operates or controls. The Exchange notes that it operates in a highly competitive market in which market participants can readily direct order flow to competing venues if they deem fee levels at a particular venue to be excessive. The Exchange believes that the proposed changes to certain of the Exchange's non-standard routing fees and strategies are equitably allocated, fair and reasonable, and non-discriminatory in that they are equally applicable to all Members and are designed to provide a reduced fee for orders routed to NYSE through Exchange routing strategies as compared to applicable fees for executions if such routed orders were instead executed directly by the Member at NYSE.

The Exchange also believes that its removal of language from the definition of TCV regarding the odd lot exclusion that has expired is consistent with the Act. This change will help to avoid confusion and does not substantively

change the fees imposed by the Exchange.

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will result in any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act, as amended. Because the market for order execution is extremely competitive, Members may readily opt to disfavor the Exchange's routing services if they believe that alternatives offer them better value. For an order routed through the Exchange and executed at NYSE through the applicable routing strategies, the proposed fee change is designed to maintain a slight discount compared to the fee the Member would have paid if such routed order was instead executed directly by a Member at NYSE. The proposed change to remove the language for the exclusion of odd lots imposes no burden on competition because such exclusion explicitly expired on January 31, 2014.

## 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.

## 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) of the Act<sup>12</sup> and paragraph (f) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.<sup>13</sup> At any time within 60 days of the filing of the 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.

## 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:

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<sup>9</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 71140 (December 19, 2013), 78 FR 78460 (December 26, 2013) (SR-BATS-2013-063).

<sup>10</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f.

<sup>11</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

<sup>12</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>13</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f).

<sup>14</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).