

disadvantage or favor any particular user in relationship to another, and it would be applied uniformly to all Clearing Members. For the foregoing reasons, OCC believes the proposed rule change is in the public interest, would be consistent with the requirements of the Act applicable to clearing agencies and would not impact or impose a burden on competition.

(C) Clearing Agency's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants or Others

Written comments on the proposed rule change were not and are not intended to be solicited with respect to the proposed rule change and none have been received.

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

Within 45 days of the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** or within such longer period up to 90 days (i) as the Commission may designate if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or (ii) as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission will:

- (A) By order approve or disapprove the proposed rule change, or
- (B) institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be 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. Please include File Number SR-OCC-2018-007 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-OCC-2018-007. 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 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 such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of OCC and on OCC's website at <https://www.theocc.com/about/publications/bylaws.jsp>.

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-OCC-2018-007 and should be submitted on or before April 30, 2018.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁴¹

Eduardo A. Aleman,

Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-82985; File No. SR-NYSE-2018-11]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; New York Stock Exchange LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Amend Fees Charged in Connection With the Filing of Supplemental Listing Applications in Connection With the Issuance of Convertible Securities

April 3, 2018.

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 March

22, 2018, 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, 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 the Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to amend its fees charged in connection with the filing of listing applications in relation to the issuance of securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for additional securities of a listed class of common stock. The proposed rule 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 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 Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to amend its fees charged in connection with the filing of listing applications in relation to the issuance of securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for additional securities of a listed class of common stock ("Convertible Securities").

A listed company is required to submit a supplemental listing application ("SLAP") prior to any issuance of Convertible Securities. Each time a listed company submits a SLAP in connection with the issuance of Convertible Securities, it must pay the minimum fee of \$10,000 provided for by Section 902.03 of the Manual. The Exchange, however, does not charge any

⁴¹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 15 U.S.C. 78a.

³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

listing fees with respect to the common shares issuable upon conversion, exchange or exercise of such securities at the time of submission of the required SLAP. Rather, Section 902.02 of the Manual provides that the listed company will be charged at the end of the calendar year [sic] for any such common shares that are issued that year.⁴

The Exchange has noted that it is not unusual for a listed company to enter into a number of different transactions in which it issues Convertible Securities. Each such transaction requires the submission of a SLAP, and the payment of the \$10,000 minimum SLAP fee, incurring a significant fee expense even where the transactions covered by the SLAPs are immaterial in size.

The Exchange proposes to amend Section 902.03 to limit the fee expense to listed companies. Under the proposed amendment, a \$10,000 SLAP fee will be billed with respect to the first SLAP solely in connection with the issuance of securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for additional securities of a listed class that is submitted by a listed issuer in each calendar quarter. No additional SLAP fee will be billed for any other SLAP solely in connection with the issuance of securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for additional securities of a listed class that is submitted during the rest of that calendar quarter.

The Exchange does not expect that the reduction in fee revenue associated with this proposed amendment will have any effect on its ability to finance its regulatory program.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,⁵ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(4)⁶ of the Act, in particular, in that it is designed to provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges and is not designed to permit unfair discrimination among its members and issuers and other persons using its facilities. The Exchange also believes

⁴ The Commission notes that Section 902.02 of the NYSE Listed Company Manual (“Manual”) states that with respect to shares that are not issued at the time of listing, such as for Convertible Securities, listing fees will accrue on these securities as of the date of issuance and such accrued listing fees will be billed at the beginning of the following year along with the issuer’s annual fees. See Section 902.02 of the Manual (“Timing of Listing Fees for Subsequent Issuances”).

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,⁷ in that it is designed 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 mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest and is not designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Sections 6(b)(4) and 6(b)(5) of the Exchange Act in that it represents an equitable allocation of fees and does not unfairly discriminate among listed companies. In particular, the Exchange believes that the proposed amendment is not unfairly discriminatory because it will be applied the same to all listed companies submitting SLAPs in connection with the issuance of Convertible Securities. The Exchange also notes that listed companies will be charged per share listing fees with respect to any shares of common stock issued upon conversion, exchange or exercise of the Convertible Securities, thereby ensuring that the fees associated with a Convertible Securities transaction will be reflective of the size of the transaction.

B. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement on Burden on Competition

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The proposed rule change will not impose any burden competition as its sole purpose is to provide a limited relief from the listing fees a company incurs when it issues Convertible Securities in a series of separate transactions during a calendar quarter.

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)⁸ of the Act and subparagraph (f)(2) of Rule 19b-4⁹ 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)¹⁰ 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. Please include File Number SR-NYSE-2018-11 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-NYSE-2018-11. 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 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

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2)(B).

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

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 such 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-NYSE-2018-11, and should be submitted on or before April 30, 2018.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹¹

Eduardo A. Aleman,
Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 10374]

60-day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Application for Immigrant Visa and Alien Registration

ACTION: Notice of request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are requesting comments on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

DATES: The Department will accept comments from the public up to June 8, 2018.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Web:* Persons with access to the internet may comment on this notice by going to www.Regulations.gov. You can search for the document by entering "Docket Number: DOS-2018-0014" in the Search field. Then click the "Comment Now" button and complete the comment form.

- *Email:* PRA_BurdenComments@state.gov.

You must include the DS form number (if applicable), information collection title, and the OMB control number in any correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- *Title of Information Collection:* Application for Immigrant Visa and Alien Registration.

- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0015.

- *Type of Request:* Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.

- *Originating Office:* Bureau of Consular Affairs, Visa Office (CA/VO/L/R).

- *Form Number:* DS-230.

- *Respondents:* Applicants for Cuban Family Reunification Parole or Immigrant Visas that are not able to use the DS-260, where authorized by the Department.

- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 20,000.

- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 20,000.

- *Average Time per Response:* 125 minutes.

- *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 41,667 annual hours.

- *Frequency:* Once per application.

- *Obligation to respond:* Required to Obtain or Retain a Benefit.

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department.

- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this 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 information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

Abstract of Proposed Collection

The Application for Immigrant Visa and Alien Registration (DS-230) is used to collect biographical information from individuals seeking for Cuban Family Reunification Parole. While this discretionary parole authority is exercised by the Department of Homeland Security, an applicant must demonstrate that he or she is eligible for an immigrant visa. In rare circumstances, an applicant for an

immigrant visa may complete the DS-230 in lieu of the online version of the application (DS-260, OMB Control Number 1405-0185). The consular officer uses the information collected to elicit information necessary to determine an applicant's immigrant visa eligibility.

Methodology

Applicants will complete the DS-230 and submit it to a consular post. A consular officer will review the application to determine whether the applicant is eligible for an immigrant visa.

Edward Ramotowski,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. AB 33 (Sub-No. 334X)]

Union Pacific Railroad Company—Abandonment Exemption—in McLennan County, Tex.

Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR pt. 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments and Discontinuance of Service* to abandon 0.5 miles of the former Mart Line near Waco, Tex., between milepost 173.2 and milepost 173.7 near the TX 340 Loop crossing, in McLennan County, Tex. (the Line). The Line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 76705.¹

UP has certified that: (1) No local or overhead traffic has moved over the Line for at least two years; (2) there is no need to reroute any traffic over other lines; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the Line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the Line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or with any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of complainant within the two-year period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7(c) (environmental report), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

¹ UP filed this notice simultaneously with a verified notice of exemption for discontinuance of service over a portion of rail line connected to the Line at milepost 173.7. That notice is being considered in a separate docket. See *Union Pac. R.R.—Discontinuance of Serv. Exemption—in McLennan Cty., Tex.*, AB 33 (Sub-No. 335X) (STB served April 9, 2018).

¹¹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).