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| Page 1 of * 11   | SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION<br>WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549<br>Form 19b-4      |  | File No.* SR - 2012 - * 053                        | Amendment No. (req. for Amendments *)                        |   |
| Proposed Rule Change by NASDAQ OMX BX, Inc.<br>Pursuant to Rule 19b-4 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  |   |  |  |  |   |
| Initial *<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/>   | Amendment *<br><input type="checkbox"/>   | Withdrawal<br><input type="checkbox"/> | Section 19(b)(2) *<br><input type="checkbox"/>     | Section 19(b)(3)(A) *<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Section 19(b)(3)(B) *<br><input type="checkbox"/> |
| Pilot<br><input type="checkbox"/>  | Extension of Time Period<br>for Commission Action *<br><input type="checkbox"/> | Date Expires *<br><input type="text"/> | Rule   |  |   |
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|  |   |  | 19b-4(f)(4)<br><input type="checkbox"/>            | 19b-4(f)(5)<br><input type="checkbox"/>                      | 19b-4(f)(6)<br><input type="checkbox"/>           |
| Exhibit 2 Sent As Paper Document<br><input type="checkbox"/>   | Exhibit 3 Sent As Paper Document<br><input type="checkbox"/>                    |  |  |  |   |
| <b>Description</b><br>Provide a brief description of the proposed rule change (limit 250 characters, required when Initial is checked *).<br>A proposed rule change to delay the implementation date of a change to Rule 4751(f)(4) to provide that Primary Pegged Orders with an offset amount will not be displayed.   |   |  |  |  |   |
| <b>Contact Information</b><br>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.<br>First Name * Amy Last Name * Horton<br>Title * Associate General Counsel<br>E-mail * amy.horton@nasdaqomx.com<br>Telephone * (301) 978-8077 Fax (301) 978-8472  |   |  |  |  |   |
| <b>Signature</b><br>Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,<br><br>has duly caused this filing to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized officer.<br>Date 07/17/2012<br>By Edward S. Knight Executive Vice President and General Counsel<br>(Name *) (Title *)<br><br>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.<br>Edward S Knight, |   |  |  |  |   |

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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**Form 19b-4 Information (required)**

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The self-regulatory organization must provide all required information, presented in a clear and comprehensible manner, to enable the public to provide meaningful comment on the proposal and for the Commission to determine whether the proposal is consistent with the Act and applicable rules and regulations under the Act.

**Exhibit 1 - Notice of Proposed Rule Change (required)**

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The Notice section of this Form 19b-4 must comply with the guidelines for 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 (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)

**Exhibit 2 - Notices, Written Comments, Transcripts, Other Communications**

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Exhibit Sent As Paper Document

Copies of notices, written comments, transcripts, other communications. If such documents cannot be filed electronically in accordance with Instruction F, they shall be filed in accordance with Instruction G.

**Exhibit 3 - Form, Report, or Questionnaire**

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Exhibit Sent As Paper Document

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 referred to by the proposed rule change.

**Exhibit 4 - Marked Copies**

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The full text shall be marked, in any convenient manner, to indicate additions to and 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 it has been working.

**Exhibit 5 - Proposed Rule Text**

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The self-regulatory organization may choose to attach as Exhibit 5 proposed 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 considered part of the proposed rule change.

**Partial Amendment**

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If the self-regulatory organization is amending only part of the text of a lengthy 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 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) Pursuant to the provisions of Section 19(b)(1) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”),<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> The NASDAQ OMX BX, Inc. (“BX” or “Exchange”) is filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) a proposed rule change to delay the implementation date of a change to Rule 4751(f)(4) to provide that Primary Pegged Orders with an offset amount will not be displayed. There is no proposed rule language.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) Not applicable.

2. Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization

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 July 10, 2012. 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 Amy Horton, Associate General Counsel, NASDAQ OMX, 301-978-8077.

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<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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

a. Purpose

BX recently submitted a proposed rule change to provide that Primary Pegged Orders with an offset amount will not be displayed,<sup>3</sup> a change that will improve system and inter-market price stability. The display of Primary Pegged Orders with an offset amount can potentially result in excessive messaging when multiple venues display pegged non-marketable orders. The rule change to eliminate display of Primary Pegged Orders with an offset amount will prevent this feedback loop, adding to system stability and improving market quality.

Implementation of this change has been delayed to allow market makers to make the necessary system changes and still meet their compliance obligations. The Exchange expects to implement the change in the third quarter of 2012, and will announce the exact date through a publicly disseminated alert.

b. Statutory Basis

BX believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 6 of the Act,<sup>4</sup> in general, and with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,<sup>5</sup> in particular, in that the proposal is 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 securities, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a

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<sup>3</sup> Securities Exchange Act Release No. 66698 (March 30, 2012), 77 FR 20671 (April 5, 2012) (SR-BX-2012-022).

<sup>4</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f.

<sup>5</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

national market system, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. Specifically, BX believes that delaying the implementation date of non-display of primary pegged orders with an offset amount to allow market participants to adjust their systems consistent with compliance obligations will providing efficiencies that will benefit investors and the public interest and encourage more efficient order entry practices by all market participants.

4. 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. Specifically, the Exchange believes that the proposed delay in the implementation of the change will not have any effect on competition.

5. 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.

6. Extension of Time Period for Commission Action

The Exchange does not consent at this time to an extension of the time period for Commission action.

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

The proposed rule change is effective upon filing pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act<sup>6</sup> and paragraph (f)(1) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>7</sup> in that the proposed rule is a stated policy, practice, or interpretation with respect to the meaning, administration, or enforcement of an existing rule.

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<sup>6</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>7</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(1).

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

The proposed rule change is not based on the rules of another self-regulatory organization or of the Commission.

9. Exhibits

1. Completed notice of proposed rule change for publication in the Federal Register.

**EXHIBIT 1**

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
(Release No. 34- ; File No. SR-BX-2012-053)

July \_\_, 2012

Self-Regulatory Organizations; NASDAQ OMX BX, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule to Delay the Implementation Date of Non-Display of Primary Pegged Orders with an Offset Amount

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”),<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on July 17, 2012, 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. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Terms of the Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes a rule change to delay the implementation date for its rule change that provides for non-display of Primary Pegged Orders with an offset amount. 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.

II. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis 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

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<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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

1. Purpose

BX recently submitted a proposed rule change to provide that Primary Pegged Orders with an offset amount will not be displayed,<sup>3</sup> a change that will improve system and inter-market price stability. The display of Primary Pegged Orders with an offset amount can potentially result in excessive messaging when multiple venues display pegged non-marketable orders. The rule change to eliminate display of Primary Pegged Orders with an offset amount will prevent this feedback loop, adding to system stability and improving market quality.

Implementation of this change has been delayed to allow market makers to make the necessary system changes and still meet their compliance obligations. The Exchange expects to implement the change in the third quarter of 2012, and will announce the exact date through a publicly disseminated alert.

2. Statutory Basis

BX believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 6 of the Act,<sup>4</sup> in general, and with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,<sup>5</sup> in particular, in that the proposal is 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,

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clearing, settling, processing information with respect to, and facilitating transactions in securities, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. Specifically, BX believes that delaying the implementation date of non-display of primary pegged orders with an offset amount to allow market participants to adjust their systems consistent with compliance obligations will providing efficiencies that will benefit investors and the public interest and encourage more efficient order entry practices by all market participants.

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. Specifically, the Exchange believes that the proposed delay in the implementation of the change will not have any effect on competition.

C. 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.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The proposed rule change is effective upon filing pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act<sup>6</sup> and paragraph (f)(1) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>7</sup> in that the proposed rule is a stated policy, practice, or interpretation with respect to the meaning, administration, or enforcement of an existing rule.

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<sup>6</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>7</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(1).

#### 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 [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number
- SR-BX-2012-053 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-2012-053. 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 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-2012-053, 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.<sup>8</sup>

Kevin M. O'Neill  
Deputy Secretary

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<sup>8</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).