SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-55907; File No. SR-BSE-2007-21)

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Boston Stock Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change to Amend the Existing Fee Schedule

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 June 4, 2007, the Boston Stock Exchange ("BSE" or "Exchange") 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 substantially by the Exchange. The BSE has designated this proposal as one changing a due, fee, or other charge under Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act,³ and Rule 19b-4(f)(2) thereunder,⁴ which renders the proposal effective upon filing with the Commission. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule from interested persons.

I. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule</u> <u>Change</u>

The BSE proposes amending the certain transaction fees set forth in the BeX fee schedule

as well as the BeX Revenue Sharing formula. The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's website (<u>http://www.bostonstock.com</u>), at the BSE, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

II. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the</u> <u>Proposed Rule Change</u>

In its filing with the Commission, the BSE included statements concerning the purpose of

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

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 Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in Sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

A. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for,</u> <u>the Proposed Rule Change</u>

1. <u>Purpose</u>

The purpose of this filing is to amend certain transaction fees set forth in the Boston Equities Exchange ("BeX") fee schedule as well as the BeX Revenue Sharing formula. The BeX fee schedule presently provides for uniform credits to Liquidity Providers in the amount of \$.0027. In the event the trade involves a share price that is less than \$1.00 Liquidity Providers are presently entitled to a credit in the amount of \$.0027 per share with a maximum of .3% of quotation price per share. Additionally, the BeX Fee Schedule presently imposes a \$.0028 charge on Liquidity Takers. In the event the trade involves a share price that is less than \$1.00, Liquidity Takers are charged \$.0028 with a maximum of .3% of quotation price per share. The purpose of this proposed amendment to the BeX fee schedule is to eliminate the credit presently available to Liquidity Providers. Additionally, this proposed amendment will lower the charge presently imposed on Liquidity Takers from \$.0028 to \$.0005. This proposed shift in the traditional economics of the existing marketplace will attract volume to BeX by encouraging those firms with a high percentage of taking order flow to make BeX their chosen routing destination while at the same time encouraging Liquidity Providers to provide competitive quotes on BeX with the higher probability of getting an execution.

In this filing, the Exchange also is proposing to amend the revenue sharing provision of the BeX fee schedule. Specifically, BSE is proposing to eliminate the current tape revenue

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sharing program for single sided orders. The tape revenue sharing program for cross trades will remain intact.

2. <u>Statutory Basis</u>

The Exchange believes that the proposal is consistent with the requirements of Section 6(b) of the Act,⁵ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(4) of the Act,⁶ in particular, in that it is designed to provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among Exchange Members and issuers and other persons using Exchange facilities.

B. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition</u>

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.

C. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule</u> <u>Change Received from Members, Participants, or Others</u>

The Exchange has neither solicited nor received comments on the proposed rule change.

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

The foregoing proposed rule change has been designated as a fee change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act⁷ and Rule 19b-4(f)(2) thereunder,⁸ because it establishes or changes a due, fee or other charge imposed by the Exchange. Accordingly, the proposal will take effect upon filing with the Commission. At any time within 60 days of the filing of such 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.

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁸ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

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 <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include File Number SR-BSE-2007-21 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

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

All submissions should refer to File No. SR-BSE-2007-21. 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 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 inspection and copying at the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the BSE. 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 with to make available publicly. All submissions should

refer to File Number SR-BSE-2007-21 and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from publication in the <u>Federal Register</u>].

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁹

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⁹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).