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amendment shall be clearly identified and marked to show deletions and additions.

1. Text of the Proposed Rule Change

(a) Pursuant to the provisions of Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act"), ¹ Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA") is filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") a proposal to extend a pilot program related to FINRA Rule 11892, entitled "Clearly Erroneous Transactions in Exchange-Listed Securities."

The text of the proposed rule change is attached as Exhibit 5.

- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Not applicable.

2. **Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization**

The proposed rule change has been approved by senior management of FINRA pursuant to delegated authority. 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. The effective date and the implementation date will be the date of filing.

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

(a) Purpose

The purpose of this filing is to extend the effectiveness of FINRA's current rule applicable to clearly erroneous transactions in exchange listed securities. Portions of Rule 11892 (Clearly Erroneous Transactions in Exchange-Listed Securities), explained in further detail below, currently are operating as a pilot program set to expire on April 8,

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¹⁵ U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

2014.² FINRA proposes to extend the pilot program to coincide with the pilot period for the Plan to Address Extraordinary Market Volatility Pursuant to Rule 608 of Regulation NMS under the Act (the "Limit Up-Limit Down Plan" or the "Plan"), including any extensions to the pilot period for the Plan.³

On September 10, 2010, the Commission approved, on a pilot basis, changes to FINRA Rule 11892 to provide for uniform treatment: (1) of clearly erroneous execution reviews in multi-stock events involving twenty or more securities; and (2) in the event transactions occur that result in the issuance of an individual stock trading pause by the primary listing market and subsequent transactions that occur before the trading pause is in effect over-the-counter. FINRA also adopted additional changes to Rule 11892 that reduced FINRA's ability to deviate from the objective standards set forth in Rule 11892, and in 2013, adopted a provision designed to address the operation of the Plan.

FINRA believes the benefits to market participants from the more objective clearly erroneous transactions rule should continue on a pilot basis to coincide with the operation of the Limit Up-Limit Down Plan. FINRA believes that continuing the pilot

See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 70516 (September 26, 2013), 78 FR 60952 (October 2, 2013) (Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of File No. SR-FINRA-2013-041).

See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 67091 (May 31, 2012), 77 FR 33498 (June 6, 2012) (the "Limit Up-Limit Down Release").

 <u>See</u> Securities Exchange Act Release No. 62885 (September 10, 2010), 75 FR
 56641 (September 16, 2010) (Order Approving File No. SR-FINRA-2010-032).

^{5 &}lt;u>See supra</u> note 4.

See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 68808 (February 1, 2013), 78 FR 9083 (February 7, 2013) (Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of File No. SR-FINRA-2013-012).

will protect against any unanticipated consequences. Thus, FINRA believes that the protections of the clearly erroneous rule should continue while the industry gains further experience operating the Plan.

As noted in Item 2 of this filing, FINRA has filed the proposed rule change for immediate effectiveness. The effective date and the implementation date will be the date of filing.

(b) <u>Statutory Basis</u>

FINRA believes that the proposal is consistent with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder that are applicable to a national securities association and, in particular, with the requirements of Section 15A of the Act.⁷ In particular, the proposal is consistent with Section 15A(b)(6)⁸ because it is 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.

Although the Limit Up-Limit Down Plan is operational, FINRA believes that maintaining the pilot will help to protect against unanticipated consequences. Thus, FINRA believes that the protections of the clearly erroneous rule should continue while the industry gains further experience operating the Plan. FINRA also believes that the pilot program promotes just and equitable principles of trade in that it promotes transparency and uniformity across markets concerning review of transactions as clearly erroneous. Thus, FINRA believes that the extension of the pilot would help assure that the determination of whether a clearly erroneous trade has occurred will be based on clear

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78<u>o</u>–3(b)(6).

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78<u>o</u>–3.

and objective criteria, and that the resolution of the incident will occur promptly through a transparent process. The proposed rule change also would help assure consistent results in handling erroneous trades across the U.S. markets, thus furthering fair and orderly markets, the protection of investors and the public interest. Based on the foregoing, FINRA believes the benefits to market participants from the more objective clearly erroneous transactions rule should continue on a pilot basis to coincide with the operation of the Limit Up-Limit Down Plan.

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

FINRA does not believe that the proposed rule change implicates any competitive issues. To the contrary, FINRA believes that the other self-regulatory organizations also are filing similar proposals, and thus, that the proposal will help to ensure consistency across the U.S.

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

FINRA has not solicited, and does not intend to solicit, comments on this proposed rule change. FINRA has not received any written comments from members or other interested parties.

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> Accelerated Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) or Section 19(b)(7)(D)

FINRA has designated this rule filing as non-controversial under Section

19(b)(3)(A) of the Act⁹ and paragraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.¹⁰ FINRA asserts that the proposed rule change: (1) will not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest, (2) will not impose any significant burden on competition, and (3) will not become operative for 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate. In addition, FINRA provided the Commission with 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, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission.¹¹

Because the pilot provisions of Rule 11892 already are in effect, the proposal to extend the pilot merely acts to maintain the status quo. Accordingly, FINRA has designated this rule filing as non-controversial under Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act¹² and paragraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.¹³

FINRA respectfully requests that the Commission waive the 30-day operative delay so that the proposed rule change may become effective and operative upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act¹⁴ and paragraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.¹⁵ Waiver of the 30-day operative delay will allow FINRA to

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹⁰ 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

¹¹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

¹⁵ U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

¹⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹⁵ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

extend the pilot program prior to its expiration on April 8, 2014. Waiver of the operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest for the reasons described above.

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

8. Proposed Rule Change Based on Rule of Another Self-Regulatory Organization or of the Commission

Not applicable.

Security-Based Swap Submissions Filed Pursuant to Section 3C of the Act Not applicable.

10. <u>Advance Notices Filed Pursuant to Section 806(e) of the Payment, Clearing</u> and Settlement Supervision Act

Not applicable.

11. Exhibits

Exhibit 1: Completed Notice of the Proposed Rule Change for publication in the <u>Federal Register</u>.

Exhibit 5: Text of Proposed Rule Change.

EXHIBIT 1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

(Release No. 34- ; File No. SR-FINRA-2014-013)

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change to Extend the Clearly Erroneous Pilot Program for Exchange-Listed Securities

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, II, and III 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 Proposed Rule Change</u>

FINRA is proposing to extend a pilot program related to FINRA Rule 11892, entitled "Clearly Erroneous Transactions in Exchange-Listed Securities."

The text of the proposed rule change is available on FINRA's website at http://www.finra.org, at the principal office of FINRA and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

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

The purpose of this filing is to extend the effectiveness of FINRA's current rule applicable to clearly erroneous transactions in exchange listed securities. Portions of Rule 11892 (Clearly Erroneous Transactions in Exchange-Listed Securities), explained in further detail below, currently are operating as a pilot program set to expire on April 8, 2014. FINRA proposes to extend the pilot program to coincide with the pilot period for the Plan to Address Extraordinary Market Volatility Pursuant to Rule 608 of Regulation NMS under the Act (the "Limit Up-Limit Down Plan" or the "Plan"), including any extensions to the pilot period for the Plan.⁵

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FINRA believes the benefits to market participants from the more objective clearly erroneous transactions rule should continue on a pilot basis to coincide with the operation of the Limit Up-Limit Down Plan. FINRA believes that continuing the pilot will protect against any unanticipated consequences. Thus, FINRA believes that the protections of the clearly erroneous rule should continue while the industry gains further experience operating the Plan.

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2. Statutory Basis

FINRA believes that the proposal is consistent with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder that are applicable to a national securities association and, in particular, with the requirements of Section 15A of the Act. ⁹ In

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⁷ See <u>supra</u> note 6.

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⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78<u>o</u>–3.

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

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¹⁵ U.S.C. 780–3(b)(6).

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

FINRA has not solicited, and does not intend to solicit, comments on this proposed rule change. FINRA has not received any written comments from members or other interested parties.

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

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 Act¹¹ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.¹²

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend 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. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule should be approved or disapproved.

¹¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹² 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-2014-013 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-2014-013. 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 (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml). 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-2014-013 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. 13

Elizabeth M. Murphy
Secretary

¹³ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

Exhibit 5

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

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11000. UNIFORM PRACTICE CODE

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11800. CLOSE-OUT PROCEDURES

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11892. Clearly Erroneous Transactions in Exchange-Listed Securities

- (a) No Change.
- (b) No Change.
- • Supplementary Material: -----
- .01 No Change.
- .02 The amendments set forth in File No. SR-FINRA-2010-032 and the provisions of Supplementary Material .03 of this Rule shall be in effect during a pilot period [set to end on April 8, 2014] to coincide with the pilot period for the Limit Up-Limit Down Plan, including any extensions to the pilot period for the Plan. If the [pilot] Plan is not extended or approved as permanent [by April 8, 2014], the version of this Rule prior to SR-FINRA-2010-032 shall be in effect, and the provisions of Supplementary Material .03 of this Rule shall be null and void.

 .03 No Change.

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