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For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>23</sup>

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-88400; File No. SR-NYSECHX-2020-07]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE Chicago, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change of a Temporary Waiver of the Co-Location Hot Hands Fee

March 17, 2020.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1)<sup>1</sup> of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act")<sup>2</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>3</sup> notice is hereby given that, on March 16, 2020 the NYSE Chicago, Inc. ("NYSE Chicago" or the "Exchange") 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 Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes a temporary waiver of the co-location "Hot Hands" fee beginning on March 16, 2020 through March 29, 2020. The proposed

rule change is available on the Exchange's website at [www.nyse.com](http://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 the Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

###### 1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes a temporary suspension of the co-location<sup>4</sup> "Hot Hands" fee beginning on March 16, 2020 through March 29, 2020, after which the Mahwah, New Jersey data center ("Data Center") is scheduled to reopen to third parties.

The Exchange is an indirect subsidiary of Intercontinental Exchange, Inc. ("ICE"). Through its ICE Data Services ("IDS") business, ICE operates the Data Center, from which the Exchange provides co-location services to Users.<sup>5</sup>

Among those services is a "Hot Hands" service, which allows Users to use on-site Data Center personnel to maintain User equipment, support

<sup>4</sup> The Exchange initially filed rule changes relating to its co-location services with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") in October 2019. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 87408 (October 28, 2019), 84 FR 58778 (November 1, 2019) (SR-NYSECHX-2019-27).

<sup>5</sup> For purposes of the Exchange's co-location services, a "User" means any market participant that requests to receive co-location services directly from the Exchange. See *id.* at note 6. As specified in the Fee Schedule of NYSE Chicago, Inc. ("Fee Schedule"), a User that incurs co-location fees for a particular co-location service pursuant thereto would not be subject to co-location fees for the same co-location service charged by the Exchange's affiliates the New York Stock Exchange LLC ("NYSE"), NYSE American LLC ("NYSE American"), NYSE Arca, Inc. ("NYSE Arca"), and NYSE National, Inc. ("NYSE National" and together, the "Affiliate SROs"). See *id.* at 58779. Each Affiliate SRO has submitted substantially the same proposed rule change to propose the changes described herein. See SR-NYSE-2020-18, SR-NYSEAmer-2020-19, SR-NYSEArca-2020-22, and SR-NYSENat-2020-10.

network troubleshooting, rack and stack a server in a User's cabinet; power recycling; and install and document the fitting of cable in a User's cabinet(s).<sup>6</sup> The Hot Hands fee is \$100 per half hour.

ICE has announced to each User that, starting March 16, 2020, the Data Center will be closed to third parties through March 29, 2020. Pursuant to the ICE contingency plan, the Data Center is being closed to third parties to help avoid the spread of COVID-19, which could negatively impact Data Center functions. The Chief Executive Officer of the Exchange has taken the actions required under NYSE Chicago Rule 7.1 to close the co-location facility of the Exchange to third parties.<sup>7</sup> While the Rule 7.1 closure is in effect, User representatives will not be allowed access to the Data Center.

If a User's equipment requires work while the Rule 7.1 closure is in effect, the User will have no option but to use the Hot Hands service and, absent the proposed waiver, would incur Hot Hands fees for the work. Given that, the Exchange proposes to waive all Hot Hands fees from the date of the closing through March 29, 2020, and to add text to the Hot Hands Fee in the Fee Schedule noting the waiver. The Exchange believes that there will be sufficient Data Center staff on-site to comply with User requests for Hot Hands service.

The proposed waiver would apply equally to all Users. The proposed fee waiver would not apply differently to distinct types or sizes of market participants. Rather, it would apply uniformly to all Users.

The proposed change is not otherwise intended to address any other issues relating to co-location services and/or related fees, and the Exchange is not aware of any problems that Users 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>8</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Sections 6(b)(4) and (5) of the Act,<sup>9</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,

<sup>6</sup> See 84 FR 58778, *supra* note 4.

<sup>7</sup> See NYSE Chicago Rule 7.1 (c) through (e). See also NYSE Rule 7.1, NYSE Arca Rules 7.1-E and 7.1-O, NYSE American Rules 7.1E and 901NY, and NYSE National Rule 7.1.

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

<sup>9</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4) and (5).

<sup>23</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

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

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

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

issuers, brokers or dealers. In addition, it is designed to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in regulating, clearing, settling, processing information with respect to, and facilitating transactions in securities, to remove impediments to, and perfect the mechanisms of, a free and open market and a national market system and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest and because it is not designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

#### The Proposed Rule Change Is Reasonable

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is reasonable for the following reasons.

While the Rule 7.1 closure is in effect, User representatives will not be allowed access to the Data Center. If a User's equipment requires work during such period, the User will have to use the Hot Hands service and, absent a waiver, would incur Hot Hands fees for the work. The Exchange believes that it is reasonable to grant the proposed waiver because Users would have no option other than using the Hot Hands service.

The proposed relief would allow a User to have work carried out on its equipment notwithstanding the closure of the Data Center without incurring Hot Hands fees.

#### The Proposed Rule Change Is Equitable

The Exchange believes the proposed rule change is an equitable allocation of its fees and credits for the following reasons.

The proposed waiver would apply equally to all Users. The proposed fee waiver would not apply differently to distinct types or sizes of market participants. Rather, it would apply uniformly to all Users.

The Exchange believes that the proposal is equitable because all similarly-situated Users would not be charged a fee to use the Hot Hands service that the User would have to use because of the Data Center closure.

#### The Proposed Change Is Not Unfairly Discriminatory and Would Protect Investors and the Public Interest

The Exchange believes that the proposed change is not unfairly discriminatory for the following reasons.

The proposed waiver would not apply differently to distinct types or sizes of market participants. Rather, all Users whose equipment requires work during the Data Center closure would have the resulting fees waived, and the waiver would apply uniformly to all Users from

March 16, 2020 through March 29, 2020. For the reasons above, the proposed changes do not unfairly discriminate between or among market participants.

In addition, the Exchange believes that the proposed rule change would perfect the mechanisms of a free and open market and a national market system and, in general, protect investors and the public interest because it would allow a User to have work carried out on its equipment notwithstanding the closure of the Data Center pursuant to Rule 7.1 without incurring Hot Hands fees. Accordingly, the Exchange believes that the requested relief is designed to perfect the mechanisms of a free and open market and a national market system and, in general, protect investors and the public interest by facilitating the uninterrupted availability of Users' equipment.

For all of the above reasons, the Exchange believes that the proposal is consistent with the Act.

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

In accordance with Section 6(b)(8) of the Act,<sup>10</sup> the Exchange believes that the proposed rule change will not impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

#### Intramarket Competition

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed change would place any burden on intramarket competition that is not necessary or appropriate.

The proposal it is not designed to affect competition, but rather to provide relief to Users that, while the Rule 7.1 closure is in effect, have no option but to use the Hot Hands service.

The proposed waiver would not apply differently to distinct types or sizes of market participants. All Users who use the Hot Hands service from March 16, 2020 through March 29, 2020 would have the resulting fees waived.

#### Intermarket Competition

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed change would impose any burden on intermarket competition that is not necessary or appropriate.

The Exchange believes that the proposed change would not affect the competitive landscape among the national securities exchanges, as the Hot Hands service is solely charged within co-location to existing Users, and would be temporary.

For the reasons described above, the Exchange believes that the proposed

rule change reflects this competitive environment.

#### 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>11</sup> of the Act and subparagraph (f)(2) of Rule 19b-4<sup>12</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)<sup>13</sup> 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](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR-NYSECHX-2020-07 on the subject line.

##### Paper Comments

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

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NYSECHX-2020-07. 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

<sup>11</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>12</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

<sup>13</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2)(B).

<sup>10</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(8).

only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's internet website (<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 website 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 the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change. Persons submitting comments are cautioned that we do not redact or edit personal identifying information from comment submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NYSECHX-2020-07 and should be submitted on or before April 13, 2020.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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### Self-Regulatory Organizations; New York Stock Exchange LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Amending Rule 7.12 Concerning the Resumption of Trading Following a Level 3 Market-Wide Circuit Breaker Halt

March 17, 2020.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1)<sup>1</sup> of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act")<sup>2</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>3</sup> notice is hereby given that on March 16, 2020, New York Stock Exchange LLC ("NYSE" 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 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 Rule 7.12 concerning the resumption of trading following a Level 3 market-wide circuit breaker halt. The proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's website at [www.nyse.com](http://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 the Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

###### 1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to amend Rule 7.12<sup>4</sup> concerning the resumption of trading following a Level 3 market-wide circuit breaker halt. The Exchange is proposing this rule change in conjunction with other national securities exchanges and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA").

Rule 7.12 provides a methodology for determining when to halt trading in all stocks due to extraordinary market volatility (*i.e.*, market-wide circuit breakers). The market-wide circuit breaker mechanism ("MWCB") under Rule 7.12 was approved by the

Commission to operate on a pilot basis,<sup>5</sup> the term of which was to coincide with the pilot period for the Plan to Address Extraordinary Market Volatility Pursuant to Rule 608 of Regulation NMS (the "LULD Plan"),<sup>6</sup> including any extensions to the pilot period for the LULD Plan.<sup>7</sup> In April 2019, the Commission approved an amendment to the LULD Plan for it to operate on a permanent, rather than pilot, basis.<sup>8</sup> In light of the proposal to make the LULD Plan permanent, the Exchange amended Rule 7.12 to untie the pilot's effectiveness from that of the LULD Plan and to extend the pilot's effectiveness to the close of business on October 18, 2019.<sup>9</sup> The Exchange then filed to extend the pilot for an additional year to the close of business on October 18, 2020.<sup>10</sup>

The market-wide circuit breaker under Rule 7.12 provides an important, automatic mechanism that is invoked to promote stability and investor confidence during a period of significant stress when securities markets experience extreme broad-based declines. All U.S. equity exchanges and FINRA adopted uniform rules on a pilot basis relating to market-wide circuit breakers in 2012 ("MWCB Rules"), which are designed to slow the effects of extreme price movement through coordinated trading halts across securities markets when severe price declines reach levels that may exhaust

<sup>5</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 67090 (May 31, 2012), 77 FR 33531 (June 6, 2012) (SR-NYSE-2011-48).

<sup>6</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 67091 (May 31, 2012), 77 FR 33498 (June 6, 2012). The LULD Plan provides a mechanism to address extraordinary market volatility in individual securities.

<sup>7</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 67090 (May 31, 2012), 77 FR 33531 (June 6, 2012) (SR-NYSE-2011-48) (Approval Order); and 68784 (January 31, 2013), 78 FR 8662 (February 6, 2013) (SR-NYSE-2013-10) (Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Delay the Operative Date of a Rule Change to NYSE Rule 80B).

<sup>8</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 85623 (April 11, 2019), 84 FR 16086 (April 17, 2019).

<sup>9</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 85560 (April 9, 2019), 84 FR 15247 (April 15, 2019) (SR-NYSE-2019-19) ("Rule 80B pilot extension filing"). At the time of the Rule 80B pilot extension filing, Rule 7.12 existed but was not operative with respect to Exchange-listed securities and was not amended to extend its effectiveness through October 18, 2019. Now that all Exchange-listed securities have transitioned to the Pillar trading platform, Rule 7.12 is operative with respect to all securities trading on the Exchange. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 85962 (May 29, 2019), 84 FR 26188 (June 5, 2019) (SR-NYSE-2019-05). Although Rule 80B is not applicable to trading of any securities on the Exchange, the Exchange believes that amending Rule 80B in this filing would reduce the potential for confusion.

<sup>10</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 87016 (September 19, 2019), 84 FR 50502 (September 25, 2019) (SR-NYSE-2019-51).

<sup>14</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

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

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

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

<sup>4</sup> Rule 80B is no longer operative. To reduce potential confusion regarding which rule governs market-wide circuit breakers, the Exchange proposes to delete the text associated with Rule 80B and to direct market participants to Rule 7.12.