III. Docketed Proceeding(s)

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This notice will be published in the Federal Register.

Stacy L. Ruble,
Secretary.
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION


Self-Regulatory Organizations; Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc.; Notice of Designation of a Longer Period for Commission Action on a Proposed Rule Change To Adopt FINRA Rule 6898 (Consolidated Audit Trail—Fee Dispute Resolution)

August 1, 2017.

On June 19, 2017, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act" or "Exchange Act") 1 and Rule 19b–4 thereunder, 2 a proposed rule change to adopt Rule 6898 (Consolidated Audit Trail—Fee Dispute Resolution). The proposed rule change was published for comment in the Federal Register on July 6, 2017. 3 The Commission received no comment letters on the proposed rule change.

Section 19(b)(2) of the Act 4 provides that, within 45 days of the publication of notice of the filing of a proposed rule change, or within such longer period up to 90 days as the Commission may designate if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission shall either approve the proposed rule change, disapprove the proposed rule change, or institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved. The Commission is extending this 45-day time period.

The Commission finds that it is appropriate to designate a longer period within which to take action on the proposed rule change so that it has sufficient time to consider the proposed rule change. The proposed rule change would establish the procedures for resolving potential disputes related to CAT Fees charged to Industry Members.

Accordingly, the Commission, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act, 5 designates October 4, 2017, as the date by which the Commission should either approve or disapprove or institute proceedings to determine whether to...
disapprove the proposed rule change (File Number SR–FINRA–2017–020).

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

Eduardo A. Aleman,  
Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION


Self-Regulatory Organizations; Investors Exchange LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Adopt a Policy Relating to Its Treatment of Trade Reports That It Determines To Be Inconsistent With the Prevailing Market

August 1, 2017.

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 18, 2017, the Investors Exchange LLC (“IEX” or the “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) a proposed rule change. The text of these statement 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.

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

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”) 4 and Rule 19b–4 thereunder, 5 Investors Exchange LLC (“IEX” or “Exchange”) is filing with the Commission a proposed rule change to adopt a policy relating to its treatment of trade reports that it determines to be inconsistent with the prevailing market. The Exchange has designated this rule change from interested persons.


II. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and the 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 statement 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 the Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

Trades in listed securities occasionally occur at prices that deviate from prevailing market prices and those trades sometimes establish a high, low or last sale price for a security that does not reflect the true market for the security. The Consolidated Tape Association (“CTA”) Plan and the Nasdaq UTP Plan (“UTP Plan”) each offer participants in such plans with the discretion to append an Aberrant Report Indicator to a trade report to indicate that the market believes that the trade price of a particular trade executed on the participant’s market does not accurately reflect the prevailing market for the security in question.6 The New York Stock Exchange (“NYSE”), Nasdaq Stock Market (“Nasdaq”) and several other national securities exchanges have adopted policies related to use of the Aberrant Report Indicator to the trade report to indicate that the market believes that the trade price of a particular trade executed on the participant’s market does not accurately reflect the prevailing market for the security in question.8

The Exchange believes that such policies are appropriate in order to identify such trades to vendors and market participants so that they may exclude such trades from relevant pricing metrics (e.g., high, low and last sale prices). Accordingly, IEX is proposing to adopt a policy substantially similar to the existing policies of such other national securities exchanges as described below.9

During the course of surveillance by the Exchange or as a result of notification by another market, listed company, 11 or market participant, the Exchange may become aware of trade prices that do not accurately reflect the prevailing market for a security. In such a case, the Exchange will contact the listing exchange (if the Exchange is not the listing exchange) and other markets (in the case of executions that take place across multiple markets) to seek consensus as to whether the trade price is consistent with the prevailing market for the security. If the Exchange determines that the trade price is inconsistent with the prevailing market for the security after considering the factors discussed below, the Exchange will append an Aberrant Report Indicator to the trade report to applicable CTA and UTP procedures.

Appendying an Aberrant Report Indicator to the trade will have no effect on the validity of the underlying trade. IEX currently trades securities on an listed trading privilege (“UTP”) basis, that are listed on other exchanges. IEX also intends to become a primary listing exchange. The proposed policy would be applicable to trades that occur on IEX, whether traded on a UTP basis or listed on IEX.

In making the determination to append the Aberrant Report Indicator to a particular trade, the Exchange shall consider all factors related to a trade, including, but not limited to, the following:

• Material news released for the security;
• Suspicious trading activity;
• System malfunctions or disruptions;
• Locked or crossed markets;
• A recent trading halt or resumption of trading in the security;
• Whether the security is in its initial public offering;
• Volume and volatility for the security;

11 On June 17, 2016 the Commission granted IEX’s application for registration as a national securities exchange under Section 6 of the Act including approval of rules applicable to the qualification, listing and delisting of companies on the Exchange. (See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 34–78101 (June 17, 2016), 81 FR 41141 [June 23, 2016] [File No. 10–422]). The Exchange plans to begin a listing program in 2017.