

securities exchange.¹⁴ In particular, the Commission finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,¹⁵ which requires that an exchange have rules designed, among other things, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and in general to protect investors and the public interest. The Commission believes that this proposal should benefit investors by increasing competition among markets that trade the Shares.

In addition, the Commission finds that the proposal is consistent with Section 12(f) of the Act,¹⁶ which permits an exchange to trade, pursuant to UTP, a security that is listed and registered on another exchange.¹⁷ The Commission notes that it previously approved the listing and trading of the Shares on Amex and NYSE Arca, Inc.¹⁸ The Commission also finds that the proposal is consistent with Rule 12f-5 under the Act,¹⁹ which provides that an exchange shall not extend UTP to a security unless the exchange has in effect a rule or rules providing for transactions in the class or type of security to which the exchange extends UTP. The Exchange has represented that it meets this requirement because it deems the Shares to be equity securities, thus rendering trading in the Shares subject to the Exchange's existing rules governing the trading of equity securities.

The Commission further believes that the proposal is consistent with Section 11A(a)(1)(C)(iii) of the Act,²⁰ which sets forth Congress' finding that it is in the public interest and appropriate for the protection of investors and the maintenance of fair and orderly markets to assure the availability to brokers, dealers, and investors of information

with respect to quotations for and transactions in securities. Quotations for and last sale information regarding the Shares is disseminated through the Consolidated Tape System. The Commission notes that there is a considerable amount of gold price and gold market information available 24 hours per day on public Web sites and through professional and subscription services, and the Exchange will link to the Amex and Trust Web sites, which provide trading information about the Shares. Furthermore, Amex disseminates the Indicative Trust Value on a per-Share basis every 15 seconds through the facilities of the CTA during regular Amex trading hours of 9:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. ET (except between 1:30 p.m. and 2 p.m., the time from the close of regular trading of the COMEX gold futures contract and the start of trading of COMEX gold futures contracts on NYMEX ACCESS). The Commission also notes that the Trust's Web site is publicly accessible at no charge and will contain the NAV of the Shares and the Basket Gold Amount as of the prior business day, the Bid-Ask Price, and a calculation of the premium or discount of the Bid-Ask Price in relation to the closing NAV. Additionally, the Trust's Web site will also provide data in chart form displaying the frequency distribution of discounts and premiums of the Bid-Ask Price against the NAV, within appropriate ranges for each of the four previous calendar quarters; the Prospectus; and other applicable quantitative information. If Amex halts trading in the Shares, or the Indicative Trust Value or the value of the underlying COMEX gold futures contract is not being calculated or disseminated, the Exchange would halt trading in the Shares.

The Commission notes that, if the Shares should be delisted by the listing exchange, the Exchange would no longer have authority to trade the Shares pursuant to this order.

In support of this proposal, the Exchange has made the following representations:

(1) The Exchange's surveillance procedures are adequate to address any concerns associated with the trading of the Shares on a UTP basis.

(2) The Exchange would inform its members in an Information Circular of the special characteristics and risks associated with trading the Shares, including suitability recommendation requirements.

(3) The Exchange would require its members to deliver a prospectus or product description to investors purchasing Shares prior to or concurrently with a transaction in such

Shares and will note this prospectus delivery requirement in the Information Circular.

This approval order is conditioned on the Exchange's adherence to these representations.

The Commission finds good cause for approving this proposal before the thirtieth day after the publication of notice thereof in the **Federal Register**. As noted above, the Commission previously found that the listing and trading of the Shares on Amex and NYSE Arca is consistent with the Act. The Commission presently is not aware of any regulatory issue that should cause it to revisit those findings or would preclude the trading of the Shares on the Exchange pursuant to UTP. Furthermore, accelerated approval of this proposal will facilitate Nasdaq's ability to continue trading these securities as Nasdaq becomes an exchange with respect to non-Nasdaq-listed securities, where there appears to be no regulatory concerns about such trading. Therefore, accelerating approval of this proposal should benefit investors by creating, without undue delay, additional competition in the market for such Shares.

V. Conclusion

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,²¹ that the proposed rule change (SR-NASDAQ-2007-014), be, and it hereby is, approved on an accelerated basis.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.²²

Florence E. Harmon,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-55379; File No. SR-NASD-2007-017]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Amend the Alternative Display Facility Quotation Update Fee

March 1, 2007.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,²

¹⁴ In approving this rule change, the Commission notes that it has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

¹⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

¹⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(f).

¹⁷ Section 12(a) of the Act, 15 U.S.C. 78f(a), generally prohibits a broker-dealer from trading a security on a national securities exchange unless the security is registered on that exchange pursuant to Section 12 of the Act. Section 12(f) of the Act excludes from this restriction trading in any security to which an exchange "extends UTP." When an exchange extends UTP to a security, it allows its members to trade the security as if it were listed and registered on the exchange even though it is not so listed and registered.

¹⁸ See *supra* note 3 and Securities Exchange Act Release No. 51067 (January 21, 2005), 70 FR 3952 (January 27, 2005) (SR-PCX-2004-132).

¹⁹ 17 CFR 240.12f-5.

²⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78k-1(a)(1)(C)(iii).

²¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

²² 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

notice is hereby given that on February 27, 2007, the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. ("NASD") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been substantially prepared by NASD. NASD has filed the proposal as a "non-controversial" rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) 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

NASD proposes to amend Rule 7010A in light of the current participant quoting and trading activity on the Alternative Display Facility ("ADF"). Below is the text of the proposed rule change. Proposed new language is

italicized and proposed deletions are in [brackets].

7010A. System Services

(a) No Change.

(b) Quotation Updates

The following quotation update charges will apply based on the average daily number of publicly disseminated trades reported to the media through the ADF during the billing period. A "quotation update" includes any change to the price or size of a displayed quotation.

Average trades reported through the ADF per day	Quotation update charge	Quotes updates provided at no charge
Less than 1	\$.02 per quotation update	None.
Between 1 and 100,000	\$.01 per quotation update	5 quotation updates per trade.
Between 100,001 and [150,000] <i>125,000</i>	\$.01.005 per quotation update	[10]20 quotation updates per trade.
<i>Between 125,001 and 150,000</i>	<i>\$.005 per quotation update</i>	<i>25 quotation updates per trade.</i>
Greater than 150,000	No Charge	N/A.

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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, NASD 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. NASD 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 current ADF pricing structure imposes a quote fee of \$.01 per quote for any ADF participant that has a daily average of 150,000 or fewer trade reports and no quote fee for daily average trade reports over that activity level. It also offers three tiers of free quotes. Specifically, participants that generate between one and 100,000 trade prints per day receive five free quotes per trade print, participants that generate between 100,001 and 150,000 trade prints per day receive ten free quotes per trade print, and those participants that generate over 150,000 trade prints are not charged for quotation updates. This pricing structure was designed in part to address the typical electronic communications network ("ECN")

business model at the time, given that ECNs were the only ADF participants.

NASD has seen an increase in the quote-to-trade ratios experienced by certain ECNs and believes the impact of Regulation NMS could potentially increase them even further. Thus, NASD proposes to amend the ADF quote update pricing structure to address these changes. Specifically, the new pricing structure would continue to require participants with high quote-to-trade ratios to pay for a portion of their quote activity, but at a reduced rate and with the benefit of additional free quote updates. The new pricing system introduces five pricing tiers. Participants that do not submit a single trade report to NASD are not entitled to receive any free quotes. Participants that generate between one and 100,000 trade prints per day receive five free quotes per trade print, participants that generate between 100,001 and 125,000 trade prints per day receive 20 free quotes per trade print, participants that generate between 125,001 and 150,000 trade prints per day receive 25 free quotes per trade print, and those participants that generate over 150,000 trade prints are not charged for quotation updates.

NASD has filed the proposed rule change for immediate effectiveness. This proposed rule change would be operational as of February 1, 2007, and would therefore apply to February's quotation and trading activity.

2. Statutory Basis

NASD believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions

of Section 15A(b)(5) of the Act,⁵ which requires, among other things, that NASD rules provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among members and issuers and other persons using any facility or system that NASD operates or controls. NASD believes that the proposed rule change would more equitably set the level of charges being imposed upon ADF participants in light of changing market practices.

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

NASD 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.

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

Because the foregoing rule change does not: (1) Significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (2) impose any significant burden on competition; and (3) become operative for 30 days from the date of this filing, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, it has become effective pursuant to Section

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78o-3(b)(5).

19(b)(3)(A) of the Act⁶ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.⁷

NASD has requested that the Commission waive the 30-day operative delay in this case. The Commission believes that waiving the 30-day operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest because such waiver will allow the benefits of this new pricing structure to apply immediately. For this reason, the Commission designates the proposed rule change to be operative upon filing with the Commission.⁸

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.

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-NASD-2007-017 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

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

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NASD-2007-017. 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 the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of NASD. 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-NASD-2007-017 and should be submitted on or before March 28, 2007.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁹

Florence E. Harmon,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-55374; File No. SR-NYSEArca-2007-20]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE Arca, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Relating to NYSE Arca Marketplace Trading Sessions

February 28, 2007.

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 February 26, 2007, NYSE Arca, Inc. ("NYSE Arca" or "Exchange"), through its wholly owned subsidiary NYSE Arca Equities, Inc. ("NYSE Arca Equities"), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been substantially prepared by the Exchange. The Exchange filed the

proposal pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act³ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder,⁴ which renders the proposed rule change effective upon filing with the Commission.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes, through NYSE Arca Equities, to update the list in NYSE Arca Equities Rule 7.34 of securities eligible to trade in one or more, but not all three, of the Exchange's trading sessions. The Exchange proposes to add to the list shares of certain Funds ("Shares") that are traded on NYSE Arca, L.L.C. ("NYSE Arca Marketplace"), the equities trading facility of NYSE Arca Equities, pursuant to unlisted trading privileges ("UTP"). The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's Web site (<http://www.nysearca.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. 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

NYSE Arca Equities Rule 7.34 currently provides, in part, that the NYSE Arca Marketplace shall have three trading sessions each day: an Opening Session (1 a.m. Pacific Time ("PT") to 6:30 a.m. PT), a Core Trading Session (6:30 a.m. PT to 1 p.m. PT) and a Late Trading Session (1 p.m. PT to 5 p.m. PT), and that the Core Trading Session for securities described in NYSE Arca Equities Rules 5.1(b)(13), 5.1(b)(18), 5.2(j)(3), 8.100, 8.200, 8.201, 8.202, 8.203, 8.300, and 8.400 (each, a "Derivative Securities Product") shall conclude at 1:15 p.m. PT.⁵

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

⁵ NYSE Arca Equities Rules 5.1(b)(13), 5.2(j)(3), 8.100, 8.200, 8.201, 8.202, 8.203, 8.300, and 8.400

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⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁷ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii). In addition, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) requires that a self-regulatory organization submit to the Commission 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 of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The Commission has decided to waive the five-day pre-filing requirement.

⁸ For the purposes only of waiving the 30-day operative delay, the Commission has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

⁹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.