Market Maker, in certain circumstances, the Exchange does not believe the proposed rebate tiers would result in any burden on competition as between market participants. The Exchange believes that offering Customers and Professionals the proposed tiered rebates creates competition among options exchanges because the Exchange believes that the rebates may cause market participants to select NOM as a venue to send Customer and Professional order flow. The Exchange believes that incentivizing NOM Market Makers to post liquidity on NOM benefits market participants through increased order interaction.

The Exchange’s proposal to pay the higher Customer Rebate to Add Liquidity in Non-Penny Pilot Options on each transaction continues to incentivize Participants to direct Customer Non-Penny Pilot Option order flow to NOM to the benefit of all other market participants. The Exchange believes that Customer order flow is unique and therefore only paying a Customer a Rebate to Add Liquidity in Non-Penny Pilot Options is consistent with rebates at other options exchanges.47 The Exchange’s proposal to increase the Professional, Firm, Non-NOM Market Maker and Broker-Dealer Fees for Removing Liquidity in Penny Pilot Options does not misalign the current fees on NOM. The Exchange believes that other market participants benefit from incentivizing Customer order flow as explained herein.

Customers continue to pay a lower Fee for Removing Liquidity in Penny Pilot Options, which is currently the case for most fees on NOM which are either not assessed to a Customer or where a Customer is assessed the lowest fee because of the liquidity such order flow brings to the Exchange. Also, NOM Market Makers have obligations48 to the market which are not borne by other market participants and therefore the Exchange believes that NOM Market Makers are entitled to a lower fee.

For the reasons specified herein, the Exchange does not believe this proposal will result in any burden on competition. The Exchange operates in a highly competitive market comprised of eleven U.S. options exchanges in which sophisticated and knowledgeable market participants can readily send order flow to competing exchanges if they deem fee levels or rebate incentives at a particular exchange to be excessive or inadequate. The Exchange believes that the proposed rebate structure and tiers are competitive with rebates and tiers in place on other exchanges. The Exchange believes that this competitive marketplace impacts the rebates present on the Exchange today and substantially influences the proposals set forth above.

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

No written comments were either 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)(ii) of the Act.49 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. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule should be approved or disapproved.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Comments

- Use the Commission’s Internet comment form (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml); or
- Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR–NASDAQ–2013–062 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

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

All submissions should refer to File Number SR–NASDAQ–2013–062. This file number should be included on the subject line if email is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission’s Internet Web site (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for Web site viewing and printing in the Commission’s Public Reference Room, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR–NASDAQ–2013–062, and should be submitted on or before May 2, 2013.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.50

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Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 8271]

Notice of the Next CAFTA–DR Environmental Affairs Council Meeting

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice of the CAFTA–DR Environmental Affairs Council Meeting and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of State and the Office of the United States Trade Representative are providing notice that the government parties to the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA–DR) intend to hold the seventh meeting of the Environmental Affairs Council (Council) established under Chapter 17 of that agreement in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic on May 9, 2013 at a venue to be announced. All interested persons are invited to attend...
a public session beginning at 2:00 p.m. on May 9. During the meeting, each Council Member will present its country’s progress in implementing Chapter 17 obligations and the impacts of environmental cooperation in their respective countries. The Council will also receive a presentation from the CAFTA–DR Secretariat for Environmental Matters (SEM). For the public session of the meeting, the Council will highlight issues from the above discussion elements with a particular focus on Chapter 17 obligations and environmental cooperation successes.

All interested persons are invited to attend a public session where they will have the opportunity to ask questions and discuss implementation of Chapter 17 and environmental cooperation with Council Members. In addition, the SEM will present on the public submission process established under Chapter 17. More information on the Council is included below under Supplementary Information.

The Department of State and Office of the United States Trade Representative invite written comments or suggestions regarding the meeting. In preparing comments, we encourage submitters to refer to Chapter 17 of the CAFTA–DR, the Final Environmental Review of the CAFTA–DR and the Agreement among the CAFTA–DR countries on Environmental Cooperation (ECA) (all documents available at http://www.state.gov/e/oes/env/trade/caftadr/index.htm).

DATES: The Council will hold the meeting on May 9, 2013, in Santo Domingo. If you are interested in attending, please email Abby Lindsay at LindsayA@state.gov for the specific time and place. To be assured of timely consideration, all written comments or suggestions are requested no later than April 19, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Written comments or suggestions should be submitted to both: (1) Abby Lindsay, U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Office of Environmental Quality and Transboundary Issues by email to LindsayA@state.gov with the subject line “CAFTA–DR EAC Meeting” or by fax to (202) 647–5947; and (2) Sarah Stewart, Director for Environment and Natural Resources, Office of the United States Trade Representative by email to Sarah_Stewart@ustr.eop.gov with the subject line “CAFTA–DR EAC Meeting” or by fax to (202) 395–9517. If you have access to the Internet you can view and comment on this notice by going to: http://www.regulations.gov/#/home and searching on docket number DOS–2013–0009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Abby Lindsay, (202) 647–8772 or Sarah Stewart, (202) 395–3858.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Article 17.5 of the CAFTA–DR establishes an Environmental Affairs Council (the Council). Article 17.5 requires the Council to meet to oversee the implementation of, and review progress under, Chapter 17. Article 17.5 further requires, unless the governments otherwise agree, that each meeting of the Council include a session in which members of the Council have an opportunity to meet with the public to discuss matters relating to the implementation of Chapter 17.

In Article 17.9 of the CAFTA–DR, the governments recognize the importance of strengthening capacity to protect the environment and to promote sustainable development in concert with strengthening trade and investment relations and state their commitment to expanding their cooperative relationship on environmental matters. Article 17.9 also references the ECA, which sets out certain priority areas of cooperation on environmental activities that are also reflected in Annex 17.9 of the CAFTA–DR. These priority areas include, among other things: Reinforcing institutional and legal frameworks and the capacity to develop, implement, administer, and enforce environmental laws, regulations, standards and policies; conserving and managing shared, migratory and endangered species in international trade and management of protected areas; promoting best practices leading to sustainable management of the environment; and facilitating technology development and transfer and training to promote clean production technologies. The public is advised to refer to the State Department Web site at http://www.state.gov and the USTR Web site at www.ustr.gov for more information.

Disclaimer: This Public Notice is a request for comments and suggestions, and is not a request for applications. No granting of money is directly associated with this request for suggestions on the Council meeting agenda. There is no expectation of resources or funding associated with any comments or suggestions.