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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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### Self-Regulatory Organizations; International Securities Exchange, LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Relating to the Options Regulatory Fee

April 30, 2010.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act"),<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on April 26, 2010, the International Securities Exchange, LLC (the "Exchange" or the "ISE") filed with the Securities and Exchange 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 ISE is proposing to amend the Options Regulatory Fee. The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's Web site (<http://www.ise.com>), at the principal office of the Exchange, at the Commission's Public Reference Room, and on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.sec.gov>.

#### 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

##### 1. Purpose

The purpose of the proposed rule change is to amend the Options Regulatory Fee ("ORF"). The Exchange notes that the total monthly charges to be assessed in a given month will be rounded to the nearest \$0.01. The Exchange currently charges an ORF of \$0.0035 per contract to each member for all options transactions executed or cleared by the member that are cleared by The Options Clearing Corporation ("OCC") in the customer range, *i.e.*, transactions that clear in the customer account of the member's clearing firm at OCC. The ORF is collected indirectly from members through their clearing firms by OCC on behalf of the Exchange. There is a minimum one-cent charge per trade.<sup>3</sup> The Exchange does not calculate the ORF on a trade-by-trade basis. ISE calculates the ORF based on the aggregate number of contracts executed by each clearing firm every month. Accordingly, the Exchange proposes to remove the minimum one-cent charge per trade. The Exchange believes eliminating the one-cent charge per trade should reduce the fee related to the ORF for members.

This proposed fee change will be operative on May 1, 2010.

##### 2. Statutory Basis

The basis under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") for this proposed rule change is the requirement under Section 6(b)(4) that an exchange have an equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among its members and other persons using its facilities. The Exchange believes this proposed rule change is equitable because it eliminates the minimum one-cent charge per trade thereby reducing the monthly ORF charge to all members.

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

The proposed rule change does not impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

#### C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

The Exchange has not solicited, and does not intend to solicit, comments on this proposed rule change. The Exchange has not received any unsolicited written comments from members or other interested parties.

#### III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act<sup>4</sup> and paragraph (f)(2) of Rule 19b-4<sup>5</sup> thereunder. At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission may summarily abrogate 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.

#### 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 e-mail to [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR-ISE-2010-36 on the subject line.

##### Paper Comments

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

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-ISE-2010-36. 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 Web site (<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

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

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

<sup>3</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 61154 (December 11, 2009), 74 FR 67278 (December 18, 2009) (SR-ISE-2009-105).

<sup>4</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

<sup>5</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

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 Web site 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 a.m. and 3 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; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-ISE-2010-36 and should be submitted on or before May 28, 2010.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>6</sup>

**Florence E. Harmon,**  
*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 6990]

### 30-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: DS-4100, Iran Program Grants Vetting, Information Collection 1405-0176

**ACTION:** Notice of request for public comments and submission to OMB of proposed collection of information.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of State has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

*Title of Information Collection:* Iran Program Grants.

- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0176.
- *Type of Request:* Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.
- *Originating Office:* Office of Iranian Affairs, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs (NEA/IR).
- *Form Number:* DS-4100.
- *Respondents:* Potential grantees and participants for Iran programs.
- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 200.
- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 200.

- *Average Hours per Response:* 1.
- *Total Estimated Burden:* 200.
- *Frequency:* On occasion.
- *Obligation to Respond:* Required to obtain benefits.

**DATES:** The Department will accept comments from the public up to 30 days from May 7, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct comments to the Department of State Desk Officer in the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). You may submit comments by the following methods:

- *E-mail:*  
*oira\_submission@omb.eop.gov.* You must include the DS form number, information collection title, and OMB control number in the subject line of your message.
- *Fax:* 202-395-5806. Attention: Desk Officer for Department of State.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed information collection and supporting documents, to Danika Walters, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20520, who may be reached on 202-647-1347, or via e-mail at *WaltersDL@state.gov.*

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of our functions.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

#### Abstract of Proposed Collection

The State Department has made the awarding of grants a key component of its Iran policy. As a condition of licensing these activities, the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) mandate that the Department conduct a vetting of potential Iran programs grantees and sub-grantees for counter-terrorism purposes. To conduct this vetting the Department envisions collecting information from grantees and sub-grantees regarding the identity and background of their key employees, board of directors, and program participants.

## Methodology

We will collect this information either through fax or electronic submission.

Dated: May 3, 2010.

**Jillian Burns,**

*Office Director, Office of Iranian Affairs, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6984]

### Request for Nominations of Experts for Consideration as Authors and/or Editors for the Fifth Global Environment Outlook (GEO-5)

**ACTION:** This is an announcement of an opportunity to recommend experts to the U.S. Government for nomination as Coordinating Lead Authors, Lead Authors, Contributing Authors and Review Editors for the Fifth Global Environment Outlook (GEO-5).

**SUMMARY:** Governments, along with other stakeholder groups, relevant institutions, and United Nations agencies, have been invited to nominate experts to participate in the GEO-5 assessment. The Department of State is coordinating the recommendation of experts to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) for GEO-5. The purpose of GEO-5 is to provide a comprehensive, integrated, and scientifically credible global environmental assessment to support decision-making processes at appropriate levels. Individuals may seek to nominate others (or themselves) directly on <http://www.unep.org/geo/nominations/>, or through the U.S. government. For those who wish to submit their nominations through the U.S. government, your nomination must be submitted to UNEP at the Web site above, and the nomination must also be received at the U.S. Department of State, Office of Environmental Policy, which is coordinating the U.S. Government nomination process, no later than May 12, 2010. The remainder of this announcement provides background information and describes how to submit recommendations.

The Global Environment Outlook is the primary assessment process of the UN Environment Programme (UNEP), which helps keep the global environment under review. It is a tool that informs decision-making, focusing on assessment priorities and analyzing policy challenges and opportunities to provide policy response options. It is

<sup>6</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).