

ADF Trading Center during its first quarter of operations on the ADF or portion thereof, and will also not assess any SIP penalties on an ADF Trading Center that exceeds its projected message traffic during this time. FINRA believes these provisions are consistent with the Act because they will provide a new ADF Trading Center with the opportunity to acquire data on its quote, order and trade reporting activity on the ADF prior to making capacity projections to which the fees and SIP penalties will apply.

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

FINRA 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. FINRA notes that the Plan is designed to assist FINRA in meeting its regulatory obligations and maintaining the stability of the ADF while enhancing FINRA's ability to submit accurate volume projections to the consolidated data plans and minimizing the need for FINRA to expend unnecessary resources to maintain data capacity that will not be used. Given that the terms of the Plan, including the Excess and Shortfall Fees, are reasonably designed, in part, to assist FINRA in minimizing unnecessary expenditures in connection with ADF data capacity, FINRA does not believe that the Plan imposes an undue burden on competition on potential ADF Trading Centers or other FINRA members. In this regard, FINRA also notes that the proposed change would apply only to those members that choose to become ADF Trading Centers and use the ADF, and that the terms of the Plan, including the Excess and Shortfall Fees, would not apply to members that are not ADF Trading Centers. Additionally, following discussions with potential ADF Trading Centers, FINRA does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose a significant operational burden on such participants. Indeed, FINRA believes that certain aspects of the proposal, such as the methodology for assessing the Excess and Shortfall Fees, will provide ADF Trading Centers with an element of certainty in calculating the potential costs they might incur in connection with the ADF. In addition, while the Plan requires that ADF Trading Centers provide reasonable capacity estimates, it generally does not restrict ADF Trading Centers' ongoing activities if they exceed such estimates, except where the ADF system's stability or the ability of FINRA to meet its

regulatory obligations with respect to the ADF are threatened.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

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

Within 45 days of the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** or within such longer period (i) as the Commission may designate up to 90 days of such date if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or (ii) as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission will:

- (A) By order approve or disapprove such proposed rule change, or
- (B) institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be 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-FINRA-2013-054 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Elizabeth M. Murphy, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-FINRA-2013-054. 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 offices of FINRA. 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-FINRA-2013-054, and should be submitted on or before January 29, 2014.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.³²

Kevin M. O'Neill,
Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-71229; File No. SR-Topaz-2013-18]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Topaz Exchange, LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Make Non-Controversial Changes to Its Rules

January 2, 2014.

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 December 23, 2013, the Topaz Exchange, LLC (d/b/a ISE Gemini) (the "Exchange" or "Topaz") 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 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 a number of non-controversial and technical changes to its rules. Examples of such

³² 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

corrections include updating Topaz rule number citations and cross references, correcting typographical errors and deleting obsolete rule text. The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's Internet Web site at <http://www.ise.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 these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The self-regulatory organization 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 Exchange is proposing to make a number of non-controversial changes and technical corrections to its rules. Examples of such corrections include updating rule number citations and cross-references, correcting typographical errors, and deleting obsolete rule text. Following is a narrative description of each of the corrections:

- Topaz Rule 701 (Trading Rotations) is being amended to make a non-substantive change to correct a typographical error in paragraph (b)(2) and to remove the first sentence in paragraph (c), which states that trading in options will close 2 minutes after the primary market on which the underlying stock trades closes for trading. This reference to a 4:02 p.m. closing was imported from the International Securities Exchange ("ISE") rule book, but should have been removed when the hours of trading on the ISE were amended,³ but was inadvertently overlooked.

- Topaz Rule 705 (Limitation of Liability) is being amended to change a non-substantive word to update the sentence structure of paragraph (a).

- Topaz Rule 715 (Types of Orders) is being amended to add the defined terms of "Day Order" and "Good-Till-

Cancelled Order (GTC Order)." The addition of these two order types qualify for non-controversial treatment as there is nothing new or novel with respect to these types of orders. Additionally, the Chicago Board Options Exchange has identical order types.⁴

- Topaz Rules 803(c) is being amended to remove underlining that does not belong. Topaz Rules 803, 810 and 811 are being amended to remove cross-references to Rule 803(c)(2) and replace them with the correct cross-references, where applicable. These cross-references were imported from the ISE rule book, which were inadvertently missed when paragraph 803(c)(2) was deleted from the ISE rules.⁵

- Topaz Rule 804(d)(3) is being deleted as this provision is obsolete and no longer applicable, but was imported from the ISE rule book and (e)(2)(ii) is being amended to delete rule text that was incorrectly imported from the ISE rule book.⁶

2. Statutory Basis

The basis under the Act for this proposed rule change is the requirement under Section 6(b)(5)⁷ that an exchange have rules that are designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism for a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. The Exchange believes it is appropriate to make these technical corrections to its rules so that Exchange members and investors have a clear and accurate understanding of the meaning of the Exchange's rules. By removing obsolete rule text, the Exchange is eliminating any potential for confusion about how its systems operate. By updating cross-references in its rules, the Exchange is eliminating any inaccuracies. The addition of a Day Order and a GTC Order qualifies for non-controversial treatment as there is nothing new or novel with respect to these order types. Day Orders and GTC Orders merely address the time-in-force of an order and are standard, generic orders. In addition, CBOE has both of these order types in its rules.⁸ The Exchange further believes that the proposed rule change is not unfairly

discriminatory because it treats all market participants equally and will not have an adverse impact on any market participant.

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

Most of the proposed rule changes are non-substantive corrections to the Exchange's rules and therefore do not implicate the competition analysis. The change proposing to adopt two new order types is non-controversial as they already exist on another exchange and merely address the time-in-force of an order, and will therefore not impact competition because these order types already exist. The proposed rule changes will serve to promote regulatory clarity and consistency, thereby reducing burdens on the marketplace and facilitating investor protection.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

The Exchange has not solicited, and does not intend to solicit, comments on this proposed rule change. The Exchange has not received any unsolicited written comments from members or other interested parties.

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

Because the foregoing proposed rule change does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest, does not impose any significant burden on competition, and, by its terms, does not become operative for 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, it has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)⁹ of the Act and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)¹⁰ thereunder. The Exchange provided the Commission with written notice of its 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 the proposed rule change.

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.

⁴ See CBOE Rule 43.2(5) and (7).

⁵ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 69396 (April 18, 2013), 78 FR 24273 (April 24, 2013) (SR-ISE-2013-18).

⁶ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 69175 (March 19, 2013), 78 FR 17988 (March 25, 2013) (SR-ISE-2013-17).

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

⁸ See note 4.

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹⁰ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

³ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 53248 (February 7, 2006), 71 FR 8015 (February 15, 2006) (SR-ISE-2005-58).

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-Topaz-2013-18 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Elizabeth M. Murphy, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number *SR-Topaz-2013-18*. 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 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; 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-Topaz-2013-18 and should be submitted on or before January 29, 2014.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹¹

Kevin M. O'Neill,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Every Day Counts Initiative; Request for Information

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice is a Request for Information (RFI) and comments will be used to help FHWA identify innovative, market-ready technologies that may be considered under the Every Day Counts (EDC) initiative.

DATES: Responses to this RFI should be submitted by February 15, 2014. The FHWA will consider late-filed responses to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: Submit responses by electronic mail to everydaycounts@dot.gov or through <https://www.fbo.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions about the program discussed herein, contact Julie Zirlin, FHWA Office of Accelerating Innovation (202) 366-9105, Julie.Zirlin@dot.gov. Additional information about the EDC initiative is at <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/everydaycounts/>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Notice

The FHWA requests information from all sources regarding innovations that have the potential to transform the way we do business by shortening project delivery time, enhancing the safety of our roadways, and protecting the environment. The purpose of this RFI is to obtain information from State, local, and industry partners and the public regarding proven processes or technologies that have the potential to provide efficiencies in the transportation system. This RFI is issued under the FHWA Every Day Counts Initiative.

RFI Guidelines

This is not a solicitation for proposals, applications, proposal abstracts, or quotations. The purpose of this RFI notice is to conduct market research to identify proven innovations. This RFI must not be construed as a commitment

by the Government to make an award, nor does the Government intend to directly or indirectly pay for any information or responses submitted as a result of this RFI. Responses to this notice are not offers and cannot be accepted by the Government to form a binding contract or issue a grant. Information obtained as a result of this RFI may be used by the Government for program planning on a non-attribution basis. Respondents should not include any information that might be considered proprietary or confidential.

Background

The FHWA has long been a leader in innovation deployment. The FHWA Administrator Victor Mendez advocates deploying innovation to: (1) Shorten project delivery time, (2) accelerate the use of new technologies to make Government more efficient, and (3) construct highways faster, safer, and to a higher quality. To that end, in 2010, FHWA launched EDC—a broad initiative aimed at shortening project delivery and speeding the deployment of proven, underutilized technologies. The EDC initiative has had a significant impact on the transportation system.

The FHWA believes that the EDC initiative is a foundational part of making innovation a cornerstone of our business and that we can identify rapidly deployable innovations to achieve the goal of better, faster, and smarter project delivery. Society and the highway industry face an unprecedented list of challenges. The public wants greater accountability in how its money is spent. Users and industry want to find ways to make roads safer. We want to preserve the environment for future generations.

EDC 1 and EDC 2 Technologies

The EDC initiative focuses on two pillars for innovation:

- *Accelerating Technology:* Technologies and solutions to improve safety, reduce congestion, produce longer-lasting infrastructure, and keep America moving and competitive in the world market.

- *Shortening Project Delivery:* Innovative practices and methods that increase our ability to deliver timely transportation projects to the public.

The EDC initiative is designed to focus on a finite set of innovations. Teams consisting of FHWA, State, local, and industry partners and State Transportation Innovation Councils work to deploy the innovations and develop performance measures to gauge their success. The following innovations were promoted in the first two rounds of EDC:

¹¹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).