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Partial Amendment Add Remove View	If the self-regulatory organization is amending only part of the text of a lengthy proposed rule change, it may, with the Commission's permission, file only those portions of the text of the proposed rule change in which changes are being made if the filing (i.e. partial amendment) is clearly understandable on its face. Such partial amendment shall be clearly identified and marked to show deletions and additions.		

1. Text of the Proposed Rule Change

- (a) ISE Gemini, LLC (the "Exchange" or "ISE Gemini") is proposing to extend two pilot programs related to its Price Improvement Mechanism ("PIM"). The text of the rule amendment is attached as Exhibit 5.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Not applicable.

2. Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization

The Exchange staff approved this rule filing pursuant to delegated authority. This action constitutes the requisite approval under the Exchange's Certificate of Formation, Operating Agreement and Constitution.

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

(a) <u>Purpose</u> – The Exchange currently has two pilot programs related to its PIM (collectively, the "PIM Pilot Programs" or "Pilot Programs").¹ The current Pilot Period provided in paragraphs .03 and .05 of the Supplementary Material to Rule 723 is set to expire on July 17, 2015.² Paragraph .03 provides that there is no minimum size requirement for orders to be eligible for the Price Improvement Mechanism. Paragraph .05 concerns the termination of the exposure period by unrelated orders. The Exchange has continually submitted certain data in support of extending the current Pilot Programs. The Exchange proposes to extend these Pilot Programs in their present form, through July 18, 2016, to give the Exchange and the Commission additional time to evaluate the effects of these Pilot Programs before the Exchange requests permanent approval of the rules. To aid the Commission in its evaluation of the PIM Functionality, ISE Gemini represents that it will provide certain additional data requested by the Commission regarding trading in the PIM for the six (6) month period from January 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015. The Exchange agrees to provide this data by January 18, 2016 and to make the summary of the data provided to the Commission publicly available.

(b) <u>Basis</u> – The basis under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") for this proposed rule change is found in Section 6(b)(5), in that the proposed rule change is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, remove impediments

¹ <u>See</u> Securities Exchange Act Release No. 70050 (July 26, 2013), 78 FR 46622 (August 1, 2013) (Order Granting the Application of Topaz Exchange, LLC for Registration as a National Securities Exchange).

² <u>See</u> Exchange Act Release Nos. 70636 (October 9, 2013), 78 FR 62838 (October 22, 2013) (SR-TOPAZ-2013-05) and 72466 (June 25, 2014), 79 FR 37378 (July 1, 2014) (SR-ISE Gemini-2014-17).

to and perfect the mechanisms of a free and open market and a national market system and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest.

The Exchange believes the Pilot Programs are consistent with the Exchange Act because they provide opportunity for price improvement for all orders executed in the Exchange's Price Improvement Mechanism. The proposed extension would allow the Pilot Programs to continue uninterrupted, thereby avoiding any potential investor confusion that could result from a temporary interruption to the pilot. Further, the Exchange believes that the data demonstrates that there is sufficient investor interest and demand to extend the Pilot Programs for an additional twelve months. The Exchange further believes it is appropriate to extend the Pilot Programs to provide the Exchange and Commission more data upon which to evaluate the rules. With this data, the Commission can evaluate whether the new data shows there is meaningful competition for all size orders within the PIM, whether there is significant price improvement for all orders executed through the PIM, and whether there is an active and liquid market functioning on the Exchange outside of the PIM.

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. Specifically, the Exchange believes that, by extending the expiration of the Pilot Programs, the proposed rule change will allow for further analysis of the PIM. In doing so, the proposed rule change will also serve to promote regulatory clarity and consistency, thereby reducing burdens on the marketplace and facilitating investor protection.

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

The Exchange has not solicited, and does not intend to solicit, comments on this proposed rule change. The Exchange has not received any written comments from members or other interested parties.

6. Extension of Time Period for Commission Action

Not applicable.

7. <u>Basis for Summary Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)</u> or for Accelerated Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(2)

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act,³ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)⁴ thereunder, the Exchange has designated this proposal as one that effects a change that: (i) does not

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) does not impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) by its terms, does not become operative for 30 days after the date of the filing, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest.

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change will not impose any significant burden on competition, or significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest, and therefore qualifies as "non-controversial" under Rule 19b-4(f)(6). For instance, the proposed rule change does not offer any substantive changes to the PIM Pilot Programs. Instead, the rule change allows the PIM Pilot Programs to continue uninterrupted, thereby avoiding any potential investor confusion that could result from a temporary interruption in the Pilot Programs. As such, the Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change raises any new regulatory issues not already considered by the Commission.

A proposed rule change filed under Rule 19b-4(f)(6) normally does not become operative prior to 30 days after the date of filing. Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii), however, permits the Commission to designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Exchange respectfully requests that the Commission waive the 30 day operative delay period because the Pilot Programs are set to expire on July 17, 2015. Waiver of the operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest because it will allow the PIM Pilot Programs to continue uninterrupted.

Furthermore, Rule 19b-4(f)(6) requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission.

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: (i) necessary or appropriate in the public interest; (ii) for the protection of investors; or (iii) 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.

- (c) Inapplicable.
- (d) Inapplicable.

8. <u>Proposed Rule change Based on Rules of Another</u> <u>Self-Regulatory Organization or of the Commission</u>

The rule change is not based on the rules of another self-regulatory organization.

9. Security-Based Swap Submissions Filed Pursuant to Section 3C of the Act

Not applicable.

10. Advanced Notices Filed Pursuant to Section 806(e) of the Payment, Clearing and Settlement Supervision Act

Not applicable.

- 11. Exhibits
 - $\underline{\text{Exhibit 1}} \text{Form of Notice of Proposed Rule Change for Publication in the Federal Register.}$

Exhibit 5 – Text of the Proposed Rule Change.

EXHIBIT 1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34- ; File No. SR-ISE Gemini-2015-13)

[Date]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; ISE Gemini, LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Extend the Price Improvement Mechanism Pilot Program

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act"),¹

and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on July 16, 2015, ISE Gemini,

LLC (the "Exchange" or "ISE Gemini") filed with the Securities and Exchange

Commission the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which

items have been prepared by the self-regulatory organization. The Commission is

publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested

persons.

I. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the</u> Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

ISE Gemini proposes to extend two pilot programs related to its Price

Improvement Mechanism ("PIM"). The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's Web site <u>www.ise.com</u>, at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

II. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose</u> 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 selfregulatory organization has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

A. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose</u> of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

(a) <u>Purpose</u> – The Exchange currently has two pilot programs related to its PIM (collectively, the "PIM Pilot Programs" or "Pilot Programs").³ The current Pilot Period provided in paragraphs .03 and .05 of the Supplementary Material to Rule 723 is set to expire on July 17, 2015.⁴ Paragraph .03 provides that there is no minimum size requirement for orders to be eligible for the Price Improvement Mechanism. Paragraph .05 concerns the termination of the exposure period by unrelated orders. The Exchange has continually submitted certain data in support of extending the current Pilot Programs. The Exchange proposes to extend these Pilot Programs in their present form, through July 18, 2016, to give the Exchange and the Commission additional time to evaluate the effects of these Pilot Programs before the Exchange requests permanent approval of the rules. To aid the Commission in its evaluation of the PIM Functionality, ISE Gemini

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⁴ <u>See</u> Exchange Act Release Nos. 70636 (October 9, 2013), 78 FR 62838 (October 22, 2013) (SR-TOPAZ-2013-05) and 72466 (June 25, 2014), 79 FR 37378 (July 1, 2014) (SR-ISE Gemini-2014-17).

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represents that it will provide certain additional data requested by the Commission regarding trading in the PIM for the six (6) month period from January 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015. The Exchange agrees to provide this data by January 18, 2016 and to make the summary of the data provided to the Commission publicly available.

(b) <u>Basis</u> – The basis under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") for this proposed rule change is found in Section 6(b)(5), in that the proposed rule change is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, remove impediments to and perfect the mechanisms of a free and open market and a national market system and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest.

The Exchange believes the Pilot Programs are consistent with the Exchange Act because they provide opportunity for price improvement for all orders executed in the Exchange's Price Improvement Mechanism. The proposed extension would allow the Pilot Programs to continue uninterrupted, thereby avoiding any potential investor confusion that could result from a temporary interruption to the pilot. Further, the Exchange believes that the data demonstrates that there is sufficient investor interest and demand to extend the Pilot Programs for an additional twelve months. The Exchange further believes it is appropriate to extend the Pilot Programs to provide the Exchange and Commission more data upon which to evaluate the rules. With this data, the Commission can evaluate whether the new data shows there is meaningful competition for all size orders within the PIM, whether there is an active and liquid market functioning on the Exchange outside of the PIM.

B. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's</u> 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. Specifically, the Exchange believes that, by extending the expiration of the Pilot Programs, the proposed rule change will allow for further analysis of the PIM. In doing so, the proposed rule change will also serve to promote regulatory clarity and consistency, thereby reducing burdens on the marketplace and facilitating investor protection.

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

The Exchange has not solicited, and does not intend to solicit, comments on this proposed rule change. The Exchange has not received any written comments from members or other interested parties.

III. <u>Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule</u> Change and Timing for Commission Action

Because the foregoing proposed rule change does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest, does not impose any significant burden on competition, and, by its terms, does not become operative for 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, it has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act⁵ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.⁶ The Exchange provided the Commission with written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change, along with a brief description and text of the proposed rule change, at least five business days prior to the date of filing the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission, as required by Rule 19b-4(f)(6).

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁶ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

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At any time within 60 days of the filing of such 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 <u>http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml);</u> or
- Send an E-mail to <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include File No. SR-ISE
 Gemini-2015-13 on the subject line.

Paper comments:

• Send paper comments in triplicate to Brent Fields, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-ISE Gemini-2015-13. 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 Commissions Internet Web site (<u>http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml</u>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed

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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 also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the ISE. 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-ISE Gemini-2015-13 and should be submitted by [insert date 21 days from the date of publication in the <u>Federal Register</u>].

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

Secretary

⁷ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

Exhibit 5 Text of the Proposed Rule Change <u>Underlining</u> indicates additions; [brackets] indicate deletions.

Rule 723. Price Improvement Mechanism for Crossing Transactions

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Supplementary Material to Rule 723

.01 - .02 No Change.

.03 Initially, and for at least a Pilot Period expiring on [July 17, 2015] July 18, 2016, there will be no minimum size requirements for orders to be eligible for the Price Improvement Mechanism. During the Pilot Period, the Exchange will submit certain data, periodically as required by the Commission, to provide supporting evidence that, among other things, there is meaningful competition for all size orders within the Price Improvement Mechanism, that there is significant price improvement for all orders executed through the Price Improvement Mechanism, and that there is an active and liquid market functioning on the Exchange outside of the Price Improvement Mechanism. Any <u>raw</u> data which is submitted to the Commission will be provided on a confidential basis.

.04 No Change.

.05 Paragraphs (c)(5) and (d)(4) will be effective for a Pilot Period expiring on [July 17, 2015] July 18, 2016. During the Pilot Period, the Exchange will submit certain data relating to the frequency with which the exposure period is terminated by unrelated orders. Any <u>raw</u> data which is submitted to the Commission will be provided on a confidential basis.

.06 - .10 No Change.

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