

ACTION: Request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The National Science and Technology Council; Committee on Technology; Nanoscale Science, Engineering, and Technology Subcommittee requests public comments on the draft 2014 National Nanotechnology Initiative (NNI) Strategic Plan. The draft plan will be posted at www.nano.gov/2014strategy. Comments of approximately one page or less in length (4,000 characters) are requested and must be received by December 17, 2013 to be considered.

DATES: Comments must be received by 11:59 p.m. EST on December 17, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Respondents are encouraged to submit their comments (4,000 characters or less) through one of the following methods. Please reference page and line numbers in your response, as appropriate. Submission via the Web site is the preferred method of submission. Please do not include in your comments information of a confidential nature, such as sensitive personal information or proprietary information. Responses to this notice are not offers and cannot be accepted by the Federal Government to form a binding contract or issue a grant. Information obtained as a result of this notice may be used by the Federal Government for program planning on a non-attribution basis. Do not include any information that might be considered proprietary or confidential. Please be aware that your comments may be posted online.

- *Web site:* www.nano.gov/2014strategy.

- *Email:* 2014NNIStrategy@nnco.nano.gov.

- *Postal Mail:* Stacey Standridge, ATTN: NNI Strategic Plan Comments, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Stafford II Suite 405, Arlington, VA 22230.

- *Fax:* (703) 292-9312.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Nanotechnology Initiative (NNI) Strategic Plan is the framework that underpins the nanotechnology work of the NNI member agencies. It aims to ensure that advances in nanotechnology research and development (R&D) and their applications to agency missions and the broader national interest continue unabated in this still-young field. Its purpose is to facilitate achievement of the NNI vision by laying out targeted guidance for agency leaders, program managers, and the research community regarding planning and implementation of nanotechnology R&D investments and activities.

The NNI is a U.S. Government R&D program of 20 departments and

independent agencies working together toward the common vision of a future in which the ability to understand and control matter at the nanoscale level leads to a revolution in technology and industry that benefits society. The combined, coordinated efforts of these agencies have accelerated discovery, development, and deployment of nanotechnology towards agency missions and the broader national interest. Established in 2001, the NNI involves nanotechnology-related activities by the 20 member agencies, 11 of which have budgets for nanotechnology R&D in Fiscal Year (FY) 2014.

The NNI is managed within the framework of the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC), the Cabinet-level council that coordinates science and technology across the Federal government and interfaces with other sectors. The Nanoscale Science, Engineering, and Technology (NSET) Subcommittee of the NSTC coordinates planning, budgeting, program implementation, and review of the NNI. The NSET Subcommittee is composed of senior representatives from agencies participating in the NNI (www.nano.gov/nset).

The NSET Subcommittee has solicited multiple streams of input to inform the development of a revised NNI Strategic Plan. Independent reviews of the NNI by the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology and the National Research Council of the National Academies have made specific recommendations for improving the NNI. Additional input has come from the NNI Strategic Planning Stakeholders Workshop in Washington, DC, on June 11-12, 2013 (details available online: www.nano.gov/stakeholderworkshop), as well as in responses to targeted questions that were posted on www.nano.gov/stakeholderworkshop from June 7-June 14, 2013.

The NNI Strategic Plan represents the consensus of the participating agencies as to the high-level goals and priorities of the NNI and specific objectives for at least the next three years. It describes the four overarching goals of the NNI; the major Program Component Areas, established in 2004 and revised in 2013, to broadly track the categories of investments needed to ensure the success of the initiative; and the near-term objectives that will be the concrete steps taken toward collectively achieving the NNI vision and goals. Finally, the plan describes collaborative interagency activities, including five Nanotechnology Signature Initiatives that are a model of specifically targeted and closely coordinated interagency,

cross-sector collaboration designed to accelerate innovation in areas of national priority.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any questions about the content of this notice should be sent to

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Questions and responses may also be sent by mail (please allow additional time for processing) to: Stacey Standridge, ATTN: NNI Strategic Plan Comments, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Stafford II Suite 405, Arlington, VA 22230. Phone: (703) 292-8103, Fax: (703) 292-9312.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Notice of Sunshine Act Meeting

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Public Law 94-409, that the Securities and Exchange Commission will hold a Closed Meeting on Thursday, November 21, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.

Commissioners, Counsel to the Commissioners, the Secretary to the Commission, and recording secretaries will attend the Closed Meeting. Certain staff members who have an interest in the matters also may be present.

The General Counsel of the Commission, or her designee, has certified that, in her opinion, one or more of the exemptions set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(3), (5), (7), 9(B) and (10) and 17 CFR 200.402(a)(3), (5), (7), 9(ii) and (10), permit consideration of the scheduled matter at the Closed Meeting.

Commissioner Stein, as duty officer, voted to consider the items listed for the Closed Meeting in a closed session.

The subject matter of the Closed Meeting will be:

Settlement of injunctive actions; institution and settlement of administrative proceedings; and other matters relating to enforcement proceedings.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting items.

For further information and to ascertain what, if any, matters have been added, deleted or postponed, please contact the Office of the Secretary at (202) 551-5400.

Dated: November 14, 2013.

Elizabeth M. Murphy,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; BATS Y-Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Related to Fees for Use of BATS Y-Exchange, Inc.

November 13, 2013.

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 October 31, 2013, BATS Y-Exchange, Inc. (the “Exchange” or “BYX”) 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 by the Exchange. The Exchange has designated the proposed rule change as one establishing or changing a member due, fee, or other charge imposed by the Exchange under Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act³ and Rule 19b-4(f)(2) thereunder,⁴ which renders the proposed rule change effective upon filing with the Commission. 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 the Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to amend the fee schedule applicable to Members⁵ and non-members of the Exchange pursuant to BYX Rules 15.1(a) and (c). While changes to the fee schedule pursuant to this proposal will be effective upon filing, the proposed changes will become operative on November 1, 2013.

The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Exchange’s Web site at <http://www.batstrading.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 Exchange 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 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 Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to modify its fee schedule applicable to the use of the Exchange effective November 1, 2013, in order to modify pricing related to executions that occur on BATS Exchange, Inc. (“BZX”) through the Exchange’s TRIM⁶ and SLIM routing strategies.⁷ BZX implemented certain pricing changes effective October 1, 2013, including modification of the fee of \$0.0029 per share when removing liquidity to a fee of \$0.0030 per share when removing liquidity. To create a direct pass through of the applicable economics of executions at BZX through the TRIM and SLIM routing strategies, the Exchange proposes to charge \$0.0030 per share for orders routed through such strategies and executed on BZX, rather than the \$0.0029 per share that it currently charges for such orders. The Exchange is not proposing any other changes to its routing fees at this time.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder that are applicable to a national securities exchange, and, in particular, with the requirements of Section 6 of the Act.⁸ Specifically, the Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)(4) of the Act,⁹ in that it provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among members and other persons using any facility or system which the Exchange operates or

controls. The Exchange notes that it operates in a highly competitive market in which market participants can readily direct order flow to competing venues if they deem fee structures at a particular venue to be unreasonable and/or excessive. The Exchange believes that the proposed changes to the Exchange’s routing fee for orders executed on BZX through the TRIM and SLIM routing strategies are equitably allocated, fair and reasonable, and non-discriminatory in that they are equally applicable to all Members and are designed to mirror the fee applicable to the execution if such routed orders were executed directly by the Member at BZX.

B. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement on Burden on Competition

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act, as amended. Because the market for order execution is extremely competitive, Members may readily opt to disfavor the Exchange’s routing services if they believe that alternatives offer them better value. For orders routed through the Exchange and executed at BZX through the TRIM and SLIM routing strategies, the proposed fee change is designed to equal the fee that a Member would have received if such routed orders would have been executed directly by a Member at BZX.

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.

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) of the Act¹⁰ and paragraph (f) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.¹¹ At any time within 60 days of the filing of the 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.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and arguments concerning the foregoing,

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).

⁵ A Member is any registered broker or dealer that has been admitted to membership in the Exchange.

⁶ As defined in BYX Rule 11.13(a)(3)(G).

⁷ As defined in BYX Rule 11.13(a)(3)(H).

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78f.

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

¹¹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f).