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**Exhibit 1 - Notice of Proposed Rule Change**

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Copies of any form, report, or questionnaire that the self-regulatory organization proposes to use to help implement or operate the proposed rule change, or that is referred to by the proposed rule change.

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1. Text of the Proposed Rule Change

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act” or the “Exchange Act”),<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> BATS Exchange, Inc. (the “Exchange” or “BATS”) is filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) a proposed rule change to amend BATS Rule 11.18, entitled “Trading Halts Due to Extraordinary Market Volatility.”

(a) The text of the proposed rule change is below. Material proposed to be added is underlined. Material proposed to be deleted is enclosed in brackets.

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CHAPTER XI. TRADING RULES

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Rule 11.18. Trading Halts Due to Extraordinary Market Volatility

(a) Trading in all stocks will halt on the Exchange and will not reopen for the time periods described in this paragraph (a) if the Dow Jones Industrial Average reaches Level 1 below its closing value on the previous trading day:

(1) before 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time, for one hour;

(2) at or after 2:00 p.m. but before 2:30 p.m. Eastern Time, for 30 minutes.

If the Dow Jones Industrial Average reaches Level 1 below its closing value on the previous trading day at or after 2:30 p.m. Eastern Time, trading will continue through the facilities of the Exchange until the close, unless the Dow Jones Industrial Average reaches Level 2 below its closing value on the previous trading day, at which time trading will be halted for the remainder of the day.

(b) Trading in all stocks will halt on the Exchange and will not re-open for the time periods described in this paragraph (b) if the Dow Jones Industrial Average reaches Level 2 below its closing value on the previous trading day:

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<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

- (1) before 1:00 Eastern Time, for two hours;
- (2) at or after 1:00 p.m. but before 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time, for one hour;
- (3) at or after 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time, for the remainder of the day.

(c) If the Dow Jones Industrial Average reaches Level 3 below its closing value on the previous trading day, trading in stocks will halt on the Exchange and will not reopen for the remainder of the day.

(d) If a primary listing market issues an individual stock trading pause in any of the Circuit Breaker Securities, as defined in Interpretation and Policy .05 of this Rule, the Exchange will pause trading in that security until trading has resumed on the primary listing market. If, however, trading has not resumed on the primary listing market and ten minutes have passed since the individual stock trading pause message has been received from the responsible single plan processor, the Exchange may resume trading in such stock.

[(d)](e) On the occurrence of any trading halt pursuant to this Rule [11.14], all outstanding orders in the System will be cancelled.

[Commentary]Interpretations and Policies:

.01 Levels 1, 2 and 3 will be calculated at the beginning of each calendar quarter, using the average closing value of the Dow Jones Industrial Average for the month prior to the beginning of the quarter. Level 1 will be 10% of such average closing value calculation; Level 2 will be 20% of such average closing value calculation; Level 3 will be 30% of such average closing value calculation. Each Level will be rounded to the nearest fifty points. The values of Levels 1, 2 and 3 will remain in effect until the next calculation.

.02 The restrictions in this Rule [11.18] will apply whenever the Dow Jones Industrial Average reaches the trigger values notwithstanding the fact that at any given time, the calculation of the value of the average may be based on the prices of less than all of the stocks included in the average.

.03 The reopening of trading following a trading halt under this Rule [11.18] will be conducted pursuant to procedures adopted by the Exchange and communicated by notice to its Members.

.04 Nothing in this Rule [11.18] should be construed to limit the ability of the Exchange to otherwise halt or suspend the trading in any stock or stocks traded on the Exchange pursuant to any other Exchange Rule or policy.

.05 The provisions of paragraph (d) of this Rule shall be in effect during a pilot set to end on December 10, 2010. During the pilot, the term "Circuit Breaker Securities" shall mean the securities included in the S&P 500<sup>®</sup> Index.

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(b) Not applicable.

(c) Not applicable.

2. Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization

The proposed rule change was approved by senior management of the Exchange pursuant to authority delegated by the Board of Directors of the Exchange on November 10, 2009. Exchange staff will advise the BATS Exchange Board of Directors of any action taken pursuant to delegated authority. No other action is necessary for the filing of the rule change.

Questions regarding this rule filing may be directed to Eric Swanson, Senior Vice President and General Counsel of the Exchange at (913) 815-7000.

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

(a) Purpose

The primary listing markets for U.S. stocks are in the process of amending their rules so that they may, from time to time, issue a trading pause for an individual security if the price of such security moves 10% or more from a sale in a preceding five-minute period. The Exchange is proposing the rule change described below in consultation with other markets and Commission staff to provide for uniform market-wide trading pause standards for individual securities in the S&P 500<sup>®</sup> Index that experience rapid price movement, as set forth below. The Exchange is not currently the primary listing market for any securities, and thus, will not be issuing any trading pauses pursuant to its rules.

The Exchange proposes to add a new paragraph to BATS Rule 11.18 to allow the Exchange to pause trading in an individual stock when the primary listing market for

such stock issues a trading pause in any Circuit Breaker Securities, as defined below and in proposed Interpretation and Policy .05 of Rule 11.18. If, however, trading has not resumed on the primary listing market and ten minutes have passed since the individual stock trading pause message has been received from the responsible single plan processor, the Exchange may resume trading in such stock.

The proposed rule would apply to trading pauses issued by primary listing markets in “Circuit Breaker Securities”, as defined in proposed Interpretation and Policy .05. Specifically, on a pilot basis, set to end on December 10, 2010, Circuit Breaker Securities would mean the securities included in the S&P 500<sup>®</sup> Index.

In addition to adding a new paragraph to Rule 11.18 as paragraph (d), and renaming existing paragraph (d) as paragraph (e), the Exchange has also proposed minor changes to Rule 11.18. To make clear that the existing trading halt described in Rule 11.18 applies to all stocks traded on the Exchange, the Exchange has added the word “all” to the text of paragraphs (a) and (b) of Rule 11.18. Finally, the Exchange has proposed certain minor changes to the references in its rules, specifically: (1) deleting references to the number of the Rule to avoid inaccurate cross-references in the event there are other changes to the Exchange’s Rules; and (2) renaming sections .01 to .04 and proposed section .05 of the Rule as “Interpretations and Policies” rather than “Commentary” to be consistent with the rest of the Exchange’s rules.

(b) Statutory Basis

Approval of the rule change proposed in this submission is consistent with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder that are applicable to a national securities exchange, and, in particular, with the requirements of Section 6(b) of

the Act.<sup>3</sup> In particular, the proposed change is consistent with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,<sup>4</sup> because it would promote just and equitable principles of trade, remove impediments to, and perfect the mechanism of, a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, protect investors and the public interest. The proposed rule change is also designed to support the principles of Section 11A(a)(1)<sup>5</sup> of the Act in that it seeks to assure fair competition among brokers and dealers and among exchange markets. The Exchange believes that the proposed rule meets these requirements in that it promotes transparency and uniformity across markets concerning decisions to pause trading in a security when there are significant price movements.

4. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

The proposed rule change does not impose any burden on competition.

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

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.

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<sup>3</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>4</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

<sup>5</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78k-1(a)(1).

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

The Exchange requests that the Commission approve the proposed rule change on an accelerated basis pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act so that it may be operative on a pilot basis on June 7, 2010, and be fully rolled out across all eligible securities by June 14, 2010. Because similar rule filings are being proposed by multiple market centers, the Exchange believes that this amendment will increase transparency and uniformity regarding decisions to pause trading and reduce the negative impacts of sudden, unanticipated price movements in individual S&P 500<sup>®</sup> securities. In particular, the Exchange is proposing to adopt this rule filing to address the type of sudden price declines that the market experienced on the afternoon of May 6, 2010. As such, the Exchange does not believe that the proposal should be delayed, pending a brief implementation period for the markets, so that it may become operative on June 7, 2010, and fully rolled out across all eligible securities by June 14, 2010.

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

Not applicable.

9. Exhibits

Exhibit 1: Completed Notice of the Proposed Rule Change for publication in the Federal Register.

Exhibit 2 – 5: Not applicable.



EXHIBIT 1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

(Release No. 34-\_\_\_\_\_ ; File No. SR-BATS-2010-014

Self-Regulatory Organizations; BATS Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change to Amend BATS Rule 11.18, entitled “Trading Halts Due to Extraordinary Market Volatility.”

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act”),<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on May 18, 2010, BATS Exchange, Inc. (the “Exchange” or “BATS”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange is proposing to amend BATS Rule 11.18, entitled “Trading Halts Due to Extraordinary Market Volatility.”

The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Exchange’s Web site at <http://www.batstrading.com>, at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission’s Public Reference Room.

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

In its filing with the Commission, the Exchange included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at

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<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

the places specified in Item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in Sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant parts of such statements.

(A) Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

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The proposed rule would apply to trading pauses issued by primary listing markets in "Circuit Breaker Securities", as defined in proposed Interpretation and Policy .05. Specifically, on a pilot basis, set to end on December 10, 2010, Circuit Breaker Securities would mean the securities included in the S&P 500<sup>®</sup> Index.

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## 2. Statutory Basis

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<sup>4</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

<sup>5</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78k-1(a)(1).

assure fair competition among brokers and dealers and among exchange markets. The Exchange believes that the proposed rule meets these requirements in that it promotes transparency and uniformity across markets concerning decisions to pause trading in a security when there are significant price movements.

(B) Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change imposes any burden on competition.

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

The Exchange has neither solicited nor received written comments on the proposed rule change.

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 such proposed rule change, 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 proposal 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 e-mail to [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File No. SR-BATS-2010-014 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 No. SR-BATS-2010-014. 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 changes 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. Copies of such filing will also 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 No. SR-BATS-2010-014 and should be submitted on or before [\_\_\_\_\_21 days from publication in the Federal Register].

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>6</sup>

Florence E. Harmon  
Deputy Secretary

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<sup>6</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).