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Form 19b-4 Information 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	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"),¹ Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA") (f/k/a National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. ("NASD")) is filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission") a proposed rule change to adopt the NASD Rule 0100 Series as FINRA rules in the consolidated FINRA rulebook. The proposed rule change would renumber the NASD Rule 0100 Series as the FINRA Rule 0100 Series in the consolidated FINRA rulebook. The text of the proposed rule change is attached as Exhibit 5 to this rule filing.

(b) Upon Commission approval and implementation of the proposed rule change, the corresponding NASD rules will be eliminated from the current FINRA rulebook.

(c) Not applicable.

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

At its meeting on April 17, 2008, 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 will announce the implementation date of the proposed rule change in a <u>Regulatory Notice</u> to be published no later than 60 days following Commission approval.

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

(a) Purpose

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¹⁵ U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

Background

As part of the process of developing the new consolidated rulebook ("Consolidated FINRA Rulebook"),² FINRA is proposing to adopt the NASD Rule 0100 Series (General Provisions) as FINRA rules in the Consolidated FINRA Rulebook, with the exception of NASD Rule 0120, which will be addressed at a later date in a separate filing. The NASD Rule 0100 Series governs the adoption, application and interpretation of NASD rules and sets forth certain definitions not contained in the FINRA By-Laws. Additionally, these rules address FINRA's delegation of certain responsibilities to its subsidiaries, and its authority and access with respect to its subsidiaries. FINRA is proposing to transfer this rule series as the FINRA Rule 0100 Series, renamed as "General Standards," to the Consolidated FINRA Rulebook, with only minor changes, as described below. The proposed rule change would not impose any new requirements on FINRA members, but would clarify and streamline these rules for inclusion in the Consolidated FINRA Rulebook. FINRA notes that, notwithstanding their transfer to the Consolidated FINRA Rulebook, these rules of general applicability would apply equally to both the Transitional Rulebook and the Consolidated FINRA Rulebook.³

Proposal

³ <u>See also SR-FINRA-2008-021</u> (Proposed Rule Change Relating to the Adoption of NASD Rules 4000 through 10000 Series and the 12000 through 14000 Series

² The current FINRA rulebook consists of two sets of rules: (1) NASD Rules and (2) rules incorporated from NYSE ("Incorporated NYSE Rules") (together referred to as the "Transitional Rulebook"). The Incorporated NYSE Rules apply only to those members of FINRA that are also members of the NYSE ("Dual Members"). Dual Members also must comply with NASD Rules. For more information about the rulebook consolidation process, <u>see FINRA Information</u> <u>Notice</u>, March 12, 2008 (Rulebook Consolidation Process).

NASD Rule 0111 (Adoption of Rules) provides that the provisions of the rulebook are adopted pursuant to Article VII, Section 1, of the By-Laws. This section of the By-Laws grants the FINRA Board of Governors authority to, among other things, adopt such FINRA rules, and changes or additions thereto, as it deems necessary or appropriate, provided, however, that the Board may at its option submit to the membership any such adoption, change or addition to such rules. FINRA is proposing that this rule be transferred into the Consolidated FINRA Rulebook with only minor, non-substantive changes (e.g., replacing references to NASD with FINRA and certain renumbering to reflect the new organizational structure of the Consolidated FINRA Rulebook).

NASD Rule 0112 (Effective Date) states that the rules shall become effective as provided in Article XI, Section 1, of the By-Laws. This section of the By-Laws provides that, if rules, or amendments to such, are approved by the SEC, they will become effective as of such date as the Board may prescribe. Historically, it has been FINRA's general practice to state the effective date for a rule change in a <u>Regulatory Notice</u> following approval by the SEC, and FINRA intends to continue this practice. Accordingly, FINRA is proposing that this rule be transferred into the Consolidated FINRA Rulebook with only minor, non-substantive changes.

NASD Rule 0113 (Interpretation) states that the rules shall be interpreted in such manner as will aid in effectuating the purposes and business of NASD, and so as to require that all practices in connection with the investment banking and securities business shall be just, reasonable and not unfairly discriminatory. FINRA proposes to eliminate the express reference to "practices in connection with the investment banking and securities business" in the rule to reflect that certain FINRA rules, such as the requirement to adhere to just and equitable principles of trade, are not limited in scope to such activities. The proposal would further provide that FINRA rules shall be interpreted in light of the purposes sought to be achieved by the rules and to further FINRA's business operations.

NASD Rule 0114 (Effect on Transactions in Municipal Securities) provides, in part, that the rules shall not be construed to apply to transactions in municipal securities. NASD Rule 0116 (Application of Rules of the Association to Exempted Securities) states that the terms "exempted securities" and "municipal securities" shall have the meanings specified in Exchange Act Sections 3(a)(12) and 3(a)(29), respectively, and includes a list of NASD rules applicable to transactions and business activities relating to exempted securities, except municipal securities. FINRA is proposing to incorporate the statement in Rule 0114 that the FINRA Rules are not applicable to transactions in municipal securities into Rule 0116, and transfer Rule 0116, as amended, to the Consolidated FINRA Rulebook.

The remainder of Rule 0114 states that the rules shall not be construed to apply to contracts made prior to the effective date of the rules. FINRA is proposing to eliminate this provision in Rule 0114 as unnecessary because the rules by their own terms determine their applicability.

NASD Rule 0115 (Applicability) provides that the rules shall apply to all members and persons associated with a member and that persons associated with a

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NASD Rule 0121 (Definitions in NASD By-Laws) states that, unless the context otherwise requires, or unless otherwise defined in these rules, terms used in the rules and interpretive material, if defined in the By-Laws, shall have the meaning as defined in the By-Laws. FINRA is proposing non-substantive changes to Rule 0121 to simplify the rule language.

NASD Rule 0130 (Delegation, Authority and Access) delegates authority to certain NASD subsidiaries to act on behalf of NASD as set forth in a Plan of Allocation and Delegation adopted by the Board of Governors and approved by the SEC. Further, the rule provides that, notwithstanding any delegation of authority under the rule, the staff, books, records and premises of the subsidiaries are that of NASD, subject to oversight pursuant to the Exchange Act, and all officers, directors, employees and agents of the subsidiaries are that of NASD for purposes of the Exchange Act. FINRA is proposing that this rule be transferred into the Consolidated FINRA Rulebook with only minor, non-substantive changes.

As noted in Item 2 of this filing, FINRA will announce the implementation date of the proposed rule change in a <u>Regulatory Notice</u> to be published no later than 60 days following Commission approval. (b) Statutory Basis

FINRA believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 15A(b)(6) of the Act,⁴ 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 the proposed rule change will clarify and streamline the General Provisions rules for adoption as FINRA Rules in the new Consolidated FINRA Rulebook.

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.

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. Extension of Time Period for Commission Action

FINRA does not consent at this time to an extension of the time period for

Commission action specified in Section 19(b)(2) of the Act.⁵

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>

Not applicable.

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 780–3(b)(6).

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

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 5. Text of the proposed rule change.

EXHIBIT 1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

(Release No. 34- ; File No. SR-FINRA-2008-026)

Self-Regulatory Organizations: Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc.; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change To Adopt the FINRA Rule 0100 Series (General Standards) in the Consolidated FINRA Rulebook

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") (f/k/a National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. ("NASD")) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by FINRA. 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 proposing a rule change to adopt the NASD Rule 0100 Series as FINRA rules in the consolidated FINRA rulebook. The proposed rule change would renumber the NASD Rule 0100 Series as the FINRA Rule 0100 Series in the consolidated FINRA rulebook. The text of the proposed rule change is attached as Exhibit 5 to this rule filing.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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

1. Purpose

Background

As part of the process of developing the new consolidated rulebook

("Consolidated FINRA Rulebook"),³ FINRA is proposing to adopt the NASD Rule 0100 Series (General Provisions) as FINRA rules in the Consolidated FINRA Rulebook, with the exception of NASD Rule 0120, which will be addressed at a later date in a separate filing. The NASD Rule 0100 Series governs the adoption, application and interpretation of NASD rules and sets forth certain definitions not contained in the FINRA By-Laws. Additionally, these rules address FINRA's delegation of certain responsibilities to its subsidiaries, and its authority and access with respect to its subsidiaries. FINRA is proposing to transfer this rule series as the FINRA Rule 0100 Series, renamed as

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FINRA will announce the implementation date of the proposed rule change in a <u>Regulatory Notice</u> to be published no later than 60 days following Commission approval.

2. Statutory Basis

FINRA believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 15A(b)(6) of the Act,⁵ 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 the proposed rule change will clarify and streamline the General Provisions rules for adoption as FINRA Rules in the new Consolidated FINRA Rulebook.

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</u> <u>Proposed Rule Change Received from Members, Participants, or</u> <u>Others</u>

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

15 U.S.C. 780–3(b)(6).

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

Within 35 days of the date of publication of this notice in the <u>Federal Register</u> 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 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 Number SR-FINRA-2008-026 on the subject line.

Paper Comments:

 Send paper comments in triplicate to Florence Harmon, Deputy Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-FINRA-2008-026. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission

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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 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 FINRA.

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-FINRA-2008-026 and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from publication in the <u>Federal Register</u>].

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

Florence Harmon Deputy Secretary

⁶ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

EXHIBIT 5

Exhibit 5 shows the text of the proposed rule change. Proposed new language is underlined; proposed deletions are in brackets.

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Text of Proposed New FINRA Rules (marked to show changes from NASD Rule 0100 Series; NASD Rule 0100 Series, with the exception of NASD Rule 0120, to be deleted in its entirety from the Transitional Rulebook)

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0100. GENERAL [PROVISIONS] STANDARDS

0110. Adoption [and Application] of Rules

[0111. Adoption of Rules]

The [following provisions] Rules are adopted pursuant to Article VII, Section 1,

of the FINRA By-Laws [of the Corporation].

[0112.] <u>0120.</u> Effective Date

The Rules shall become effective as provided in [Section 1 of] Article XI, Section

<u>1</u>, of the <u>FINRA</u> By-Laws.

[0113.] <u>0130.</u> Interpretation

The Rules shall be interpreted <u>in light of the purposes sought to be achieved by</u> <u>the Rules and to further FINRA's business operations</u> [in such manner as will aid in effectuating the purposes and business of the Association, and so as to require that all practices in connection with the investment banking and securities business shall be just, reasonable and not unfairly discriminatory].

[0114. Effect on Transactions in Municipal Securities]

[The Rules shall not be construed to apply to contracts made prior to the effective date of the Rules or to transactions in municipal securities (as defined in Section 3(a)(29) of the Act).]

[0115.] <u>0140.</u> Applicability

(a) The[se] Rules shall apply to all members and persons associated with a member. Persons associated with a member shall have the same duties and obligations as a member under the[se] Rules.

(b) A member or person associated with a member, who has been expelled, canceled or revoked from membership or from registration. or who has been barred from being associated with all members, shall cease to have any privileges of membership or registration. A member or person associated with a member who has been suspended from membership or registration shall also cease to have any privileges of membership or registration other than those under the Code of Procedure as set forth in the Rule 9000 Series or insurance programs sponsored by [the Association] <u>FINRA</u>. In neither case shall such a member or person associated with a member be entitled to recover any admission fees, dues, assessments or other charges paid to [the Association] <u>FINRA</u>.

(c) A member or person associated with a member who has been suspended from membership or from registration shall be considered as a non-member during the period of suspension for purposes of applying the provisions of the[se] Rules which govern dealings between members and non-members. However, such member or person associated with a member shall have all of the obligations imposed by the [r]<u>R</u>ules [of the Corporation].

[0116.] <u>0150.</u> Application of Rules [of the Association] to Exempted Securities Except Municipal Securities

(a) For purposes of this Rule, the terms "exempted securities" and "municipal securities" shall have the meanings specified in Sections 3(a)(12) and 3(a)(29) of the <u>Exchange</u> Act, respectively.

(b) The Rules do not apply to transactions in, and business activities relating to, municipal securities.

([b]c) Unless otherwise indicated within a particular [provision] <u>Rule</u>, the following <u>NASD</u> Rules [of the Association and Interpretative Materials thereunder] are applicable to transactions <u>in</u>, and business activities relating to, exempted securities, except municipal securities, conducted by members and associated persons: 2110, 2120, 2210, IM-2210-1, IM-2210-2, IM-2210-3, 2250, 2270, 2310, IM-2310-2, IM-2310-3, 2320, 2330, IM-2330, 2340, 2430, 2450, 2510, 2520, 2521, 2522, IM-2522, 2770, 2780, 2820(g), 2910, 3010, 3020, 3030, 3040, 3050, 3060, 3070, 3110, IM-3110, 3120, 3130, IM-3130, 3131, 3140, 3230, 3310, IM-3310, 3320, IM-3320, 3330, 8110, 8120, 8210, 8310, IM-8310-1, IM-8310-2, 8320, 8330[,] and 9552.

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[0121.] <u>0160.</u> Definitions in [NASD] <u>FINRA</u> By-Laws

[Unless the context otherwise requires, or unless otherwise defined in these Rules,] <u>The</u> terms used in the Rules [and interpretive material], if defined in the [NASD] <u>FINRA</u> By-Laws, shall have the meaning as defined in the [NASD] <u>FINRA</u> By-Laws, <u>unless a term is defined differently in a Rule, or unless the context of the term within a</u> <u>Rule requires a different meaning</u>.

[0130.] 0170. Delegation, Authority and Access

(a) [The National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.,] <u>The Financial Industry</u> <u>Regulatory Authority, Inc.</u> delegates to its subsidiaries ([NASD] <u>FINRA</u> Regulation, Inc., and [NASD] <u>FINRA</u> Dispute Resolution, Inc., hereinafter "Subsidiaries") the authority to act on behalf of [the Association] <u>FINRA</u> as set forth in a Plan of Allocation and Delegation adopted by the Board of Governors and approved by the [Commission] <u>SEC</u> pursuant to its authority under the <u>Exchange</u> Act.

(b) Notwithstanding any delegation of authority to the Subsidiaries pursuant to this Rule, the staff, books, records and premises of the Subsidiaries are the staff, books, records and premises of [the Association] <u>FINRA</u> subject to oversight pursuant to the <u>Exchange</u> Act, and all officers, directors, employees and agents of the Subsidiaries are the officers, directors, employees and agents of [the Association] <u>FINRA</u> for purposes of the <u>Exchange</u> Act.

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