Description

Provide a brief description of the action (limit 250 characters, required when Initial is checked *).

Proposed rule change to increase certain network and gateway fees.

Contact Information

Provide the name, telephone number, and e-mail address of the person on the staff of the self-regulatory organization prepared to respond to questions and comments on the action.

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Signature

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

has duly caused this filing to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

(Date *) 02/17/2015  Secretary and General Counsel
By  Michael Simon

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The self-regulatory organization must provide all required information, presented in a clear and comprehensible manner, to enable the public to provide meaningful comment on the proposal and for the Commission to determine whether the proposal is consistent with the Act and applicable rules and regulations under the Act.

### Exhibit 1 - Notice of Proposed Rule Change

The Notice section of this Form 19b-4 must comply with the guidelines for publication in the Federal Register as well as any requirements for electronic filing as published by the Commission (if applicable). The Office of the Federal Register (OFR) offers guidance on Federal Register publication requirements in the Federal Register Document Drafting Handbook, October 1998 Revision. For example, all references to the federal securities laws must include the corresponding cite to the United States Code in a footnote. All references to SEC rules must include the corresponding cite to the Code of Federal Regulations in a footnote. All references to Securities Exchange Act Releases must include the release number, release date, Federal Register cite, Federal Register date, and corresponding file number (e.g., SR-[SRO]-xx-xx). A material failure to comply with these guidelines will result in the proposed rule change being deemed not properly filed. See also Rule 0-3 under the Act (17 CFR 240.0-3).

### Exhibit 1A - Notice of Proposed Rule Change, Security-Based Swap Submission, or Advance Notice by Clearing Agencies

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### Exhibit 2 - Notices, Written Comments, Transcripts, Other Communications

Copies of notices, written comments, transcripts, other communications. If such documents cannot be filed electronically in accordance with Instruction F, they shall be filed in accordance with Instruction G.

### Exhibit 3 - Form, Report, or Questionnaire

Copies of any form, report, or questionnaire that the self-regulatory organization proposes to use to help implement or operate the proposed rule change, or that is referred to by the proposed rule change.

### Exhibit 4 - Marked Copies

The full text shall be marked, in any convenient manner, to indicate additions to and deletions from the immediately preceding filing. The purpose of Exhibit 4 is to permit the staff to identify immediately the changes made from the text of the rule with which it has been working.

### Exhibit 5 - Proposed Rule Text

The self-regulatory organization may choose to attach as Exhibit 5 proposed changes to rule text in place of providing it in Item I and which may otherwise be more easily readable if provided separately from Form 19b-4. Exhibit 5 shall be considered part of the proposed rule change.

### Partial Amendment

If the self-regulatory organization is amending only part of the text of a lengthy proposed rule change, it may, with the Commission’s permission, file only those portions of the text of the proposed rule change in which changes are being made if the filing (i.e. partial amendment) is clearly understandable on its face. Such partial amendment shall be clearly identified and marked to show deletions and additions.
1. **Text of the Proposed Rule Change**

   (a) The International Securities Exchange, LLC (the “Exchange” or “ISE”) proposes to amend its Schedule of Fees to increase certain network and gateway fees. The text of the proposed rule change is attached as Exhibit 5.

   (b) Not applicable.

   (c) Not applicable.

2. **Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization**

   The Exchange staff approved this proposed rule change pursuant to authority delegated to it by the Exchange’s Board of Directors on November 12, 2014. This action constitutes the requisite approval under the Exchange’s Certificate of Formation, Operating Agreement and Constitution.

3. **Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and the Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change**

   (a) **Purpose** – The purpose of the proposed rule change is to amend the Schedule of Fees to increase certain network and gateway fees. The Exchange charges an Ethernet fee for its four different Ethernet connection options, which is $750 per month for a 1 Gigabit (“Gb”) connection, $4,000 per month for a 10 Gb connection, $7,000 per month for a 10 Gb low latency connection, and $12,500 per month for a 40 Gb low latency connection. These Ethernet connectivity options provide access to both the ISE and the ISE’s sister exchange, ISE Gemini, LLC (“ISE Gemini”).¹ The Exchange proposes to increase these Ethernet fees to $1,000 per month for the 1 Gb connection, $4,500 per month for the 10 Gb connection, $8,000 per month for the 10 Gb low latency connection, and $15,000 per month for the 40 Gb low latency connection. In addition, the Exchange offers both shared and dedicated gateways to facilitate member access to ISE and ISE Gemini for a single fee. The Exchange charges members a monthly gateway fee of $500 per gateway for a shared gateway or $2,000 per gateway pair for members that elect to use their own dedicated gateways as an alternative to using shared gateways. The Exchange proposes to increase the gateway fee to $750 per month for a shared gateway and $2,250 per month for a dedicated gateway pair.

   (b) **Basis** – The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 6 of the Act,² in general, and Section 6(b)(4) of the Act,³ in particular, in that it is designed to provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among its members and other persons using its facilities. The

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¹ Market participants pay the same fees regardless of whether they choose to connect to both exchanges or solely to the ISE.


Exchange believes that it is reasonable and equitable to increase the network and gateway fees described in this filing as the new fees are more in line with the Exchange’s current connectivity costs, including costs for software and hardware enhancements, and resources dedicated to development, quality assurance, and support. The proposed fees are within the range of fees currently charged by other options exchanges. Furthermore, the Exchange believes that the proposed fees are not unfairly discriminatory as all market participants that use these services will pay the same fee based on the connectivity options that they choose, and there is no differentiation among market participants with regard to the fees charged.

4. **Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition**

In accordance with Section 6(b)(8) of the Act, the Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on intermarket or intramarket competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The proposed rule change increases certain network and gateway fees to levels that are within the range of fees charged by other options exchanges. These fees will be charged to all firms that elect to use the connectivity options described in this filing. The Exchange operates in a highly competitive market in which market participants can readily direct their order flow to competing venues. In such an environment, the Exchange must continually review, and consider adjusting, its fees to remain competitive with other exchanges. For the reasons described above, the Exchange believes that the proposed fee changes reflect this competitive environment.

5. **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.

6. **Extension of Time Period for Commission Action**

Not applicable.

7. **Basis for Summary Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3) or for Accelerated Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(2)**

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act, the Exchange has designated this proposal as establishing or changing a due, fee or other charge imposed on any person, whether or not the person is a member of a self-regulatory organization, which renders the proposed rule change effective upon filing.

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8. Proposed Rule change Based on Rules of Another Self-Regulatory Organization or of the Commission

   The proposed rule change is not based on the rules of another self-regulatory organization or the Commission.

9. Security-Based Swap Submissions Filed Pursuant to Section 3C of the Act

   Not applicable.

10. Advanced Notices Filed Pursuant to Section 806(e) of the Payment, Clearing and Settlement Supervision Act

   Not applicable.

11. Exhibits

   Exhibit 1 – Form of Notice of Proposed Rule Change for Publication in the Federal Register.

   Exhibit 5 – Text of the proposed rule change
Self-Regulatory Organizations; International Securities Exchange, LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Amend the Schedule of Fees

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act"),\(^1\) and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,\(^2\) notice is hereby given that on February 17, 2015, 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 proposes to amend its Schedule of Fees to increase certain network and gateway fees. The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s Web site ([http://www.ise.com](http://www.ise.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 these statements is available at the public reference room of the Commission.

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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 Schedule of Fees to
increase certain network and gateway fees. The Exchange charges an Ethernet fee for its
four different Ethernet connection options, which is $750 per month for a 1 Gigabit
(“Gb”) connection, $4,000 per month for a 10 Gb connection, $7,000 per month for a 10
Gb low latency connection, and $12,500 per month for a 40 Gb low latency connection.
These Ethernet connectivity options provide access to both the ISE and the ISE’s sister
exchange, ISE Gemini, LLC (“ISE Gemini”). The Exchange proposes to increase these
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for a shared gateway or $2,000 per gateway pair for members that elect to use their own
dedicated gateways as an alternative to using shared gateways. The Exchange proposes to
increase the gateway fee to $750 per month for a shared gateway and $2,250 per month
for a dedicated gateway pair.

3 Market participants pay the same fees regardless of whether they choose to connect to
both exchanges or solely to the ISE.
2. **Basis**

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 6 of the Act, in general, and Section 6(b)(4) of the Act, in particular, in that it is designed to provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among its members and other persons using its facilities. The Exchange believes that it is reasonable and equitable to increase the network and gateway fees described in this filing as the new fees are more in line with the Exchange’s current connectivity costs, including costs for software and hardware enhancements, and resources dedicated to development, quality assurance, and support. The proposed fees are within the range of fees currently charged by other options exchanges. Furthermore, the Exchange believes that the proposed fees are not unfairly discriminatory as all market participants that use these services will pay the same fee based on the connectivity options that they choose, and there is no differentiation among market participants with regard to the fees charged.

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

In accordance with Section 6(b)(8) of the Act, the Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on intermarket or intramarket competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The proposed rule change increases certain network and gateway fees to levels that are within the range of fees charged by other options exchanges. These fees will be charged to all firms that elect to use the connectivity options described in this filing. The Exchange operates in a highly competitive market in which market participants can

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readily direct their order flow to competing venues. In such an environment, the Exchange must continually review, and consider adjusting, its fees to remain competitive with other exchanges. For the reasons described above, the Exchange believes that the proposed fee changes reflect this competitive environment.

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 and subparagraph (f)(2) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder, because it establishes a due, fee, or other charge imposed by ISE.

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 to determine whether the proposed rule should be approved or disapproved.

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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. Please include File No. SR-ISE-2015-06 on the subject line.

Paper comments:

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

  All submissions should refer to File Number SR-ISE-2015-06. 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 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. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the ISE. 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-2015-06 and should be submitted by [insert date 21 days from the
date of publication in the Federal Register].

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to
delegated authority.9

Secretary

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VI. Access Services

A. No change.

B. Network Fees

Ethernet – Fees are charged per connection and apply to both members and non-members.*

1 Gigabit – [750] $1,000 per month.
10 Gigabits – [4,000] $4,500 per month.

* The connectivity provided under this section provides connectivity to both the International Securities Exchange, LLC and ISE Gemini, LLC.

Ethernet – Low Latency. Fees are charged per connection and apply only to members.*

10 Gigabits – [7,000] $8,000 per month.
40 Gigabits - [12,500] $15,000 per month.

* The connectivity provided under this section provides connectivity to both the International Securities Exchange, LLC and ISE Gemini, LLC.

Disaster Recovery Network Fee – Applies to telecommunication vendors approved to connect to the disaster recovery datacenter.

Half Cabinet - $2,300 per month
Full Cabinet - $2,800 per month

C. Gateway Fees*

Shared Gateway – [500] $750 per gateway per month.
Dedicated Gateway – [2,000] $2,250 per gateway pair per month.

* The connectivity provided under this section provides connectivity to both the International Securities Exchange, LLC and ISE Gemini, LLC.