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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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Self-Regulatory Organization; BATS Y-Exchange, Inc.; Order Granting an Extension to Limited Exemption From Rule 612(c) of Regulation NMS in Connection with the Exchange's Retail Price Improvement Program

On November 27, 2012, the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") issued an order pursuant to its authority under Rule 612(c) of Regulation NMS ("Sub-Penny Rule")¹ that granted the BATS Y-Exchange, Inc. ("BYX" or the "Exchange") a limited exemption from the Sub-Penny Rule in connection with the operation of the Exchange's Retail Price Improvement ("RPI") Program (the "Program"). The limited exemption was granted concurrently with the Commission's approval of the Exchange's proposal to adopt the Program for a one-year pilot term.² The exemption was granted coterminous with the effectiveness of the pilot Program and has been extended twice;³ both the pilot Program and exemption are scheduled to expire on January 31, 2016.

¹ 17 CFR 242.612(c).

² See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 68303 (November 27, 2012), 77 FR 71652 (December 3, 2012) ("RPI Approval Order") (SR-BXY-2012-019).

³ See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 71249 (January 7, 2014), 79 FR 2229 (January 13, 2012) (SR-BYX-2014-001) (extending the pilot period); 71250 (January 7, 2014), 79 FR 2234 (January 13, 2012) (Order Granting an Extension to Limited Exemption From Rule 612(c) of Regulation NMS in Connection With the Exchange's Retail Price Improvement Program); 74111 (January 22, 2015), 80 FR 4598 (January 28, 2015) (SR-BYX-2015-05) (extending the pilot period); and 74115 (January 22, 2015), 80 FR 4324 (January 27, 2015) (Order Granting an Extension to Limited Exemption From Rule 612(c) of Regulation NMS in Connection With the Exchange's Retail Price Improvement Program).

The Exchange now seeks to extend the exemption until July 31, 2016.⁴ The Exchange's request was made in conjunction with an immediately effective filing that extends the operation of the Program until July 31, 2015.⁵ In its request to extend the exemption, the Exchange notes that the Program was implemented gradually over time. Accordingly, the Exchange has asked for additional time to allow itself and the Commission to analyze data concerning the Program, which the Exchange committed to provide to the Commission.⁶ For this reason and the reasons stated in the Order originally granting the limited exemption, the Commission finds that extending the exemption, pursuant to its authority under Rule 612(c) of Regulation NMS, is appropriate in the public interest and consistent with the protection of investors.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that, pursuant to Rule 612(c) of Regulation NMS, the Exchange is granted a limited exemption from Rule 612(c) of Regulation NMS that allows it to accept and rank orders priced equal to or greater than \$1.00 per share in increments of \$0.001, in connection with the operation of its RPI Program.

The limited and temporary exemption extended by this Order is subject to modification or revocation if at any time the Commission determines that such action is necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Responsibility for compliance with any applicable provisions of the federal securities laws must rest with the persons relying on the exemptions that are the subject of this Order.

⁴ See letter from Anders Franzon, Senior Vice President and Associate General Counsel, BYX, to Elizabeth M. Murphy, Secretary, Commission, dated January 12, 2016.

⁵ See SR-BYX-2016-01.

⁶ See RPI Approval Order, supra note 2, at 77 FR at 71657.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁷

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Secretary.

⁷ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(83).

