

January 25, 2016

Mr. Brent J. Fields
Secretary
U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
450 Fifth Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20549

Re: Investors Exchange LLC Form 1 Application - File Number 10-222

Dear Mr. Fields:

I firmly believe the SEC, with input from the industry, defined Reg. NMS broadly enough so that a new exchange could take a path that was in the best interests of the long term investors, just as existing exchanges were able to choose a path in the best interests of high speed traders with strategies dependent on millisecond response times. In its wisdom, the SEC foresaw a day where the interests of long term investors might collide with the interests of high speed traders and left itself, and the industry, a note on how to resolve such a conflict. On page 16:

Should the overall efficiency of the NMS defer to the needs of professional traders, many of whom rarely intend to hold a position overnight? Or should the NMS serve the needs of longer-term investors, both large and small, that will benefit substantially from intermarket price protection?

The Reproposing Release emphasized that the NMS must meet the needs of longer-term investors, noting that any other outcome would be contrary to the Exchange Act and its objectives of promoting fair and efficient markets that serve the public interest.

Through no fault of the SEC, no exchange has ever even attempted to do what is in the interests of long term investors, until now, with the IEX application to become an NMS exchange.

IEX is a perfect example of a free market self-correction. It is an example of American capitalism.

Granted, if the SEC approves IEX and the rest of equity market participants do not take advantage of that opportunity to self-correct, it is not the fault of the SEC. The SEC simply followed the guidance in Reg. NMS and provided a path for capitalism to work.

The IEX approval may spark new innovative and competitively priced markets that also put investor interests first. Or the industry might be more critical of the brokers and investors who decided against trading on a market where all participants have equal access. In that case too, free market forces would be at work, self-correcting. We may see Brokers with unconflicted models emerge who cater to investors who see the appeal of IEX: a market where no participant has an advantage over another. New robo-advisors advertising themselves as not selling all of their customer orders to HFT intermediaries also become possible.

However, if the SEC denies IEX, or insists that any IEX approval is contingent upon IEX making a change to its Exchange application based on an arbitrary interpretation of a rule or law that clearly benefits short term traders over long term investors, or purposely delays IEX because of influence by politicians who themselves are financially influenced by short term traders and entrenched exchanges, then the SEC will have clearly contradicted public policy encoded in the Reg. NMS approval order. The SEC will have betrayed its own mission statement, failed at regulation, failed at its independence as a regulator, and compounded its Reg. NMS mistake with a decade of SRO approvals that widened the gap between short term traders and long term investors.

As I am sure you are aware, I have made it my duty as an American to exercise my will and right to free-speech under the Constitution, to inform the American public about conflicts of interest, political and financial influence, and the unintended consequences directly caused by the current embodiment of regulations implemented by the SEC to govern our national market system. A denial, a forced compromise that benefits short term traders, or a delay of the IEX application will only intensify my efforts.

In summary, please operate in accordance with your Agency's mission:

- Protect investors
- Maintain fair, orderly, and efficient markets
- Facilitate capital formation

This is what the overwhelming majority of Americans want and expect, and why the SEC exists in the first place. I am certain the public would rather see the SEC defend its decision to approve IEX against a billionaire that profits every day off of American investors (recall the SEC's disgrace with Bernie Madoff) than see the SEC delay or deny IEX and have to defend itself against IEX and the public supporting IEX.

Upon approval of the IEX application as filed, I will personally respect, endorse, and support your authority and your commitment to establishing a rule framework that enabled a free market solution to help accomplish the SEC's mission.

Lastly, I also want to make clear that I am in no way compensated by nor associated with IEX.

Respectfully,

Eric Scott Hunsader
Nanex LLC