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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 Add Remove View 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.

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1. <u>Text of Proposed Rule Change</u>

(a) Pursuant to the provisions of Section 19(b)(1) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² NASDAQ OMX BX, Inc. ("BX" or "Exchange") is filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") a proposed rule change to modify the Exchange's co-location super high-density cabinet monthly fee. BX will implement the proposed change on May 1, 2012.

A notice of the proposed rule change for publication in the <u>Federal Register</u> is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit 1</u> and a copy of the applicable portion of Rule 7034 is attached hereto as Exhibit 5.

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

2. <u>Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization</u>

The proposed rule change was approved by senior management of the Exchange pursuant to authority delegated by the Board of Directors of the Exchange on August 19, 2011. Exchange staff will advise the Board of Directors of the Exchange of any action taken pursuant to delegated authority. No other action by the Exchange is necessary for the filing of the rule change.

Questions regarding this rule filing may be directed to Arlinda J. Clark, Assistant General Counsel, The NASDAQ OMX Group, Inc. at (301) 978-8317 (telephone) or (301) 978-8472 (fax).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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

a. <u>Purpose</u>

The Exchange is modifying Rule 7034(a) by reducing its co-location super high-density cabinet on-going monthly fee from \$15,000 per month to \$13,000 per month.

The installation fee for the super high-density cabinet will remain the same.

Co-location customers have the option of obtaining several cabinet sizes and power densities. The co-located customer may obtain a half cabinet, a low density cabinet, a medium density cabinet, a medium-high density cabinet and a high density cabinet.³ Each cabinet may vary in size and maximum power capacity. The fees related to the cabinet and power usage are incremental, with additional charges being imposed based on higher levels of cabinet and/or power usage, the use of non-standard cabinet sizes or special cabinet cooling equipment. The co-location customer may obtain more power by choosing a combination of lower power density cabinets.

The Exchange previously filed an immediately effective filing with the Commission to offer another choice of cabinet, specifically a larger cabinet (30"W x 48" D x 96" H) with higher power ("Super High Density Cabinet") as an alternative to combining several units for more power (>10kW<=17.3kW). Currently, the installation fee for the Super High Density Cabinet is \$7,000; and the on-going monthly fee is \$15,000. At this time, the Exchange proposes to reduce the current on-going monthly fee

³ See Exchange Rule 7034(a).

See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 66542 (March 8, 2012), 77 FR 15169 (March 14, 2012)(SR-BX-2012-012).

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to \$13,000 to bring the fee in line with Exchange fees for similar power levels using multiple cabinets.

b. <u>Statutory Basis</u>

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 6 of the Act,⁵ in general, and with Section 6(b)(4) of the Act,⁶ in particular, in that it provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among members and issuers and other persons using any facility or system which the Exchange operates or controls.

The Exchange believes the proposed reduction of the on-going monthly fee is reasonable because it is in line with Exchange fees for similar power levels using multiple cabinets. The Exchange also believes the reduction in the on-going monthly fee is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because the super high-density power option is entirely voluntary and available to all members; therefore, the reduction is available to all members that select this power option. Also, the

Exchange also believes the reduction in fees is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because the reduction diminishes the disparity in the Exchange's fees for various co-location power options. This results in a more competitive cost structure for the Exchange. The Exchange notes that it operates in a highly competitive market in which market participants can readily favor competing venues if they deem fee levels at a particular venue to be excessive, or opportunities available at other venues to be more favorable. In such an environment, the Exchange must continually adjust its fees to

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78f.

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

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remain competitive with other trading venues. These competitive forces help to ensure that the Exchange's fees are reasonable, equitably allocated, and not unfairly discriminatory since market participants can largely avoid fees to which they object by changing their operating venue.

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will result in any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act, as amended. The Exchange is reducing fees through this proposed rule change, thereby enhancing the competitiveness of its co-location offering.

- Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received from Members, Participants, or Others
 Written comments were neither solicited nor received.
- Extension of Time Period for Commission Action
 Not applicable.
- 7. <u>Basis for Summary Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3) or for Accelerated Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(2)</u>

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act⁷, the Exchange has designated this proposal as establishing or changing a due, fee, or other charge imposed by the self-regulatory organization on any person, whether or not the person is a member of the self-regulatory organization, which renders the proposed rule change effective upon filing.

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

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

The proposed rule change is not specifically based upon the rules of any other self-regulatory organization. Companion filings are also submitted for NASDAQ OMX PHLX LLC and The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC.

9. <u>Exhibits</u>

- 1. Completed notice of proposed rule change for publication in the <u>Federal</u> <u>Register</u>.
 - 2. Exhibit 5.

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EXHIBIT 1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34- ; File No. SR-BX-2012-029)
_______, 2012

Self-Regulatory Organizations; NASDAQ OMX BX, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Modify the Exchange's Co-Location Super High Density Cabinet Monthly Fee

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 April 27, 2012, The NASDAQ OMX BX, Inc. ("BX" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. 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 the Substance of the</u> Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to modify the Exchange's co-location super high-density cabinet monthly fee. The Exchange will implement the proposed change on May 1, 2012.

The text of the proposed rule change is available at http://nasdaqomxbx.cchwallstreet.com/, at the Exchange's principal office, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

¹⁵ U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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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, the Exchange 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. The Exchange 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> Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. <u>Purpose</u>

The Exchange is modifying Rule 7034(a) by reducing its co-location super high-density cabinet on-going monthly fee from \$15,000 per month to \$13,000 per month.

The installation fee for the super high-density cabinet will remain the same.

Co-location customers have the option of obtaining several cabinet sizes and power densities. The co-located customer may obtain a half cabinet, a low density cabinet, a medium density cabinet, a medium-high density cabinet and a high density cabinet.³ Each cabinet may vary in size and maximum power capacity. The fees related to the cabinet and power usage are incremental, with additional charges being imposed based on higher levels of cabinet and/or power usage, the use of non-standard cabinet sizes or special cabinet cooling equipment. The co-location customer may obtain more power by choosing a combination of lower power density cabinets.

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D x 96" H) with higher power ("Super High Density Cabinet") as an alternative to combining several units for more power (>10kW<=17.3kW). Currently, the installation fee for the Super High Density Cabinet is \$7,000; and the on-going monthly fee is \$15,000. At this time, the Exchange proposes to reduce the current on-going monthly fee to \$13,000 to bring the fee in line with Exchange fees for similar power levels using multiple cabinets.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 6 of the Act,⁵ in general, and with Section 6(b)(4) of the Act,⁶ in particular, in that it provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among members and issuers and other persons using any facility or system which the Exchange operates or controls.

The Exchange believes the proposed reduction of the on-going monthly fee is reasonable because it is in line with Exchange fees for similar power levels using multiple cabinets. The Exchange also believes the reduction in the on-going monthly fee is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because the super high-density power option is entirely voluntary and available to all members; therefore, the reduction is available to all members that select this power option. Also, the

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various co-location power options. This results in a more competitive cost structure for the Exchange. The Exchange notes that it operates in a highly competitive market in which market participants can readily favor competing venues if they deem fee levels at a particular venue to be excessive, or opportunities available at other venues to be more favorable. In such an environment, the Exchange must continually adjust its fees to remain competitive with other trading venues. These competitive forces help to ensure that the Exchange's fees are reasonable, equitably allocated, and not unfairly discriminatory since market participants can largely avoid fees to which they object by changing their operating venue.

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will result in any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act, as amended. The Exchange is reducing fees through this proposed rule change, thereby enhancing the competitiveness of its co-location offering.

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.

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

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act.⁷ 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

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(a)(ii).

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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.

IV. 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, 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-BX-2012-029 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-BX-2012-029. 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 (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

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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 on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal offices of the Exchange. 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-BX-2012-029, 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.⁸

Kevin M. O'Neill Deputy Secretary

^{8 17} CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

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EXHIBIT 5

Brackets indicate deletions; underlining indicates new text.

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7034. Co-Location Services

The following charges are assessed by NASDAQ for co-location services:¹

(a) Cabinets

Cabinet with Power

Description	Installation Fee	Ongoing Monthly Fee
Super High Density Cabinet (>10kW - <=17.3kW)	\$7,000***	\$1[5] <u>3</u> ,000**
High Density Cabinet (>7kW - <10kW)	\$3,500	\$7,000**
Medium-High Density Cabinet (>5kW - <=7kW)	\$3,500	\$6,000**
Medium Density Cabinet (>2.88kW - <=5kW)	\$3,500	\$5,000**
Low Density Cabinet (<=2.88kW)	\$3,500	\$4,000**
Half Cabinet*		\$3,000

^{*}Not available to new subscribers.

Note: Cabinet power cap is based on the available power at 80% of the breakered capacity of all circuit pairs within a cabinet (where a primary/redundant circuit pair is considered a single circuit).

Shared Cabinet Space

Description	Installation Fee	Ongoing Monthly Fee

¹ Co-location services provided by NASDAQ Technology Services LLC.

^{**}Discount of 15% of fee available to users of 25 or more full cabinets who commit to a 3 year term; Discount of 10% of fee available to users of 25 or more full cabinets who commit to a 2 year term.

^{***}Includes larger cabinet (30" W x 48" D x 96" H). Standard installation fee of 33,500 would apply if smaller cabinet (24"W x 42"D x 84"H) is requested.

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4U Block of Cabinet Space including up to 500W of power*

\$150 per hour

\$600

*No more than 2 4U Blocks. Access restricted to NASDAQ OMX BX personnel.

Specialty Cabinet Charge

Description	Ongoing Monthly Fee
Additional Charge per Cabinet for cabinet > 24"W for each 6"W increment greater than 24"W - 2x the ongoing cabinet fee if the cabinet is >=48"W	\$500 per 6" or 2x the Ongoing Cabinet fee

Multi-Firm Cabinet Charge

Description	Ongoing Monthly Fee
Additional Charge per Cabinet for each cabinet that supports a firm other than the firm contracted to receive the cabinet by Nasdaq Technology Services	\$500

(b) – **(e)** No change.

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