the later of March 16 or original filing deadline of the report <sup>1</sup> stating: <sup>2</sup>

(1) That it is relying on this Order;(2) a brief description of the reasons

why, it could not file such report, schedule or form on a timely basis;

(3) the estimated date by which the report, schedule, or form is expected to be filed;

(4) if appropriate, a risk factor explaining, if material, the impact of COVID–19 on its business; and

(5) if the reason the subject report cannot be filed timely relates to the inability of any person, other than the registrant, to furnish any required opinion, report or certification, the Form 8–K or Form 6–K shall have attached as an exhibit a statement signed by such person stating the specific reasons why such person is unable to furnish the required opinion, report or certification on or before the date such report must be filed.

(c) The registrant or any person required to make any filings with respect to such a registrant files with the Commission any report, schedule, or form required to be filed no later than 45 days after the original due date; and

(d) In any report, schedule or form filed by the applicable deadline pursuant to paragraph (c) above, the registrant or any person required to make any filings with respect to such a registrant must disclose that it is relying on this Order and state the reasons why it could not file such report, schedule or form on a timely basis.

# III. Furnishing of Proxy and Information Statements

We also believe that relief is warranted for those seeking to comply with the requirements of Exchange Act Sections 14(a) and (c) and Regulations 14A and 14C and Exchange Act Rule 14f–1 thereunder to furnish materials to security holders when mail delivery is not possible and that the following exemption is necessary and appropriate in the public interest and consistent with the protection of investors.

Accordingly, *it is ordered*, pursuant to Section 36 of the Exchange Act, that a registrant or any other person is exempt from the requirements of the Exchange Act and the rules thereunder to furnish proxy statements, annual reports, and other soliciting materials, as applicable (the "Soliciting Materials"), and the requirements of the Exchange Act and the rules thereunder to furnish information statements and annual reports, as applicable (the "Information Materials"), where the conditions below are satisfied.

# Conditions

(a) The registrant's security holder has a mailing address located in an area where, as a result of COVID–19, the common carrier has suspended delivery service of the type or class customarily used by the registrant or other person making the solicitation; and

(b) The registrant or other person making a solicitation has made a good faith effort to furnish the Soliciting Materials to the security holder, as required by the rules applicable to the particular method of delivering Soliciting Materials to the security holder, or, in the case of Information Materials, the registrant has made a good faith effort to furnish the Information Materials to the security holder in accordance with the rules applicable to Information Materials.

By the Commission.

Vanessa A. Countryman, Secretary.

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–88317; File No. SR–OCC– 2020–801]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; The Options Clearing Corporation; Notice of No Objection to Advance Notice Concerning a Master Repurchase Agreement as Part of OCC's Overall Liquidity Plan

March 4, 2020.

#### I. Introduction

On January 10, 2020, the Options Clearing Corporation ("OCC") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") advance notice SR–OCC–2020–801 ("Advance Notice") pursuant to Section 806(e)(1) of Title VIII of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, entitled Payment, Clearing and Settlement Supervision Act of 2010 ("Clearing Supervision Act")<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b–4(n)(1)(i)<sup>2</sup> under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act") <sup>3</sup> to enter into a committed master repurchase agreement with a bank counterparty to access a committed source of liquidity to meet its settlement obligations.<sup>4</sup> The Advance Notice was published for public comment in the **Federal Register** on February 11, 2020,<sup>5</sup> and the Commission has received no comments regarding the changes proposed in the Advance Notice. The Commission is hereby providing notice of no objection to the Advance Notice.

## II. Background <sup>6</sup>

OCC maintains cash and other liquid resources to help it ensure that it can meet its obligations in the event of a Clearing Member default. OCC's liquid resources have included access to a diverse set of funding sources, including a syndicated credit facility, a committed master repurchase program with institutional investors such as pension funds (the "Non-Bank Liquidity Facility"), and Clearing Member minimum cash Clearing Fund requirements.7 The confirmations 8 under the Non-Bank Liquidity Facility, totaling \$1 billion, expired on January 6, 2020.9 To help ensure that OCC's total committed liquidity resources did not decrease following expiration of the \$1 billion Non-Bank Repo Facility, OCC previously sourced an additional \$500 million by exercising the accordion feature of its syndicated bank credit facility.<sup>10</sup> In addition to that, OCC exercised its existing authority to temporarily increase the cash funding requirement in its Clearing Fund from \$3 billion to \$3.5 billion, which Clearing Members were obligated to fund by January 6, 2020.11 Taken together, these two liquidity sources fully replaced the \$1 billion Non-Bank Repo Facility prior to its expiration on January 6, 2020. Now, OCC proposes to access an additional committed source of liquidity to meet its settlement obligations by entering into a committed

<sup>8</sup> A confirmation under a master repurchase agreement describes the terms of a transaction, including the purchased securities, purchase price, purchase date, repurchase date, and any additional terms or conditions not inconsistent with the master repurchase agreement.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Any registrant relying on this Order would not need file a Form 12b–25 so long as the report, schedule, or form is filed within the time period prescribed by this Order.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Commission believes such statements, as furnished, to the extent they contain "forwardlooking statements," would be subject to the safe harbor under Exchange Act, Section 21E. *See* the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, 15 U.S.C. 77z–1 (1998).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>12 U.S.C. 5465(e)(1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b–4(n)(1)(i).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78a et seq.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See Notice of Filing *infra* note 5, at 85 FR 7812. <sup>5</sup> Securities Exchange Act Release No. 88120 (Feb. 5, 2020), 85 FR 7812 (Feb. 11, 2020) (SR–OCC– 2020–801) ("Notice of Filing").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Capitalized terms used but not defined herein have the meanings specified in OCC's Rules and By-Laws, available at *https://www.theocc.com/about/ publications/bylaws.jsp.* 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> See Notice of Filing, 85 FR at 7812 (citations omitted).

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> See Notice of Filing, 85 FR at 7814 n. 19.
 <sup>10</sup> See Notice of Filing, 85 FR at 7814 n. 20.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> See OCC Information Memo #46287, Revised Cash Requirement in Clearing Fund (Jan. 3, 2020), available at https://www.theocc.com/webapps/ infomemos?number=46287&date=202001&last ModifiedDate=01%2F03%2F202000%3A00%3A00.

master repurchase agreement ("MRA") with a bank counterparty with confirmations totaling \$500 million (the "Bank Repo Facility").<sup>12</sup>

The Commission previously reviewed and did not object to OCC's execution of the Non-Bank Repo Facility, which was based on the same standard form master repurchase agreement as the MRA governing the proposed Bank Repo Facility.<sup>13</sup> As with the Non-Bank Repo Facility, under the MRA, the securities eligible for transactions under the MRA would include U.S. government securities. Specifically, OCC would use securities included in the margin deposits of a suspended Clearing Member as well as Clearing Fund contributions to access the Bank Repo Facility. The market value of the securities supporting each transaction under the Bank Repo Facility would be determined daily, and OCC would be obligated to provide additional securities as necessary in response to a fall in the market value of purchased securities. Similarly, the standard terms addressing an event of default under the MRA would be substantially similar to the terms of the agreement underlying the Non-Bank Liquidity Facility. Further, as part of establishing the Bank Repo Facility, OCC would review and monitor its counterparty's ability to meet obligations under the MRA.

Many of the terms of the MRA specifically tailored to the Bank Repo Facility would nonetheless be substantially similar to the terms of the agreement underlying the Non-Bank Liquidity Facility, including (1) the duration of the agreement; (2) the buyer's obligation to fund regardless of a material adverse change, such as the failure of a Clearing Member; (3) availability of funds within 60 minutes of OCC providing securities to the buyer; (4) a prohibition against rehypothecation of the purchased securities by the buyer; (5) OCC's option to terminate a transaction early and to

<sup>13</sup> See e.g., Securities Exchange Act Release No. 76821 (Jan. 4, 2016), 81 FR 3208 (Jan. 20, 2016) (SR-OCC-2015-805); Securities Exchange Act Release No. 73979 (Jan. 2, 2015), 80 FR 1062 (Jan. 8, 2015) (SR-OCC-2014-809). Similar to the agreement underlying the Non-Bank Liquidity Facility, the materials terms of the MRA would be based on a standard form master repurchase agreement published by the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association. specify a new repurchase date;<sup>14</sup> (6) OCC's right to substitute any eligible securities for purchased securities; and (7) the use of a "mini-default" in lieu of declaring an event of default at the discretion of the non-defaulting party.<sup>15</sup>

Where necessary and appropriate, however, certain terms of the proposed MRA would differ from the terms of the agreement underlying the Non-Bank Liquidity Facility. For example, the Bank Repo Facility would include confirmations totaling \$500 million rather than \$1 billion.<sup>16</sup> Other differences between the MRA and the agreement underlying the Non-Bank Liquidity Facility relate to the fact that OCC's counterparty for the Bank Repo Facility is a commercial bank rather than a pension fund. Specifically, unlike the terms underlying the Non-Bank Liquidity Facility, OCC would not require the Bank Repo Facility counterparty to maintain cash and investments in a designated account into which OCC has visibility.<sup>17</sup> Such a designated account was necessary to facilitate prompt funding for the Non-Bank Liquidity Facility counterparties because they, unlike the Bank Repo Facility counterparty, were not commercial banks and therefore were not in the business of daily funding.<sup>18</sup> Similarly, the MRA would not include terms related to a custodian other than the Bank Repo Facility counterparty because OCC's counterparty, as a commercial bank, would be capable of acting as custodian of the purchased securities.19

<sup>15</sup> For example, if the buyer fails to transfer purchased securities on the applicable repurchase date, rather than declaring an event of default, OCC may (1) if OCC has already paid the repurchase price, require the buyer to repay the repurchase price, (2) if there is a margin excess, require the buyer to pay cash or deliver purchased securities in an amount equal to the margin excess, or (3) declare that the applicable transaction, and only that transaction, will be immediately terminated, and apply default remedies under the MRA to only that transaction.

<sup>16</sup> As described above, OCC has already sourced additional liquid resources through its syndicated credit facility that would cover the other half of the Non-Bank Liquidity Facility. Additionally, the establishment of the Bank Repo Facility would not preclude OCC from establishing other arrangements with different liquidity providers in the future.

<sup>17</sup> See Notice of Filing, 85 FR at 7813 n. 16. <sup>18</sup> See id.

<sup>19</sup> Based on information provided by OCC, the Commission understands that OCC's counterparty to the Bank Repo Facility, as a commercial bank, would custody the purchased securities, and would provide to OCC information regarding purchased securities similar to what was required of a thirdparty custodian under the Non-Bank Repo Facility. *See* Notice of Filing, 85 FR at 7812, n. 9 (stating that

# III. Commission Findings and Notice of No Objection

Although the Clearing Supervision Act does not specify a standard of review for an advance notice, the stated purpose of the Clearing Supervision Act is instructive: To mitigate systemic risk in the financial system and promote financial stability by, among other things, promoting uniform risk management standards for systemically important financial market utilities ("SIFMUs") and strengthening the liquidity of SIFMUs.<sup>20</sup>

Section 805(a)(2) of the Clearing Supervision Act <sup>21</sup> authorizes the Commission to prescribe regulations containing risk-management standards for the payment, clearing, and settlement activities of designated clearing entities engaged in designated activities for which the Commission is the supervisory agency. Section 805(b) of the Clearing Supervision Act <sup>22</sup> provides the following objectives and principles for the Commission's riskmanagement standards prescribed under Section 805(a):

• To promote robust risk management;

• to promote safety and soundness;

to reduce systemic risks; and
to support the stability of the

broader financial system. Section 805(c) provides, in addition, that the Commission's risk-management standards may address such areas as risk-management and default policies and procedures, among other areas.<sup>23</sup>

The Commission has adopted riskmanagement standards under Section 805(a)(2) of the Clearing Supervision Act and Section 17A of the Exchange Act (the "Clearing Agency Rules").<sup>24</sup> The Clearing Agency Rules require, among other things, each covered clearing agency to establish, implement, maintain, and enforce written policies and procedures that are reasonably designed to meet certain minimum requirements for its operations and riskmanagement practices on an ongoing basis.<sup>25</sup> As such, it is appropriate for the

<sup>24</sup> 17 CFR 240.17Ad–22. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 68080 (October 22, 2012), 77 FR 66220 (Nov. 2, 2012) (S7–08–11). See also Securities Exchange Act Release No. 78961 (September 28, 2016), 81 FR 70786 (October 13, 2016) (S7–03–14) ("Covered Clearing Agency Standards"). The Commission established an effective date of December 12, 2016 and a compliance date of April 11, 2017 for the Covered Clearing Agency Standards. OCC is a "covered clearing agency" as defined in Rule 17Ad–22(a)(5). <sup>25</sup> 17 CFR 240.17Ad–22.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Because the counterparty may be a bank with which OCC has existing relationships, in which case the proposed Bank Repo Facility could materially increase OCC's exposure to the bank, the Commission requested and reviewed information about existing relationships and exposures. See Notice of Filing, 85 FR at 7812, n. 9 (stating that OCC provided additional information in a confidential Exhibit 3b). The Commission also reviewed information regarding OCC's processes for monitoring such exposures. Id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> The buyer would not have a similar right, but rather, would be permitted to terminate a transaction early only upon the occurrence of an event of default with respect to OCC.

OCC provided additional information in a confidential Exhibit 3b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> See 12 U.S.C. 5461(b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> 12 U.S.C. 5464(a)(2).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> 12 U.S.C. 5464(b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> 12 U.S.C. 5464(c).

Commission to review advance notices against the Clearing Agency Rules and the objectives and principles of these risk management standards as described in Section 805(b) of the Clearing Supervision Act. As discussed below, the Commission believes the changes proposed in the Advance Notice are consistent with the objectives and principles described in Section 805(b) of the Clearing Supervision Act,<sup>26</sup> and in the Clearing Agency Rules, in particular Rules 17Ad-22(e)(7).27

# A. Consistency With Section 805(b) of the Clearing Supervision Act

The Commission believes that the proposal contained in OCC's Advance Notice is consistent with the stated objectives and principles of Section 805(b) of the Clearing Supervision Act. Specifically, as discussed below, the Commission believes that the changes proposed in the Advance Notice are consistent with promoting robust risk management in the area of liquidity risk, promoting safety and soundness, reducing systemic risks, and supporting the stability of the broader financial system.28

The Commission believes that the proposed changes are consistent with promoting robust risk management, in particular management of liquidity risk presented to OCC. OCC is a SIFMU.<sup>29</sup> As a SIFMU, it is imperative that OCC have adequate resources to be able to satisfy its counterparty settlement obligations, including in the event of a Clearing Member default.<sup>30</sup> As described above, OCC proposes to implement the Bank Repo Facility, in part, to address the expiration of the Non-Bank Facility and ensure that OCC's committed liquid resources remain at or above the amount that OCC has determined it needs to ensure that it has adequate resource to be able to satisfy its counterparty settlement obligations, after the Non-Bank Repo Facility expired on January 6, 2020. In addition, implementing the Bank Repo Facility would help OCC maintain its access to liquid resources through a committed repurchase agreement, which would have the additional advantage of helping to maintain diversity among the liquidity resources that OCC may use to resolve a Clearing

<sup>29</sup> See Financial Stability Oversight Council ("FSOC") 2012 Annual Report, Appendix A, available at https://www.treasury.gov/initiatives/ fsoc/Documents/2012%20Annual%20Report.pdf. Member default.<sup>31</sup> As such, the Commission believes that the proposal would promote robust risk management practices at OCC, consistent with Section 805(b) of the Clearing Supervision Act.32

The Commission also believes that the changes proposed in the Advance Notice are consistent with promoting safety and soundness, reducing systemic risks, and promoting the stability of the broader financial system. As described above, the Bank Repo Facility would provide OCC with another liquidity resource in the event of a Clearing Member default, in addition to the existing syndicated credit facility and Clearing Member minimum cash Clearing Fund requirements. This would promote safety and soundness for Clearing Members because it would provide OCC with diversity among resources and a readily available liquidity resource that could enable OCC to continue to meet its settlement obligations in a timely fashion in the event of a Clearing Member default, thereby helping to contain losses and liquidity pressures from such a default. Maintaining adequate and diversified resources to help manage a Clearing Member default, in turn, enhances OCC's ability to manage systemic risk and to support the broader financial system. As such, the Commission believes it is consistent with promoting safety and soundness, reducing systemic risks, and promoting the stability of the broader financial system as contemplated in Section 805(b) of the Clearing Supervision Act.33

Accordingly, and for the reasons stated above, the Commission believes the changes proposed in the Advance Notice are consistent with Section 805(b) of the Clearing Supervision Act.34

# B. Consistency With Rule 17Ad-22(e)(7) Under the Exchange Act

Rule 17Ad-22(e)(7)(ii) under the Exchange Act requires that a covered clearing agency establish, implement, maintain, and enforce written policies and procedures reasonably designed to effectively measure, monitor, and manage the liquidity risk that arises in or is borne by the covered clearing agency, including measuring, monitoring, and managing its settlement and funding flows on an ongoing and

timely basis, and its use of intraday liquidity by, at a minimum, holding qualifying liquid resources sufficient to meet the minimum liquidity resource requirement under Rule 17Åd-22(e)(7)(i) <sup>35</sup> in each relevant currency for which the covered clearing agency has payment obligations owed to clearing members.<sup>36</sup> For any covered clearing agency, "qualifying liquid resources" means assets that are readily available and convertible into cash through prearranged funding arrangements, such as, committed arrangements without material adverse change provisions, including, among others, repurchase agreements.<sup>32</sup>

As described above, implementation of the Bank Repo Facility would provide OCC with a committed funding arrangement that would give OCC access to \$500 million of committed liquid resources through an MRA with a bank counterparty. Under the terms of the MRA, OCC's bank counterparty would be required to provide OCC with funding subject to a number of conditions, including an obligation to fund regardless of any material adverse change at OCC, such as the failure of a Clearing Member. Taken together, the Commission believes that the Bank Repo Facility provides OCC with \$500 million of "qualifying liquid resources" as that term is defined in Rule 17Ad-22(e)(14) of the Exchange Act,38 and therefore is consistent with the requirements of Rule 17Ad-22(e)(7)(ii) under the Exchange.

Accordingly, the Commission believes that implementation of the Bank Repo Facility would be consistent with Rule 17Ad-22(e)(7)(ii) under the Exchange Act.39

#### **IV. Conclusion**

It is therefore noticed, pursuant to Section 806(e)(1)(I) of the Clearing Supervision Act, that the Commission DOES NOT OBJECT to Advance Notice

- 36 17 CFR 240.17Ad-22(e)(7)(ii).
- 37 17 CFR 240.17Ad-22(a)(14)(ii)(3).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup>12 U.S.C. 5464(b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> 17 CFR 240.17Ad-22(e)(7).

<sup>28 12</sup> U.S.C. 5464(b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 73979 (Jan. 2, 2015), 80 FR 1062, 1065 (Jan. 8, 2015) (SR-OCC-2014-809).

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 31}OCC$  maintains access to a diverse set of funding sources in addition to the Bank and Non-Bank Repo Facilities, including a syndicated credit facility and Clearing Member minimum cash Clearing Fund requirements.

<sup>32 12</sup> U.S.C. 5464(b).

<sup>33 12</sup> U.S.C. 5464(b).

<sup>34 12</sup> U.S.C. 5464(b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> Rule 17Ad-22(e)(7)(i) requires OCC to establish, implement, maintain and enforce written policies and procedures reasonably designed to effectively measure, monitor, and manage liquidity risk that arises in or is borne by OCC, including measuring, monitoring, and managing its settlement and funding flows on an ongoing and timely basis, and its use of intraday liquidity by, at a minimum, maintaining sufficient liquid resources at the minimum in all relevant currencies to effect sameday settlement of payment obligations with a high degree of confidence under a wide range of foreseeable stress scenarios that includes, but is not limited to, the default of the participant family that would generate the largest aggregate payment of obligation for the covered clearing agency in extreme but plausible conditions. 17 CFR 240.17Ad-22(e)(7)(i).

<sup>38 17</sup> CFR 240.17Ad-22(a)(14)(ii)(3).

<sup>3917</sup> CFR 240.17Ad-22(e)(7)(ii).

(SR-OCC-2020-801) and that OCC is AUTHORIZED to implement the proposed change as of the date of this notice.

By the Commission. Vanessa A. Countryman, Secretary. [FR Doc. 2020-04771 Filed 3-6-20; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 8011-01-P

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Investors Exchange LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Amend IEX Rules 2.220(a)(7) and 11.410(a) To Include the Long-Term Stock Exchange, Inc. (LTSE) in the List of Away Trading Centers to Which the **Exchange Routes and the Market Data** Sources the Exchange Will Use To Determine LTSE's Top of Book Quotation

March 3, 2020.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on February 20, 2020, the Investors Exchange LLC ("IEX" or the "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, and II 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

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 19(b)(1) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (''Act''),<sup>3</sup> and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,<sup>4</sup> the Exchange is filing with the Commission a proposed rule change to amend IEX Rules 2.220(a)(7) and 11.410(a) to include the Long-Term Stock Exchange, Inc. ("LTSE") in the list of away trading centers to which the Exchange routes and the market data sources the Exchange will use to determine LTSE's Top of Book <sup>5</sup> quotation, in anticipation of LTSE's planned launch. The Exchange has designated this rule change as "non-

- <sup>2</sup>17 CFR 240.19b-4.
- 3 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

controversial" under Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act<sup>6</sup> and provided the Commission with the notice required by Rule 19b–4(f)(6) thereunder.<sup>7</sup> The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Exchange's website at www.iextrading.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 statement [sic] 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 Exchange proposes to amend IEX Rules 2.220(a)(7)<sup>8</sup> and 11.410(a) <sup>9</sup> to include the Long-Term Stock Exchange, Inc. ("LTSE") in the list of away trading centers to which the Exchange routes and the market data sources the Exchange will use to determine LTSE's Top of Book <sup>10</sup> quotation, in anticipation of LTSE's planned launch, which LTSE expects "toward the end of Q1 2020." 11 The Exchange is also proposing to realphabetize the list of away trading centers in both IEX Rules 2.220(a)(7) and 11.410(a).

Specifically, the Exchange proposes to amend IEX Rule 2.220(a)(7) to add LTSE to the list of away trading centers to which IEX Services routes orders. As set forth in IEX Rule 11.230(b)(2), IEX Services routes eligible orders to away trading centers with accessible Protected Quotations in compliance with Regulation NMS Rule 611.12 The

<sup>7</sup> 17 CFK 240.190–4. <sup>8</sup> IEX Rule 2.220(a)(7) lists the away trading centers that IEX Services LLC ("IEX Services" routes to as outbound router for the Exchange.

<sup>9</sup>IEX Rule 11.410(a) specifies the market data sources for each away trading center that the Exchange uses for necessary price reference points. <sup>10</sup> See IEX Rule 11.410(a)(1).

<sup>11</sup> See LTSE FAQ for Exchange Launch published on January 3, 2020, available at: https://ltse.com/ static/MA-2020-001-e5bc8cb62425903526027 cdeed7b14fd.pdf.

Exchange must include LTSE in its list of away trading centers to which it routes, because LTSE's best-priced, displayed quotation will be a Protected Quotation under Regulation NMS Rule 600(b)(62)<sup>13</sup> for purposes of Regulation NMS Rule 611.14

The Exchange also proposes to amend and update the table in IEX Rule 11.410(a) specifying the primary sources for LTSE market data. As specified in IEX Rule 11.410(a)(2), the Exchange uses market data from each away trading center that produces a Protected Quotation<sup>15</sup> to determine each away trading center's Top of Book quotation, as well as the NBBO <sup>16</sup> for certain reporting, regulatory and compliance systems within IEX. As proposed, the Exchange will use securities information processor ("SIP") data, i.e., CQS SIP data for securities reported under the Consolidated Quotation Services and Consolidated Tape Association plans and UQDF SIP data for securities reported under the Nasdaq Unlisted Trading Privileges plan, to determine LTSE Top of Book quotes. No secondary source for LTSE market data will be specified because LTSE has announced that it will only distribute market data to the SIPs and will not have a proprietary market data feed.<sup>17</sup>

Consistent with the proposed changes to the table in IEX Rule 11.410(a), the Exchange proposes to make a conforming change to IEX Rule 11.410(a)(2) to reflect that, as proposed, the Exchange will use SIP data as the primary source from which it will determine Top of Book quotations for LTSE and for certain reporting, regulatory and compliance systems within IEX.<sup>18</sup> While the Exchange uses proprietary market data feeds to determine the Protected Quotations of all but two of the other away markets,19 it will utilize the SIP quote feeds to determine LTSE's Protected Quotations because LTSE will only distribute market data to the SIP and will not have a proprietary market data feed.<sup>20</sup>

Furthermore, the Exchange is proposing to make nonsubstantive changes to the list of away trading

<sup>14</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 85828 (May 10, 2019), 84 FR 21841, 21849 (May 15, 2019) (File No. 10–234) (Order approving LTSE application for registration as a national securities exchange).

- <sup>15</sup> See IEX Rule 1.160(bb).
- <sup>16</sup> See IEX Rule 1.160(u).
- <sup>17</sup> See supra note 11 at 2.
- <sup>18</sup> See IEX Rule 11.410(a)(2).

<sup>19</sup> The Exchange also uses CQS/UQDF SIP data as the exclusive source of market data for NYSE Chicago (XCHI) and NYSE National (XCIS). See IEX Rule 11.410(a).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>417</sup> CFR 240 19b-4

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See IEX Rule 11.410(a)(1).

<sup>6 15</sup> U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>717</sup> CFR 240.19b-4.

<sup>12 17</sup> CFR 242.611

<sup>13 17</sup> CFR 242.600(b)(62).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> See supra note 11 at 2.