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Proposed Rule Change by Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board Pursuant to Rule 19b-4 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934							
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Provide a brief description of the proposed rule change (limit 250 characters). Amendments to the continuing disclosure service of the EMMA system to provide for the posting of credit rating information on the EMMA public web site.							
Contact Information Provide the name, telephone number and e-mail address of the person on the staff of the self-regulatory organization prepared to respond to questions and comments on the proposed rule change.							
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Signature Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board has duly caused this filing to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized officer. Date 05/20/2010 By Ronald W. Smith (Name)							
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NOTE: Clicking the button at right will digitally sign and lock this form. A digital signature is as legally binding as a physical signature, and once signed, this form cannot be changed. Ronald Smith, rsmith@msrb.org							

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 clear and comprehensible manner, to enable the public to provide meaningful comment on the proposal and for the Commission to determine whether the Remove 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 as published by the Commission (if applicable). The Office of the Federal Register Add Remove (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) 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 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.

1. Text of Proposed Rule Change

(a) The Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the "MSRB") hereby files with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") a proposed rule change to amend the continuing disclosure service of the MSRB's Electronic Municipal Market Access system ("EMMA") to provide for the posting of credit rating information on the EMMA public Web site. The MSRB requests an effective date for the proposed rule change of a date to be announced by the MSRB in a notice published on the MSRB Web site, which date shall be no later than nine months after Commission approval of the proposed rule change and shall be announced no later than five (5) business days prior to the effective date.

The text of the proposed rule change is set forth below, with underlining indicating additions:

MUNICIPAL SECURITIES RULEMAKING BOARD ELECTRONIC MUNICIPAL MARKET ACCESS SYSTEM – EMMA®

EMMA CONTINUING DISCLOSURE SERVICE

The EMMA continuing disclosure service, established as a service of EMMA, receives submissions of continuing disclosure documents, together with related indexing information to allow the public to readily identify and access such documents, from issuers, obligated persons and their agents pursuant to continuing disclosure undertakings entered into consistent with Exchange Act Rule 15c2-12, as well as other continuing disclosure documents concerning municipal securities, at no charge to the submitter. Submissions may be made through a choice of an Internet-based electronic submission interface or electronic computer-to-computer streaming connections. The EMMA continuing disclosure service makes continuing disclosures and related information available to the public, at no charge, on the Internet through the EMMA portal. The EMMA continuing disclosure service also makes continuing disclosures available by subscription for a fee.

Submissions to the EMMA Continuing Disclosure Service

No change.

Public Availability of Continuing Disclosure Documents

EMMA Portal. No change to first paragraph.

The EMMA portal provides on-line search functions utilizing available indexing information to allow users of the EMMA portal to readily identify and access documents and related information provided through the EMMA continuing disclosure service. Basic identifying information relating to specific municipal securities and/or specific issues accompanies the display of continuing disclosure documents. **In addition, if and**

to the extent that one or more Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating
Organization (NRSRO) has agreed to provide credit rating and related information
regarding municipal securities to the MSRB, at no charge, through an automated
data feed for dissemination on the EMMA portal, the EMMA portal shall display
such credit rating and related information along with any documents and
identifying information relating to the applicable municipal security otherwise
displayed on the EMMA portal. Credit rating and related information normally
will be posted within 15 minutes of successful transmission to the MSRB during the
hours of 8:30 am to 6:00 pm Eastern time on an MSRB business day, and any such
information successfully transmitted outside of the MSRB's normal business hours
will be posted as soon as practicable. The MSRB shall have no obligation to
supplement, modify or confirm credit rating and related information received by it
through an NRSRO's automated data feed based on information available from any
other source, including but not limited to any such information made publicly
available by an NRSRO by any means other than its automated data feed.

No change to third paragraph.

The MSRB reserves the right to restrict or terminate malicious, illegal or abusive usage for such periods as may be necessary and appropriate to ensure continuous and efficient access to the EMMA portal and to maintain the integrity of EMMA and its operational components. The MSRB is not responsible for the content of the information or documents submitted by submitters <u>or information provided by an NRSRO or any other entity</u> displayed on the EMMA portal or distributed to subscribers of the EMMA continuing disclosure subscription service.

Subscriptions. Users wishing to obtain the continuing disclosure documents provided through the EMMA continuing disclosure service through a data stream rather than through viewing on and downloading from the EMMA portal may purchase a subscription for such documents from the MSRB. The EMMA continuing disclosure subscription service makes available to subscribers all continuing disclosure documents and related indexing information posted on the EMMA portal, but does not include credit rating and related information provided by an NRSRO, simultaneously with the posting thereof on the EMMA portal. The EMMA continuing disclosure service subscription is provided through a web service accessible by subscribers using various commercially available products. Data is streamed, depending on the subscriber's own software settings, using XML files with embedded, or accompanying transmissions of, PDF files of continuing disclosure documents. The MSRB makes the EMMA continuing disclosure subscription service available on an equal and non-discriminatory basis. In addition, the MSRB does not impose any limitations on or additional charges for redistribution of such documents by subscribers to their customers, clients or other endusers.

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(b) Not applicable.

(c) Not applicable.

2. Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization

The proposed rule change was adopted by the MSRB on April 29, 2010. Questions concerning this filing may be directed to Ernesto A. Lanza, General Counsel, at 703-797-6600.

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

(a) The proposed rule change would amend the EMMA continuing disclosure service to provide for the posting of credit rating information on the EMMA public Web site. If and to the extent that one or more Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organization ("NRSRO") has agreed to provide credit rating and related information regarding municipal securities to the MSRB, at no charge, through an automated data feed for dissemination on the EMMA Web site, the EMMA Web site would display such credit rating and related information along with any documents and identifying information relating to the applicable municipal security otherwise displayed on the EMMA Web site. Currently, such other documents or information may include official statements, advance refunding documents, continuing disclosure documents, transaction price data, interest rate reset information, and identifying information relating to a specific municipal security.

Credit rating and related information normally will be posted within 15 minutes of successful transmission to the MSRB during the hours of 8:30 am to 6:00 pm Eastern time on an MSRB business day, and any such information successfully transmitted outside of the MSRB's normal business hours will be posted as soon as practicable. The MSRB shall have no obligation to supplement, modify or confirm credit rating and related information received by it through an NRSRO's automated data feed based on information available from any other source, including but not limited to any such information made publicly available by an NRSRO by any means other than its automated data feed.

The MSRB requests an effective date for the proposed rule change of a date to be announced by the MSRB in a notice published on the MSRB Web site, which date shall be no later than nine months after Commission approval of the proposed rule change and shall be announced no later than five (5) business days prior to the effective date.

(b) The MSRB believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 15B(b)(2)(C) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"), which provides that the MSRB's rules shall:

be designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in regulating, clearing, settling, processing information with respect to, and facilitating transactions in municipal securities, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market in municipal securities, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest.

The inclusion of credit rating and related information provided by NRSROs agreeing to provide such information for display on the EMMA Web site would serve to promote the statutory mandate of the MSRB to protect investors and the public interest. Although credit rating information is just one of many factors to consider in making an investment decision and in evaluating the credit worthiness and value of existing municipal securities holdings, the proposed rule change would make such information more easily accessible on an equal basis to all participants in the municipal securities market, including in particular retail investors in municipal securities who do not normally have access to information services customarily used by professional market participants.

4. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

The MSRB does not believe the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Exchange Act. Credit ratings and related information provided on the EMMA Web page would be available to all persons simultaneously. Any credit rating and related information of an NRSRO would be displayed on the EMMA Web site only with the agreement of such NRSRO to such use of its information. The MSRB believes that the benefits realized by the investing public from the broader and easier availability of credit rating and related information provided by NRSROs, including in particular retail investors in municipal securities who do not normally have access to information services customarily used by professional market participants, would justify any potentially negative impact on such existing information services from the display of credit rating and related information on the EMMA Web site.

5. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments Received on the Proposed Rule Change by Members, Participants, or Others.

Written comments were neither solicited nor received on the proposed rule change.

6. Extension of Time Period of Commission Action

The MSRB declines to consent to an extension of the time period specified in Section 19(b)(2) of the Exchange Act.

7. Basis for Summary Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3) or for Accelerated Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(2).

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

9. Exhibits

1. <u>Federal Register</u> Notice.

EXHIBIT 1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

(Release No. 34- ; File No. SR-MSRB-2010-03)

Proposed Rule Change by the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board Relating to Amendments to the Continuing Disclosure Service of the MSRB's Electronic Municipal Market Access System (EMMA®)

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on May 20, 2010, the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the "MSRB") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the MSRB. 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>

The MSRB has filed with the Commission a proposed rule change to amend the continuing disclosure service of the MSRB's Electronic Municipal Market Access system ("EMMA") to provide for the posting of credit rating information on the EMMA public Web site. The MSRB has requested an effective date for the proposed rule change of a date to be announced by the MSRB in a notice published on the MSRB Web site, which date shall be no later than nine months after Commission approval of the proposed rule change and shall be announced no later than five (5) business days prior to the effective date.

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¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the MSRB's Web site at www.msrb.org/msrb1/sec.asp, at the MSRB's principal office, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

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

In its filing with the Commission, the MSRB included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The MSRB 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> Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

The proposed rule change would amend the EMMA continuing disclosure service to provide for the posting of credit rating information on the EMMA public Web site. If and to the extent that one or more Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organization ("NRSRO") has agreed to provide credit rating and related information regarding municipal securities to the MSRB, at no charge, through an automated data feed for dissemination on the EMMA Web site, the EMMA Web site would display such credit rating and related information along with any documents and identifying information relating to the applicable municipal security otherwise displayed on the EMMA Web site. Currently, such other documents or information may include official statements, advance refunding documents, continuing disclosure documents, transaction price data, interest rate reset information, and identifying information relating to a specific municipal security.

Credit rating and related information normally will be posted within 15 minutes of successful transmission to the MSRB during the hours of 8:30 am to 6:00 pm Eastern time on an MSRB business day, and any such information successfully transmitted outside of the MSRB's normal business hours will be posted as soon as practicable. The MSRB shall have no obligation to supplement, modify or confirm credit rating and related information received by it through an NRSRO's automated data feed based on information available from any other source, including but not limited to any such information made publicly available by an NRSRO by any means other than its automated data feed.

The MSRB requests an effective date for the proposed rule change of a date to be announced by the MSRB in a notice published on the MSRB Web site, which date shall be no later than nine months after Commission approval of the proposed rule change and shall be announced no later than five (5) business days prior to the effective date.

2. Statutory Basis

The MSRB has adopted the proposed rule change pursuant to Section 15B(b)(2)(C) of the Exchange Act, which provides that MSRB's rules shall:

be designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in regulating, clearing, settling, processing information with respect to, and facilitating transactions in municipal securities, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market in municipal securities, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest.

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C. <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 on the proposed rule change.

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

Within 35 days 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 the proposed rule change, or
- (B) institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved.

The MSRB has requested an effective date for the proposed rule change of a date to be announced by the MSRB in a notice published on the MSRB Web site, which date shall be no later than nine months after Commission approval of the proposed rule change and shall be announced no later than five (5) business days prior to the effective date.

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 Exchange Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic comments:

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<u>www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml</u>); or
- Send an e-mail to <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. <u>Please include File Number SR-MSRB-2010-03</u> on the subject line.

Paper comments:

 Send paper comments in triplicate to Elizabeth M. Murphy, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, Station Place, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-MSRB-2010-03. 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 Web site (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 inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the MSRB. 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-MSRB-2010-03 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.³

³ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

Elizabeth M. Murphy Secretary