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 A proposed rule change to establish fees under Rule 7030 d for use of the Carteret Testing Facility Test Environment

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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)

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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.

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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 the Proposed Rule Change

(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 the “Exchange”) is filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) a proposed rule change to establish fees under Rule 7030(d) for use of the Exchange’s Testing Facility (“Testing Facility”) test environment located in Carteret, New Jersey, which will provide a virtual trading environment for testing. The Exchange will begin assessing the fees immediately; however, the installation fee will be waived for subscriptions ordered through March 31, 2014.

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

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7030. Other Services

(a) - (c) No change.

(d) Testing Facilit[y]ies

The Exchange operates two test environments. One is located in Ashburn, Virginia and the other in Carteret, New Jersey. Unless otherwise noted, reference to the “Testing Facility” applies to both environments.

(1) - (3) No change.

(4) Subscribers to the Testing Facility located in Carteret, New Jersey shall pay a fee of \$1,000 per hand-off, per month for connection to the Testing Facility. The hand-off fee includes either a 1Gb or 10Gb switch port and a cross connect to the Testing Facility. Subscribers shall also pay a one-time installation fee of \$1,000 per hand-off, which is waived for all installations ordered prior to March 31, 2014.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

The connectivity provided under this rule also provides connectivity to the other testing environments of The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC and NASDAQ OMX PHLX LLC.

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(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 17, 2013. No other action by the Exchange is necessary for the filing of the rule change.

Questions regarding this rule filing may be directed to T. Sean Bennett, Associate General Counsel, The NASDAQ OMX Group, Inc., at (301) 978-8499 (telephone) or (301) 978-8472 (fax).

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

a. Purpose

The Exchange is proposing to amend Rule 7030(d) to establish fees for connection to a test environment. Specifically, the Exchange proposes a one-time, per hand-off installation fee and a per hand-off monthly fee assessed for direct connectivity to the Testing Facility³ test environment located in Carteret, New Jersey ("Carteret"), which is also the location of the Exchange's primary trading System.⁴ The Testing Facility provides subscribers with a virtual Exchange System test environment that

³ See <http://www.nasdaqtrader.com/Trader.aspx?id=TestingFacility> for a description of the Testing Facility.

⁴ As defined by Rule 4751(a). The Exchange's System is mirrored at other locations as well.

closely approximates the production environment and on which they may test their automated systems that integrate with the Exchange. For example, the Testing Facility provides subscribers a virtual System environment for testing upcoming Exchange releases and product enhancements, as well as testing firm software prior to implementation.

The Testing Facility is currently housed solely in the Exchange's Ashburn, Virginia facility ("Ashburn"). In addition to housing the Testing Facility, Ashburn is also an Exchange disaster recovery facility and, as such, some member firms connect to Ashburn for disaster recovery purposes in addition to trading system testing. The Exchange currently assesses fees on members for physical connectivity to Ashburn.⁵ In addition, member firms pay fees to third party connectivity providers to provide connection from the member firm to Ashburn. The relatively large distance to between the Ashburn Testing Facility and the majority of NASDAQ OMX firms results in expensive connectivity costs for customers that connect via telecommunication providers. As a consequence, a large majority of member firms do not connect to Ashburn for Testing Facility connectivity. In an effort to improve the utility of the Testing Facility, the Exchange is developing a test environment located in Carteret that will provide the same functionality as the trading testing functionality of Ashburn, yet more closely approximate the live trading environment due to its proximity to the System and upgraded hardware. In particular, the Carteret test environment will take advantage of technology upgrades the Exchange is making to its trading-related systems. Unlike the Ashburn test environment, the Carteret test environment will provide dedicated

⁵ The Exchange assesses fees for direct connection to Ashburn and fees for co-location connectivity. See Rules 7051 and 7034(b), respectively.

connectivity to the facility via a cross-connection to either a member firm's direct connection router in Carteret or its co-location cabinet.⁶ This connectivity will also provide connectivity to the trading testing environments of BX's sister exchanges, The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC and NASDAQ OMX PHLX LLC, also located in Carteret, New Jersey.⁷ The Exchange will ultimately sunset the trading testing functionality at Ashburn, yet retain post trade reporting and ACES functionality at that location.⁸

The Exchange notes that, because the Carteret facility also houses the System, subscribers to the Carteret test environment will no longer need to pay for third party connectivity to Ashburn if the sole purpose for connecting to Ashburn is for trading testing. Such member firms may use an existing connection to Carteret to access the Testing Facility through the use of a dedicated switch port and cross connect within the facility. The Exchange is proposing to assess a fee for connection to the test environment within the Carteret facility. Specifically, the Exchange proposes assessing a \$1,000 per hand-off, per month fee assessed for connectivity to the Carteret test environment for either 1Gb or 10Gb, and a one-time per hand-off installation fee of \$1,000, which will cover the Exchange's costs incurred in setting up a subscriber in the Carteret facility. The Exchange is proposing to waive the installation fee through March 31, 2014, after

⁶ Member firms currently use their connectivity to the Ashburn test environment for both testing and disaster recovery purposes.

⁷ Similar to colocation connectivity under Rule 7034(b), firm that is a member of multiple NASDAQ OMX exchanges may access the testing environments of the exchanges of which it is a member through a single connectivity subscription.

⁸ The Exchange is not upgrading the hardware used for post trade reporting and ACES testing at this time, but may do so in the future. As noted, the new hardware implemented in the Carteret test environment is part of the larger technology upgrade to the System's hardware also located in Carteret.

which the Exchange will begin phasing out trading testing at the Ashburn test environment.

The Exchange is also making a minor clarifying change to the rule in light of the operation of dual Testing Facility test environments.

b. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act⁹ in general, and with Sections 6(b)(4) and 6(b)(5) of the Act,¹⁰ in particular. The Exchange believes that proposal is with Section 6(b)(4) of the Act¹¹ 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 new fees are equitably allocated because all member firms receive connectivity to the Carteret test environment for the same fee. The Exchange believes that offering subscribers the option to subscribe to either 1Gb or 10Gb for the same fee is an equitable allocation because, unlike the live trading environment, there is no competitive advantage to possessing a higher capacity switch port in the test environment. The test environment is designed to closely mirror the live trading environment for participants, including matching the capacity of each participant's live environment switch port. In the absence of any competitive advantage, charging a uniform fee for both 1Gb and 10Gb switch ports is an equitable allocation of fees. The Exchange believes that charging a uniform fee rather than mirroring the fees for the live

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4) and (5).

¹¹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

trading environment¹² will encourage member firms to subscribe to Carteret, and further encourage those that subscribe to use the same hardware as is used by them for connectivity to the live trading environment. The Exchange also believes that waiver of the installation fee for all installations ordered prior to March 31, 2014 is an equitable allocation as it is available to all member firms during the time frame; thus any member firm may avail itself of the free period if it so chooses.

The new fees are reasonable because they are designed to cover the costs the Exchange has incurred in developing and offering the new test environment. The proposed fee should allow the Exchange to recoup these costs and make a profit, while providing member firms with a superior test environment that more closely mirrors that of the live trading environment on the Exchange. The Exchange believes that offering both 1Gb and 10Gb connectivity for the same fee is reasonable as the increased incremental cost it incurs by offering the 10Gb switch port at the lower fee is outweighed by the benefit all subscribers will receive if Carteret participants use hardware identical to what they use in the live trading environment, hence furthering the goal of creating a test environment that closely mirrors the live trading environment. Waiver of the installation fee for a limited period is reasonable because the Exchange believes such a waiver will attract new users to the test environment, thus ensuring a certain minimum level of monthly revenue to support the facility initially.

The Exchange also believes the proposal furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act¹³ in that it is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to

¹² Members are assessed a monthly fees of \$5,000 for 10 Gb and \$1,000 for 1 Gb direct connectivity to BX. See Rule 7051.

¹³ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

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 and is not designed to permit unfair discrimination between customer, issuers, brokers and dealers. The Exchange does not believe that the proposed fees are unfairly discriminatory to subscribers to 10Gb live trading environment connectivity because, unlike the live trading environment where the capacity of connectivity to the Exchange may confer a competitive advantage to a market participant and therefore price differentiation is appropriate for the benefit conferred, there is no such benefit conferred in the trade test environment. The Exchange does not believe that the proposed fees are unfairly discriminatory among subscribers to the Carteret test facility because all member firms that subscribe to the service will be assessed the same fees. Because the proposed fees do not discriminate between 1Gb and 10Gb connectivity options, member firms are able to subscribe to Carteret without regard to the cost of their switch port capacity election. The Exchange believes that by not discriminating on this basis it will encourage participants to connect to the Carteret test environment in the same manner as they do to the live trading environment, and thereby help Carteret more closely mirror the live test environment, as discussed above. Providing a more useful and accurate test environment will serve to improve live trading on the Exchange and the national market system by permitting member firms the ability to accurately test changes prior to implementing them in the live trading environment, thereby reducing the likelihood of a potentially disruptive system failure in the live trading environment, which has the potential to affect all market participants. Last, the Exchange does not believe that waiver of the

installation fee is unfairly discriminatory as it is uniformly applied for a limited time, during which any member firm may subscribe.

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, as amended. Because the new test environment more closely approximates the live trading environment, subscribing member firms will be able to more accurately test their trading systems and avoid potentially disruptive system failures in the live trading environment.

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

No written comments were either solicited or received.

6. Extension of Time Period for Commission Action

Not applicable.

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

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act,¹⁴ 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.

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

Not applicable.

¹⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

9. Security-Based Swap Submissions Filed Pursuant to Section 3C of the Act

Not applicable.

10. Advanced 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 Federal Register.

EXHIBIT 1SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
(Release No. 34- ; File No. SR-BX-2013-058)

Self-Regulatory Organizations; NASDAQ OMX BX, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Establish Fees under Rule 7030(d) for Use of the Carteret Testing Facility Test Environment

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 November 27, 2013, NASDAQ OMX BX, Inc. (“BX” or the “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) a 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 Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to establish fees under Rule 7030(d) for use of the Testing Facility (“NTF”) test environment located in Carteret, New Jersey, which will provide a virtual trading environment for testing. The Exchange will begin assessing the fees immediately; however, the installation fee will be waived for subscriptions ordered through March 31, 2014.

The text of the proposed rule change is below. Proposed new language is underlined.

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7030. Other Services

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The Exchange operates two test environments. One is located in Ashburn, Virginia and the other in Carteret, New Jersey. Unless otherwise noted, reference to the “Testing Facility” applies to both environments.

(1) - (3) No change.

(4) Subscribers to the Testing Facility located in Carteret, New Jersey shall pay a fee of \$1,000 per hand-off, per month for connection to the Testing Facility. The hand-off fee includes either a 1Gb or 10Gb switch port and a cross connect to the Testing Facility. Subscribers shall also pay a one-time installation fee of \$1,000 per hand-off, which is waived for all installations ordered prior to March 31, 2014.

The connectivity provided under this rule also provides connectivity to the other testing environments of The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC and NASDAQ OMX PHLX LLC.

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

In its filing with the Commission, NASDAQ 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 those 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 parts of such statements.

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

1. Purpose

The Exchange is proposing to amend Rule 7030(d) to establish fees for connection to a test environment. Specifically, the Exchange proposes a one-time, per hand-off installation fee and a per hand-off monthly fee assessed for direct connectivity to the Testing Facility³ test environment located in Carteret, New Jersey ("Carteret"), which is also the location of the Exchange's primary trading System.⁴ The Testing Facility provides subscribers with a virtual Exchange System test environment that closely approximates the production environment and on which they may test their automated systems that integrate with the Exchange. For example, the Testing Facility provides subscribers a virtual System environment for testing upcoming Exchange releases and product enhancements, as well as testing firm software prior to implementation.

The Testing Facility is currently housed solely in the Exchange's Ashburn, Virginia facility ("Ashburn"). In addition to housing the Testing Facility, Ashburn is also an Exchange disaster recovery facility and, as such, some member firms connect to Ashburn for disaster recovery purposes in addition to trading system testing. The Exchange currently assesses fees on members for physical connectivity to Ashburn.⁵ In

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addition, member firms pay fees to third party connectivity providers to provide connection from the member firm to Ashburn. The relatively large distance to between the Ashburn Testing Facility and the majority of NASDAQ OMX firms results in expensive connectivity costs for customers that connect via telecommunication providers. As a consequence, a large majority of member firms do not connect to Ashburn for Testing Facility connectivity. In an effort to improve the utility of the Testing Facility, the Exchange is developing a test environment located in Carteret that will provide the same functionality as the trading testing functionality of Ashburn, yet more closely approximate the live trading environment due to its proximity to the System and upgraded hardware. In particular, the Carteret test environment will take advantage of technology upgrades the Exchange is making to its trading-related systems. Unlike the Ashburn test environment, the Carteret test environment will provide dedicated connectivity to the facility via a cross-connection to either a member firm's direct connection router in Carteret or its co-location cabinet.⁶ This connectivity will also provide connectivity to the trading testing environments of BX's sister exchanges, The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC and NASDAQ OMX PHLX LLC, also located in Carteret, New Jersey.⁷ The Exchange will ultimately sunset the trading testing functionality at Ashburn, yet retain post trade reporting and ACES functionality at that location.⁸

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The Exchange is also making a minor clarifying change to the rule in light of the operation of dual Testing Facility test environments.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act⁹ in general, and with Sections 6(b)(4) and 6(b)(5) of the Act,¹⁰ in particular. The Exchange believes that proposal is with Section 6(b)(4) of the Act¹¹ in that it provides for

hardware implemented in the Carteret test environment is part of the larger technology upgrade to the System's hardware also located in Carteret.

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4) and (5).

¹¹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

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 new fees are equitably allocated because all member firms receive connectivity to the Carteret test environment for the same fee. The Exchange believes that offering subscribers the option to subscribe to either 1Gb or 10Gb for the same fee is an equitable allocation because, unlike the live trading environment, there is no competitive advantage to possessing a higher capacity switch port in the test environment. The test environment is designed to closely mirror the live trading environment for participants, including matching the capacity of each participant's live environment switch port. In the absence of any competitive advantage, charging a uniform fee for both 1Gb and 10Gb switch ports is an equitable allocation of fees. The Exchange believes that charging a uniform fee rather than mirroring the fees for the live trading environment¹² will encourage member firms to subscribe to Carteret, and further encourage those that subscribe to use the same hardware as is used by them for connectivity to the live trading environment. The Exchange also believes that waiver of the installation fee for all installations ordered prior to March 31, 2014 is an equitable allocation as it is available to all member firms during the time frame; thus any member firm may avail itself of the free period if it so chooses.

The new fees are reasonable because they are designed to cover the costs the Exchange has incurred in developing and offering the new test environment. The proposed fee should allow the Exchange to recoup these costs and make a profit, while providing member firms with a superior test environment that more closely mirrors that

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of the live trading environment on the Exchange. The Exchange believes that offering both 1Gb and 10Gb connectivity for the same fee is reasonable as the increased incremental cost it incurs by offering the 10Gb switch port at the lower fee is outweighed by the benefit all subscribers will receive if Carteret participants use hardware identical to what they use in the live trading environment, hence furthering the goal of creating a test environment that closely mirrors the live trading environment. Waiver of the installation fee for a limited period is reasonable because the Exchange believes such a waiver will attract new users to the test environment, thus ensuring a certain minimum level of monthly revenue to support the facility initially.

The Exchange also believes the proposal furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act¹³ in that it is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, 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 and is not designed to permit unfair discrimination between customer, issuers, brokers and dealers. The Exchange does not believe that the proposed fees are unfairly discriminatory to subscribers to 10Gb live trading environment connectivity because, unlike the live trading environment where the capacity of connectivity to the Exchange may confer a competitive advantage to a market participant and therefore price differentiation is appropriate for the benefit conferred, there is no such benefit conferred in the trade test environment. The Exchange does not believe that the proposed fees are unfairly discriminatory among subscribers to the Carteret test facility because all member firms that subscribe to the service will be assessed the same fees. Because the proposed

¹³ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

fees do not discriminate between 1Gb and 10Gb connectivity options, member firms are able to subscribe to Carteret without regard to the cost of their switch port capacity election. The Exchange believes that by not discriminating on this basis it will encourage participants to connect to the Carteret test environment in the same manner as they do to the live trading environment, and thereby help Carteret more closely mirror the live test environment, as discussed above. Providing a more useful and accurate test environment will serve to improve live trading on the Exchange and the national market system by permitting member firms the ability to accurately test changes prior to implementing them in the live trading environment, thereby reducing the likelihood of a potentially disruptive system failure in the live trading environment, which has the potential to affect all market participants. Last, the Exchange does not believe that waiver of the installation fee is unfairly discriminatory as it is uniformly applied for a limited time, during which any member firm may subscribe.

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. Because the new test environment more closely approximates the live trading environment, subscribing member firms will be able to more accurately test their trading systems and avoid potentially disruptive system failures in the live trading environment.

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 foregoing change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act,¹⁴ and paragraph (f)¹⁵ of Rule 19b-4, thereunder.

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 interest, for the protection of investors, or 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 (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an e-mail to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-BX-2013-058 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-2013-058. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used.

¹⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹⁵ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)

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For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁶

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¹⁶ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).