

BATS Market Maker Quoter Update

Overview

As a reminder, the BATS Market Maker Quoter will be replacing the Stub Quoter effective December 6, 2010. The Securities and Exchange Commission has approved rules proposed by BATS BZX Exchange in conjunction with other exchanges and FINRA to strengthen minimum quoting standards for market makers and to prohibit stub quotes in the US equity markets. (See <u>SR-BATS-2010-025</u>; as amended by <u>SR-BATS-2010-025</u> Amendment 1).

BATS BYX Exchange has filed an identical proposed rule change, which BATS believes will be approved shortly (see SR-BYX-2010-001; as amended by SR-BYX-2010-001 Amendment 1).

Under the new rules, BATS will require that Registered Market Makers maintain continuous two-sided quotes during regular trading hours within a defined price range. The effective date for the new rule is Monday, December 6, 2010.

Note that compliance with these new rules is the responsibility of Registered Market Makers and use of the BATS Market Maker Quoter to facilitate compliance is optional. The new Market Maker Quoter is currently available for testing within the BATS Certification environment.

Stub Quoter Removed from Certification

The Stub Quoter process will no longer be available for test within the BYZ Exchange and BZX Exchange certification environments effective Friday, November 19, 2010.

Registration via Market Maker Quoter

Note that Market Makers currently using the BATS Stub Quoter that wish to take advantage of Market Maker Quoter functionality will be required to re-register for automated quoting of registered securities by Monday, December 6, 2010.

Existing Market Makers that have access to the BATS Member Web Portal will now find a new link labeled "Market Maker (Dec 6)" as highlighted below. This can be used to populate symbol registrations that will be effective December 6, 2010 and will be managed by the new Market Maker Quoter process.



For More Information

For more details regarding the new rules, including the parameters of the Market Maker Quoter Functionality, please refer to:

- <u>SEC order approving the new rules</u> (November 8, 2010)
- BATS regulatory circular (November 10, 2010)

For more operational details regarding this new process, please refer to:

• BATS US Equities Market Maker Quoter Specification

Please contact the BATS Trade Desk or your Director of Sales with any questions.

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