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Form 19b-4 Information (required) Add Remove View	The self-regulatory organization must provide all required information, presented in a clear and comprehensible manner, to enable the public to provide meaningful comment on the proposal and for the Commission to determine whether the proposal is consistent with the Act and applicable rules and regulations under the Act.					
Exhibit 1 - Notice of Proposed Rule Change (required) Add Remove View	The Notice section of this Form 19b-4 must comply with the guidelines for publication in the Federal Register as well as any requirements for electronic filing as published by the Commission (if applicable). The Office of the Federal Register (OFR) offers guidance on Federal Register publication requirements in the Federal Register Document Drafting Handbook, October 1998 Revision. For example, all references to the federal securities laws must include the corresponding cite to the United States Code in a footnote. All references to SEC rules must include the corresponding cite to the Code of Federal Regulations in a footnote. All references to Securities Exchange Act Releases must include the release number, release date, Federal Register cite, Federal Register date, and corresponding file number (e.g., SR-[SRO]-xx-xx). A material failure to comply with these guidelines will result in the proposed rule change being deemed not properly filed. See also Rule 0-3 under the Act (17 CFR 240.0-3)					
Exhibit 2 - Notices, Written Comments, Transcripts, Other Communications Add Remove View Exhibit Sent As Paper Document	Copies of notices, written comments, transcripts, other communications. If such documents cannot be filed electronically in accordance with Instruction F, they shall be filed in accordance with Instruction G.					
Exhibit 3 - Form, Report, or Questionnaire Add Remove View Exhibit Sent As Paper Document	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.					
Exhibit 4 - Marked Copies Add Remove View	The full text shall be marked, in any convenient manner, to indicate additions to and deletions from the immediately preceding filing. The purpose of Exhibit 4 is to permit the staff to identify immediately the changes made from the text of the rule with which it has been working.					
Exhibit 5 - Proposed Rule Text Add Remove View	The self-regulatory organization may choose to attach as Exhibit 5 proposed changes to rule text in place of providing it in Item I and which may otherwise be more easily readable if provided separately from Form 19b-4. Exhibit 5 shall be considered part of the proposed rule change.					
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. <u>Text of Proposed Rule Change</u>

(a) Pursuant to the provisions of Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act" or "SEA"),¹ Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA") is filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission") a proposed rule change to extend by 30 days the proposed implementation period for the rule changes approved in SR-FINRA-2010-042.²

The proposed rule change would not make any new changes to the text of FINRA rules.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) Not applicable.

2. <u>Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization</u>

At its meeting on July 14, 2010, the FINRA Board of Governors authorized the filing of the proposed rule change with the SEC. No other action by FINRA is necessary for the filing of the proposed rule change.

FINRA has filed the proposed rule change for immediate effectiveness and has requested that the SEC waive the requirement that the proposed rule change not become operative for 30 days after the date of the filing, such that FINRA can implement the proposed rule change immediately.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 63044 (October 5, 2010), 75 FR 62911 (October 13, 2010) (Order Approving File No. SR-FINRA-2010-042).

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

(a) Purpose

On August 4, 2010, FINRA filed SR-FINRA-2010-042, a proposed rule change to adopt FINRA Rule 4160 (Verification of Assets). The proposed rule provided that a member, when notified by FINRA, may not continue to custody or retain record ownership of assets, whether such assets are proprietary or customer assets, at a nonmember financial institution, which, upon FINRA staff's request, fails promptly to provide FINRA with written verification of assets maintained by the member at such financial institution. In SR-FINRA-2010-042, FINRA stated that it would announce the effective date of the proposed rule change in a <u>Regulatory Notice</u> to be published "no later than 60 days following Commission approval" and to establish the effective date "no later than 30 days following publication" of the <u>Regulatory Notice</u> announcing Commission approval.

The proposed rule change was published for notice and comment.³ On October 1, 2010, FINRA filed Amendment No.1 to SR-FINRA-2010-042 to respond to comments and to propose amendments in response to such comments (hereinafter, SR-FINRA-2010-042 and Amendment No. 1 thereto are, together, the "Verification of Assets filing").⁴ The Commission approved the Verification of Assets filing on October 5, 2010.⁵

³ <u>See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 62655 (August 5, 2010), 75 FR 48731 (August 11, 2010) (Notice of Filing of File No. SR-FINRA-2010-042).</u>

⁴ <u>See supra note 2.</u>

⁵ <u>See supra note 2.</u>

As stated in the Verification of Assets filing, FINRA will publish a <u>Regulatory</u> <u>Notice</u> no later than 60 days following Commission approval of the Verification of Assets filing. However, in this proposed rule change, FINRA proposes to make the effective date 60 days, rather than "no later than 30 days", following the publication of the <u>Regulatory Notice</u> announcing Commission approval of the filing.

As noted in Item 2 of this filing, FINRA has filed the proposed rule change for immediate effectiveness and has requested that the SEC waive the requirement that the proposed rule change not become operative for 30 days after the date of the filing, such that FINRA can implement the proposed rule change immediately.

(b) Statutory Basis

FINRA believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 15A(b)(6) of the Act,⁶ which requires, among other things, that FINRA rules must be designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. FINRA believes that a 30-day extension of the effective date of SR-FINRA-2010-042 is appropriate to provide firms sufficient advance notice of the new Verification of Assets rule.

4. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition</u>

FINRA does not believe that the proposed rule change will result in any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

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15 U.S.C. 78<u>o</u>-3(b)(6).

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

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

6. <u>Extension of Time Period for Commission Action</u>

Not applicable.

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

The proposed rule change is effective upon filing pursuant to Section 19(b)(3) of the Act⁷ and paragraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder,⁸ in that the proposed rule change does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; does not impose any significant burden on competition; and does not become operative for 30 days after filing or such shorter time as the Commission may designate.

FINRA requests that the Commission waive the requirement that the rule change, by its terms, not become operative for 30 days after the date of the filing as set forth in Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii),⁹ because the rule change solely extends the period during which FINRA may make effective the Verification of Assets filing that was previously approved by the Commission. In accordance with Rule 19b-4(f)(6),¹⁰ FINRA submitted 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.

- ⁸ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).
- ⁹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).
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⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3).

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

Not applicable.

9. <u>Exhibits</u>

Exhibit 1. Completed notice of proposed rule change for publication in the

Federal Register.

EXHIBIT 1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34- ; File No. SR-FINRA-2010-062)

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Extend the Proposed Implementation Period for the Rule Changes Approved in SR-FINRA-2010-042

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on , Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by FINRA. FINRA has designated the proposed rule change as constituting a "non-controversial" rule change under paragraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 under the Act,³ which renders the proposal effective upon receipt of this filing by the Commission. 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 Terms of Substance of the</u> <u>Proposed Rule Change</u>

FINRA is adopting a proposed rule change to extend by 30 days the proposed implementation period for the rule changes approved in SR-FINRA-2010-042.⁴ The proposed rule change would not make any new changes to the text of FINRA rules.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

 <u>See</u> Securities Exchange Act Release No. 63044 (October 5, 2010), 75 FR 62911 (October 13, 2010) (Order Approving File No. SR-FINRA-2010-042).

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

In its filing with the Commission, FINRA 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. FINRA 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 of, and Statutory</u> <u>Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change</u>

1. Purpose

On August 4, 2010, FINRA filed SR-FINRA-2010-042, a proposed rule change to adopt FINRA Rule 4160 (Verification of Assets). The proposed rule provided that a member, when notified by FINRA, may not continue to custody or retain record ownership of assets, whether such assets are proprietary or customer assets, at a nonmember financial institution, which, upon FINRA staff's request, fails promptly to provide FINRA with written verification of assets maintained by the member at such financial institution. In SR-FINRA-2010-042, FINRA stated that it would announce the effective date of the proposed rule change in a <u>Regulatory Notice</u> to be published "no later than 60 days following Commission approval" and to establish the effective date "no later than 30 days following publication" of the <u>Regulatory Notice</u> announcing Commission approval.

The proposed rule change was published for notice and comment.⁵ On October 1, 2010, FINRA filed Amendment No.1 to SR-FINRA-2010-042 to respond to comments

5 See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 62655 (August 5, 2010), 75 FR 48731 (August 11, 2010) (Notice of Filing of File No. SR-FINRA-2010-042).

and to propose amendments in response to such comments (hereinafter, SR-FINRA-2010-042 and Amendment No. 1 thereto are, together, the "Verification of Assets filing").⁶ The Commission approved the Verification of Assets filing on October 5, 2010.⁷

As stated in the Verification of Assets filing, FINRA will publish a <u>Regulatory</u> <u>Notice</u> no later than 60 days following Commission approval of the Verification of Assets filing. However, in this proposed rule change, FINRA proposes to make the effective date 60 days, rather than "no later than 30 days", following the publication of the <u>Regulatory Notice</u> announcing Commission approval of the filing.

FINRA has filed the proposed rule change for immediate effectiveness and has requested that the SEC waive the requirement that the proposed rule change not become operative for 30 days after the date of the filing, such that FINRA can implement the proposed rule change immediately.

2. Statutory Basis

FINRA believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 15A(b)(6) of the Act,⁸ which requires, among other things, that FINRA rules must be designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. FINRA believes that a 30-day extension of the effective date of SR-FINRA-

 $^{^{6}}$ <u>See supra note 4.</u>

⁷ See supra note 4.

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78<u>o</u>–3(b)(6).

2010-042 is appropriate to provide firms sufficient advance notice of the new

Verification of Assets rule.

B. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition</u>

FINRA does not believe that the proposed rule change will result in any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

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

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

Because the foregoing proposed rule change does not: (i) significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) 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 Act⁹ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.¹⁰

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission may summarily abrogate 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.

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹⁰ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

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 (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml); or
- Send an e-mail to <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include File Number SR-FINRA-2010-062 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 Number SR-FINRA-2010-062. 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 (<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 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 Web site viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F

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For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹¹

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¹¹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).