

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

Rule 18f–1 (17 CFR 270.18f–1) enables a registered open-end management investment company (“fund”) that may redeem its securities in-kind, by making a one-time election, to commit to make cash redemptions pursuant to certain requirements without violating section 18(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a–18(f)). A fund relying on the rule must file Form N–18F–1 (17 CFR 274.51) to notify the Commission of this election. The Commission staff estimates that approximately 39 funds file Form N–18F–1 annually, and that each response takes approximately one hour. Based on these estimates, the total annual burden hours associated with the rule is estimated to be 39 hours.

The estimate of average burden hours is made solely for the purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act, and is not derived from a comprehensive or even a representative survey or study of the costs of Commission rules. The collection of information required by rule 18f–1 is necessary to obtain the benefits of the rule. Responses to the collection of information will not be kept confidential. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number.

Please direct general comments regarding the above information to the following persons: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or e-mail to:

Alexander.T.Hunt@omb.eop.gov; and (ii) R. Corey Booth, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, C/O Shirley Martinson, 6432 General Green Way, Alexandria, VA 22312; or send an e-mail to: *PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov*. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: May 5, 2008.

Florence E. Harmon,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: US Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Investor Education and Advocacy, Washington, DC 20549–0213.

Extension:

Rule 17f–2(e); SEC File No. 270–37; OMB Control No. 3235–0031.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for approval of extension on the following rule: Rule 17f–2(e) (17 CFR 240.17f–2(e)).

Rule 17f–2(e) requires members of national securities exchanges, brokers, dealers, registered transfer agents, and registered clearing agencies claiming exemption from the fingerprinting requirements of Rule 17f–2 to prepare and maintain a statement supporting their claim exemption. This requirement assists the Commission and other regulatory agencies with ensuring compliance with Rule 17f–2 (17 CFR 240.17f–2).

Notices prepared pursuant to Rule 17f–2(e) must be maintained for as long as the covered entity claims an exemption from the fingerprinting requirements of Rule 17f–2. The recordkeeping requirement under Rule 17f–2(e) is mandatory to assist the Commission and other regulatory agencies with ensuring compliance with Rule 17f–2. This rule does not involve the collection of confidential information.

It is estimated that approximately 75 respondents will incur an average burden of 30 minutes per year to comply with this rule, for a total approximate burden of 38 hours.

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Martinson, 6432 General Green Way, Alexandria, VA 22312 or send an e-mail to: *PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov*. Comments must be submitted within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: May 7, 2008.

Nancy M. Morris,

Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT: 73 FR 21165, April 18, 2008 and 73 FR 22184, dated April 24, 2008.

Status: Open Meeting.

Place: 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC.

Date and Time of Previously Announced Meeting: May 14, 2008 at 10 a.m.

Change in the Meeting: Additional Item.

The following matter will also be considered during the 10 a.m. Open Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 14, 2008, at 10 a.m., in the Auditorium, Room L–002:

Item 2: The Commission will consider whether to propose amendments to provide for mutual fund risk/return summary information to be filed with the Commission in interactive data format.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting items. For further information and to ascertain what, if any, matters have been added, deleted or postponed, please contact the Office of the Secretary at (202) 551–5400.

Dated: May 7, 2008.

Nancy M. Morris,

Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–57794; File No. SR–Amex–2008–34]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; American Stock Exchange LLC; Order Approving a Proposed Rule Change To Give Retroactive Effect to Its Revenue Sharing Program for ETF Quoting Participants

May 7, 2007.

On March 27, 2008, the American Stock Exchange LLC (“Amex” or

“Exchange”) 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 proposal to retroactively apply its revenue sharing program (“RSP”) for Designated Amex Remote Traders (“DARTs”), ETF specialists, and registered traders (collectively, “ETF quoting participants”). The proposal was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on April 4, 2008.³ The Commission received no comments on the proposal. This order approves the proposed rule change.

The RSP was first put in place by the Exchange for ETF specialists and registered traders, effective July 1, 2007, and was to last through December 31, 2007 unless otherwise extended.⁴ The Exchange inadvertently failed to file to extend the RSP at the expiration of that time period, but, upon realizing the error, promptly filed to reinstate the RSP for all ETF quoting participants, effective March 18, 2008.⁵ The RSP is now in effect through the end of September 2008.

The Exchange now seeks to retroactively apply the RSP for the time period January 1, 2008 through March 17, 2008 (the “retroactive period”) in order to provide continuity in the RSP for all ETF quoting participants on the Exchange, who continued to quote aggressively during the retroactive period in the expectation of receiving RSP payments. RSP payments for the retroactive period will be made pursuant to the same terms established in the RSP Release.⁶

The Commission finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to a national securities exchange.⁷ Specifically, the Commission finds that the proposal is consistent with Section 6(b)(4) of the

Act,⁸ which requires the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among Exchange members and other persons using Exchange facilities. In approving this proposal, the Commission notes the Exchange’s statements that ETF quoting participants have relied on the expectation of RSP payments during the retroactive period, and that the Exchange does not believe it fair to withhold RSP payments from ETF quoting participants for the retroactive period solely because of the Exchange’s inadvertent failure to extend the RSP.

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,⁹ that the proposed rule change (File No. SR-Amex-2008-34) be, and it hereby is, approved.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁰

Nancy M. Morris,

Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-57782; File No. SR-BSECC-2008-01]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change by the Boston Stock Exchange Clearing Corporation Relating to Amendment of Its Articles of Organization and By-Laws in Connection With the Planned Acquisition by The NASDAQ OMX Group, Inc.

May 6, 2008.

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 April 24, 2008, the Boston Stock Exchange Clearing Corporation (“BSECC”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“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 from interested persons.

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

¹⁰ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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

BSECC proposes to amend its Articles of Organization and its By-Laws to reflect the planned acquisition of BSECC by The NASDAQ OMX Group, Inc. (“NASDAQ OMX”) and to update the By-Laws in certain other respects.³ The text of the proposed rule change is available from the principal office of BSECC, at <http://www.bostonstock.com/BSECC/Pending/BSECC-2008-01.pdf>, 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 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

The Merger

On October 2, 2007, Boston Stock Exchange, Inc. (“BSE”), announced that it had entered into an agreement with The Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc. (now NASDAQ OMX) pursuant to which NASDAQ OMX would acquire all of the outstanding membership interests in BSE and BSE would be merged with and into Yellow Merger Corporation, a Delaware corporation and wholly owned subsidiary of NASDAQ OMX, with BSE surviving the merger. As a result of the merger, BSE would become a Delaware stock corporation with 100% of its outstanding stock owned by NASDAQ OMX. BSECC is now and following the merger will continue to be a wholly owned subsidiary of BSE. BSECC proposes to adopt (1) Articles of Amendment to its Articles of Organization, and (2) amendments to its By-Laws for the purpose of reflecting its acquisition by NASDAQ OMX and of modernizing its governance documents.

³ BSECC is currently organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The Articles of Organization of a Massachusetts corporation are comparable to the Certificate of Incorporation of a Delaware corporation.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 57578 (March 28, 2008), 73 FR 18592.

⁴ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 55893 (June 29, 2007), 72 FR 37059 (July 6, 2007) (SR-Amex-2007-68) (“RSP Release”).

⁵ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 57541 (March 20, 2008) (SR-Amex-2008-25), 73 FR 16400 (March 27, 2008) (reinstating RSP for all ETF quoting participants); see also Securities Exchange Act Release No. 57540 (March 20, 2008), 73 FR 16399 (March 27, 2008) (SR-Amex-2008-23) (expanding RSP to DARTs).

⁶ See *supra* note 4.

⁷ In approving this proposed rule change, the Commission has considered the proposed rule’s impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).