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Filing by NYSE Arca, Inc.

Pursuant to Rule 19b-4 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

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Notice of proposed change pursuant to the Payment, Clearing, and Settlement Act of 2010

Security-Based Swap Submission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Section 806(e)(1) *

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Section 806(e)(2) *

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Exhibit 2 Sent As Paper Document



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**Description**

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

Proposal to modify the NYSE Arca Options Fee Schedule

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.

(Title *)

Date 07/28/2021

By David De Gregorio

(Name *)

Associate General Counsel

David De Gregorio,

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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 *

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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

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Exhibit 3 - Form, Report, or Questionnaire

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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

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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

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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.

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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) Pursuant to the provisions of Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act”)¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² NYSE Arca, Inc. (“NYSE Arca” or the “Exchange”) (“Fee Schedule”). The Exchange proposes to implement the fee change effective July 28, 2021.

A notice of the proposed rule change for publication in the Federal Register is attached hereto as Exhibit 1, and the text of the proposed rule change is attached as Exhibit 5.

- (b) The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change would have any direct effect, or any significant indirect effect, on any other Exchange rule in effect at the time of this filing.

- (c) Not applicable.

2. Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization

Senior management has approved the proposed rule change pursuant to authority delegated to it by the Board of the Exchange. No further action is required under the Exchange’s governing documents. Therefore, the Exchange’s internal procedures with respect to the proposed rule change are complete.

The persons on the Exchange staff prepared to respond to questions and comments on the proposed rule change are:

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

- (a) Purpose

The purpose of this filing is to amend the Fee Schedule to remove language associated with a fee waiver and a credit that expired at the close of business on June 30, 2021.

On March 18, 2020, the Exchange announced that it would temporarily close the

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

Trading Floor, effective March 23, 2020, as a precautionary measure to prevent the potential spread of COVID-19. Following the temporary closure of the Trading Floor, the Exchange waived certain Floor-based fixed fees for April and May 2020.³ Although the Trading Floor partially reopened on May 4, 2020 and Floor-based open outcry activity was supported, certain participants were unable to resume pre-Floor closure levels of operations. As a result, the Exchange extended the fee waiver through June 2021, but only for Floor Broker firms that were unable to operate at more than 50% of their March 2020 on-Floor staffing levels and for Market Maker firms that had vacant or “unmanned” Podia for the entire month due to COVID-19 related considerations (the “Qualifying Firms”).⁴

Because the Trading Floor continued to operate with reduced capacity, the Exchange extended the fee waiver for Qualifying Firms through “the earlier of the first full month of a full reopening of the Trading Floor facilities to Floor personnel or June 2021”.

Additionally, in May 2021, the Exchange implemented an incentive to encourage Floor Brokers to increase their Professional Customer billable volume.⁵ Specifically, the Exchange offered Floor Brokers a credit of \$0.13 per contract for each billable Professional Customer contract that exceeded a baseline average daily volume for the month. This fee incentive was adopted with a stated expiration at the close of business on June 30, 2021.

As the expiration date for both the fee waiver and the fee incentive has passed, the Exchange is submitting this proposed rule change to remove language related to the fee waiver and the fee incentive from the Fee Schedule.

(b) Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section

³ See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 88596 (April 8, 2020), 85 FR 20796 (April 14, 2020) (SR-NYSEArca-2020-29); 88812 (May 5, 2020), 85 FR 27787 (May 11, 2020) (SR-NYSEArca-2020-38).

⁴ See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 89038 (June 10, 2020), 85 FR 36447 (June 16, 2020) (SR-NYSEArca-2020-52); 89242 (June 7, 2020), 85 FR 42037 (July 13, 2020) (SR-NYSEArca-2020-60); 89480 (August 5, 2020), 85 FR 48591 (August 11, 2020) (SR-NYSEArca-2020-69); 89694 (August 27, 2020), 85 FR 54608 (September 2, 2020) (SR-NYSEArca-2020-76); 90191 (October 15, 2020), 85 FR 67032 (October 21, 2020) (SR-NYSEArca-2020-90); 90838 (December 31, 2020), 86 FR 657 (January 6, 2021) (SR-NYSEArca-2020-115), 91372 (March 18, 2021) 86 FR 15980 (March 25, 2021) (SR-NYSEArca-2021-18).

⁵ See Exchange Act Release No. 91936 (May 19, 2021) 86 FR 28178 (May 25, 2021) (SR-NYSEArca-2021-41).

6(b) of the Act,⁶ in general, and furthers the objectives of Sections 6(b)(4) and (5) of the Act,⁷ in particular, because it provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among its members, issuers and other persons using its facilities and does not unfairly discriminate between customers, issuers, brokers or dealers.

The Exchange believes that the proposed modifications to the Fee Schedule to remove an expired fee waiver and an expired fee incentive that the Exchange no longer offers are reasonable, equitable, and not unfairly discriminatory because the changes would provide clarity to the Fee Schedule, and do not affect any current activity by any OTP Holder or OTP Firm.

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 would impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. Instead, the proposed change is meant to add clarity and transparency to the Fee Schedule to the benefit of all market participants that trade on the Exchange.

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

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

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)

The foregoing rule change is effective upon filing pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act⁸ and subparagraph (f)(2) of Rule 19b-4⁹ 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

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4) and (5).

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

⁹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

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) of the Act to determine whether the proposed rule change should be approved or disapproved.¹⁰

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 of the Commission.

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

Not applicable.

10. Advance 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 the Proposed Rule Change for Publication in the Federal Register

Exhibit 5 – Text of the Proposed Rule Change

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2)(B).

EXHIBIT 1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
(Release No. 34- ; File No. SR-NYSEARCA-2021-69)

[Date]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE Arca, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Modify the NYSE Arca Options Fee Schedule

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 July 28, 2021, NYSE Arca, Inc. (“NYSE Arca” 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 Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to modify the NYSE Arca Options Fee Schedule (“Fee Schedule”). The Exchange proposes to implement the fee change effective July 28, 2021. 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

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 15 U.S.C. 78a.

³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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 the Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

The purpose of this filing is to amend the Fee Schedule to remove language associated with a fee waiver and a credit that expired at the close of business on June 30, 2021.

On March 18, 2020, the Exchange announced that it would temporarily close the Trading Floor, effective March 23, 2020, as a precautionary measure to prevent the potential spread of COVID-19. Following the temporary closure of the Trading Floor, the Exchange waived certain Floor-based fixed fees for April and May 2020.⁴ Although the Trading Floor partially reopened on May 4, 2020 and Floor-based open outcry activity was supported, certain participants were unable to resume pre-Floor closure levels of operations. As a result, the Exchange extended the fee waiver through June 2021, but only for Floor Broker firms that were unable to operate at more than 50% of their March 2020 on-Floor staffing levels and for Market Maker firms that had vacant or “unmanned” Podia for the entire month due to COVID-19 related considerations (the

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“Qualifying Firms”).⁵

Because the Trading Floor continued to operate with reduced capacity, the Exchange extended the fee waiver for Qualifying Firms through “the earlier of the first full month of a full reopening of the Trading Floor facilities to Floor personnel or June 2021”.

Additionally, in May 2021, the Exchange implemented an incentive to encourage Floor Brokers to increase their Professional Customer billable volume.⁶ Specifically, the Exchange offered Floor Brokers a credit of \$0.13 per contract for each billable Professional Customer contract that exceeded a baseline average daily volume for the month. This fee incentive was adopted with a stated expiration at the close of business on June 30, 2021.

As the expiration date for both the fee waiver and the fee incentive has passed, the Exchange is submitting this proposed rule change to remove language related to the fee waiver and the fee incentive from the Fee Schedule.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section

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The Exchange believes that the proposed modifications to the Fee Schedule to remove an expired fee waiver and an expired fee incentive that the Exchange no longer offers are reasonable, equitable, and not unfairly discriminatory because the changes would provide clarity to the Fee Schedule, and do not affect any current activity by any OTP Holder or OTP Firm.

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 would impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. Instead, the proposed change is meant to add clarity and transparency to the Fee Schedule to the benefit of all market participants that trade on the Exchange.

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

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4) and (5).

19(b)(3)(A)⁹ of the Act and subparagraph (f)(2) of Rule 19b-4¹⁰ 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)¹¹ 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 e-mail to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-NYSEARCA-2021-69 on the subject line.

Paper comments:

- Send paper comments in triplicate to: Secretary, Securities and Exchange

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹⁰ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

¹¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2)(B).

Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NYSEARCA-2021-69. 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 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 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. 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-NYSEARCA-2021-69 and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from publication in the Federal Register].

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹²

Eduardo A. Aleman
Deputy Secretary

¹² 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

Additions underscored
 Deletions [bracketed]

NYSE Arca Options Fees and Charges

Effective Date: July [1]28, 2021

NYSE Arca OPTIONS: TRADE-RELATED CHARGES FOR STANDARD OPTIONS¹⁴

Unless Professional Customer executions are specifically delineated, such executions will be treated as “Customer” executions for fee/credit purposes. Firms, Broker Dealers, and Market Makers are collectively referred to herein as “Non-Customers.”

[FB PROFESSIONAL CUSTOMER MANUAL PROGRAM]	[A Floor Broker that increases their monthly Professional Customer Manual Transaction ADV by 60% over the greater of (1) their monthly Professional Customer Manual Transaction ADV in the second half of 2020 or (2) 20,000 contracts ADV will receive a \$0.13 per contract credit on all volume in excess of the applicable baseline. Eligible volume for determining baseline, achieving volume over baseline, or application of credit does not include Strategy Executions, QCC Transactions, or Facilitation Transactions. This program expires at the close of business on June 30, 2021]
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NYSE Arca OPTIONS: FLOOR and EQUIPMENT and CO-LOCATION FEES

[Commencing April 1, 2021 through the earlier of the first full month of a full reopening of the Trading Floor facilities to Floor personnel or June 2021, the Exchange will waive certain fees for Floor Broker firms that are unable to operate at more than 50% of their March 2020 on-Floor staffing levels (or, for firms that began Floor operations after March 2020, are unable to operate at more than 50% of their Exchange-approved on-Floor staffing levels) and for Market Maker firms that have vacant or “unmanned” Podia for the entire month due to COVID-19 related considerations (the “Qualifying Firms”). The fees waived for Qualifying Firms include those associated with Floor Booths, Market Maker Podia, Options Floor Access, Wire Services and ISP Connection, as indicated below.]
