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amendment shall be clearly identified and marked to show deletions and additions.

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

(a) NASDAQ OMX BX, Inc. ("BX" or "Exchange"), pursuant to the provisions of Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² proposes to amend Chapter XV, Section 3 entitled "BX Options Market – Access Services." Specifically, the Exchange is proposing to adopt additional port fees.

While the changes proposed herein are effective upon filing, the Exchange has designated the amendments become operative on January 2, 2015.

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

- (b) Inapplicable.
- (c) Inapplicable.

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

The proposed rule change was approved by senior management of the Exchange pursuant to authority delegated by the Board of Directors of the Exchange on July 16, 2014. Exchange staff will advise the Board of Directors of any action taken pursuant to delegated authority. No other action by the Exchange is necessary for the filing of the rule change.

Questions and comments on the proposed rule change may be directed to Angela Saccomandi Dunn, Associate General Counsel, The NASDAQ OMX Group, Inc. at (215)

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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

a. <u>Purpose</u>

The purpose of this filing is to adopt Port Fees for the following ports: Order Entry Ports,³ CTI Ports,⁴ BX Depth Ports,⁵ BX TOP Ports,⁶ and Order Entry DROP

The Order Entry Port Fee is a connectivity fee in connection with routing orders to the Exchange via an external order entry port. BX Participants access the Exchange's network through order entry ports. A BX Participant may have more than one order entry port.

CTI offers real-time clearing trade updates. A real-time clearing trade update is a message that is sent to a member after an execution has occurred and contains trade details. The message containing the trade details is also simultaneously sent to The Options Clearing Corporation. The trade messages are routed to a member's connection containing certain information. The administrative and market event messages include, but are not limited to: system event messages to communicate operational-related events; options directory messages to relay basic option symbol and contract information for options traded on the Exchange; complex strategy messages to relay information for those strategies traded on the Exchange; trading action messages to inform market participants when a specific option or strategy is halted or released for trading on the Exchange; and an indicator which distinguishes electronic and non-electronically delivered orders.

BX Depth is a data feed that provides quotation information for individual orders on the BX book, last sale information for trades executed on BX, and Order Imbalance Information as set forth in BX Rules Chapter VI, Section 8. BX Depth is the options equivalent of the BX TotalView/ITCH data feed that BX offers under BX Rule 7023 with respect to equities traded on BX. As with TotalView, members use BX Depth to "build" their view of the BX book by adding individual orders that appear on the feed, and subtracting individual orders that are executed. See Chapter VI, Section 1 at subsection (a)(3)(A).

BX TOP Port is a data feed that provides the BX Best Bid and Offer ("BBO") and last sale information for trades executed on BX. The BBO and last sale information are identical to the information that BX sends to the Options Price Regulatory Authority ("OPRA") and which OPRA disseminates via the consolidated data feed for options. BX TOP Port is the options equivalent of the BX Basic data feed offered for equities under BX Rule 7047. See Chapter VI, Section 1 at subsection (a)(3)(B).

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Ports,⁷ (collectively "BX Ports"). The Exchange proposes to assess a \$200 Port Fee for each of the BX Ports on a per port, per month, per mnemonic basis. The Exchange would also note that BX Depth and BX Top Port Fees will be assessed to non-BX Participants and BX Participants. Additionally, the Exchange will note that it will continue to assess no fee for SQF Ports⁸ by placing the SQF Port Fee in new Chapter XV, Section 3(b) along with the new BX Port Fees.

Each BX Options Participant is assigned a Market Participant Identifier or "mnemonic" and in some cases, certain BX Participants request multiple mnemonics for purposes of accounting for trading activity. These mnemonics identify users at a particular BX Participant. The Exchange bills its Port Fees based on the number of mnemonics configured for each port. By way of example, if a BX Participant, ABC, requested 2 ports from the Exchange and further requested that each port be configured to be accessed by 4 mnemonics or in some cases account numbers, ¹⁰ the BX Participant would be billed for 8 ports at the rate of \$550 per port for that month. All billing is

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SQF ports are ports that receive inbound quotes at any time within that month. The SQF Port allows a BX Participant to access information such as execution reports and other relevant data through a single feed. For example, this data would show which symbols are trading on BX and the current state of an options symbol (i.e., open for trading, trading, halted or closed). Auction notifications and execution reports are also available. BX Market Makers rely on data available through the SQF Port to provide them the necessary information to perform market making activities.

A mnemonic is a unique identifier consisting of a four character alpha code.

Account numbers are assigned by the Exchange and associated with particular BX Participants.

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captured at the Participant level. BX Participants may choose to have multiple mnemonics or in some case multiple account numbers for the convenience of conducting their business, however only one mnemonic and one account number is required to conduct business on BX.

Today, the NASDAQ Options Market LLC ("NOM") assesses port fees for similar ports, with the exception of SQF. The Exchange desires to commence assessing such fees on BX at this time, with the exception of SQF as it desires to continue to encourage BX Market Makers to participate in this market.

b. Statutory Basis

BX believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 6 of the Act,¹¹ in general, and with Section 6(b)(4) and 6(b)(5) of the Act,¹² 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.

The Exchange believes that adopting Port Fees for the BX Ports at \$200 per port, per month, per mnemonic is reasonable because it would allow the Exchange to recoup fees associated with offering the BX Ports. The BX Port Fees reflect a portion of the costs that the Exchange bears with respect to offering and maintaining the BX Ports. The Port Fees are reasonable because they enable the Exchange to offset, in part, its connectivity costs associated with making such ports available, including costs based on

¹¹ 15 U.S.C. 78f.

¹⁵ U.S.C. 78f(b)(4) and (5).

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gateway software and hardware enhancements and resources dedicated to gateway development, quality assurance, and support. The Exchanges port fees are lower than the costs for ports at other options exchanges¹³ as BX Options is a relatively new market and the Exchange seeks to remain competitive with more mature options markets.

The Exchange believes that Port Fees for the BX Ports at \$200 per port, per month, per mnemonic is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because the Exchange will assess the same fees for all BX Ports to all BX Participants.

The Exchange believes that continuing to assess no fee for SQF Ports, while assessing fees for other BX Ports, is reasonable because the Exchange desires to incentivize more BX Market Makers to engage in market marking activities on the Exchange. The proposal would provide all BX Market Makers with the opportunity to maintain lower costs while also obtaining and utilizing the appropriate number of SQF to conduct their business.

The Exchange believes that continuing to assess no fee for SQF Ports, while assessing fees for other BX Ports, is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because SQF Ports are utilized particularly by BX Market Makers in connection with their market making activities. Unlike other BX Participants, BX Market Makers add value to the market through continuous quoting¹⁴ and a commitment of capital. The Exchange has

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Pursuant to Chapter VII (Market Participants), Section 5 (Obligations of Market Makers), in registering as a market maker, an Options Participant commits

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Participants because BX Market Makers lower transaction fees as compared to other BX Participants because BX Market Makers have obligations to make continuous markets, engage in a course of dealings reasonably calculated to contribute to the maintenance of a fair and orderly market, and not make bids or offers or enter into transactions that are inconsistent with a course of dealings. Also, because of the volume of message traffic, BX Market Makers that utilize SQF Ports require more technology infrastructure and more ports than BX Participants that are not engaged in market making.

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

BX does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The Exchange believes the proposed BX Port fees are fair and equitable, and therefore, will not unduly burden any particular group of market participants trading on the Exchange. The Exchange's proposal to adopt fees for the BX Ports would be applied in a uniform manner to all BX Participants. The proposed fees are designed to ensure a fair and reasonable use of Exchange resources by allowing the Exchange to recoup a certain portion of connectivity costs, while continuing to offer competitive rates to BX Participants given the market is not a mature market.

With respect to the SQF Port Fee, the Exchange believes that continuing to assess no fee for SQF Ports, while assessing fees for other BX Ports, does not impose an undue burden on competition because SQF Ports are utilized particularly by BX Market Makers

himself to various obligations. Transactions of a Market Maker in its market making capacity must constitute a course of dealings reasonably calculated to contribute to the maintenance of a fair and orderly market, and Market Makers should not make bids or offers or enter into transactions that are inconsistent with such course of dealings. See Chapter VII, Section 5.

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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>

No written comments were either solicited or 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,¹⁸ the Exchange has designated this proposal as establishing or changing a due, fee, or other charge imposed 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>

Not applicable.

See note 15.

^{17 &}lt;u>See</u> note 16.

¹⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

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Security-Based Swap Submissions Filed Pursuant to Section 3C of the Act
 Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

11. Exhibits

- 1. Notice of proposed rule for publication in the Federal Register.
- 5. Applicable portion of the Exchange's rule text.

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Exhibit 1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. ; File No. SR-BX-2014-060)

Self-Regulatory Organizations; NASDAQ OMX BX, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Relating to Ports

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"), and Rule 19b-4 thereunder, notice is hereby given that on December 15, 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 Chapter XV, Section 3 entitled "BX Options Market – Access Services." Specifically, the Exchange is proposing to adopt additional port fees.

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

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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

In its filing with the Commission, the Exchange included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

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

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

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reasonable use of Exchange resources by allowing the Exchange to recoup a certain portion of connectivity costs, while continuing to offer competitive rates to BX Participants given the market is not a mature market.

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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 rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act.¹⁸ 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

See note 15.

^{17 &}lt;u>See</u> note 16.

¹⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

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interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule should be approved or disapproved.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic comments:

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form
 (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml); or
- Send an e-mail to <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include File Number SR-BX-2014-060 on the subject line.

Paper comments:

 Send paper comments in triplicate to Brent J. Fields, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-BX-2014-060. 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).

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provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the

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For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to

delegated authority.¹⁹

Brent J. Fields
Deputy Secretary

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Exhibit 5

New text is underlined; deleted text is in brackets.

Chapter XV Options Pricing

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Sec. 3 BX Options Market - Access Services

The following charges are assessed by BX for connectivity to the BX Options Market:

- (a) TradeInfo BX
 - BX Options Participants using TradeInfo BX will be charged a fee of \$95 per user per month.
- (b) Port Fees, per port, per month, per mnemonic as follows:

Order Entry Port Fee	\$200.00
CTI Port Fee	\$200.00
BX Depth Port Fee ¹	\$200.00
BX TOP Port Fee ¹	\$200.00
Order Entry DROP Port Fee	\$200.00
SQF Port Fee	\$0.00

¹ BX Depth and BX Top Port fees will be assessed to non-BX Participants and BX Participants.

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