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**Description**

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Proposal to modify BX rules at Chapter VI, Section 9, entitled Price Improvement Auction (PRISM), to correct an error.

**Contact Information**

Provide the name, telephone number, and e-mail address of the person on the staff of the self-regulatory organization prepared to respond to questions and comments on the action.

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**Signature**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

has duly caused this filing to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

(Title \*)

Date <input type="text" value="10/16/2017"/>	Executive Vice President and General Counsel
By <input type="text" value="Edward S. Knight"/>	<input type="text"/>
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The self-regulatory organization must provide all required information, presented in a clear and comprehensible manner, to enable the public to provide meaningful comment on the proposal and for the Commission to determine whether the proposal is consistent with the Act and applicable rules and regulations under the Act.

**Exhibit 1 - Notice of Proposed Rule Change \***

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The Notice section of this Form 19b-4 must comply with the guidelines for publication in the Federal Register as well as any requirements for electronic filing as published by the Commission (if applicable). The Office of the Federal Register (OFR) offers guidance on Federal Register publication requirements in the Federal Register Document Drafting Handbook, October 1998 Revision. For example, all references to the federal securities laws must include the corresponding cite to the United States Code in a footnote. All references to SEC rules must include the corresponding cite to the Code of Federal Regulations in a footnote. All references to Securities Exchange Act Releases must include the release number, release date, Federal Register cite, Federal Register date, and corresponding file number (e.g., SR-[SRO]-xx-xx). A material failure to comply with these guidelines will result in the proposed rule change being deemed not properly filed. See also Rule 0-3 under the Act (17 CFR 240.0-3)

**Exhibit 1A- Notice of Proposed Rule Change, Security-Based Swap Submission, or Advance Notice by Clearing Agencies \***

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

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

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

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Copies of any form, report, or questionnaire that the self-regulatory organization proposes to use to help implement or operate the proposed rule change, or that is referred to by the proposed rule change.

**Exhibit 4 - Marked Copies**

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The full text shall be marked, in any convenient manner, to indicate additions to and deletions from the immediately preceding filing. The purpose of Exhibit 4 is to permit the staff to identify immediately the changes made from the text of the rule with which it has been working.

**Exhibit 5 - Proposed Rule Text**

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The self-regulatory organization may choose to attach as Exhibit 5 proposed changes to rule text in place of providing it in Item I and which may otherwise be more easily readable if provided separately from Form 19b-4. Exhibit 5 shall be considered part of the proposed rule change.

**Partial Amendment**

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If the self-regulatory organization is amending only part of the text of a lengthy proposed rule change, it may, with the Commission's permission, file only those portions of the text of the proposed rule change in which changes are being made if the filing (i.e. partial amendment) is clearly understandable on its face. Such partial amendment shall be clearly identified and marked to show deletions and additions.

1. Text of the Proposed Rule Change

(a) NASDAQ BX, Inc. (“BX” or “Exchange”), 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> is filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC” or “Commission”) a proposal to modify BX rules at Chapter VI, Section 9, entitled “Price Improvement Auction (“PRISM”)” to correct an error.

A notice of the proposed rule change for publication in the Federal Register is attached as Exhibit 1. 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 (the “Board”) on September 19, 2017. Exchange staff will advise the Board of any action taken pursuant to delegated authority. No other action is necessary for the filing of the rule change.

Questions and comments on the proposed rule change may be directed to:

Angela Saccomandi Dunn  
Principal Associate General Counsel  
Nasdaq, Inc.  
215-496-5692

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

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

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

a. Purpose

The Exchange filed a proposed rule change to establish a price improvement mechanism.<sup>3</sup> By way of background, this price improvement mechanism or “PRISM” includes auto-match functionality in which a Participant (an “Initiating Participant”) may electronically submit for execution an order it represents as agent on behalf of a Public Customer, Professional customer, broker dealer, or any other entity (“PRISM Order”) against principal interest or against any other order it represents as agent (an “Initiating Order”) provided it submits the PRISM Order for electronic execution into the PRISM Auction (“Auction”) pursuant to the proposed Rule.<sup>4</sup> To initiate the Auction, the Initiating Participant must mark the PRISM Order for Auction processing, and specify either: (a) a single price at which it seeks to execute the PRISM Order (a “stop price”); (b) that it is willing to automatically match as principal or as agent on behalf of an Initiating Order the price and size of all PRISM Auction Notifications (“PAN”) responses, and trading interest (“auto-match”) in which case the PRISM Order will be stopped at the NBBO on the Initiating Order side;<sup>5</sup> or (c) that it is willing to either: (i) stop the entire order at a single stop price and auto-match PAN responses and trading interest at a price or prices that improve the stop price to a specified price (a “No Worse

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<sup>3</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 76301 (October 29, 2015), 80 FR 68347 (November 4, 2015) (SR-BX-2015-032).

<sup>4</sup> BX only conducts auctions for Simple Orders. Only one Auction may be conducted at a time in any given series. Once commenced, an Auction may not be cancelled.

<sup>5</sup> This is accomplished by marking the Initiating Order with a market (MKT) price.

Than” or “NWT” price); (ii) stop the entire order at a single stop price and auto-match all PAN responses and trading interest at or better than the stop price; or (iii) stop the entire order at the NBBO on the Initiating Order side, and auto-match PAN responses and trading interest at a price or prices that improve the stop price up to the NWT price. In all cases, if the BX BBO on the same side of the market as the PRISM Order represents a limit order on the book, the stop price must be at least the Minimum Increment better than the booked limit order's limit price.

When starting an Auction, the Initiating Participant may submit the Initiating Order with a designation of “surrender” to other PRISM Participants (“Surrender”), which will result in the Initiating Participant forfeiting priority and trade allocation privileges. If Surrender is specified the Initiating Order will only trade if there is not enough interest available to fully execute the PRISM Order at prices which are equal to or improve upon the stop price.<sup>6</sup> At the time the Exchange filed to permit Surrender within the BX PRISM auction,<sup>7</sup> the rule text at Chapter VI, Section 9(ii)(A)(1) provided that, “When starting an Auction, the Initiating Participant may submit the Initiating Order with a designation of “surrender” to the other PRISM Participants (“Surrender”) which will result in the Initiating Participant forfeiting the priority and trade allocation privileges which he is otherwise entitled to as per Section 9(ii)(E)(2)(a) and (b) and Section 9(ii)(F)(2)(a) and (b).” Section 9(ii)(E)(2)(b) and Section 9(ii)(F)(2)(b) refer to the auto-match functionality. The Exchange has not offered Surrender with respect to auto-match. The Exchange does not believe that auto-match is suitable for Surrender.

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<sup>6</sup> Surrender is not applied if both the Initiating Order and PRISM Order are Public Customer Orders.

<sup>7</sup> See note 3 above.

By definition the purpose of the auto-match feature is that the Initiating Participant is going to match all responses and seek a greater allocation. This language is at odds with the Surrender feature where the Initiating Participant is not seeking allocation.

Depending on the option selected, the Initiating Participant may elect in the single stop option selection to give up the allocation priority, if Surrender is selected,<sup>8</sup> or with the auto-match option the Initiating Participant will only be allocated the remainder in accordance with the allocation percentages in Section 9(ii)(E)(2)(b).<sup>9</sup> This similarly applies to Section 9(ii)(F)(2)(b).<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>8</sup> See Chapter VI, Section 9(ii)(E)(2)(a) and Section 9(ii)(F)(2)(a).

<sup>9</sup> See Chapter VI, Section 9(ii)(E)(2)(b), which states, “If the Initiating Participant selected the auto-match option of the PRISM Auction the Initiating Participant shall be allocated an equal number of contracts as the aggregate size of all other quotes, orders and PAN responses at each price point until a price point is reached where the balance of the order can be fully executed, except that the Initiating Participant shall be entitled to receive up to 40% (multiple competing quotes, orders or PAN responses) or 50% (one competing quote, order or PAN response) of the contracts remaining at the final price point (including situations where the stop price is the final price) after Public Customer interest has been satisfied but before remaining interest. If there are other quotes, orders and PAN responses at the final price point the contracts will be allocated to such interest pursuant to Chapter VI, Section 9(ii)(E)(3) through (5) below. Any remaining contracts shall be allocated to the Initiating Participant.” There is no reference to the Surrender provision in this paragraph similar to reference at Chapter VI, Section 9(ii)(E)(2)(a).

<sup>10</sup> See Chapter VI, Section 9(ii)(F)(2)(b), which states, “If the Initiating Participant selected the auto-match option of the PRISM Auction the Initiating Participant shall be allocated an equal number of contracts as the aggregate size of all other quotes, orders and PAN responses at each price point until a price point is reached where the balance of the order can be fully executed, except that the Initiating Participant shall be entitled to receive up to 40% (multiple competing quotes, orders or PAN responses) or 50% (one competing quote, order or PAN response) of the contracts remaining at the final price point (including situations where the stop price is the final price), after Public Customer interest has been satisfied but before remaining interest. If there are other quotes, orders and PAN responses at the final price point the contracts will be allocated to such interest pursuant to Chapter VI, Section 9(ii)(F)(3) through (4) below. Any remaining contracts shall

The Exchange inadvertently included the references to Section 9(ii)(E)(2)(b) and Section 9(ii)(F)(2)(b) when discussing Surrender. Surrender only applies to the single stop price feature. The Exchange proposes to amend its rule text to update its rules to delete these references to make the rule text accurate.

b. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,<sup>11</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,<sup>12</sup> in particular, 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, by updating references in the PRISM rule which indicate Surrender applies to the auto-match feature. The Exchange inadvertently referenced the auto-match feature. The Surrender feature only applies to the single stop price feature. The Exchange does not believe that auto-match is suitable for Surrender. By definition the purpose of the auto-match feature is that the Initiating Participant is going to match all responses and seek a greater allocation. This language is at odds with the Surrender feature where the Initiating Participant is not seeking allocation. The Exchange believes that correcting the rule text to remove the references to auto-match will perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general to protect investors and the public interest, by

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be allocated to the Initiating Participant.” There is no reference to the Surrender provision in this paragraph similar to reference at Chapter VI, Section 9(ii)(F)(2)(a).

<sup>11</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>12</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

updating these references to the BX PRISM rule. This amendment will correct the references within the BX PRISM rule to make clear the manner in which the auction operates.

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

The Exchange 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 inadvertently referenced the auto-match feature as applicable to Surrender provision. No BX Participant is able today to utilize the Surrender feature when selecting auto-match. This amendment will correct the references within the BX PRISM rule to make clear the manner in which the auction operates.

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)

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii)<sup>13</sup> of the Act and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder<sup>14</sup> in that it effects a change that: (i) does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) does not impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) by its terms, does not become operative for 30 days after the date of the filing, or such shorter time as the

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<sup>13</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

<sup>14</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).



Commission may designate if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest.

The Exchange believes that this proposal does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest because the Exchange does not offer Surrender today to Initiating Participants who select the auto-match option. The functionality is not changing, only the reference to the rule text, which was in error. The Exchange does not believe this proposal imposes any significant burden because no BX Participant is able today to utilize the Surrender feature when selecting auto-match.

Furthermore, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file a proposed rule change under that subsection at least five business days prior to the date of filing, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The Exchange has provided such notice.

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 interest; (ii) for the protection of investors; or (iii) 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.

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

Not applicable.

9. 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 Change for publication in the Federal Register.
5. Text of the proposed rule change.

**EXHIBIT 1**

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
(Release No. \_\_\_\_\_ ; File No. SR-BX-2017-044)

October \_\_, 2017

Self-Regulatory Organizations; NASDAQ BX, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Correct an Error in the Price Improvement Auction

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 October 16, 2017, NASDAQ 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. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to modify BX rules at Chapter VI, Section 9, entitled “Price Improvement Auction (“PRISM”)” to correct an error.

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

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

In its filing with the Commission, the Exchange included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it

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

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

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

1. Purpose

The Exchange filed a proposed rule change to establish a price improvement mechanism.<sup>3</sup> By way of background, this price improvement mechanism or “PRISM” includes auto-match functionality in which a Participant (an “Initiating Participant”) may electronically submit for execution an order it represents as agent on behalf of a Public Customer, Professional customer, broker dealer, or any other entity (“PRISM Order”) against principal interest or against any other order it represents as agent (an “Initiating Order”) provided it submits the PRISM Order for electronic execution into the PRISM Auction (“Auction”) pursuant to the proposed Rule.<sup>4</sup> To initiate the Auction, the Initiating Participant must mark the PRISM Order for Auction processing, and specify either: (a) a single price at which it seeks to execute the PRISM Order (a “stop price”); (b) that it is willing to automatically match as principal or as agent on behalf of an Initiating Order the price and size of all PRISM Auction Notifications (“PAN”) responses, and trading interest (“auto-match”) in which case the PRISM Order will be

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When starting an Auction, the Initiating Participant may submit the Initiating Order with a designation of “surrender” to other PRISM Participants (“Surrender”), which will result in the Initiating Participant forfeiting priority and trade allocation privileges. If Surrender is specified the Initiating Order will only trade if there is not enough interest available to fully execute the PRISM Order at prices which are equal to or improve upon the stop price.<sup>6</sup> At the time the Exchange filed to permit Surrender within the BX PRISM auction,<sup>7</sup> the rule text at Chapter VI, Section 9(ii)(A)(1) provided that, “When starting an Auction, the Initiating Participant may submit the Initiating Order with a designation of “surrender” to the other PRISM Participants (“Surrender”) which will result in the Initiating Participant forfeiting the priority and trade allocation

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<sup>7</sup> See note 3 above.

privileges which he is otherwise entitled to as per Section 9(ii)(E)(2)(a) and (b) and Section 9(ii)(F)(2)(a) and (b).” Section 9(ii)(E)(2)(b) and Section 9(ii)(F)(2)(b) refer to the auto-match functionality. The Exchange has not offered Surrender with respect to auto-match. The Exchange does not believe that auto-match is suitable for Surrender. By definition the purpose of the auto-match feature is that the Initiating Participant is going to match all responses and seek a greater allocation. This language is at odds with the Surrender feature where the Initiating Participant is not seeking allocation. Depending on the option selected, the Initiating Participant may elect in the single stop option selection to give up the allocation priority, if Surrender is selected,<sup>8</sup> or with the auto-match option the Initiating Participant will only be allocated the remainder in accordance with the allocation percentages in Section 9(ii)(E)(2)(b).<sup>9</sup> This similarly applies to Section 9(ii)(F)(2)(b).<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>8</sup> See Chapter VI, Section 9(ii)(E)(2)(a) and Section 9(ii)(F)(2)(a).

<sup>9</sup> See Chapter VI, Section 9(ii)(E)(2)(b), which states, “If the Initiating Participant selected the auto-match option of the PRISM Auction the Initiating Participant shall be allocated an equal number of contracts as the aggregate size of all other quotes, orders and PAN responses at each price point until a price point is reached where the balance of the order can be fully executed, except that the Initiating Participant shall be entitled to receive up to 40% (multiple competing quotes, orders or PAN responses) or 50% (one competing quote, order or PAN response) of the contracts remaining at the final price point (including situations where the stop price is the final price) after Public Customer interest has been satisfied but before remaining interest. If there are other quotes, orders and PAN responses at the final price point the contracts will be allocated to such interest pursuant to Chapter VI, Section 9(ii)(E)(3) through (5) below. Any remaining contracts shall be allocated to the Initiating Participant.” There is no reference to the Surrender provision in this paragraph similar to reference at Chapter VI, Section 9(ii)(E)(2)(a).

<sup>10</sup> See Chapter VI, Section 9(ii)(F)(2)(b), which states, “If the Initiating Participant selected the auto-match option of the PRISM Auction the Initiating Participant shall be allocated an equal number of contracts as the aggregate size of all other quotes, orders and PAN responses at each price point until a price point is reached

The Exchange inadvertently included the references to Section 9(ii)(E)(2)(b) and Section 9(ii)(F)(2)(b) when discussing Surrender. Surrender only applies to the single stop price feature. The Exchange proposes to amend its rule text to update its rules to delete these references to make the rule text accurate.

## 2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,<sup>11</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,<sup>12</sup> in particular, 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, by updating references in the PRISM rule which indicate Surrender applies to the auto-match feature. The Exchange inadvertently referenced the auto-match feature. The Surrender feature only applies to the single stop price feature. The Exchange does not believe that auto-match is suitable for Surrender. By definition the purpose of the auto-match feature is that the Initiating Participant is going to match all responses and seek a greater allocation.

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where the balance of the order can be fully executed, except that the Initiating Participant shall be entitled to receive up to 40% (multiple competing quotes, orders or PAN responses) or 50% (one competing quote, order or PAN response) of the contracts remaining at the final price point (including situations where the stop price is the final price), after Public Customer interest has been satisfied but before remaining interest. If there are other quotes, orders and PAN responses at the final price point the contracts will be allocated to such interest pursuant to Chapter VI, Section 9(ii)(F)(3) through (4) below. Any remaining contracts shall be allocated to the Initiating Participant.” There is no reference to the Surrender provision in this paragraph similar to reference at Chapter VI, Section 9(ii)(F)(2)(a).

<sup>11</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>12</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

This language is at odds with the Surrender feature where the Initiating Participant is not seeking allocation. The Exchange believes that correcting the rule text to remove the references to auto-match will perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general to protect investors and the public interest, by updating these references to the BX PRISM rule. This amendment will correct the references within the BX PRISM rule to make clear the manner in which the auction operates.

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

The Exchange 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 inadvertently referenced the auto-match feature as applicable to Surrender provision. No BX Participant is able today to utilize the Surrender feature when selecting auto-match. This amendment will correct the references within the BX PRISM rule to make clear the manner in which the auction operates.

C. 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.

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

Because the foregoing proposed rule change does not: (i) significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) become operative for 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, it has become effective pursuant



to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act<sup>13</sup> and subparagraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.<sup>14</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 interest; (ii) for the protection of investors; or (iii) 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 [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR-BX-2017-044 on the subject line.

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<sup>13</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

<sup>14</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). In addition, Rule 19b-4(f)(6) requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The Exchange has satisfied this requirement.

Paper comments:

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

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-BX-2017-044. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet Web site (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>).

Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 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-2017-044 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>15</sup>

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Assistant Secretary

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<sup>15</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

**EXHIBIT 5**

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**Rules of NASDAQ BX**

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**Options Rules**

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**Chapter VI Trading Systems**

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**Sec. 9 Price Improvement Auction (“PRISM”)**

(i) No change.

(ii) Auction Process. Only one Auction may be conducted at a time in any given series. Once commenced, an Auction may not be cancelled and shall proceed as follows:

(A) Auction Period and PRISM Auction Notification ("PAN").

- (1) To initiate the Auction, the Initiating Participant must mark the PRISM Order for Auction processing, and specify either: (a) a single price at which it seeks to execute the PRISM Order (a "stop price"); (b) that it is willing to automatically match as principal or as agent on behalf of an Initiating Order the price and size of all PAN responses, and trading interest ("auto-match") in which case the PRISM Order will be stopped at the NBBO on the Initiating Order side; or (c) that it is willing to either: (i) stop the entire order at a single stop price and auto-match PAN responses and trading interest at a price or prices that improve the stop price to a specified price (a "No Worse Than" or "NWT" price); (ii) stop the entire order at a single stop price and auto-match all PAN responses and trading interest at or better than the stop price; or (iii) stop the entire order at the NBBO on the Initiating Order side, and auto-match PAN responses and trading interest at a price or prices that improve the stop price up to the NWT price. In all cases, if the BX BBO on the same side of the market as the PRISM Order represents a limit order on the book, the stop price must be at least one Minimum Increment or better than the booked limit order's limit price. Once the Initiating Participant has submitted a PRISM Order for processing pursuant to this subparagraph, such PRISM Order may not be modified or cancelled. Under any of the circumstances described in sub-paragraphs (a)-(c) above, the stop price or NWT price may be improved to the benefit of the PRISM Order during the Auction, but may not be cancelled. Under no circumstances will the

Initiating Participant receive an allocation percentage, at the final price point, of more than 50% with one competing quote, order or PAN response or 40% with multiple competing quotes, orders or PAN responses, except for rounding, when competing quotes, orders or PAN responses have contracts available for execution.

When starting an Auction, the Initiating Participant may submit the Initiating Order with a designation of "surrender" to the other PRISM Participants ("Surrender") which will result in the Initiating Participant forfeiting the priority and trade allocation privileges which he is otherwise entitled to as per Section 9(ii)(E)(2)(a)[ and (b)] and Section 9(ii)(F)(2)(a)[ and (b)]. If Surrender is specified the Initiating Order will only trade if there is not enough interest available to fully execute the PRISM Order at prices which are equal to or improve upon the stop price. The Surrender function will never result in more than the maximum allowable allocation percentage to the Initiating Participant than that which the Initiating Participant would have otherwise received in accordance with the allocation procedures set forth in this Rule. Surrender will not be applied if both the Initiating Order and PRISM Order are Public Customer orders. Surrender information will not be available to other market participants and may not be modified.

(2) – (10) No change.

(B) – (L) No change.

(iii) – (vii) No change.

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