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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Investors Exchange LLC; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change To Amend Rule 11.230 To Rename the “Router Plus” Routing Option to “Router”

July 26, 2016.

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 July 13, 2016, the Investors Exchange LLC (“IEX” or the “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by the self-regulatory organization. The Exchange has designated this proposal as a “non-controversial” proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act⁴ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) thereunder,⁵ 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

The Exchange proposes to amend subparagraph (c)(2) of Rule 11.230 (Order Execution) to rename the Router Plus routing option to Router.

The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Exchange’s Web site at www.iextrading.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 [sic] 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 purpose of the proposed rule change is to change the references in Rule 11.230(c)(2) from “Router Plus” to “Router,” consistent with the Exchange’s re-branding of its routing options prior to Exchange launch. The name change from Router Plus to Router is a non-substantive change. No changes to the functionality of this routing option are proposed.

Currently, subparagraph (c) of Rule 11.230 describes two routing options offered by the Exchange: Router Basic and Router Plus. The proposed change would merely rename Router Plus to Router. Router Basic is a routing option under which an order is sent to destinations on the System routing table. If shares remain unexecuted after routing, they are posted on the Order Book or canceled, as per User instruction. Once posted on the Order Book, the unexecuted portion of such an order is eligible for the re-sweep behavior described in paragraph (3), market conditions permitting. Router Plus (which as proposed, would be retitled Router) is a routing option under which an order is sent to the Order Book to check for available shares and then any remainder is sent to destinations on the System routing table. If shares remain unexecuted after routing, they are posted on the Order Book or canceled, as per User instruction. Once posted on the Order Book, the unexecuted portion of such an order is eligible for the re-sweep behavior described in paragraph (3), market conditions permitting. As stated above, the proposed change would merely rename Router Plus to Router.

2. Statutory Basis

IEX believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 6 of the Act⁶ in general and with Sections 6(b)⁷ of the Act⁸ in particular, in that it is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in facilitating transactions in securities, 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.

Specifically, the proposed rule change is a stylistic change to remove the word “plus” in the name of the router option consistent with the Exchange’s re-branding of its routing options prior to Exchange launch. Accordingly, the Exchange believes this nonsubstantive change will make the Exchange’s rules clearer for market participants by removing unnecessary verbiage.

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

IEX does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition, because the Exchange is not proposing any substantive changes to Rule 11.230(c)(2).

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

The Exchange has designated this rule filing as non-controversial under Section 19(b)(3)(A)⁹ of the Act and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)¹⁰ thereunder. Because the proposed rule change does not: (i) significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) become operative for 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest, it has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.¹¹ The Exchange notes that its proposal makes a stylistic, non-substantive change and has asked the Commission to waive the 30-day operative delay, making this proposal operative upon filing. The Commission believes that waiver of the operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest because the Exchange is not

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹⁰ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

¹¹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). In addition, Rule 19b-4(f)(6) requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file 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 Exchange has satisfied this requirement.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 15 U.S.C. 78a.

³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁵ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f.

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).