SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-68049; File No. SR-BYX-2012-019)

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; BATS Y-Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Designation of a Longer Period for Commission Action on Proposed Rule Change to Adopt a Retail Price Improvement Program

On August 14, 2012, BATS Y-Exchange, Inc. (the "Exchange" or "BYX") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² a proposed rule change to establish a Retail Price Improvement ("RPI") Program ("proposed rule change") to attract additional retail order flow to the Exchange while also providing the potential for price improvement to such order flow. The proposed rule change was published for comment in the Federal Register on August 31, 2012.³ The Commission received one comment on the proposal.⁴

Section 19(b)(2) of the Act⁵ provides that within 45 days of the publication of notice of filing of a proposed rule change, or within such longer period up to 90 days as the Commission may designate if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission shall either approve the proposed rule change, disapprove the proposed rule change, or institute proceedings

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ <u>See</u> Securities Exchange Act Release No. 67734 (August 27, 2012), 77 FR 53242 (SR-BYX-2012-019).

⁴ <u>See</u> Letter from Theodore R. Lazo, Managing Director and Associate General Counsel, Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association, to Elizabeth M. Murphy, Secretary, Commission, dated September 26, 2012 ("SIFMA Letter").

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved. The 45th day for this filing is October 15, 2012.

The Commission is extending the 45-day time period for Commission action on the proposed rule change. The Commission finds that it is appropriate to designate a longer period to take action on the proposed rule change so that it has sufficient time to consider the Exchange's proposal, which would allow the Exchange to utilize non-displayed orders that offer price improvement to retail order flow potentially in sub-penny increments, and the comment letter that has been submitted in connection with it.

Accordingly, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,⁶ the Commission designates November 29, 2012 as the date by which the Commission should either approve or disapprove, or institute proceedings to determine whether to disapprove, the proposed rule change.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁷

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⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

⁷ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).