



## BATS to Modify DROP Effective February 11, 2011

### Overview

Based on recent Member feedback, BATS will be adding the Account field **effective Friday, February 11, 2011**. The Account field will be added to the last field position (offset 138) of DROP Trade Messages. It will have a length of 16 characters and will be an alphanumeric field. Alphanumeric fields in DROP include ASCII characters (33-126), are left justified, and are padded on the right.

The value of the Account field will be preserved from the original order except in the case of Market Maker Quoter fills, where the value will equal Max Number of Hits (refer to Section 6.3 of the appropriate FIX specification for more information on Max Number of Hits).

### Testing Opportunity

This modification will be made available for testing in the BATS equity certification environments on Wednesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011.

### Impact

**BATS BYX Exchange and BZX Exchange Members using BATS DROP will be required to make a hard cut to the new format on Friday, February 11, 2011.** This modification does not impact users of Standard FIX DROP, Order by Order FIX DROP and will not be applicable to BATS Options.

### For More Information

Please refer to the appropriate BATS specification:

- [BATS US Equities DROP Specification](#)
- [BATS US Equities \(BZX\) FIX Specification](#)
- [BATS US Equities \(BYX\) FIX Specification](#)

Please contact the BATS Trade Desk or your Director of Sales with any questions. We appreciate your continued support of BATS and look forward to earning more of your business. As always, we are committed to our Members and to Making Markets Better.

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