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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

has duly caused this filing to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized officer.

Date 04/16/2012

By Stephanie M. Dumont

(Name \*)

Senior Vice President and Director of Capital Markets
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(Title \*)

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#### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549 For complete Form 19b-4 instructions please refer to the EFFS website. The self-regulatory organization must provide all required information, presented in a Form 19b-4 Information (required) clear and comprehensible manner, to enable the public to provide meaningful comment on the proposal and for the Commission to determine whether the Remove View proposal is consistent with the Act and applicable rules and regulations under the Act. The Notice section of this Form 19b-4 must comply with the guidelines for Exhibit 1 - Notice of Proposed Rule Change publication in the Federal Register as well as any requirements for electronic filing (required) as published by the Commission (if applicable). The Office of the Federal Register (OFR) offers guidance on Federal Register publication requirements in the Federal Remove View Register Document Drafting Handbook, October 1998 Revision. For example, all Add 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) Copies of notices, written comments, transcripts, other communications. If such Exhibit 2 - Notices, Written Comments. documents cannot be filed electronically in accordance with Instruction F, they shall **Transcripts, Other Communications** be filed in accordance with Instruction G. Add Remove View Exhibit Sent As Paper Document Exhibit 3 - Form, Report, or Questionnaire 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 Add Remove View referred to by the proposed rule change. Exhibit Sent As Paper Document The full text shall be marked, in any convenient manner, to indicate additions to and **Exhibit 4 - Marked Copies** 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 Add Remove View it has been working. The self-regulatory organization may choose to attach as Exhibit 5 proposed **Exhibit 5 - Proposed Rule Text** 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 Add Remove View considered part of the proposed rule change. If the self-regulatory organization is amending only part of the text of a lengthy **Partial Amendment** 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 Add Remove View 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.

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national securities exchanges for securities priced at or above \$1.00, (3) expand the scope of the Rule to apply to all quotations or orders displayed on an inter-dealer quotation system, (4) incorporate the requirements of FINRA Rule 6434 (Minimum Pricing Increments for OTC Equity Securities)<sup>7</sup> and, importantly, (5) facilitate the display of customer limit orders under FINRA Rule 6460 (Display of Customer Limit Orders) (the "limit order display rule").<sup>8</sup>

In this Amendment No. 1, FINRA is modifying the Original Proposal in response to comment letters as well as further discussions with members, particularly with regard to the lower minimum dollar amount of displayed liquidity required under the proposed tiers. For example, commenters expressed concern that the Original Proposal would remove meaningful minimum dollar value level requirements for displayed liquidity by market makers and suggested that any changes be implemented as a pilot. FINRA believes that these proposed modifications, which increase several minimum tier sizes as compared to the Original Proposal, would address commenters' concerns by increasing the minimum dollar commitment to the market overall, while nonetheless facilitating investor protection by providing for increased display of customer limit orders than is currently provided under the limit order display rule. As noted in the FINRA Response Letter, through the extension of limit order display for OTC equity securities, investors may now benefit from enhanced transparency of limit orders, improved prices and increased execution opportunities.

The minimum quotation sizes and liquidity ranges of the Original Proposal and the revised proposals are as follows:

The financial markets as a whole should benefit from [limit order display] because the price discovery process will be enhanced, market transparency will be improved and price competition will be promoted. By their very nature, these benefits are broad-based and pervasive.

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#### **Revised Proposal**

Tier S	ize Range	Min. Shares	Minim	um Liquidity Range
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These revisions increase the minimum quotation sizes for price points between \$0.02 and \$1.00 (as compared to the Original Proposal). Specifically, the minimum quotation size required for securities priced between \$0.02 and \$0.0999 would be increased from 1,000 shares to 10,000 shares; between \$0.10 and \$0.1999 would be increased from 1,000 shares to 5,000 shares; between \$0.26 and \$0.5099 would be increased from 500 shares to 2,500 shares; and between \$0.51 and \$0.9999 from 200 shares to 1,000 shares. Therefore, under the revised tiers, for securities priced from \$0.10 up to \$1.00, the required minimum dollar value of displayed liquidity would range from \$500.00 to \$1,274.75 – dollar amounts FINRA believes represent both appropriate minimum dollar value of displayed liquidity for members and reasonable dollar values for customer orders to be eligible for display on an inter-dealer quotation system.

Thus, FINRA believes that these revised tier sizes and corresponding liquidity minimum amounts are in the best interest of the market for OTC Equity Securities and investors in that they facilitate the display of additional liquidity by market makers and of approximately 95% of all customer limit orders reviewed. In addition, FINRA expects that – as the SEC has found in the context of its display rule – the improved display of

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customer limit orders resulting from the revised minimum quotation sizes will enhance the quality of published quotations for OTC Equity Securities and enhance competition and pricing efficiency in the market for OTC Equity Securities, which also should have a positive impact on capital formation.<sup>13</sup>

Further, FINRA believes that the resulting increased display of customer limit orders will improve the public availability of quotation information, increase quote competition, market efficiency, best execution and disintermediation.<sup>14</sup>

The revised tiers also would continue to yield the other benefits discussed in the Original Proposal, including simplifying the existing Rule by reducing the number of minimum quotation tiers from nine tiers to six tiers and requiring a round lot of one hundred shares for all securities priced at or above \$1.00. 15

FINRA is proposing that the proposed rule change be implemented for all OTC Equity Securities displayed on an inter-dealer quotation system on a pilot basis for a period of one year from the effective date. The effective date of the minimum quotation size pilot will be 120 days from Commission approval. FINRA will provide the Commission with trading data, as necessary, to evaluate the impact of the pilot.

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A round lot of 100 shares applies to most NASDAQ and NYSE listed securities.

#### EXHIBIT 1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34- ; File No. SR-FINRA-2011-058)

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc.; Notice of Filing of Amendment No. 1 to Proposed Rule Change to Amend FINRA Rule 6433 (Minimum Quotation Size Requirements for OTC Equity Securities)

#### I. Introduction

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## III. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change, as amended by Amendment No. 1, is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

#### **Electronic Comments:**

 Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<a href="http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml">http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml</a>); or

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Send an e-mail to <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include File Number
 SR-FINRA-2011-058 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-2011-058. 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 website (<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 website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. 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-2011-058 and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from publication in the Federal Register].

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>18</sup>

Elizabeth M. Murphy

Secretary

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

#### **EXHIBIT 4**

Exhibit 4 shows the changes proposed in this Partial Amendment No. 1, with the proposed changes in the original filing shown as if adopted. Proposed additions in this Partial Amendment No. 1 appear underlined; proposed deletions appear in brackets.

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#### 6000. QUOTATION AND TRANSACTION REPORTING FACILITIES

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## 6400. QUOTING AND TRADING IN OTC EQUITY SECURITIES

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#### 6430. OTC Equity Quotation Requirements

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#### 6433. Minimum Quotation Size Requirements for OTC Equity Securities

Every member entering quotations in any inter-dealer quotation system that permits quotation updates on a real-time basis must enter and honor those quotations for at least the minimum size defined in the table below. In this regard, it is the member's responsibility to determine the minimum size requirement applicable to its quotation. Depending on the price level of the quotation, a different minimum size can apply to each side of the market being quoted by the member in a given security.

Price (Bid or Offer)	Minimum Quote Size
0.0001–[0.0199] <u>0.0999</u>	10,000
[0.02–0.2599] <u>0.10-0.1999</u>	[1,000] <u>5,000</u>
[0.26] <u>0.20</u> –0.5099	[500] <u>2,500</u>
0.51-0.9999	[200] <u>1,000</u>
1.00–174.99	100
175.00+	1

#### • • • Supplementary Material: -----

\_01 The amendments set forth in File No. SR-FINRA-2011-058 shall be in effect until [insert date that is 365 days following the implementation date of SR-FINRA-2011-058].

If the pilot is not extended or approved as permanent by this date, the version of this Rule prior to SR-FINRA-2011-058 shall be in effect.

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#### **EXHIBIT 5**

Below is the text of the proposed rule change. Proposed new language appears underlined; proposed deletions appear in brackets.

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## 6000. QUOTATION AND TRANSACTION REPORTING FACILITIES

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[Every member firm that functions as a market maker in OTC Equity Securities by entering firm] Every member entering quotations in [into the OTC Bulletin Board Service (OTCBB) (or] any [other] inter-dealer quotation system that permits quotation updates on a real-time basis[)] must enter and honor those quotations for at least the minimum size defined in the table below. In this regard, it is the [market maker's] member's responsibility to determine the minimum size requirement applicable to its quotation [firm bid and/or offer in each of its registered securities (excluding OTC Equity Securities for which the OTCBB will not accept firm quotations)]. Depending on the price level of the quotation [bid or offer], a different minimum size can apply to each side of the market being quoted by the member [firm] in a given security.

Price (Bid or Offer)	Minimum Quote Size	
$[050]  \underline{0.0001} - \underline{0.0999}[^1]$	[5,000] <u>10,000</u>	
[.51–1.00] <u>0.10-0.1999</u>	[2,500] <u>5,000</u>	
[1.01–10.00] <u>0.20–0.5099</u>	[500] <u>2,500</u>	

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[10.01–100.00] <u>0.51–0.9999</u>	[200] 1,000
[100.01–200.00] <u>1.00–174.99</u>	100
[200.01–500.00] <u>175.00+</u>	[25] <u>1</u>
[500.01–1000.00]	[10]
[1000.01–2500.00]	[5]
[2500.01 +]	[1]

[1] The OTCBB can accept bids/offers expressed in fractions as small as 1/256 or in decimals up to six places. In applying the price test for minimum quotation size, any increment beyond an upper limit in the right hand column will trigger application of the minimum quote size for the next tier. For example, a bid (or offer) of \$.505 must be firm for a size of 2,500 shares.]

## • • • Supplementary Material: -----

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