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Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE American LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Transfer the Services and Fees Related to Colocation

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Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1)¹ of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”)² and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,³ notice is hereby given that on August 24, 2022, NYSE American LLC (“NYSE American” 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 (1) transfer the services and fees related to colocation from the NYSE American Equities Price List and Fee Schedule and the NYSE American Options Fee Schedule (together, the “Price List and Fee Schedule”) to the schedule of Wireless Connectivity Fees and Charges, and (2) change the name of the schedule of Wireless Connectivity Fees and Charges to the “Connectivity Fee Schedule.” The proposed change is available on the Exchange’s website 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

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 15 U.S.C. 78a.

³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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 (1) transfer the services and fees related to colocation from the Price List and Fee Schedule to the schedule of Wireless Connectivity Fees and Charges ("Connectivity Fee Schedule"), and (2) change the name of the schedule of Wireless Connectivity Fees and Charges to the "Connectivity Fee Schedule." There would be no changes to the existing colocation services and fees as a result of these administrative changes.

Background

The colocation services and related fees offered by the Exchange are currently listed in the Exchange's Price List and Fee Schedule. Each of the Exchange's Affiliate SROs⁴ similarly includes the colocation services and related fees in its own separate price list or fee schedule.⁵ The colocation portions of each of these price lists and fee schedules are substantively identical.

⁴ The "Affiliate SROs" are the Exchange's affiliates New York Stock Exchange LLC, NYSE Arca, Inc., NYSE Chicago, Inc., and NYSE National, Inc.

⁵ See "Co-Location Fees" in "New York Stock Exchange Price List 2022" at https://www.nyse.com/publicdocs/nyse/markets/nyse/NYSE_Price_List.pdf; "NYSE American Equities Price List" at https://www.nyse.com/publicdocs/nyse/markets/nyse-american/NYSE_America_Equities_Price_List.pdf; "NYSE American Options Fee Schedule" at https://www.nyse.com/publicdocs/nyse/markets/american-options/NYSE_American_Options_Fee_Schedule.pdf; "NYSE Arca Equities Fees and Charges" at https://www.nyse.com/publicdocs/nyse/markets/nyse-arca/NYSE_Arca_Marketplace_Fees.pdf; "NYSE Arca Options Fees and Charges" at https://www.nyse.com/publicdocs/nyse/markets/arca-options/NYSE_Arca_Options_Fee_Schedule.pdf; "Fee Schedule of NYSE Chicago, Inc." at https://www.nyse.com/publicdocs/nyse/NYSE_Chicago_Fee_Schedule.pdf; and "NYSE National, Inc. Schedule of Fees and Rebates" at https://www.nyse.com/publicdocs/nyse/regulation/nyse/NYSE_National_Schedule_of_Fees.pdf.

In December 2020, the Exchange and the Affiliate SROs created the Connectivity Fee Schedule to list their wireless connectivity services and related fees. Instead of including the wireless connectivity services and related fees in the seven price lists and fee schedules of the Exchange and the Affiliate SROs, the Connectivity Fee Schedule contains the wireless connectivity services and charges for the Exchange and the Affiliate SROs in one single fee schedule.

In an administrative change, the Exchange now proposes to remove its colocation services and related fees from its Price List and Fee Schedule and to move them into the Connectivity Fee Schedule, so that services and fees related to connectivity within, into and from the Mahwah Data Center would appear in the same Connectivity Fee Schedule. Each of the Affiliate SROs is contemporaneously making a similar filing.⁶ To reflect the fact that the schedule would include services and fees for connectivity with the Mahwah Data Center that are not wireless, the Exchange also proposes to change its name to the “Connectivity Fee Schedule.”

Proposed Amendments to the Price List and Fee Schedule

As shown in the attached Exhibit 5A [sic], the Exchange proposes to delete the entirety of the text in the NYSE American Equities Price List and Fee Schedule under the heading “Co-Location Fees” and the entirety of the text in the NYSE American Options Fee Schedule under heading “B. Co-Location Fees.”

Proposed Amendments to the Connectivity Fee Schedule

As shown in the attached Exhibit 5B [sic], the Exchange proposes to amend the title to the “Connectivity Fee Schedule.”

The Exchange proposes to insert the entirety of the text currently located in the NYSE American Equities Price List and Fee Schedule under the heading “Co-Location Fees” (which is

⁶ Each of the Affiliate SROs has submitted substantially similar rule changes to move their colocation price lists to the Connectivity Fee Schedule. See SR-NYSE-2022-40, SR-NYSEArca-2022-56, SR-NYSECHX-2022-20, and SR-NYSENAT-2022-16.

identical to the text in the NYSE American Options Fee Schedule under heading “B. Co-Location Fees”) into the Connectivity Fee Schedule under the heading “A. Colocation Fees.” No changes would be made to any of this text, except for the following clarifying and non-substantive changes:

1. The subheading “Definitions” would be amended to “Colocation Definitions.”
2. The subheading “General Notes” would be amended to “Colocation Notes” and current General Note 1 would be deleted, as it would no longer be necessary since it would be duplicative of the existing General Note in the Connectivity Fee Schedule. The remainder of the current General Notes 2-8 would be renumbered as Colocation Notes 1-7 and the cross references in current General Note 8 would be updated accordingly.
3. In a conforming change, in the table of services and fees, the note to the Partial Cabinet Solution bundles would be amended to change the cross reference from “Note 2 under ‘General Notes’” to “Note 1 under ‘Colocation Notes.’”
4. In a conforming change, in the table of services and fees, the note to the Data Center Fiber Cross Connect would be amended to change the cross reference from “General Note 3” to “Colocation Note 2.”
5. With the addition of the Colocation Fees at subheading “A.” of the Connectivity Fee Schedule, each of the subsequent headings would be renumbered accordingly. Specifically, “A. Wireless Connectivity” would become “B. Wireless Connectivity,” and “B. Wireless Connectivity to Market Data” would become “C. Wireless Connectivity to Market Data.”

Application and Impact of the Proposed Changes

As noted above, the proposed change is administrative in nature. Any market participant

that requests to receive colocation services directly from the Exchange (a “User”)⁷ is currently subject to the described services and fees, none of which are new or novel. Current Users would not incur any new fees and the Exchange does not expect to attract any new Users as a result of the proposed change. Rather, the change would simply move the description of the existing colocation services and fees to the Connectivity Fee Schedule and change its title accordingly.

As a result of the proposed change, the services and fees related to connectivity within, into, and from the Mahwah Data Center, including colocation, would appear in the same Connectivity Fee Schedule, and market participants would be able to see all such connectivity services and fees in one place.

The proposed change is not targeted at, or expected to be limited in applicability to, a specific segment of market participant, as colocation is available to any market participant that wishes to be a User.

The proposed changes are not otherwise intended to address any other issues, and the Exchange is not aware of any problems that member organizations 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,⁸ in general, and with Section 6(b)(1)⁹ in particular, in that it enables the Exchange to be so organized as to have the capacity to be able to carry out the purposes of the Exchange Act and to comply, and to enforce compliance by its exchange members and persons associated with its exchange members, with the provisions of the Exchange Act, the rules and regulations thereunder, and the rules of the Exchange. The Exchange also believes that the proposed change

⁷ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 76009 (September 29, 2015), 80 FR 60213 (October 5, 2015) (SR-NYSEMKT-2015-67).

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(1).

further the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act¹⁰ because it is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, 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 a non-substantive change and does not impact the services available to Users or the fees charged for such services. Currently, colocation services and the related fees for the Exchange and its Affiliate SROs are substantively identical yet are located in seven separate price lists and fee schedules and not in the Connectivity Fee Schedule. The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change would enable the Exchange to continue to be so organized as to have the capacity to carry out the purposes of the Exchange Act and comply and enforce compliance with the provisions of the Exchange Act by its members and persons associated with its members, because moving the description of the existing colocation services and fees to the Connectivity Fee Schedule and changing the Connectivity Fee Schedule's title would mean that the services and fees related to connectivity within, into, and from the Mahwah Data Center, including colocation, would appear in one Connectivity Fee Schedule. All market participants would be able to enjoy the convenience of seeing such connectivity services and fees in one place, alleviating any possible market participant confusion that could currently arise from having to consult more than one document. Making the change would therefore contribute to the orderly operation of the Exchange by adding clarity and transparency regarding what connectivity is offered within, into, and from the Mahwah Data Center.

The Exchange believes that the proposed change would remove impediments to, and

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

perfect the mechanisms of, a free and open market and a national market system and, in general, protect investors and the public interest because moving the colocation services and charges from the Exchange's Price List and Fee Schedule to the Connectivity Fee Schedule would more accurately reflect the fact that Users are not required to be members of the Exchange or of any of the Affiliate SROs. A User, like any market participant, could more easily navigate, understand, and comply with the list of colocation services and fees, without having to access the price list or fee schedule of an exchange of which it is not a member. The Exchange believes that the proposed change would thereby reduce potential investor or market participant confusion. Similarly, the Exchange believes that the proposed change would reduce potential investor or market participant confusion because market participants would be able to see all connectivity services and fees in one place, alleviating any possible market participant confusion that could currently arise from having to consult more than one document.

For the reasons above, the proposed changes do not unfairly discriminate between or among market participants that are otherwise capable of satisfying any applicable colocation fees, requirements, terms, and conditions established from time to time by the Exchange.

For these 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,¹¹ 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 because it is ministerial in nature and is not designed to have any competitive impact. Rather, the change would simply move the description of the existing colocation services and fees to the Connectivity Fee Schedule and change its title. As a result of the proposed rule change, the services and fees related to connectivity within, into, and from the Mahwah Data Center would appear in the same Connectivity Fee Schedule. All market

¹¹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(8).

participants would be able to see the connectivity services and fees within, into, and from the Mahwah Data Center in one place, alleviating any possible market participant confusion.

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 proposed rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act¹² and Rule 19b-4(f)(3)¹³ thereunder in that the proposed rule change is concerned solely with the administration of 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)¹⁴ 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

¹² 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(3).

¹⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2)(B).

- Send an e-mail to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-NYSEAMER-2022-37 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-NYSEAMER-2022-37. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail 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 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-NYSEAMER-2022-37 and should be submitted on or before [INSERT DATE 21 DAYS FROM PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁵

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¹⁵ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).