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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")<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 rule change to amend the fee schedule under Exchange Rule 7018(a) with respect to execution and routing of orders in securities priced at \$1 or more per share.

While the changes proposed herein are effective upon filing, the Exchange has designated that the changes be operative on June 2, 2014.

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. 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. 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 Jonathan F. Cayne, Senior Associate General Counsel, at (301) 978-8493 (telephone) or (301) 978-8472 (fax).

<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 is proposing three changes to its fees and rebates applicable to transactions in securities priced at \$1 or more under BX Rule 7018(a).

First, the Exchange proposes to increase for all members the credit for an order that executes against a midpoint pegged order from \$0 to \$0.0003 per share executed.

Next, the Exchange proposes to create a new tier for members that add 3.5 million or more shares (but less than 5 million shares) of non-displayed liquidity per day (including midpoint liquidity) of \$0.0024 per share executed.

The Exchange also proposes to lower one of the parameters for 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 market participant identifiers ("MPIDs") that represent more than 0.35% (proposed to be lowered to 0.30%) and 0.45%, respectively, of consolidated volume<sup>3</sup> ("Consolidated Volume") during the month.

The Exchange believes that the proposed price cut for taking midpoint liquidity will encourage firms to access more resting midpoint liquidity before routing to other destinations for price improvement opportunities. Additionally, the Exchange believes that the proposed new tier for non-displayed liquidity will encourage additional liquidity adding activity from non-display participants. Also, relaxing the standard to qualify as Qualified Market Maker ("QMM") (Tier 1) will enable more firms to be able to avail

Consolidated Volume is the consolidated volume reported to all consolidated transaction reporting plans by all exchanges and trade reporting facilities. See BX Rule 7018(a)(1).

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themselves of the more advantageous QMM credits and overall pricing.

#### 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 Sections 6(b)(4) and (b)(5) of the Act,<sup>5</sup> in particular, because 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 that the Exchange operates or controls, and it does not unfairly discriminate between customers, issuers, brokers or dealers.

The proposed rule changes, in part, are reflective of the Exchange's ongoing efforts to use rebates and discounted execution fees to attract orders that the Exchange believes will improve market quality. Generally, the Exchange seeks to provide members with discounts that they deem helpful, and to eliminate those that they do not. By offering a credit for members that take liquidity at the midpoint and by offering reduced execution fees for members that add a certain level of non-displayed shares per day (including midpoint liquidity), the Exchange believes it will be able to further promote these goals by providing better targeted incentives for market participants. Also, relaxing the standard to qualify as QMM (Tier 1) will enable more firms to be able to avail themselves of the more advantageous QMM credits and overall pricing. Each of the proposed changes is a pro-competitive price reduction designed to enhance the Exchange's position in the marketplace and broaden the execution opportunities for BX members.

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

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

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Furthermore, the proposed rule changes are consistent with statutory requirements, as the proposed rule changes discussed herein are not unfairly discriminatory, do not place an unnecessary burden on competition, and represent an equitable allocation of fees for the reasons set forth below.

The proposed credit increase of \$0 to \$0.0003 per share executed for orders that execute against a midpoint pegged order is consistent with an equitable allocation of fees and is not unfairly discriminatory because this rebate applies uniformly across all members. The Exchange believes that this credit will incentivize members to execute against midpoint liquidity and this, in turn, will lead to an increase in price improvement liquidity and price improvement generally benefits the investing public. Also, it is reasonable and equitable because it reflects the availability of what is in effect a price reduction for all members that execute against a midpoint pegged order.

Additionally, the proposed rule change to create a new tier for members that add 3.5 million or more shares (but less than 5 million shares) of non-displayed liquidity per day (including midpoint liquidity) of \$0.0024 per share executed is consistent with an equitable allocation of fees and is not unfairly discriminatory because the Exchange believes that this new tier will incentivize members to add more non-displayed shares and this, in turn, will lead to an increase in price improvement liquidity and price improvement generally benefits the investing public and BX members have an equal opportunity to avail themselves of this tier should they desire to do so. It is reasonable in that it affects similarly situated members in the same way and because it encourages additional liquidity adding activity from participants that want to add non-displayed liquidity.

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Also, the proposed rule change to relax the standard to qualify as QMM (Tier 1) by modifying one of the parameters for 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 MPIDs that represent more than 0.35% (proposed to be lowered to 0.30%) and 0.45%, respectively, of Consolidated Volume during the month is consistent with an equitable allocation of fees and is not unfairly discriminatory because the Exchange believes that this will enable more firms to be able to avail themselves of the more advantageous QMM credits and overall pricing should they wish to pursue this opportunity to reduce trading costs, and because the opportunity will apply uniformly across all members. It is reasonable in that it affects similarly situated firms in the same way and because it encourages firms to take advantage of the more advantageous QMM credits and overall pricing.

The proposed pricing changes are, in part, reflective of BX's ongoing efforts to use responsive pricing to attract orders that BX believes will improve market quality.

Finally, BX notes that it operates in a highly competitive market in which market participants can easily and readily favor competing venues if they deem fee levels at a particular venue to be excessive or rebate opportunities to be insufficient. In such an environment, BX must continually adjust its fees or rebates to remain competitive with other exchanges. BX believes that the proposed rule changes reflect this very competitive environment because the proposed rule changes are designed to ensure that the charges and credits for participation on BX reflect its desire to attract order flow that improves the market for all participants.

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule changes will result in any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act, as amended. <sup>6</sup> BX notes that it operates in a highly competitive market in which market participants can readily favor over 40 different competing exchanges and alternative trading systems 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. 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 increase to the credit for an order that executes against a midpoint pegged order and the new tier for members that add 3.5 million or more shares (but less than 5 million shares) of non-displayed liquidity per day (including midpoint liquidity) plus the easing of the standards to qualify as QMM (Tier 1) enhances the Exchange's competitiveness by introducing a credit for some and reducing fees for others. Moreover, because there are numerous competitive alternatives to the use of the Exchange, it is likely that BX will lose market share as a result of the changes if they are unattractive to market participants. Accordingly, BX does not believe that the proposed rule changes will impair the ability of members or competing order execution venues to maintain their competitive standing in the financial markets.

<sup>6 15</sup> U.S.C. 78f(b)(8).

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

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 Act,<sup>7</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</u> or of the Commission

The new tier for members active in the BX Equities System is similar to tiers under NASDAQ Rule 7018(a).

- Security-Based Swap Submissions Filed Pursuant to Section 3C of the Act Not applicable.
- 10. <u>Advance Notices Filed Pursuant to Section 806(e) of the Payment, Clearing and Settlement Supervision Act</u>

Not applicable.

### 11. Exhibits

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

  <u>Register.</u>
  - 5. Text of the proposed rule change.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

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**EXHIBIT 1** 

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. ; File No. SR-BX-2014-031)

Self-Regulatory Organizations; NASDAQ OMX BX, Inc.; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change to Amend the Fee Schedule under Exchange Rule 7018(a) with Respect to Transactions in Securities Priced at \$1 per Share or More

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 May 30, 2014, 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 to amend the fee schedule under Exchange Rule 7018(a) with respect to transactions in securities priced at \$1 per share or more.

While the changes proposed herein are effective upon filing, the Exchange has designated that the proposed rule changes be operative on June 2, 2014.

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.

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

<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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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 Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change</u>

#### 1. Purpose

The Exchange is proposing three changes to its fees and rebates applicable to transactions in securities priced at \$1 or more under BX Rule 7018(a).

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that it affects similarly situated members in the same way and because it encourages additional liquidity adding activity from participants that want to add non-displayed liquidity.

Also, the proposed rule change to relax the standard to qualify as QMM (Tier 1) by modifying one of the parameters for 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 MPIDs that represent more than 0.35% (proposed to be lowered to 0.30%) and 0.45%, respectively, of Consolidated Volume during the month is consistent with an equitable allocation of fees and is not unfairly discriminatory because the Exchange believes that this will enable more firms to be able to avail themselves of the more advantageous QMM credits and overall pricing should they wish to pursue this opportunity to reduce trading costs, and because the opportunity will apply uniformly across all members. It is reasonable in that it affects similarly situated firms in the same way and because it encourages firms to take advantage of the more advantageous QMM credits and overall pricing.

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the charges and credits for participation on BX reflect its desire to attract order flow that improves the market for all participants.

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule changes will result in any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act, as amended. <sup>6</sup> BX notes that it operates in a highly competitive market in which market participants can readily favor over 40 different competing exchanges and alternative trading systems 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. 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 increase to the credit for an order that executes against a midpoint pegged order and the new tier for members that add 3.5 million or more shares (but less than 5 million shares) of non-displayed liquidity per day (including midpoint liquidity) plus the easing of the standards to qualify as QMM (Tier 1) enhances the Exchange's competitiveness by introducing a credit for some and reducing fees for others. Moreover, because there are numerous competitive alternatives to the use of the Exchange, it is likely that BX will lose market share as a result of the changes if they are unattractive to market participants. Accordingly, BX does not believe that the proposed rule changes will impair the ability of members or competing order execution

<sup>6 15</sup> U.S.C. 78f(b)(8).

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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 Action</u>

The foregoing change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act<sup>7</sup> and paragraph (f) of Rule 19b-4<sup>8</sup> 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
   (<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-2014-031 on the subject line.

#### Paper comments:

• Send paper comments in triplicate to Elizabeth M. Murphy, Secretary, Securities

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f).

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and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-BX-2014-031. 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 (<a href="http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml">http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml</a>).

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, 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-2014-031 and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from publication in the <u>Federal Register</u>].

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority. 9

Kevin M. O'Neill Deputy Secretary

<sup>9 17</sup> 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: \$0.0003[0] per

share executed

Order that accesses liquidity (excluding liquidity pegged to \$0.0015 per the midpoint) entered by a member that accesses liquidity equal to or exceeding 0.1% of total consolidated volume during a month:

share executed

Order that accesses liquidity (excluding liquidity pegged to \$0.0013 per the midpoint) entered by a member with a daily average volume of liquidity provided in all securities during the month of 1 million or more shares:

share executed

Order that accesses liquidity (excluding liquidity pegged to \$0.0011 per the midpoint) entered by a member that provides an share executed average daily volume of at least 25,000, but less than 1 million, shares of liquidity during the month:

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 \$0.0011 per midpoint pegged order):

share executed

All other orders: \$0.0004 per share executed

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

Displayed order entered by a Qualified Market Maker (Tier \$0.0014 per share executed 1):

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Displayed order entered by a Qualified Market Maker (Tier \$0.0017 per 2): share executed Displayed order entered by a member that adds liquidity \$0.00165 per equal to or exceeding 0.25% of total consolidated volume share executed during a month: Displayed order entered by a member that provides an \$0.0018 per average daily volume of 2.5 million or more shares of share executed liquidity during the month: Midpoint pegged order entered by a member that provides \$0.0005 per an average daily volume of 2 million or more shares of share executed non-displayed liquidity during the month: Midpoint pegged order entered by a member that provides \$0.0009 per an average daily volume of 1 million or more, but less than share executed 2 million, shares of non-displayed liquidity: Midpoint pegged order entered by other member: \$0.0015 per share executed Non-displayed orders (other than those pegged to the \$0.0019 per midpoint) entered by a member that provides an average share executed daily volume of 5 million or more shares of non-displayed liquidity: Non-displayed orders (including those pegged to the \$0.0024 per midpoint) entered by a member that provides an average share executed daily volume of 3.5 million or more shares (but less than 5 million shares) of non-displayed liquidity: \$0.0028 per All other non-displayed orders: share executed All other orders: \$0.0020 per share executed

A firm may become a Qualified Market Maker (Tier 1) by:

(1) Being 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, excluding executed orders with a size of less than one round lot. For purposes of

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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, the member must have at least one Qualified MPID, that is, is an MPID through which, for at least 150 securities, the Qualified Market Maker 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; or

(2) Being 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 0.30[5]% 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, the member must have at least one Qualified MPID, that is, an MPID through which, for at least 400 securities, the Qualified Market Maker 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.

A firm may become a Qualified Market Maker (Tier 2) by:

(1) Having at least one Qualified MPID, that is, an MPID through which, for at least 300 securities, the Qualified Market Maker quotes at the NBBO an average of at least 75% of the time during the 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: \$0.0030 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:

\$0.0035 per share executed at NYSE

\$0.0035 per share executed at venues other than NYSE

Charge for BTFY order that executes \$0.0030 per share executed at NYSE in a venue other than the NASDAQ OMX BX Equities System:

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> \$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 NASDAQ OMX BX Equities System:

Charge for BCRT order that executes 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

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

\$0.0010 per share executed

(b) - (d) No change.

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