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Audience: NYSE Traders

Subject: NYSE - Business Continuity Plans (BCP) Testing Reminder

NYSE has robust contingency plans, tested regularly, to enable continuous operation of the NYSE should the 11 Wall Street facilities be unavailable. The following is the BCP for NYSE now that it has fully transitioned to Pillar.

In the event the 11 Wall Street facilities are unavailable, NYSE will continue trading in an all-electronic fashion. All member organizations, with the exception of Floor brokers, should connect to the NYSE systems using their primary sessions.

All other NYSE Group equity exchanges - NYSE American, NYSE Arca, NYSE Chicago and NYSE National - will operate normally in the event 11 Wall Street facilities are unavailable.¹

BCP and Disaster Recovery Testing Opportunity

As [previously announced](#), on March 7, 2020, the NYSE Group exchanges will conduct “start of day” disaster connectivity testing in the Cermak Data Center between 8:30 - 11:00 am ET. All platforms will be available, and customers will be able to connect to their DR sessions, submit orders and subscribe to market data. During this test, NYSE will facilitate electronic Core Open and Closing Auctions as if the 11 Wall Street trading floor were unavailable.

Firms are encouraged to participate in this test using NYSE-facilitated Auction eligible orders as described in the following BCP guidelines.

NYSE BCP for Auctions

When 11 Wall Street facilities are unavailable, the NYSE has a two-level BCP for Auctions. First, Designated Market Makers (DMMs) will be provided an opportunity to remotely facilitate an Auction electronically. If the DMM is unable to facilitate an Auction, the Exchange will facilitate the Auction pursuant to Rule 7.35C. In either case, Auction Imbalance Information will be disseminated without change; however, pre-opening indications will not be published. Floor broker interest, including d-Orders, will not be accepted or participate in any auctions.

Interest intended to participate in the Closing Auction must be entered as MOC or LO Orders.

NYSE will postpone any IPO or Direct Listing for the duration of the time the 11 Wall Street facilities are unavailable.

1. DMM Remote-Facilitated Auctions

DMMs can facilitate opening, reopening, and closing auctions remotely as provided for under current rules,² including rules that all better-priced orders (i.e., Market Orders, MO Orders, MOC Orders, and marketable Limit Orders, LO Orders, and LO Orders) will receive an execution. For such remote-facilitated auctions, pre-opening indications will not be required.

¹ The NYSE American Options exchange will also operate in an all-electronic fashion should its 11 Wall Street trading floor be unavailable.

² Auctions are described in the new Rule 7.35 Series. Rule 7.35A sets forth the rules for the Core Open and Trading Halt Auctions and Rule 7.35B sets forth the rules for the Closing Auction.

2. NYSE-Facilitated Auctions

If a DMM is unable to facilitate a Core Open, Trading Halt, or Closing Auction in one or more assigned securities for any reason, NYSE will facilitate the applicable Auction for such security pursuant to Rule 7.35C. Because NYSE-facilitated Auctions will be subject to a price collar, it is possible that some better-priced orders, including MOC or LOC orders, that would have been executed in full in a DMM-facilitated Auction may not be fully executed in an NYSE-facilitated Auction.

Before facilitating an Auction, NYSE will provide the DMM with the opportunity to electronically facilitate the Auction pursuant to Rule 7.35A or 7.35B. If the DMM does not facilitate a Core Open Auction by 9:30 a.m. or a Closing Auction by 4:02 p.m., NYSE will facilitate the applicable Auction for that security at the Indicative Match Price, which is the best price at which the maximum volume of shares is tradable in the Auction. NYSE will collar the Indicative Match Price at a price that is the greater of \$0.15 or 10% away from the Auction Reference Price. The Auction Reference Price for the Core Open and Trading Halt Auction is the Consolidated Last Sale Price. The Auction Reference Price for the Closing Auction is the Exchange last sale price, bound by the BBO.

All orders eligible to trade in an NYSE-facilitated Auction will be matched and traded at the Indicative Match Price. Better-priced orders will be traded in price-time priority. At-price orders eligible to trade will be allocated on parity.

Better-priced orders that do not participate in the Core Open Auction will be cancelled.

If there is no interest eligible to trade within the Core Open Auction collars, the security will open on a quote, which could potentially include a zero bid and/or offer.

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