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 foregoing rule change is effective upon filing pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) <sup>7</sup> of the Act and subparagraph (f)(2) of Rule 19b–4 <sup>8</sup> thereunder, because it establishes a due, fee, or other charge imposed by the Exchange.

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) 9 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–2013–91 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–NYSEArca–2013–91. 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 publicly available. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NYSEArca-2013-91 and should be submitted on or before October 22,

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.  $^{10}$ 

## Kevin M. O'Neill,

Deputy Secretary.

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-70499; File No. SR-NYSEMKT-2013-76]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE MKT LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Amend the NYSE Amex Options Fee Schedule To Specify the Frequency With Which the Exchange May Change the Options Regulatory Fee

September 25, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act") and Rule 19b–4 thereunder, notice is hereby given that on September 13, 2013, NYSE MKT LLC ("NYSE MKT" or "Exchange") 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 to amend the NYSE Amex Options Fee Schedule ("Fee Schedule") to specify the frequency with which the Exchange may change the Options Regulatory Fee ("ORF"). The Exchange proposes to implement the change effective October 1, 2013. The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's Web site 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 Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

## 1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to amend the Fee Schedule to specify the frequency with which the Exchange may change the ORF. The Exchange proposes to implement the change effective October 1, 2013

The ORF is assessed by the Exchange on each ATP Holder for all options transactions, including mini-options, executed or cleared by the ATP Holder that are cleared by The Options Clearing Corporation ("OCC") in the customer range (i.e., transactions that clear in the customer account of the ATP Holder's clearing firm at OCC) regardless of the exchange on which the transaction occurs. The fee is collected indirectly from ATP Holders through their clearing firms by OCC on behalf of the Exchange. The dues and fees paid by ATP Holders go into the general funds of the

<sup>7 15</sup> U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>8 17</sup> CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

<sup>9 15</sup> U.S.C. 78s(b)(2)(B).

<sup>10 17</sup> CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

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

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

Exchange, a portion of which is used to help pay the costs of regulation.

In response to feedback from participants requesting greater certainty as to when ORF changes may occur, the Exchange proposes to specify in the Fee Schedule that the Exchange may only increase or decrease the ORF semiannually, and any such fee change will be effective on the first business day of February or August.<sup>3</sup> In addition to submitting a proposed rule change to the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") as required by the Act to increase or decrease the ORF, the Exchange will notify participants via a Trader Update of any anticipated change in the amount of the fee at least 30 calendar days prior to the effective date of the change. The Exchange believes that by providing guidance on the timing of any changes to the ORF, the Exchange would make it easier for participants to ensure their systems are configured to properly account for the ORF.

The proposed change is not intended to address any other issues, and the Exchange is not aware of any problems that ATP Firms would have in complying with the proposed change.

## 2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,<sup>4</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Sections 6(b)(4) and (5) of the Act,<sup>5</sup> in particular, because it provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among its members, issuers and other persons using its facilities and does not unfairly discriminate between customers, issuers, brokers or dealers.

The Exchange believes that the proposed change to limit changes to the ORF to twice a year on specific dates with advance notice is reasonable because it will give participants certainty on the timing of changes, if any, and better enable them to properly account for ORF charges among their customers. The Exchange believes that the proposed change is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because it will apply in the same manner to all ATP Holders that are subject to the ORF and provide them with additional advance notice of changes to that fee.

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

In accordance with Section 6(b)(8) of the Act,6 the Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The proposed change is not intended to address a competitive issue but rather to provide ATP Holders with better notice of any change that the Exchange may make to the ORF. In any event, because competitors are free to modify their own fees and credits in response, and because market participants may readily adjust their trading practices, the Exchange believes that the degree to which fee or credit changes in this market may impose any burden on competition is extremely limited. As a result of all of these considerations, the Exchange does not believe that the proposed change will impair the ability of ATP Holders or competing order execution venues to maintain their competitive standing in the financial markets.

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 foregoing rule change is effective upon filing pursuant to Section  $19(b)(3)(A)^7$  of the Act and subparagraph (f)(2) of Rule  $19b-4^8$  thereunder, because it establishes a due, fee, or other charge imposed by the Exchange.

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) 9 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–NYSEMKT–2013–76 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-NYSEMKT-2013-76. 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 publicly available. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NYSEMKT-2013-76 and should be submitted on or before October 22, 2013.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The Commission notes that in a prior filing, the Exchange committed to continue to monitor the amount of revenue collected from the ORF so that it, in combination with its other regulatory fees and fines, does not exceed regulatory costs. *See, e.g.,* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 68183 (November 8, 2012), 77 FR 68186 (November 15, 2012) (SR–NYSEMKT–2012–54).

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4) and (5).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(8).

<sup>7 15</sup> U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>8 17</sup> CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

<sup>9 15</sup> U.S.C. 78s(b)(2)(B).

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.  $^{10}$ 

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-70503; File No. SR-NYSEArca-2013-95]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE Arca, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Amending the NYSE Arca Options Fee Schedule To Add an Additional Tier to the Lead Market Maker Rights Fees

September 25, 2013.

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 September 19, 2013, NYSE Arca, Inc. (the "Exchange" or "NYSE Arca") 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 the Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to amend the NYSE Arca Options Fee Schedule ("Fee Schedule") to add an additional tier to the Lead Market Maker ("LMM") rights fees. The Exchange proposes to implement the fee change effective October 1, 2013. The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's Web site at <a href="https://www.nyse.com">www.nyse.com</a>, 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 Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

#### 1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to amend the Fee Schedule to add an additional tier to the LMM rights fees. The Exchange proposes to implement the fee change effective October 1, 2013.

OTP Firms acting as LMMs are assessed a fee for LMM rights for each appointed issue.<sup>4</sup> The LMM rights fee is based on the average national daily volume ("ADV") of Customer contracts traded in that issue.<sup>5</sup> The LMM rights fees are assessed at the end of each month on each issue that an LMM holds in its LMM appointment. Currently, the LMM rights fees are charged as follows:

Average national daily customer contracts	Monthly issue fee
0-1,000	\$45 75 200 375 750 1,500

The Exchange's formal listing standards are provided under NYSE Arca Rule 5.3 (Criteria for Underlying Securities) and prescribe the minimum standards that must be satisfied before the Exchange lists a particular issue. However, the Exchange is not required to list an issue simply because it satisfies the minimum standards. To date, the Exchange generally has not listed an issue if the Exchange anticipated that it would trade an ADV of 100 or fewer Customer contracts because the minimal revenue associated with such low-volume issues would not offset the costs of listing and maintaining the listing of such issues. However, other exchanges do list such issues, and the Exchange has determined that it may be appropriate to list these low-volume issues as a convenience for OTP Holders and OTP Firms whose customers wish to transact in such issues and to satisfy requests of

LMMs that have requested appointments in such issues.

In order to better align the Exchange's revenue with the costs of listing these low-volume issues, the Exchange proposes to add an additional LMM rights fee tier for issues with an ADV of Customer contracts of between 0 and 100. The LMM rights fee for this new tier would be \$125. The resulting LMM rights fees would be charged as follows:

Average national daily customer contracts	Monthly issue fee
0-100	\$125 45 75 200 375 750 1,500

The Exchange proposes that the new LMM rights fee tier apply only to (i) an option listed on the Exchange for the first time on or after October 1, 2013, and (ii) an option listed on the Exchange prior to October 1, 2013 that is reallocated to a new LMM on or after October 1, 2013. Thus, the LMM for an issue with an ADV of Customer contracts within the new lowest tier (i.e., 0-100 contracts) that listed on the Exchange prior to October 1, 2013 would continue to be subject to the \$45 monthly issue fee. If, on or after October 1, 2013, the LMM relinquished that appointment and a new LMM applied for and was granted an appointment in that issue, then the new LMM would be subject to the revised fees; following the reallocation, if the issue traded a monthly ADV of 100 or fewer Customer contracts, then the new LMM would pay the \$125 monthly fee.

The proposed change is not otherwise intended to address any other issues, and the Exchange is not aware of any problems that LMMs would have in complying with the proposed change.<sup>6</sup>

# 2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,<sup>7</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Sections 6(b)(4) and (5) of the Act,<sup>8</sup> in particular, because it provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among its members, issuers and other persons using its

<sup>10 17</sup> CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78a.

<sup>3 17</sup> CFR 240.19b-4.

<sup>4 &</sup>quot;OTP Firm" is defined in NYSE Arca Rule 1.1(r). "Market Maker" is defined in NYSE Arca Rule 6.32. "Lead Market Maker" is defined in NYSE Arca Rule 6.82.

 $<sup>^5</sup>$  The term "Customer" excludes a broker-dealer. See NYSE Arca Rule 6.1A(a)(4).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>The Exchange notes that NYSE MKT LLC submitted a similar proposal to implement a rights tier and fee for low-volume issues listed on NYSE Amex Options LLC. *See* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 67153 (June 7, 2012), 77 FR 35437 (June 13, 2012) (SR–NYSEMKT–2012–05).

<sup>7 15</sup> U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>8 15</sup> U.S.C. 78f(b)(4) and (5).