

disclosure, election form, acknowledgment form, or offering letter, regarding the offering of the LRR, including the dates(s) used, and (ii) Dean Witter will maintain copies of any other written materials or scripts for presentations used by registered representatives regarding the LRR, including the dates used; (c) records showing information about each LRR purchase that occurs, including (i) the following information to be maintained by Northbrook: The name of the Contract owner; the Contract number; the election form (and separate acknowledgment form, if any, used to obtain the Contract owner's acknowledgment of the statements required in Condition No. 1 above), including the date such election or acknowledgment form was signed; the date of birth, address and telephone number of the Contract owner; the issue date of the LRR; the amount of the Contract's value on that date; and persistency information relating to the Contract (date of any subsequent withdrawals and withdrawal charges paid); and (ii) the following information to be maintained by Dean Witter: The name of the Contract owner, the Contract number, the registered representative's name, CRD number, firm affiliation, branch office address and telephone number; the name of the registered representative's broker-dealer; and the amount of commissions paid to the registered representative that relates to the LRR; and (d) each of Northbrook and Dean Witter will maintain logs showing any Contract owner complaints received by it about the LRR, state insurance department inquiries to it about the LRR, or litigation, arbitration or other proceedings to which it is a party regarding the LRR.

5. Applicants will include the following information on the logs referred to in Condition No. 4(d) above: date of complaint or commencement of proceeding; name and address of the person making the complaint or commencing the proceeding; nature of the complaint or proceeding; and persons named or involved in the complaint or proceeding.

6. Applicants will retain (i) the records specified in Condition Nos. 4(a) and (d) above for six years from creation of the record; (ii) the records specified in Condition No. 4(b) above for six years after the date of last use; and (iii) the records specified in Condition No. 4(c) for five years from the Rider Date. The records referred to in these conditions will be prepared and retained, for the periods specified herein, by Northbrook and Dean Witter. Nevertheless, upon request of the Commission or its staff,

Northbrook and Dean Witter shall coordinate the prompt assembly of such records for review at a single easily accessible location.

Conclusion

For the reasons discussed above, Applicants submit that the LRR offer is necessary or appropriate in the public interest and consistent with the protection of investors and the purposes fairly intended by the policies and provisions of the Act. Applicants submit that the requested order should therefore be granted.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, pursuant to delegated authority.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change and Amendment No. 1 by the Chicago Stock Exchange, Incorporated Relating to Fees for the E-Session

May 15, 2000.

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 May 1, 2000, the Chicago Stock Exchange, Incorporated ("CHX" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission" or "SEC") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. On May 15, 2000, the Exchange amended the proposal.³ The Exchange has designated this proposal as one establishing or changing a due, fee, or other charge imposed by the CHX under Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act,⁴ which renders the proposal effective upon filing with the Commission. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ See May 12, 2000 letter from Kathleen M. Boege, Associate General Counsel, CHX, to Nancy J. Sanow, Assistant Director, Division of Market Regulation, SEC ("Amendment No. 1"). Amendment No. 1 states that the subject E-Session credit will be available through October 1, 2000.

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

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

The Exchange proposes to amend its membership dues and fees schedule (the "Schedule") to provide Exchange specialists and floor brokers with a credit of \$.25 per trade executed during the Exchange's extended hours trading session ("E-Session")⁵ through October 1, 2000. The text of the proposed rule change is below. Additions are in italics. Deletions are in brackets.

MEMBERSHIP DUES AND FEES

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M. Credits

1. Specialist Credits

Total monthly fees owned by a specialist to the Exchange will be reduced (but to no less than zero) by the application of the following [transaction] credits:

a. No change.

b. No change.

c. *E-Session Credits. A credit of \$.25 per trade executed during the E-Session. This credit shall be available through October 1, 2000.*

2. Floor Broker Credits.

a. No change.

b. No change.

c. *E-Session Credits. Total monthly fees owned by a floor broker to the Exchange will also be reduced (but to no less than zero) by the application of an E-Session Credit. "E-Session Credit" means a credit of \$.25 per trade executed during the E-Session. This credit shall be available through October 1, 2000.*

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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, 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

⁵ On October 13, 1999, the Commission approved, on a pilot basis, the CHX's proposed rule change that allowed the CHX to implement an extended hours trading session. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 42004 (October 13, 1999), 64 FR 56548 (October 20, 1999) (SR-CHX-99-16). The E-Session is currently approved to continue through October 1, 2000. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 42463 (February 28, 2000), 65 FR 11817 (March 6, 2000) (SR-CHX-00-02).

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

On October 29, 1999, the Exchange implemented the E-Session, which permits investors to submit limit orders for execution until 5:30 p.m., Central Time. To encourage members to seek additional order flow during the E-Session, the Exchange developed an E-Session credit program, necessitating a change to the Schedule. The proposal amends the Schedule to provide Exchange specialists and floor brokers with a credit of \$.25 per trade executed during the E-Session through October 1, 2000.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)(4) of the Act⁶ in that it provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among its members.

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any inappropriate burden on competition.

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 proposed rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act⁷ and subparagraph (f)(2) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder,⁸ because it involves a due, fee, or other charge. At any time within 60 days of the filing of the 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.⁹

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

⁸ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

⁹ The Commission notes that the proposal may raise questions concerning payment for order flow. To the extent that it does raise such issues,

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposal is consistent with the Act. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549-0609. 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 such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All submissions should refer to file number SR-CHX-00-12, and should be submitted by June 13, 2000.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁰

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change by the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc., Amending the Nasdaq By-Laws and Restated Certificate of Incorporation

May 16, 2000.

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 May 11, 2000, the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. ("NASD" or "Association"), through its wholly owned subsidiary The Nasdaq Stock

exchange members should consider best execution and disclosure obligations they may have under the federal securities laws in general, and particularly under Rules 10b-10 and 11Ac1-3 under the Act. 17 CFR 240.10b-10 and 17 CFR 240.11Ac1-3, respectively.

¹⁰ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

Market, Inc. ("Nasdaq") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by Nasdaq. 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

Nasdaq is proposing to amend its By-Laws and Restated Certificate of Incorporation. Additions are italicized, deletions are bracketed.

By-Laws of the NASDAQ Stock Market, Inc.

Article I Definitions

When used in these By-Laws, unless the context otherwise requires, the term:

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(i) "Director" means a member of the Board[, excluding the Chief Executive Officer of the NASD];

(j) "Industry Director" or "Industry member" means a Director (excluding the President *or the Chief Executive Officer*) or Nasdaq Listing and Hearing Review Council or committee member who (1) is or has served in the prior three years as an officer, director, or employee of a broker or dealer, excluding an outside director or a director not engaged in the day-to-day management of a broker or dealer; (2) is an officer, director (excluding and outside director), or employee of an entity that owns more than ten percent of the equity of a broker or dealer, and the broker or dealer accounts for more than five percent of the gross revenues received by the consolidated entity; (3) owns more than five percent of the equity securities of any broker or dealer, whose investments in brokers or dealers exceed ten percent of his or her net worth, or whose ownership interest otherwise permits him or her to be engaged in the day-to-day management of a broker or dealer; (4) provides professional services to brokers or dealers, and such services constitute 20 percent or more of the professional revenues received by the Director or member or 20 percent or more of the gross revenues received by the Director's or member's firm or partnership; (5) provides professional services to a director, officer, or employee of a broker, dealer, or corporation that owns 50 percent or more of the voting stock of a broker or dealer, and such services relate to the director's, officer's, or employee's professional capacity and constitute 20