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1. Text of the Proposed Rule Change

NYSE Arca, Inc. (“NYSE Arca” or the “Exchange”) proposes to amend certain NYSE Arca Rules governing registration of OTP Holders¹ and employees of Option Trading Permit (“OTP”) Firms² in order to (i) clarify registration procedures and make them consistent with the procedures of other self-regulatory organizations (“SROs”) and (ii) include an additional registration category in connection with the Exchange’s new options trading platform, OX.³ The text of the proposed rule change is attached as Exhibits 4 and 5.

2. Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization

- (a) The proposed rule change is being submitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) by Exchange staff pursuant to authority delegated by the NYSE Arca Board of Directors.
- (b) Questions and comments regarding the proposed rule change may be directed to the following:

Janet Angstadt
General Counsel, NYSE Arca, Inc.
Phone: (312) 442-7147

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

(a) Purpose

This is Amendment No. 1 to the original rule filing, which was submitted to the Commission on November 14, 2006. This Amendment No. 1 replaces the original rule filing in its entirety. The purpose of this Amendment No. 1 is to make minor technical corrections. The Exchange proposes to amend NYSE Arca Rules 2.5, 2.23, 6.33, 6.34A and 9.27 (referred to herein as Rules 2.5, 2.23, 6.33, 6.34A and 9.27) in order to clarify registration procedures and ongoing compliance obligations for OTP Holders and OTP Firms and their registered persons. Further, the Exchange proposes to amend these Rules so that they are consistent with industry practices and with the operation of the Central Registration Depository (“CRD”) system maintained by the National Association

¹ See NYSE Arca Rule 1.1(q).

² See NYSE Arca Rule 1.1(r).

³ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 34-54238 (July 28, 2006), 71 FR 44758 (August 7, 2006)

of Securities Dealers, Inc. (“NASD”). The proposed rule changes are similar to the rules of other SROs.⁴

Registration Category

The Exchange proposes to amend Rule 2.5(b)(10)(A) to include the registration category, Market Maker Authorized Trader,⁵ for individuals who perform market making activity on behalf of an OTP Firm on the OX trading facility. This registration category is new at this time because Market Maker Authorized Traders did not exist at NYSE Arca until the adoption of the OX trading rules in July 2006.⁶ These individuals will be required to maintain registration requirements similar to existing Market Makers on the Exchange.

Exceptions to Required Registration Examinations

The Exchange proposes to further amend Rule 2.5(b)(10)(A) to include certain exceptions to the registration examination requirements. Currently, similar, but not identical, exceptions are included as circumstances under which the Exchange will consider a waiver of the registration examination requirements under Rule 2.5(c), as described below. The Exchange believes that the added exceptions are clear cases when registration requirements need not apply, and does not believe that it is necessary to consider similar circumstances on a case-by-case basis as required under the waiver provisions in Rule 2.5(c).

Consideration of Requests for Waivers of Examination Requirements

The Exchange proposes to amend Rule 2.5(c), which governs requests from OTP Firm applicants to waive applicable examinations requirements prescribed by the Exchange. Specifically, the Exchange proposes to add new waiver standards under which the Exchange has discretion to grant waivers so that the Exchange’s practices are generally consistent with the criterion set forth in NASD Rule 1070(d) and Supplementary Material .15(1)(b) to NYSE Rule 345 and to make other clarifications.

In connection with changing the waiver standards, the Exchange also proposes to delete the remainder of Rule 2.5(c), which sets forth specific listed instances when the Exchange will waive required examinations. The purpose for deleting this language is because the Exchange: (i) proposes waiver standards under which the Exchange has discretion to grant waivers rather than specific listed circumstances, which is consistent with the other SROs as noted above, and (ii) proposes to make

⁴ See NASD Rules 1070(d) and 1120(a) and (b); New York Stock Exchange LLC (“NYSE”) Rule 345A and Supplementary Material .15(1)(b) to Rule 345.

⁵ See NYSE Arca Rule 6.1A(9).

⁶ See note 3, *supra*.

certain of these specific instances actual exceptions to the registration examination requirements in Rule 2.5(b)(10)(A), rather than circumstances under which the Exchange will consider a waiver. As explained above, the Exchange believes that such circumstances are clear cases when registration requirements need not apply, and does not believe that it is necessary to consider such circumstances on a case-by-case basis as required under the waiver provisions in Rule 2.5(c).

Filing of Registration Documentation with the Exchange

The Exchange proposes to amend Rule 2.23, which governs registration procedures for employees of OTP Firms. Specifically, the Exchange proposes to amend the Rule to provide manual registration procedures for registration categories (e.g., floor clerk) for which CRD does not provide electronic registration.⁷

Continuing Education Requirements

Currently, employees of OTP Firms who wish to initiate and maintain registration with the Exchange must follow two separate rules - Rule 2.23 and Rule 9.27. Rule 2.23 sets forth initial registration requirements, whereas Rule 9.27 sets forth the continuing education requirements that must be satisfied to maintain registration with the Exchange.

In order to simplify compliance for employees of OTP Firms, the Exchange proposes to provide continuing registration requirements in the same rule as initial registration requirements. Specifically, the Exchange proposes to add continuing education requirements to new Rule 2.23(d) and certain definitions and clarifications with respect thereto to new Commentary .01 - .06 to Rule 2.23.

The continuing education requirements in proposed new Rule 2.23(d) and related Commentary .01 - .06 to Rule 2.23 are substantially similar to those contained in current Rule 9.27(c) and (d) and related Commentary .01 - .06 to Rule 9.27(c) and (d), except that the Exchange has made certain clarifications so that the continuing education requirements and related definitions and clarifications are more closely aligned with NASD Rule 1120 and NYSE Rule 345A and other clean-up changes, as set forth in detail below.

⁷ In 2005, NYSE Arca (formerly Pacific Exchange, Inc. or “PCX”) became a participant of the CRD system for maintenance of certain registration categories with the Exchange. As part of this implementation, applicable rules of the Exchange were amended to address filing appropriate registration documentation electronically with the CRD system for employees of ETP Holders. These amended rules, however, inadvertently omitted certain registration procedures for positions not available on the CRD system.

Specifically, the Exchange proposes in Rule 2.23(d)(1) that the content of the Regulatory Element of the program shall be consistent with the standards set forth by the Exchange and other self-regulatory organizations, rather than just determined by the Exchange as is set forth in the current Rule 9.27(c). In addition, the Exchange proposes to add language in Rule 2.23(d)(2)(B)(i) providing that if an OTP Firm's or an OTP Holder's analysis establishes the need for supervisory training for persons with supervisory responsibilities, such training must be included in the OTP Firm's or OTP Holder's training plan. Such language is not included in the current Rule 9.27(d)(2)(A). The Exchange has not proposed for inclusion the NASD's continuing education requirements applicable to research analysts because the Exchange does not provide for research analyst registration. Additionally, unlike the current NASD Rule 1120(a)(6), the Exchange is not proposing to permit OTP Firms or OTP Holders to self-administer the Regulatory Element of continuing education, as the Exchange does not have the resources or capability to offer an approval process or monitoring of such self-administered programs. OTP Firms and OTP Holders will be responsible for ensuring continuing education information related to their associated persons is received by the firm in a timely manner, and as such, shall designate a person or persons to receive applicable information via electronic mail directly from the CRD system. OTP Firms and OTP Holders will not be required to submit to the Exchange the names of such designated persons, as is required by the current NASD rule. This is based on the fact that the Exchange does not have a contact management system comparable to that of the NASD.

With respect to the proposed new Commentary to Rule 2.23, the Exchange proposes to add a definition of "registered person" to Commentary .01 to Rule 2.23 as is currently set forth in Commentary .01 to Rule 9.27(c) and (d), except that the definition that the Exchange is proposing does not include the carve-out for "any such person whose activities are limited solely to the transaction of business on the facilities of the Exchange," but rather includes a carve-out for "such persons who are not subject to the registration requirements for traders as set forth in Rule 2.5(b)(10)(A)." In addition, the Exchange proposes in Commentary .03 to Rule 2.23 to correct a mistake in the language in Commentary .03 to Rule 9.27(c) and (d) to provide that reassociated registered persons shall participate in the Regulatory Element at intervals based on their initial base date, rather than their new base date. Lastly, the Exchange proposes in Commentary .06 to Rule 2.23 to change the reference of "any registered member who is an OTP Holder," which is currently in Commentary .06 to Rule 9.27(c) and (d), to "any registered person who is associated with an OTP Firm or OTP Holder" in order to be consistent with the language of other SROs.

In connection with the addition of proposed new Rule 2.23(d) and Commentary .01 - .06 to Rule 2.23 as set forth above, the Exchange proposes to delete the specific continuing education requirements in Rule 9.27(c) and (d) and the related Commentary .01 - .06 to Rule 9.27(c) and (d). The purpose for deleting the continuing education requirements in Rule 9.27(c) and (d) is to avoid needless

repetition and risk of inconsistencies. The Exchange proposes to include cross-reference language in Rule 9.27(c) that provides that registered persons shall follow the continuing education requirements set forth in Rule 2.23(d).

In addition, the Exchange proposes to delete current Rule 2.23(i) with respect to transition to the CRD system because registration with CRD is already provided for in Rule 2.23(a).

Orientation Program for Certain Market Makers and Market Maker Authorized Traders

The Exchange proposes to amend Rules 6.33 and 6.34A(b)(2) to provide that Market Maker and Market Maker Authorized Trader applicants to the Exchange who have previously successfully completed the required examination and have been absent from registration with the Exchange in such capacity for six months or more will be required to complete an orientation program prescribed by the Exchange.

The Exchange proposes these rule changes because it believes that Market Makers and Market Maker Authorized Traders that have been absent from the Exchange for six months or more should be required to take a program to acquaint them with the requirements of the Exchange due to the length of time that they have been absent from the Exchange.

(b) Basis

The proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)⁸ of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”), in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5)⁹ in particular in that it is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in facilitating transactions in securities, and to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system.

4. 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 that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Exchange Act.

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

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

Written comments on the proposed rule change were neither solicited nor received.

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 Exchange does not request summary effectiveness pursuant to Section 19(b)(3) of the Exchange Act or accelerated effectiveness pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Exchange Act.

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

The proposed rule change is based on the rules of the NASD and NYSE.¹⁰

9. Exhibits

Exhibit 1 - Form of Notice of Proposed Rule Change for Federal Register.

Exhibit 4 - Text of the Proposed Rule Change showing changes.

Exhibit 5 - Text of the Proposed Rule Change.

¹⁰ See footnote 4, *supra*.

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
 (Release No. 34- ; Amendment No. 1 to File No. SR-NYSEArca-2006-51)

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change by NYSE Arca, Inc. Relating to Amendments to Registration Rules of NYSE Arca, Inc.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Exchange Act”)¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on January 12, 2007, NYSE Arca, Inc. (“NYSE Arca” or the “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission” or “SEC”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II and III below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comment 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 amend certain NYSE Arca Rules governing registration of OTP Holders³ and employees of Option Trading Permit (“OTP”) Firms⁴ in order to (i) clarify registration procedures and make them consistent with the procedures of other self-regulatory organizations (“SROs”) and (ii) include an additional registration category in connection with the Exchange’s new options trading platform, OX.⁵ The text

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² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's website at

www.nysearca.com, at the Exchange's Office of the Secretary and at the Commission.

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 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.

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(2) Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Exchange Act,¹⁰ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5)¹¹ in particular in that it is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in facilitating transactions in securities, and to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system.

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

¹¹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

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 that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Exchange Act.

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

Written comments on the proposed rule change were neither solicited nor received.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

Within 35 days of the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register or within such longer period (i) as the Commission may designate up to 90 days of such date if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or (ii) as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission will:

- (A) by order approve the proposed modifications, or
- (B) institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be 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 Exchange 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 email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File No. SR-NYSEArca-2006-51 on the subject line.

Paper Comments:

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Nancy M. Morris, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549.

All submissions should refer to File No. SR-NYSEArca-2006-51. 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 inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of NYSE Arca. 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 No. SR-NYSEArca-2006-51 and should be submitted [insert date 21 days from publication in the Federal Register].

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹²

Nancy M. Morris,
Secretary

¹² 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

Text of the Proposed Rule Change:¹**Rules of The NYSE Arca, Inc.****Rule 2****Options Trading Permits**

Rule 2.5 Denial of or Conditions to OTPs

(a) – No change.

(b) The Exchange may deny (or may condition) trading privileges under an OTP, or may prevent a natural person from becoming associated (or may condition an association) with an OTP Firm, when the applicant, directly or indirectly:

(1) – (9) – No change.

(10) does not successfully complete examinations as required by the Exchange to verify the applicant's qualifications to function in capacities covered by the application;

[Series 7] Registration Requirements for [Off-Floor] Traders

(A) All traders of member organizations for which the Exchange is the Designated Examining Authority ("DEA") must successfully complete the General Securities Registered Representative Examination Test, Series 7, except for individuals who do not conduct business with the public and are performing the function of an (i) individual registered [market maker] as a Market Maker (pursuant to Rule 6.33) or Market Maker Authorized Trader (pursuant to Rule 6.34A) who has successfully completed the Series 44 examination and an orientation program for such examination as may be prescribed by the Exchange, (ii) individual registered [floor broker] as a Floor Broker (pursuant to Rule 6.44) who has successfully completed the Series 45 examination within five years of the application date for an OTP and has been an OTP Holder within six months of the application date for an OTP, or [and] (iii) [associated persons of OTP

¹ *Italics and double underscore* indicate text to be added to the proposed amendments to the Rules as originally filed and single ~~strikethrough~~ indicates text to be deleted.

Firms who facilitate the execution of stock transactions for the accounts of options market makers] individual registered with the Exchange as a Floor Clerk.

For purposes of this Rule:

(i) The term "trader" means a person who is directly or indirectly compensated by an OTP Firm and who trades, makes trading decisions with respect to, or otherwise engages in the proprietary or agency trading of securities.

(11) – (13) – No change.

(c) Prior to admission to the trading floor or participation on any trading system, all applicants are required to complete an Exchange Orientation Program. The Exchange may, at its discretion in exceptional cases where good cause is shown, waive the applicable examination requirement and accept other standards as evidence of an applicant's qualifications for registration. Advanced age or physical infirmity will not individually of themselves constitute sufficient grounds to waive an examination requirement. Experience in fields ancillary to the investment banking or securities business may constitute sufficient grounds to waive an examination requirement. In such cases, the Exchange must be satisfied that the candidate is qualified for registration. [waive a required examination under the following conditions:

(1) an applicant for registration as a Market Maker pursuant to Rule 6.33 must have successfully completed the Series 44 Examination within five years of the application date for an OTP and the applicant must have been an OTP Holder within six months of the application date for an OTP.

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(3) an applicant must have successfully completed an equivalent examination administered by a self-regulatory organization within five years of the application date for an OTP and the applicant must have been a member of any self-regulatory organization within six months of the application date for an OTP.

(4) in the opinion of the Exchange, appropriate basis for an exemption from a required examination exists based on the following standards of evidence regarding an applicant's qualifications:

(A) length and quality of securities industry experience or professional experience in investment related fields;

(B) specific registration requested by the applicant and type of business to be conducted in relation to the applicant's experience;

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Rule 2.23 Registration

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(b) In order to satisfy the registration requirement, employees of OTP Firms must satisfy applicable examination requirements as prescribed by the Exchange, complete documentation and pay the related fees. Continuance of any registered employee is at the sole discretion of the Exchange.

(i) For employees of OTP Firms for which the Exchange serves as the Designated Examining Authority, all the requirements of subsection (b) apply;

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employees with [the] NYSE Arca in the manner prescribed in paragraph (a) of this Rule [via Web CRD].

(c) No change.

(d) Continuing Education. No OTP Firm or OTP Holder shall permit any registered person to continue to, and no registered person shall continue to, perform duties as a registered person, unless such person has complied with the continuing education requirements of this Rule 2.23(d).

(1) Regulatory Element-- Each registered person shall complete the Regulatory Element of the continuing education program beginning with the occurrence of their second registration anniversary date, and every three years thereafter, or as otherwise prescribed by the Exchange. On each occasion, the Regulatory Element must be completed within one hundred twenty (120) days after the person's registration anniversary date. A person's initial registration date, also known as the "base date," shall establish the cycle anniversary dates for purposes of this Rule. The content of the Regulatory Element of the program shall be consistent with the standards set forth by the Exchange and other self regulatory organizations for each registration category of persons subject to the Rule.

(A) Reserved.

(B) Failure to Complete --Unless otherwise determined by the Exchange, any registered persons who have not completed the Regulatory Element of the program within the prescribed time frames will have their registration deemed inactive until such time as the requirements of the program have been satisfied. Any person whose registration has been deemed inactive under this Rule shall cease all activities as a registered person and shall be prohibited from performing any duties and functioning in any capacity requiring registration.

The Exchange may, upon application and a showing of good cause, allow for additional time for a registered person to satisfy the program requirements.

(C) Disciplinary Actions --Unless otherwise determined by the SRO, a registered person will be required to retake the Regulatory Element and satisfy all of its requirements in the event such person:

(i) becomes subject to any statutory disqualification as defined in Section (3)(a)(39) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934;

(ii) becomes subject to suspension or to the imposition of a fine of \$5,000 or more for violation of any provision of any securities law or regulation, or any agreement with, rule, or standard of conduct

of any securities governmental agency, securities self-regulatory organization, or as imposed by any such regulatory or self-regulatory organization in connection with a disciplinary proceeding; or

(iii) is ordered as a sanction in a disciplinary action to retake the Regulatory Element by any securities governmental agency or securities self-regulatory organization.

A retaking of the Regulatory Element shall commence with participation within 120 days of the registered person becoming subject to the statutory disqualification, in the case of (i) above, or the disciplinary action becoming final, in the case of (ii) or (iii) above. The date that the disciplinary action becomes final will be deemed the person's new base date for purposes of this Rule.

(D) Regulatory Element Notifications--Each OTP Firm or OTP Holder shall designate an individual or individuals responsible for receiving e-mail notifications provided via the Central Registration Depository ("Web CRD") regarding when a registered person is approaching the end of his or her Regulatory Element time frame and when a registered person is deemed inactive due to failure to complete the requirements of the Regulatory Element program. Each OTP Firm or OTP Holder must, no less than quarterly, review and, if necessary, update the information regarding its Regulatory Element contact person(s) with Web CRD.

(2) Firm Element

(A) Persons Subject to the Firm Element --The requirements of this Rule 2.23(d)(2) shall apply to any registered person who has direct contact with customers in the conduct of the OTP Firm's or OTP Holder's securities sales, trading or investment banking activities, and to the immediate supervisors of such persons (collectively, "covered registered persons").

(B) Standards

(i) Each OTP Firm and OTP Holder must maintain a continuing and current education program for its covered registered persons to enhance their securities knowledge, skills and professionalism. At a minimum, each OTP Firm and OTP Holder shall at least annually evaluate and prioritize its training needs and develop a written training plan. The plan must take into consideration the OTP Firm's or OTP Holder's size, organizational structure, and scope of business activities, as well as regulatory developments and the performance of covered registered persons in the Regulatory Element. If an OTP Firm's or an OTP Holder's analysis determines a need for supervisory training for persons

with supervisory responsibilities, such training must be included in the OTP Firm's or OTP Holder's training plan.

(ii) *Minimum Standards for Training Programs* --Programs used to implement an OTP Firm's or OTP Holder's training plan must be appropriate for the business of the OTP Firm or OTP Holder and, at a minimum, must cover the following matters concerning securities products, services and strategies offered by the OTP Firm or OTP Holder:

(a) General investment features and associated risk factors;

(b) Suitability and sales practice considerations; and

(c) Applicable regulatory requirements.

(iii) *Administration of Continuing Education Program* --Each OTP Firm and OTP Holder must administer its continuing education program in accordance with its annual evaluation and written plan and must maintain records documenting the content of the programs and completion of the programs by covered registered persons.

(C) *Participation in the Firm Element* --Covered registered persons included in an OTP Firm's or OTP Holder's plan must take all appropriate and reasonable steps to participate in continuing education programs as required by the OTP Firm or OTP Holder.

(D) *Specific Training Requirements* --The Exchange may require an OTP Firm or OTP Holder, either individually or as part of a larger group, to provide specific training to its covered registered persons in such areas that the Exchange deems appropriate. Such a requirement may stipulate the class of covered registered persons for which it is applicable, the time period in which the requirement must be satisfied and, where appropriate, the actual training content.

(e) [(d)] A registered employee may not be engaged in any other business or be employed by another employer in any capacity or receive compensation, without the prior written and continuing approval of his or her OTP Holder or OTP Firm, and such registered employee shall devote a substantial portion of the business day to the activities of his or her OTP Firm or OTP Holder.

(f) [(e)] No OTP Holder or OTP Firm may employ an Exchange employee during regular Exchange business hours. No OTP Holder or OTP Firm may employ an Exchange employee outside regular Exchange employment hours without having first obtained the

prior written approval of the Exchange and registering the name of the employee, the nature of the services rendered and the amount of related compensation.

(g) [(f)] No OTP Holder or OTP Firm shall give any compensation or gratuity in any one calendar year in excess of \$100 to any employee or any other OTP Holder or OTP Firm, or to any employee of a broker or dealer, bank or institution that is not an OTP Holder or OTP Firm, without the prior consent of the employee's employer.

(h) [(g)] No OTP Holder or OTP Firm shall give any compensation to any officer, manager, employee or other agent of the Exchange without the prior written consent of the Exchange. No OTP Holder or OTP Firm shall give any gratuity or gift in any one calendar year in excess of \$100 to any officer, director, employee or other agent of the Exchange without the prior written consent of the Exchange. All requests for Exchange consent should contain the following information:

- (1) name and position of the Exchange officer, director, employee or agent;
- (2) nature of the gratuity or gift;
- (3) dollar amount of compensation or gratuity;
- (4) reason for the compensation, gift or gratuity; and
- (5) any other details which may be useful in considering the request.

(i) [(h)] OTP Holders and OTP Firms are required to [electronically] file a Form U[-]5 and any amendment thereto [with the CRD] within ten (10) business days of the termination date of an employee that has been approved for admission to the trading floor or participation on any trading system. For registrations available and maintained electronically through the CRD system, such filings must be submitted to CRD. Filings for registrations not available on CRD and maintained directly with the Exchange must be submitted directly to the Exchange. OTP Holders and OTP Firms are also responsible for obtaining and returning an employee's Exchange identification badge to the Exchange.

[(i) Transition to Web CRD System. OTP Holders must electronically file a Form U-4 with the CRD system on or before such time as may be specified by the Exchange for each of their employees who have access to the trading floor or participate on any electronic trading system.]

(j) Process to Register Employees or Obtain Officer Approval. To register an employee or obtain the approval for an officer, the employer must file an application on Form U4 and any amendment thereto in the manner prescribed by paragraph (a) of this Rule, as well as complete any relevant application process prescribed by the Exchange.

Commentary:

.01 For purposes of this Rule, the term "registered person" means any OTP Firm or OTP Holder, Allied Person thereof, registered representative or other person registered or required to be registered under the Rules of the Exchange, but excludes such persons who are not subject to the registration requirements for traders as set forth in Rule 2.5(b)(10)(A).

.02 For purposes of this Rule, the term "customer" means any natural person or any organization, other than a registered broker or dealer, executing transactions in securities or other similar instruments with or through, or receiving investment banking services from, an OTP Firm or OTP Holder.

.03 Any registered person who has terminated association with a registered broker or dealer and who has, within two years of the date of termination, become reassociated in a registered capacity with a registered broker or dealer shall participate in the Regulatory Element of the continuing education program at such intervals that apply (second registration anniversary and every three years thereafter) based on their initial base date, rather than based on the date of reassociation in a registered capacity. Any former registered person who becomes reassociated in a registered capacity with a registered broker or dealer more than two years after termination as such will be required to satisfy the program's requirements in their entirety based on the most recent registration date.

.04 Any registration that is deemed inactive for a period of two calendar years pursuant to section (d)(1)(B) of this Rule for failure of a registered person to complete the Regulatory Element, shall be terminated. A person whose registration is so terminated may become registered only by reapplying for registration and satisfying applicable registration and qualification requirements of the Exchange.

.05 Reserved.

.06 Any registered person who is associated with an OTP Firm or OTP Holder who is also a member of another self-regulatory organization ("SRO") shall be subject to the other SRO's implementation date for the elimination of the exceptions to the Regulatory Element section of the continuing education program, if that date is earlier than September 30, 2005.

Rule 6

Options Trading

Rule 6.33 Registration of Market Makers

An applicant for registration as a Market Maker shall file an application in writing with the Exchange on such form or forms as the Exchange may prescribe. Applications shall be reviewed by the Exchange, which shall consider an applicant's ability, as demonstrated by his passing a Market Maker examination prescribed by the Exchange, financial resources and such other factors as the Exchange deems appropriate. Applicants reapplying to the Exchange who have previously successfully completed the Market Maker ~~such~~ examination and have been absent from registration *as a Market Maker or an MMAT* with the Exchange ~~in such capacity~~ for six months or more will be required to complete an orientation program prescribed by the Exchange. After reviewing the application, the Exchange shall either approve or disapprove the applicant's registration as a Market Maker. The registration of any person as a Market Maker may be suspended or terminated by the Exchange upon a determination of any substantial or continued failure by such Market Maker to engage in dealings in accordance with Rules 6.37, 6.37A or 6.37B.

An OTP Holder or OTP Firm or prospective OTP Holder or OTP Firm adversely affected by a determination of the Exchange under Rule 6.33 may obtain a review thereof in accordance with the provisions of Rule 10.14.

Rule 6.34A Market Maker Authorized Traders – OX

(a) – No change.

(b) Registration of MMATs. The Exchange may, upon receiving an application in writing from a Market Maker on a form prescribed by the Exchange, approve a person as an MMAT.

(1) MMATs may be:

- (i) individual OTP Holders registered with the Exchange as Market Makers, or
- (ii) officers, partners, employees or associated persons of OTP Firms that are registered with the Exchange as Market Makers.

(2) To be approved as an MMAT, a person must demonstrate knowledge of the Rules of the Exchange by passing an examination conducted by the Exchange. Applicants reapplying ~~with~~ to the Exchange who have previously passed ~~successfully completed~~ such examination and ~~who~~ have been absent from registration as a Market Maker or an MMAT with the Exchange for a period of six months or more will be required to complete an orientation program prescribed by the Exchange before approval of such registration may be granted.

(3) The Exchange may require a Market Maker to provide additional information the Exchange considers necessary to establish whether a person should be approved.

(4) A person may be conditionally approved as an MMAT subject to any conditions the Chief Regulatory Officer considers appropriate in the interests of maintaining a fair and orderly market.

(c) – No change.

Rule 9 Conducting Business with the Public

Rule 9.27 Registration of Representatives

(a) General. No OTP Firm or OTP Holder shall be approved to transact business with the public until those persons associated with it who are designated as Representatives have been registered with and approved by the Exchange pursuant to the provisions of Rule 2.23[(a) through Rule 2.23(d)]. Persons who perform duties for the OTP Firm or OTP Holder which are customarily performed by sales representatives, solicitors, customers' men or branch office managers shall be designated as Representatives.

(b) Registered Options Representatives. No person associated with an OTP Firm or OTP Holder shall transact any business with the public in option contracts, unless those persons are registered with and approved by the Exchange pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (a) of this Section and are registered with and approved by the Exchange as Options Representatives. In connection with their registration as Options Representatives, such persons shall file an application with the Exchange on a form prescribed by the Exchange, shall successfully complete a training course and an examination for the purpose of demonstrating adequate knowledge in the trading of option contracts, and shall sign an agreement to abide by the Bylaws, Rules and procedures of the Exchange and the Rules of the Options Clearing Corporation; provided, however, that representatives of an OTP Firm or OTP Holder which is a member of another national securities exchange or association which has standards of approval acceptable to the Exchange may be deemed to be registered with and approved by the Exchange, so long as such representatives are registered with and approved by such other exchange or association. An OTP Firm or OTP Holder whose representatives are deemed registered and approved pursuant to the last clause of the preceding sentence shall inform their representatives of their obligation to adhere to the Bylaws, Rules and procedures of the Exchange and the Rules of the Options Clearing Corporation. Termination of employment or affiliation of any Registered Options Representative in such capacity shall be reported promptly to the Department of Member Organizations of the Exchange together with a brief statement of the reason for such termination, pursuant to Rule 2.23[(g)](i).

Commentary .01 - .03 No Change

Rule 9.27 [Regulatory Element] Continuing Education Requirements

(c) No OTP Firm or OTP Holder shall permit any registered person to continue to, and no registered person shall continue to, perform duties as a registered person, unless such person has complied with the continuing education requirements of [this Rule 9.27(c)] Rule 2.23.

[Each registered person shall complete the Regulatory Element of the continuing education program beginning with the occurrence of their second registration anniversary date, and every three years thereafter, or as otherwise prescribed by the Exchange. On each occasion, the Regulatory Element must be completed within one hundred twenty days after the person's registration anniversary date. A person's initial registration date, also known as the "base date", shall establish the cycle anniversary dates for purposes of this Rule. The content of the Regulatory Element of the program shall be determined by the Exchange for each registration category of persons subject to the Rule.

(1) Reserved.

(2) *Failure to Complete* --Unless otherwise determined by the Exchange, any registered persons who have not completed the Regulatory Element of the program within the prescribed time frames will have their registration deemed inactive until such time as the requirements of the program have been satisfied. Any person whose registration has been deemed inactive under this Rule shall cease all activities as a registered person and shall be prohibited from performing any duties and functioning in any capacity requiring registration.

The Exchange may, upon application and a showing of good cause, allow for additional time for a registered person to satisfy the program requirements.

(3) *Disciplinary Actions* --Unless otherwise determined by the SRO, a registered person will be required to re-take the Regulatory Element and satisfy all of its requirements in the event such person:

(A) becomes subject to any statutory disqualification as defined in Section (3)(a)(39) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934;

(B) becomes subject to suspension or to the imposition of a fine of \$5,000 or more for violation of any provision of any securities law or regulation, or any agreement with or rule of standard of conduct of any securities governmental agency, securities self-regulatory organization, or as imposed by any such regulatory or self-regulatory organization in connection with a disciplinary proceeding; or

(C) is ordered as a sanction in a disciplinary action to re-take the Regulatory Element by any securities governmental agency or securities self-regulatory organization.

A re-taking of the Regulatory Element shall commence with participation within 120 days of the registered person becoming subject to the statutory disqualification, in the case of (A) above, or the disciplinary action becoming final, in the case of (B) or (C) above. The date that the disciplinary action becomes final will be deemed the person's new base date for purposes of this Rule.

(d) Firm Element

(1) *Persons Subject to the Firm Element* --The requirements of this Rule 9.27(d) shall apply to any registered person who has direct contact with customers in the conduct of the OTP Firm's or OTP Holder's securities sales, trading or investment banking activities, and to the immediate supervisors of such persons (collectively, "covered registered persons").

(2) *Standards*

(A) Each OTP Firm and OTP Holder must maintain a continuing and current education program for its covered registered person to enhance their securities knowledge, skills and professionalism. At a minimum, each OTP Firm and OTP Holder shall at least annually evaluate and prioritize its training needs and develop a written training plan. The plan must take into consideration the OTP Firm's or OTP Holder's size, organizational structure, and scope of business activities, as well as regulatory developments and the performance of covered registered persons in the Regulatory Element. If an OTP Holder or OTP Firm's analysis determines a need for supervisory training for persons with supervisory responsibilities such training must be included in the OTP Holder or OTP Firm's training plan.

(B) *Minimum Standards for Training Programs* --Programs used to implement an OTP Firm's or OTP Holder's training plan must be appropriate for the business of the OTP Firm or OTP Holder and, at a minimum, must cover the following matters concerning securities products, services and strategies offered by the OTP Firm or OTP Holder:

- (i) General investment features and associated risk factors;
- (ii) Suitability and sales practice considerations; and
- (iii) Applicable regulatory requirements.

(C) *Administration of Continuing Education Program* --Each OTP Firm and OTP Holder must administer its continuing education program in accordance with its annual evaluation and written plan and must maintain records documenting the content of the programs and completion of the programs by covered registered persons.

(3) *Participation in the Firm Element* --Covered registered persons included in an OTP Firm's or OTP Holder's plan must take all appropriate and reasonable steps to participate in continuing education programs as required by the OTP Firm or OTP Holder.

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Commentary :

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.02 For purposes of this Rule, the term "customer" means any natural person or any organization, other than a registered broker or dealer, executing transactions in securities or other similar instruments with or through, or receiving investment banking services from, an OTP Firm or OTP Holder.

.03 Any registered person who has terminated association with a registered broker or dealer and who has, within two years of the date of termination, become reassociated in a registered capacity with a registered broker or dealer shall participate in the Regulatory Element of the continuing education program at such intervals that apply (second registration anniversary and every three years thereafter) based on the new base date, rather than based on the date of reassociation in a registered capacity. Any former registered person who becomes reassociated in a registered capacity with a registered broker or dealer more than two years after termination as such will be required to satisfy the program's requirements in their entirety based on the most recent registration date.

.04 Any registration that is deemed inactive for a period of two calendar years pursuant to section (c)(2) of this Rule for failure of a registered person to complete the Regulatory Element, shall be terminated. A person whose registration is so terminated may become registered only by reapplying for registration and satisfying applicable registration and qualification requirements of Exchange rules.

.05 Reserved.

.06 Any registered member who is an OTP Holder who is also a member of another self-regulatory organization ("SRO") shall be subject to the other SRO's implementation date for the elimination of the exceptions to the Regulatory Element section of the continuing education program, if that date is earlier than September 30, 2005.]

Text of the Proposed Rule Change:¹**Rules of The NYSE Arca, Inc.****Rule 2****Options Trading Permits**

Rule 2.5 Denial of or Conditions to OTPs

(a) – No change.

(b) The Exchange may deny (or may condition) trading privileges under an OTP, or may prevent a natural person from becoming associated (or may condition an association) with an OTP Firm, when the applicant, directly or indirectly:

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(10) does not successfully complete examinations as required by the Exchange to verify the applicant's qualifications to function in capacities covered by the application;

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options market makers] individual registered with the Exchange as a Floor Clerk.

For purposes of this Rule:

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(11) – (13) – No change.

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(1) an applicant for registration as a Market Maker pursuant to Rule 6.33 must have successfully completed the Series 44 Examination within five years of the application date for an OTP and the applicant must have been an OTP Holder within six months of the application date for an OTP.

(2) an applicant for registration as a Floor Broker pursuant to Rule 6.44 must have successfully completed the Series 45 Examination within five years of the application date for an OTP and the applicant must have been an OTP Holder within six months of the application date for an OTP.

(3) an applicant must have successfully completed an equivalent examination administered by a self-regulatory organization within five years of the application date for an OTP and the applicant must have been a member of any self-regulatory organization within six months of the application date for an OTP.

(4) in the opinion of the Exchange, appropriate basis for an exemption from a required examination exists based on the following standards of evidence regarding an applicant's qualifications:

(A) length and quality of securities industry experience or professional experience in investment related fields;

(B) specific registration requested by the applicant and type of business to be conducted in relation to the applicant's experience;

(C) previous registration history with the Exchange and nature of any pre-existing regulatory matters; and

(D) other examinations (e.g., Series 7 Examination) taken by the applicant that may be acceptable substitutes in conjunction with securities industry experience.]

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(d) – (f) No change.

Rule 2.23 Registration

(a) Each employee of an OTP Firm compensated directly or indirectly for the solicitation or handling of business in securities, including trading in securities for the account of the organization must be registered with the Exchange. In connection with their registration, such individuals shall electronically file a Form U[-]4 with the CRD by appropriately checking the Exchange as a requested registration on the electronic Form [U-4] U4 filing; provided, however, that for registration categories (e.g. Floor Clerk) not available electronically on CRD, individuals must file a Form U4, any required amendments, or registration documentation prescribed by the Exchange, directly with the Exchange. [Any individual] Individuals for whom registration is maintained on CRD are required to [complete Form U-4 shall] promptly electronically file any required amendments to Form U[-]4 with the CRD.

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employees with [the] NYSE Arca in the manner prescribed in paragraph (a) of this Rule [via Web CRD].

(c) No change.

(d) Continuing Education. No OTP Firm or OTP Holder shall permit any registered person to continue to, and no registered person shall continue to, perform duties as a registered person, unless such person has complied with the continuing education requirements of this Rule 2.23(d).

(1) Regulatory Element-- Each registered person shall complete the Regulatory Element of the continuing education program beginning with the occurrence of their second registration anniversary date, and every three years thereafter, or as otherwise prescribed by the Exchange. On each occasion, the Regulatory Element must be completed within one hundred twenty (120) days after the person's registration anniversary date. A person's initial registration date, also known as the "base date," shall establish the cycle anniversary dates for purposes of this Rule. The content of the Regulatory Element of the program shall be consistent with the standards set forth by the Exchange and other self regulatory organizations for each registration category of persons subject to the Rule.

(A) Reserved.

(B) Failure to Complete --Unless otherwise determined by the Exchange, any registered persons who have not completed the Regulatory Element of the program within the prescribed time frames will have their registration deemed inactive until such time as the requirements of the program have been satisfied. Any person whose registration has been deemed inactive under this Rule shall cease all activities as a registered person and shall be prohibited from performing any duties and functioning in any capacity requiring registration.

The Exchange may, upon application and a showing of good cause, allow for additional time for a registered person to satisfy the program requirements.

(C) Disciplinary Actions --Unless otherwise determined by the SRO, a registered person will be required to retake the Regulatory Element and satisfy all of its requirements in the event such person:

(i) becomes subject to any statutory disqualification as defined in Section (3)(a)(39) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934;

(ii) becomes subject to suspension or to the imposition of a fine of \$5,000 or more for violation of any provision of any securities law or regulation, or any agreement with, rule, or standard of conduct

of any securities governmental agency, securities self-regulatory organization, or as imposed by any such regulatory or self-regulatory organization in connection with a disciplinary proceeding; or

(iii) is ordered as a sanction in a disciplinary action to retake the Regulatory Element by any securities governmental agency or securities self-regulatory organization.

A retaking of the Regulatory Element shall commence with participation within 120 days of the registered person becoming subject to the statutory disqualification, in the case of (i) above, or the disciplinary action becoming final, in the case of (ii) or (iii) above. The date that the disciplinary action becomes final will be deemed the person's new base date for purposes of this Rule.

(D) Regulatory Element Notifications--Each OTP Firm or OTP Holder shall designate an individual or individuals responsible for receiving e-mail notifications provided via the Central Registration Depository ("Web CRD") regarding when a registered person is approaching the end of his or her Regulatory Element time frame and when a registered person is deemed inactive due to failure to complete the requirements of the Regulatory Element program. Each OTP Firm or OTP Holder must, no less than quarterly, review and, if necessary, update the information regarding its Regulatory Element contact person(s) with Web CRD.

(2) Firm Element

(A) Persons Subject to the Firm Element --The requirements of this Rule 2.23(d)(2) shall apply to any registered person who has direct contact with customers in the conduct of the OTP Firm's or OTP Holder's securities sales, trading or investment banking activities, and to the immediate supervisors of such persons (collectively, "covered registered persons").

(B) Standards

(i) Each OTP Firm and OTP Holder must maintain a continuing and current education program for its covered registered persons to enhance their securities knowledge, skills and professionalism. At a minimum, each OTP Firm and OTP Holder shall at least annually evaluate and prioritize its training needs and develop a written training plan. The plan must take into consideration the OTP Firm's or OTP Holder's size, organizational structure, and scope of business activities, as well as regulatory developments and the performance of covered registered persons in the Regulatory Element. If an OTP Firm's or an OTP Holder's analysis determines a need for supervisory training for persons

with supervisory responsibilities, such training must be included in the OTP Firm's or OTP Holder's training plan.

(ii) *Minimum Standards for Training Programs* --Programs used to implement an OTP Firm's or OTP Holder's training plan must be appropriate for the business of the OTP Firm or OTP Holder and, at a minimum, must cover the following matters concerning securities products, services and strategies offered by the OTP Firm or OTP Holder:

(a) General investment features and associated risk factors;

(b) Suitability and sales practice considerations; and

(c) Applicable regulatory requirements.

(iii) *Administration of Continuing Education Program* --Each OTP Firm and OTP Holder must administer its continuing education program in accordance with its annual evaluation and written plan and must maintain records documenting the content of the programs and completion of the programs by covered registered persons.

(C) *Participation in the Firm Element* --Covered registered persons included in an OTP Firm's or OTP Holder's plan must take all appropriate and reasonable steps to participate in continuing education programs as required by the OTP Firm or OTP Holder.

(D) *Specific Training Requirements* --The Exchange may require an OTP Firm or OTP Holder, either individually or as part of a larger group, to provide specific training to its covered registered persons in such areas that the Exchange deems appropriate. Such a requirement may stipulate the class of covered registered persons for which it is applicable, the time period in which the requirement must be satisfied and, where appropriate, the actual training content.

(e) [(d)] A registered employee may not be engaged in any other business or be employed by another employer in any capacity or receive compensation, without the prior written and continuing approval of his or her OTP Holder or OTP Firm, and such registered employee shall devote a substantial portion of the business day to the activities of his or her OTP Firm or OTP Holder.

(f) [(e)] No OTP Holder or OTP Firm may employ an Exchange employee during regular Exchange business hours. No OTP Holder or OTP Firm may employ an Exchange employee outside regular Exchange employment hours without having first obtained the

prior written approval of the Exchange and registering the name of the employee, the nature of the services rendered and the amount of related compensation.

(g) [(f)] No OTP Holder or OTP Firm shall give any compensation or gratuity in any one calendar year in excess of \$100 to any employee or any other OTP Holder or OTP Firm, or to any employee of a broker or dealer, bank or institution that is not an OTP Holder or OTP Firm, without the prior consent of the employee's employer.

(h) [(g)] No OTP Holder or OTP Firm shall give any compensation to any officer, manager, employee or other agent of the Exchange without the prior written consent of the Exchange. No OTP Holder or OTP Firm shall give any gratuity or gift in any one calendar year in excess of \$100 to any officer, director, employee or other agent of the Exchange without the prior written consent of the Exchange. All requests for Exchange consent should contain the following information:

- (1) name and position of the Exchange officer, director, employee or agent;
- (2) nature of the gratuity or gift;
- (3) dollar amount of compensation or gratuity;
- (4) reason for the compensation, gift or gratuity; and
- (5) any other details which may be useful in considering the request.

(i) [(h)] OTP Holders and OTP Firms are required to [electronically] file a Form U[-]5 and any amendment thereto [with the CRD] within ten (10) business days of the termination date of an employee that has been approved for admission to the trading floor or participation on any trading system. For registrations available and maintained electronically through the CRD system, such filings must be submitted to CRD. Filings for registrations not available on CRD and maintained directly with the Exchange must be submitted directly to the Exchange. OTP Holders and OTP Firms are also responsible for obtaining and returning an employee's Exchange identification badge to the Exchange.

[(i) Transition to Web CRD System. OTP Holders must electronically file a Form U-4 with the CRD system on or before such time as may be specified by the Exchange for each of their employees who have access to the trading floor or participate on any electronic trading system.]

(j) Process to Register Employees or Obtain Officer Approval. To register an employee or obtain the approval for an officer, the employer must file an application on Form U4 and any amendment thereto in the manner prescribed by paragraph (a) of this Rule, as well as complete any relevant application process prescribed by the Exchange.

Commentary:

.01 For purposes of this Rule, the term "registered person" means any OTP Firm or OTP Holder, Allied Person thereof, registered representative or other person registered or required to be registered under the Rules of the Exchange, but excludes such persons who are not subject to the registration requirements for traders as set forth in Rule 2.5(b)(10)(A).

.02 For purposes of this Rule, the term "customer" means any natural person or any organization, other than a registered broker or dealer, executing transactions in securities or other similar instruments with or through, or receiving investment banking services from, an OTP Firm or OTP Holder.

.03 Any registered person who has terminated association with a registered broker or dealer and who has, within two years of the date of termination, become reassociated in a registered capacity with a registered broker or dealer shall participate in the Regulatory Element of the continuing education program at such intervals that apply (second registration anniversary and every three years thereafter) based on their initial base date, rather than based on the date of reassociation in a registered capacity. Any former registered person who becomes reassociated in a registered capacity with a registered broker or dealer more than two years after termination as such will be required to satisfy the program's requirements in their entirety based on the most recent registration date.

.04 Any registration that is deemed inactive for a period of two calendar years pursuant to section (d)(1)(B) of this Rule for failure of a registered person to complete the Regulatory Element, shall be terminated. A person whose registration is so terminated may become registered only by reapplying for registration and satisfying applicable registration and qualification requirements of the Exchange.

.05 Reserved.

.06 Any registered person who is associated with an OTP Firm or OTP Holder who is also a member of another self-regulatory organization ("SRO") shall be subject to the other SRO's implementation date for the elimination of the exceptions to the Regulatory Element section of the continuing education program, if that date is earlier than September 30, 2005.

Rule 6

Options Trading

Rule 6.33 Registration of Market Makers

An applicant for registration as a Market Maker shall file an application in writing with the Exchange on such form or forms as the Exchange may prescribe. Applications shall be reviewed by the Exchange, which shall consider an applicant's ability, as demonstrated by his passing a Market Maker examination prescribed by the Exchange, financial resources and such other factors as the Exchange deems appropriate. Applicants reapplying to the Exchange who have previously successfully completed such examination and have been absent from registration as a Market Maker or an MMAT with the Exchange for six months or more will be required to complete an orientation program prescribed by the Exchange. After reviewing the application, the Exchange shall either approve or disapprove the applicant's registration as a Market Maker. The registration of any person as a Market Maker may be suspended or terminated by the Exchange upon a determination of any substantial or continued failure by such Market Maker to engage in dealings in accordance with Rules 6.37, 6.37A or 6.37B.

An OTP Holder or OTP Firm or prospective OTP Holder or OTP Firm adversely affected by a determination of the Exchange under Rule 6.33 may obtain a review thereof in accordance with the provisions of Rule 10.14.

Rule 6.34A Market Maker Authorized Traders – OX

(a) – No change.

(b) Registration of MMATs. The Exchange may, upon receiving an application in writing from a Market Maker on a form prescribed by the Exchange, approve a person as an MMAT.

(1) MMATs may be:

(i) individual OTP Holders registered with the Exchange as Market Makers, or

(ii) officers, partners, employees or associated persons of OTP Firms that are registered with the Exchange as Market Makers.

(2) To be approved as an MMAT, a person must demonstrate knowledge of the Rules of the Exchange by passing an examination conducted by the Exchange. Applicants reapplying to the Exchange who have previously successfully completed such examination and have been absent from registration as a Market Maker or an MMAT with the Exchange for six months or more will be required to complete an orientation program prescribed by the Exchange.

(3) The Exchange may require a Market Maker to provide additional information the Exchange considers necessary to establish whether a person should be approved.

(4) A person may be conditionally approved as an MMAT subject to any conditions the Chief Regulatory Officer considers appropriate in the interests of maintaining a fair and orderly market.

(c) – No change.

Rule 9 Conducting Business with the Public

Rule 9.27 Registration of Representatives

(a) General. No OTP Firm or OTP Holder shall be approved to transact business with the public until those persons associated with it who are designated as Representatives have been registered with and approved by the Exchange pursuant to the provisions of Rule 2.23[(a) through Rule 2.23(d)]. Persons who perform duties for the OTP Firm or OTP Holder which are customarily performed by sales representatives, solicitors, customers' men or branch office managers shall be designated as Representatives.

(b) Registered Options Representatives. No person associated with an OTP Firm or OTP Holder shall transact any business with the public in option contracts, unless those persons are registered with and approved by the Exchange pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (a) of this Section and are registered with and approved by the Exchange as Options Representatives. In connection with their registration as Options Representatives, such persons shall file an application with the Exchange on a form prescribed by the Exchange, shall successfully complete a training course and an examination for the purpose of demonstrating adequate knowledge in the trading of option contracts, and shall sign an agreement to abide by the Bylaws, Rules and procedures of the Exchange and the Rules of the Options Clearing Corporation; provided, however, that representatives of an OTP Firm or OTP Holder which is a member of another national securities exchange or association which has standards of approval acceptable to the Exchange may be deemed to be registered with and approved by the Exchange, so long as such representatives are registered with and approved by such other exchange or association. An OTP Firm or OTP Holder whose representatives are deemed registered and approved pursuant to the last clause of the preceding sentence shall inform their representatives of their obligation to adhere to the Bylaws, Rules and procedures of the Exchange and the Rules of the Options Clearing Corporation. Termination of employment or affiliation of any Registered Options Representative in such capacity shall be reported promptly to the Department of Member Organizations of the Exchange together with a brief statement of the reason for such termination, pursuant to Rule 2.23[(g)](i).

Commentary .01 - .03 No Change

Rule 9.27 [Regulatory Element] Continuing Education Requirements

(c) No OTP Firm or OTP Holder shall permit any registered person to continue to, and no registered person shall continue to, perform duties as a registered person, unless such person has complied with the continuing education requirements of [this Rule 9.27(c)] Rule 2.23.

[Each registered person shall complete the Regulatory Element of the continuing education program beginning with the occurrence of their second registration anniversary date, and every three years thereafter, or as otherwise prescribed by the Exchange. On each occasion, the Regulatory Element must be completed within one hundred twenty days after the person's registration anniversary date. A person's initial registration date, also known as the "base date", shall establish the cycle anniversary dates for purposes of this Rule. The content of the Regulatory Element of the program shall be determined by the Exchange for each registration category of persons subject to the Rule.

(1) Reserved.

(2) *Failure to Complete* --Unless otherwise determined by the Exchange, any registered persons who have not completed the Regulatory Element of the program within the prescribed time frames will have their registration deemed inactive until such time as the requirements of the program have been satisfied. Any person whose registration has been deemed inactive under this Rule shall cease all activities as a registered person and shall be prohibited from performing any duties and functioning in any capacity requiring registration.

The Exchange may, upon application and a showing of good cause, allow for additional time for a registered person to satisfy the program requirements.

(3) *Disciplinary Actions* --Unless otherwise determined by the SRO, a registered person will be required to re-take the Regulatory Element and satisfy all of its requirements in the event such person:

(A) becomes subject to any statutory disqualification as defined in Section (3)(a)(39) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934;

(B) becomes subject to suspension or to the imposition of a fine of \$5,000 or more for violation of any provision of any securities law or regulation, or any agreement with or rule of standard of conduct of any securities governmental agency, securities self-regulatory organization, or as imposed by any such regulatory or self-regulatory organization in connection with a disciplinary proceeding; or

(C) is ordered as a sanction in a disciplinary action to re-take the Regulatory Element by any securities governmental agency or securities self-regulatory organization.

A re-taking of the Regulatory Element shall commence with participation within 120 days of the registered person becoming subject to the statutory disqualification, in the

case of (A) above, or the disciplinary action becoming final, in the case of (B) or (C) above. The date that the disciplinary action becomes final will be deemed the person's new base date for purposes of this Rule.

(d) Firm Element

(1) *Persons Subject to the Firm Element* --The requirements of this Rule 9.27(d) shall apply to any registered person who has direct contact with customers in the conduct of the OTP Firm's or OTP Holder's securities sales, trading or investment banking activities, and to the immediate supervisors of such persons (collectively, "covered registered persons").

(2) *Standards*

(A) Each OTP Firm and OTP Holder must maintain a continuing and current education program for its covered registered person to enhance their securities knowledge, skills and professionalism. At a minimum, each OTP Firm and OTP Holder shall at least annually evaluate and prioritize its training needs and develop a written training plan. The plan must take into consideration the OTP Firm's or OTP Holder's size, organizational structure, and scope of business activities, as well as regulatory developments and the performance of covered registered persons in the Regulatory Element. If an OTP Holder or OTP Firm's analysis determines a need for supervisory training for persons with supervisory responsibilities such training must be included in the OTP Holder or OTP Firm's training plan.

(B) *Minimum Standards for Training Programs* --Programs used to implement an OTP Firm's or OTP Holder's training plan must be appropriate for the business of the OTP Firm or OTP Holder and, at a minimum, must cover the following matters concerning securities products, services and strategies offered by the OTP Firm or OTP Holder:

- (i) General investment features and associated risk factors;
- (ii) Suitability and sales practice considerations; and
- (iii) Applicable regulatory requirements.

(C) *Administration of Continuing Education Program* --Each OTP Firm and OTP Holder must administer its continuing education program in accordance with its annual evaluation and written plan and must maintain records documenting the content of the programs and completion of the programs by covered registered persons.

(3) *Participation in the Firm Element* --Covered registered persons included in an OTP Firm's or OTP Holder's plan must take all appropriate and reasonable steps to participate in continuing education programs as required by the OTP Firm or OTP Holder.

(4) *Specific Training Requirements* --The Exchange may require an OTP Firm or OTP Holder, either individually or as part of a larger group, to provide specific training to its

covered registered persons in such areas that the Exchange deems appropriate. Such a requirement may stipulate the class of covered registered persons for which it is applicable, the time period in which the requirement must be satisfied and, where appropriate, the actual training content,

Commentary :

.01 For purposes of this Rule, the term "registered person" means any OTP Firm or OTP Holder, Allied Person, registered representative or other person registered or required to be registered under Exchange rules, but does not include any such person whose activities are limited solely to the transaction of business on the facilities of the Exchange.

.02 For purposes of this Rule, the term "customer" means any natural person or any organization, other than a registered broker or dealer, executing transactions in securities or other similar instruments with or through, or receiving investment banking services from, an OTP Firm or OTP Holder.

.03 Any registered person who has terminated association with a registered broker or dealer and who has, within two years of the date of termination, become reassociated in a registered capacity with a registered broker or dealer shall participate in the Regulatory Element of the continuing education program at such intervals that apply (second registration anniversary and every three years thereafter) based on the new base date, rather than based on the date of reassociation in a registered capacity. Any former registered person who becomes reassociated in a registered capacity with a registered broker or dealer more than two years after termination as such will be required to satisfy the program's requirements in their entirety based on the most recent registration date.

.04 Any registration that is deemed inactive for a period of two calendar years pursuant to section (c)(2) of this Rule for failure of a registered person to complete the Regulatory Element, shall be terminated. A person whose registration is so terminated may become registered only by reapplying for registration and satisfying applicable registration and qualification requirements of Exchange rules.

.05 Reserved.

.06 Any registered member who is an OTP Holder who is also a member of another self-regulatory organization ("SRO") shall be subject to the other SRO's implementation date for the elimination of the exceptions to the Regulatory Element section of the continuing education program, if that date is earlier than September 30, 2005.]
