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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 \* clear and comprehensible manner, to enable the public to provide meaningful comment on the proposal and for the Commission to determine whether the proposal Remove 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 publication Exhibit 1 - Notice of Proposed Rule Change \* 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 Add Remove View 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 1A- Notice of Proposed Rule** The Notice section of this Form 19b-4 must comply with the guidelines for publication Change, Security-Based Swap Submission, 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 or Advance Notice by Clearing Agencies 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, security-based swap submission, or advance notice being deemed not properly filed. See also Rule 0-3 under the Act (17 CFR 240.0-3) Exhibit 2 - Notices, Written Comments, Copies of notices, written comments, transcripts, other communications. If such Transcripts, Other Communications documents cannot be filed electronically in accordance with Instruction F, they shall be filed in accordance with Instruction G. Remove View Add Exhibit Sent As Paper Document П 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 Add Remove View 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** 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 Add View Remove 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 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. 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> NASDAQ OMX BX, Inc. ("BX" or "Exchange") is filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") a proposed change to its schedule of fees and rebates for execution of orders for securities priced at \$1 or more under Rule 7018.

A notice of the proposed rule change for publication in the <u>Federal Register</u> is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit 1</u> and the text of the proposed rule change is attached 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 BX pursuant to authority delegated by the Board of Directors of BX on July 10, 2012. BX staff will advise the Board of Directors of BX of any action taken pursuant to delegated authority. No other action by BX is necessary for the filing of the rule change. BX proposes to implement the proposed rule change on June 3, 2013.

Questions regarding this rule filing may be directed to John M. Yetter, Vice President and Deputy General Counsel, NASDAQ OMX, (301) 978-8497.

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 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 charges a reduced fee for members providing liquidity if they meet the criteria of a "Qualified Liquidity Provider." These criteria include requirements that the member access and provide volumes of liquidity in excess of certain levels, expressed as a percentage of Consolidated Volume. The Exchange has determined that it would be beneficial to members to exclude the date of the annual reconstitution of the Russell Investments Indexes (the "Russell Reconstitution") (in 2013, June 28) from calculations of Consolidated Volume. Trades occurring on that date would be excluded from the calculation of total Consolidated Volume and from the calculation of the member's trading activity (i.e., they would be excluded from both the numerator and the denominator of the calculation of a member's percentage).

Trading volumes on the date of the Russell Reconstitution are generally far in excess of volumes on other days during the month. As a result, the trading activity of members that are regular daily participants in BX, expressed as a percentage of Consolidated Volume, is likely to be lower than their percentage of Consolidated Volume on other days during the month. Including the date of the Russell Reconstitution in calculations of Consolidated Volume is therefore likely to make it more difficult for members to achieve particular volume levels during the month. Accordingly, excluding the date of the Russell Reconstitution from these calculations will diminish the likelihood of a <u>de facto</u> price increase occurring because a member is not able to reach a volume

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> "Consolidated Volume" is the consolidated volume of shares reported to all consolidated transaction reporting plans by all exchanges and trade reporting facilities during a month.

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percentage on that date that it reaches on other trading days during the month. Moreover, excluding the date is very unlikely to result in a price increase for any members, since a member that was not, on other days during the month, trading in BX at volume levels that would allow it qualify for the criteria of a Qualified Liquidity Provider, would be unlikely to achieve percentage volume levels on the date of the Russell Reconstitution that would increase its overall monthly percentage to the required levels, even if it was very active on that date.

### 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 Sections 6(b)(4) and 6(b)(5) of the Act,<sup>5</sup> 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 BX operates or controls, and is not designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers. BX believes that the proposed change to exclude the date of the Russell Reconstitution from calculations of Consolidated Volume is reasonable because it will diminish the likelihood of a <u>de facto</u> price increase occurring because a member is not able to reach a volume percentage on that date that it reaches on other trading days during the month. BX further believes that the change is consistent with an equitable allocation of fees and is not unfairly discriminatory. Specifically, because trading activity on the date of the Russell Reconstitution will be excluded from determinations of a member's percentage of Consolidated Volume, BX believes it will be

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4) and (5).

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easier for members to determine the volume required to meet a certain percentage of participation than would otherwise be the case. To the extent that a member has been active in BX at a significant level throughout the month, excluding the date of the Russell Reconstitution, on which its percentage of Consolidated Volume is likely to be lower than on other days, will increase its overall percentage for the month. Conversely, even if a member was more active on the date of Russell Reconstitution than on other dates, it is unlikely that its activity on one day would be able to increase its overall monthly percentage to a meaningful extent. Thus, BX believes that the change will benefit members that are in a position to achieve volume levels required by the BX pricing schedule but without harming the ability of any members to reach such levels. Finally, BX believes that the change does not unfairly burden competition because it will help to preserve or improve the pricing status that would apply to members' trading activity in the absence of the Russell Reconstitution, and therefore will not impact the ability of such members to compete.

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

BX 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. BX 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 rebate opportunities available at other venues to be more favorable. In such an environment, BX must continually adjust its fees to remain competitive with other exchanges and with alternative trading systems that have been exempted from compliance with the statutory standards applicable to exchanges.

Because competitors are free to modify their own fees in response, and because market

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participants may readily adjust their order routing practices, BX believes that the degree to which fee changes in this market may impose any burden on competition is extremely limited. In this instance, the change will make it easier for members to achieve a certain percentage of Consolidated Volume during the month of the Russell Reconstitution, and therefore it is designed to protect members from the possibility of a <u>de facto</u> price increase. Accordingly, BX does not believe that the proposed changes will impair the ability of members or competing order execution venues to maintain their competitive standing in the financial markets.

- 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</u> Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(2)

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act,<sup>6</sup> BX 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.

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

The proposed rule change is similar to changes filed by the BATS Exchange and the BATS-Y Exchange. See SR-BATS-2013-031 (May 31, 2013) and SR-BYX-2013-016 (May 31, 2013).

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

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9. <u>Security-Based Swap Submissions Filed Pursuant to Section 3C of the Act</u>
Not applicable.

10. Advance Notices Filed Pursuant to Section 806(e) of the Payment, Clearing and Settlement Supervision Act

Not applicable.

## 11. Exhibits

1. Completed notice of proposed rule change for publication in the <u>Federal</u>

## Register.

5. Text of the proposed rule change.

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**EXHIBIT 1** 

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. ; File No. SR-BX-2013-038)

June \_\_\_, 2013

Self-Regulatory Organizations; NASDAQ OMX BX, Inc.; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change to its Schedule of Fees and Rebates for Execution of Orders for Securities Priced at \$1 or More under Rule 7018

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 June 3, 2013, NASDAQ OMX BX, Inc. ("BX" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "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 Substance of the Proposed Rule Change</u>

The Exchange proposes changes to its schedule of fees and rebates for execution of orders for securities priced at \$1 or more under Rule 7018. These amendments are effective upon filing, and the Exchange has designated the proposed amendments to be operative on June 3, 2013. The text of the proposed rule change is also available on the Exchange's Website at <a href="http://nasdaqomxbx.cchwallstreet.com">http://nasdaqomxbx.cchwallstreet.com</a>, at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 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> <u>Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change</u>

### 1. <u>Purpose</u>

The Exchange charges a reduced fee for members providing liquidity if they meet the criteria of a "Qualified Liquidity Provider." These criteria include requirements that the member access and provide volumes of liquidity in excess of certain levels, expressed as a percentage of Consolidated Volume. The Exchange has determined that it would be beneficial to members to exclude the date of the annual reconstitution of the Russell Investments Indexes (the "Russell Reconstitution") (in 2013, June 28) from calculations of Consolidated Volume. Trades occurring on that date would be excluded from the calculation of total Consolidated Volume and from the calculation of the member's trading activity (i.e., they would be excluded from both the numerator and the denominator of the calculation of a member's percentage).

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### 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 Sections 6(b)(4) and 6(b)(5) of the Act,<sup>5</sup> 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 BX operates or controls, and is not designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers. BX believes that the proposed change to exclude the date of the Russell Reconstitution from calculations of Consolidated Volume

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4) and (5).

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is reasonable because it will diminish the likelihood of a de facto price increase occurring because a member is not able to reach a volume percentage on that date that it reaches on other trading days during the month. BX further believes that the change is consistent with an equitable allocation of fees and is not unfairly discriminatory. Specifically, because trading activity on the date of the Russell Reconstitution will be excluded from determinations of a member's percentage of Consolidated Volume, BX believes it will be easier for members to determine the volume required to meet a certain percentage of participation than would otherwise be the case. To the extent that a member has been active in BX at a significant level throughout the month, excluding the date of the Russell Reconstitution, on which its percentage of Consolidated Volume is likely to be lower than on other days, will increase its overall percentage for the month. Conversely, even if a member was more active on the date of Russell Reconstitution than on other dates, it is unlikely that its activity on one day would be able to increase its overall monthly percentage to a meaningful extent. Thus, BX believes that the change will benefit members that are in a position to achieve volume levels required by the BX pricing schedule but without harming the ability of any members to reach such levels. Finally, BX believes that the change does not unfairly burden competition because it will help to preserve or improve the pricing status that would apply to members' trading activity in the absence of the Russell Reconstitution, and therefore will not impact the ability of such members to compete.

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

BX 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. BX notes that it operates in a highly competitive market in which market

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participants can readily favor competing venues if they deem fee levels at a particular venue to be excessive, or rebate opportunities available at other venues to be more favorable. In such an environment, BX must continually adjust its fees to remain competitive with other exchanges and with alternative trading systems that have been exempted from compliance with the statutory standards applicable to exchanges.

Because competitors are free to modify their own fees in response, and because market participants may readily adjust their order routing practices, BX believes that the degree to which fee changes in this market may impose any burden on competition is extremely limited. In this instance, the change will make it easier for members to achieve a certain percentage of Consolidated Volume during the month of the Russell Reconstitution, and therefore it is designed to protect members from the possibility of a de facto price increase. Accordingly, BX does not believe that the proposed changes will impair the ability of members or competing order execution venues to maintain their competitive standing in the financial markets.

C. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed</u> <u>Rule Change Received from Members, Participants, or Others</u>

No written comments were either solicited or received.

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

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act.<sup>6</sup> 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: (i) necessary or appropriate in the public

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

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interest; (ii) for the protection of investors; or (iii) otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

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

### Electronic comments:

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form
   (<u>http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml);</u> or
- Send an e-mail to <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include File Number SR-BX-2013-038 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-2013-038. 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

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Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office 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-2013-038 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>7</sup>

Kevin M O'Neill Deputy Secretary

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

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### **EXHIBIT 5**

The text of the proposed rule change is below. Proposed new language is underlined; deletions are bracketed.

### 7018. NASDAQ OMX BX Equities System Order Execution and Routing

(a) The following charges and credits shall apply to the use of the order execution and routing services of the NASDAQ OMX BX Equities System by members for all securities priced at \$1 or more per share that it trades.

Credit for entering order that accesses liquidity in the NASDAQ OMX BX Equities System:

Order that executes against a midpoint pegged order:

\$0

Order entered by a member through a BX Equities System Market Participant Identifier ("MPID") through which the member (i) accesses an average daily volume of 3.5 million or executed more shares of liquidity, or (ii) provides an average daily volume of 1 million or more shares of liquidity during the month (excluding an order that executes against a midpoint pegged order):

\$0.0014 per share

Order entered by a member through a BX Equities System MPID through which the member provides an average daily volume of at least 25,000, but less than 1 million, shares of liquidity during the month (excluding an order that executes against a midpoint pegged order):

\$0.0010 per share executed

BSTG, BSCN, BMOP, BTFY, BCRT, BDRK or BCST order that accesses liquidity in the NASDAQ OMX BX Equities System (excluding an order that executes against a midpoint pegged order):

\$0.0014 per share executed

All other orders:

\$0.0004 per

share

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executed

Charge for providing liquidity through the NASDAQ OMX BX Equities System:

Displayed order entered by a Qualified Liquidity Provider through a Qualified MPID:

share executed

\$0.0015 per

Displayed order entered through a NASDAQ OMX BX Equities System MPID through which a member provides an average daily volume of 4 million or more shares of liquidity during the month:

\$0.0018 per share executed

Midpoint pegged order: \$0.0015 per

share executed

Other non-displayed orders: \$0.0025 per

share executed

All other orders: \$0.0020 per

share executed

For purposes of this rule, there are two methods of becoming a Qualified Liquidity Provider:

(1) A Qualified Liquidity Provider may be a member with (i) shares of liquidity provided and (ii) total shares of liquidity accessed and provided in all securities through one or more of its NASDAQ OMX BX Equities System MPIDs that represent more than 0.40% and 0.50%, respectively, of the total consolidated volume reported to all consolidated transaction reporting plans by all exchanges and trade reporting facilities ("Consolidated Volume") during the month. For purposes of calculating Consolidated Volume and the extent of a member's trading activity, expressed as a percentage of or ratio to Consolidated Volume, the date of the annual reconstitution of the Russell Investments Indexes shall be excluded from both total Consolidated Volume and the member's trading activity. For a member qualifying under this method, a Qualified MPID is an MPID through which, for at least 150 securities, the Qualified Liquidity Provider quotes at the national best bid or offer ("NBBO") an average of at least 25% of the time during regular market hours (9:30 a.m. through 4:00 p.m.) during the month.

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(2) Alternatively, a Qualified Liquidity Provider may be a member with (i) shares of liquidity provided and (ii) total shares of liquidity accessed and provided in all securities through one or more of its NASDAQ OMX BX Equities System MPIDs that represent more than 0.35% and 0.45%, respectively, of Consolidated Volume during the month. For purposes of calculating Consolidated Volume and the extent of a member's trading activity, expressed as a percentage of or ratio to Consolidated Volume, the date of the annual reconstitution of the Russell Investments Indexes shall be excluded from both total Consolidated Volume and the member's trading activity. For a member qualifying under this method, a Qualified MPID is an MPID through which, for at least 400 securities, the Qualified Liquidity Provider quotes at the NBBO an average of at least 25% of the time during regular market hours (9:30 a.m. through 4:00 p.m.) during the month.

Charge for BSTG or BSCN order that executes in a venue other than the NASDAQ OMX BX Equities System:

\$0.0025 per share executed at NYSE

\$0.0030 per share executed at venues other than NYSE

Charge for BMOP order that executes in a venue other than the NASDAQ OMX BX Equities System:

\$0.0027 per share executed at NYSE

\$0.0035 per share executed at venues other than NYSE

in a venue other than the NASDAQ OMX BX Equities System:

Charge for BTFY order that executes \$0.0025 per share executed at NYSE

\$0.0007 per share executed at venues other than NYSE, NASDAQ

For orders that execute at NASDAQ OMX PSX, NASDAQ OMX BX will pass through all fees assessed and rebates offered by NASDAQ OMX **PSX** 

For orders that execute at NASDAQ, NASDAQ OMX BX will pass through all fees assessed and rebates offered by NASDAQ

in a venue other than the NASDAO OMX BX Equities System:

Charge for BCRT order that executes For orders that execute at NASDAQ OMX PSX, NASDAO OMX BX will pass through all fees assessed and rebates offered by NASDAQ OMX **PSX** 

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For orders that execute at NASDAQ, NASDAQ OMX BX will pass through all fees assessed and rebates offered by NASDAQ

Charge for BDRK and BCST order that executes in a venue other than the NASDAQ OMX BX Equities System:

(b) – (d) No change.

\$0.0010 per share executed