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**Description**

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Proposal to amend Equity 7, Section 118(a) to adopt pricing for the recently adopted SCAR routing strategy.

**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 05/22/2019 Global Chief Legal and Policy Officer

By Edward S. Knight

(Name \*)

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

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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.

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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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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 amend Equity 7, Section 118(a), as described further below.

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 (the “Board”) on September 26, 2018. 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:

Sun Kim  
Associate General Counsel  
Nasdaq, Inc.  
212-231-5106

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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 purpose of the proposed rule change is to adopt pricing for the recently adopted SCAR routing strategy,<sup>3</sup> which will be implemented on May 13, 2019.<sup>4</sup> In sum, SCAR is a routing option under which orders check the System<sup>5</sup> for available shares and simultaneously route to the other equity markets operated by Nasdaq, Inc., The Nasdaq Stock Market (“Nasdaq”) and Nasdaq PSX (“PSX” and together with Nasdaq and the Exchange, the “Nasdaq Affiliated Exchanges”).<sup>6</sup>

The Exchange initially filed the proposed pricing changes on May 13, 2019 (SR-BX-2019-014). On May 22, 2019, the Exchange withdrew that filing and submitted this filing.

The Exchange now proposes to adopt the following pricing for SCAR orders in securities listed on Nasdaq (“Tape C”), NYSE (“Tape A”), and on exchanges other than Nasdaq and NYSE (“Tape B”) (collectively, “Tapes”), which execute on Nasdaq and PSX:<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> See BX Rule 4758(a)(1)(A)(x). See also Securities Exchange Act Release No. 85368 (March 20, 2019), 84 FR 11362 (March 26, 2019) (SR-BX-2019-004).

<sup>4</sup> See Equity Trader Alert #2019-29.

<sup>5</sup> The term “System” shall mean the automated system for order execution and trade reporting owned and operated by the Exchange. See Rule 4701(a).

<sup>6</sup> If shares remain unexecuted after routing, they are posted on the Exchange’s book or cancelled. Once on the book, should the order subsequently be locked or crossed by another market center, the System will not route the order to the locking or crossing market center. See Rule 4758(a)(1)(A)(x).

<sup>7</sup> Orders using the SCAR routing option that execute on the Exchange would be subject to the Exchange’s standard fees and rebates. Currently, members that do

- SCAR orders executed on Nasdaq will be assessed a charge of \$0.00295 per share in any Tape securities priced at \$1 or more per share.
- SCAR orders executed on PSX will be assessed a charge of \$0.0029 per share in any Tape securities priced at \$1 or more per share.
- SCAR orders executed on Nasdaq or PSX in any Tape securities priced below \$1 per share will be assessed a charge of 0.30% of the total transaction cost.<sup>8</sup>

b. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,<sup>9</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Sections 6(b)(4) and 6(b)(5) of the Act,<sup>10</sup> in particular, in that it provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among members and issuers and other persons using any facility, and is not designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

The Exchange believes that the pricing structure proposed above for SCAR is reasonable, equitable, and not unfairly discriminatory because the fees are generally set at levels intended to incentivize members to use this new routing strategy while also allowing the Exchange to recoup the costs of providing routing services. For instance, the proposed \$0.00295 per share charge for orders in any Tape securities priced at \$1 or

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not meet certain volume thresholds that would qualify them for a better rate (such as a liquidity removal credit) are assessed a standard transaction fee of \$0.0003 per share for orders in any Tape securities priced at \$1 or more per share that access liquidity on the Exchange. See Equity 7, Section 118(a).

<sup>8</sup> This is the same rate that the Exchange currently charges for all securities priced below \$1 that route and execute at an away venue. See Equity 7, Section 118(b).

<sup>9</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>10</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4) and (5).

more per share that route to and execute on Nasdaq using the SCAR routing strategy is lower than the standard transaction charge of \$0.0030 per share that would apply if the order executed directly on Nasdaq as the home exchange.<sup>11</sup> Similarly, the proposed \$0.0029 per share charge for such orders that route to and execute on PSX is lower than the standard transaction charge of \$0.0030 per share that would apply if the order executed directly on PSX as the home exchange.<sup>12</sup> As such, the proposed SCAR pricing is set at rates that make it more economical for members to use this routing strategy, especially for those members that do not already add and/or remove large amounts of volume on Nasdaq and PSX directly.

The Exchange also believes that the proposed SCAR credits and charges for all Tape securities priced at \$1 or more per share are set at appropriate levels for the reasons that follow. The Exchange believes that the proposed \$0.0029 charge for SCAR orders that route and execute on PSX is aligned with the \$0.0029 charge currently assessed by Cboe BYX Exchange (“BYX”), Cboe BZX Exchange (“BZX”), and Cboe EDGA (“EDGA”) to their members using the ALLB, a routing strategy similar to SCAR in that ALLB routes between affiliated exchanges only,<sup>13</sup> to route orders to their affiliate, Cboe

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<sup>11</sup> This fee would apply unless the member qualifies for a better rate (such as a discounted fee or credit) by meeting certain volume thresholds. See Nasdaq Equity 7, Section 118(a).

<sup>12</sup> This fee would apply unless the member qualifies for a better rate (such as a discounted fee or credit) by meeting certain volume thresholds. See PSX Equity 7, Section 3, Order Execution and Routing.

<sup>13</sup> Unlike SCAR, which routes simultaneously to Nasdaq, PSX, and BX simultaneously in accordance with the System routing table, the ALLB routing strategy offered by BZX, BYZ, EDGA, and EDGX first checks the local book before being routed to the affiliated exchanges in accordance with the applicable system routing table. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 85368 (March 20, 2019), 84 FR 11362 (March 26, 2019) (SR-BX-2019-004).

EDGX Exchange (“EDGX”).<sup>14</sup> The Exchange also believes that the proposed \$0.00295 charge for SCAR orders that route and execute on Nasdaq is set at an appropriate level because it remains lower with the \$0.0030 charge currently assessed by BYX, EDGX, and EDGA to their members using the ALLB routing strategy to route orders to their affiliate, BZX.<sup>15</sup> Given that Nasdaq is a more active market than PSX, the Exchange is proposing an incrementally higher routing charge for this market as opposed to the proposed charge for PSX because the Exchange believes that the higher volume on Nasdaq coupled with the proposed fee will be more effective in recouping the costs of providing routing services. The Exchange still believes that the proposed SCAR pricing for Nasdaq is set at an appropriate because it remains lower than the standard transaction charge of \$0.0030 for accessing Nasdaq directly as well as the \$0.0030 fee assessed by EDGX, EDGA, and BYX for their similar ALLB routing strategy, each as discussed above.

The Exchange also believes that it is reasonable, equitable, and not unfairly discriminatory to assess the proposed charge for SCAR orders executed on Nasdaq or PSX in any Tape securities priced below \$1 per share because it is consistent with what it currently charges for all orders in securities priced at less than \$1 per share that route and

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<sup>14</sup> See BYX Fee Schedule, available at [https://markets.cboe.com/us/equities/membership/fee\\_schedule/byx](https://markets.cboe.com/us/equities/membership/fee_schedule/byx); BZX Fee Schedule, available at [https://markets.cboe.com/us/equities/membership/fee\\_schedule/bzx](https://markets.cboe.com/us/equities/membership/fee_schedule/bzx); and EDGA Fee Schedule, available at [https://markets.cboe.com/us/equities/membership/fee\\_schedule/edga](https://markets.cboe.com/us/equities/membership/fee_schedule/edga).

<sup>15</sup> See EDGX Fee Schedule, available at [https://markets.cboe.com/us/equities/membership/fee\\_schedule/edgx](https://markets.cboe.com/us/equities/membership/fee_schedule/edgx). See *supra* note 14.

execute at an away venue.<sup>16</sup> Lastly, the Exchange believes that the proposed pricing changes are equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because they will apply uniformly to all members.

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 operates in a highly competitive market in which market participants can readily favor competing venues if they deem fee levels at a particular venue to be excessive, or rebate opportunities available at other venues to be more favorable. In such an environment, the Exchange must continually adjust its fees to remain competitive. Because competitors are free to modify their own fees in response, and because market participants may readily adjust their order routing practices, the Exchange believes that the degree to which fee changes in this market may impose any burden on competition is extremely limited.

In this instance, the proposed pricing for SCAR orders are intended to recoup the Exchange's costs associated with providing routing services while providing incentives to members to make use of the Exchange's optional routing functionality. As discussed above, the Exchange believes that its proposed pricing remains competitive with other equity exchanges.<sup>17</sup> In addition, because the Exchange's routing services are the subject of competition, including price competition, from other exchanges and broker-dealers that offer routing services, as well as the ability of members to use their own routing

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<sup>16</sup> The Exchange currently charges 0.30% of the total transaction cost for all such orders. See Equity 7, Section 118(b).

<sup>17</sup> See supra notes 14 and 15.



capabilities, it is likely that the Exchange will lose market share as a result of the changes if they are unattractive to market participants. Accordingly, the Exchange does not believe that the proposed changes will impair the ability of members or competing order execution venues to maintain their competitive standing in the financial markets.

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,<sup>18</sup> 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.

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.

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<sup>18</sup> 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. 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-2019-016)

May \_\_, 2019

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Nasdaq BX, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Amend Equity 7, Section 118(a) to Adopt Pricing for the Recently Adopted SCAR Routing Strategy

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 22, 2019, 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 amend Equity 7, Section 118(a), as described further below.

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 purpose of the proposed rule change is to adopt pricing for the recently adopted SCAR routing strategy,<sup>3</sup> which will be implemented on May 13, 2019.<sup>4</sup> In sum, SCAR is a routing option under which orders check the System<sup>5</sup> for available shares and simultaneously route to the other equity markets operated by Nasdaq, Inc., The Nasdaq Stock Market ("Nasdaq") and Nasdaq PSX ("PSX" and together with Nasdaq and the Exchange, the "Nasdaq Affiliated Exchanges").<sup>6</sup>

The Exchange initially filed the proposed pricing changes on May 13, 2019 (SR-BX-2019-014). On May 22, 2019, the Exchange withdrew that filing and submitted this filing.

The Exchange now proposes to adopt the following pricing for SCAR orders in securities listed on Nasdaq ("Tape C"), NYSE ("Tape A"), and on exchanges other than

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<sup>4</sup> See Equity Trader Alert #2019-29.

<sup>5</sup> The term "System" shall mean the automated system for order execution and trade reporting owned and operated by the Exchange. See Rule 4701(a).

<sup>6</sup> If shares remain unexecuted after routing, they are posted on the Exchange's book or cancelled. Once on the book, should the order subsequently be locked or crossed by another market center, the System will not route the order to the locking or crossing market center. See Rule 4758(a)(1)(A)(x).

Nasdaq and NYSE (“Tape B”) (collectively, “Tapes”), which execute on Nasdaq and PSX:<sup>7</sup>

- SCAR orders executed on Nasdaq will be assessed a charge of \$0.00295 per share in any Tape securities priced at \$1 or more per share.
- SCAR orders executed on PSX will be assessed a charge of \$0.0029 per share in any Tape securities priced at \$1 or more per share.
- SCAR orders executed on Nasdaq or PSX in any Tape securities priced below \$1 per share will be assessed a charge of 0.30% of the total transaction cost.<sup>8</sup>

## 2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,<sup>9</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Sections 6(b)(4) and 6(b)(5) of the Act,<sup>10</sup> in particular, in that it provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among members and issuers and other persons using any facility, and is not designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

The Exchange believes that the pricing structure proposed above for SCAR is reasonable, equitable, and not unfairly discriminatory because the fees are generally set at

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<sup>7</sup> Orders using the SCAR routing option that execute on the Exchange would be subject to the Exchange’s standard fees and rebates. Currently, members that do not meet certain volume thresholds that would qualify them for a better rate (such as a liquidity removal credit) are assessed a standard transaction fee of \$0.0003 per share for orders in any Tape securities priced at \$1 or more per share that access liquidity on the Exchange. See Equity 7, Section 118(a).

<sup>8</sup> This is the same rate that the Exchange currently charges for all securities priced below \$1 that route and execute at an away venue. See Equity 7, Section 118(b).

<sup>9</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>10</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4) and (5).

levels intended to incentivize members to use this new routing strategy while also allowing the Exchange to recoup the costs of providing routing services. For instance, the proposed \$0.00295 per share charge for orders in any Tape securities priced at \$1 or more per share that route to and execute on Nasdaq using the SCAR routing strategy is lower than the standard transaction charge of \$0.0030 per share that would apply if the order executed directly on Nasdaq as the home exchange.<sup>11</sup> Similarly, the proposed \$0.0029 per share charge for such orders that route to and execute on PSX is lower than the standard transaction charge of \$0.0030 per share that would apply if the order executed directly on PSX as the home exchange.<sup>12</sup> As such, the proposed SCAR pricing is set at rates that make it more economical for members to use this routing strategy, especially for those members that do not already add and/or remove large amounts of volume on Nasdaq and PSX directly.

The Exchange also believes that the proposed SCAR credits and charges for all Tape securities priced at \$1 or more per share are set at appropriate levels for the reasons that follow. The Exchange believes that the proposed \$0.0029 charge for SCAR orders that route and execute on PSX is aligned with the \$0.0029 charge currently assessed by Cboe BYX Exchange (“BYX”), Cboe BZX Exchange (“BZX”), and Cboe EDGA (“EDGA”) to their members using the ALLB, a routing strategy similar to SCAR in that

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ALLB routes between affiliated exchanges only,<sup>13</sup> to route orders to their affiliate, Cboe EDGX Exchange (“EDGX”).<sup>14</sup> The Exchange also believes that the proposed \$0.00295 charge for SCAR orders that route and execute on Nasdaq is set at an appropriate level because it remains lower with the \$0.0030 charge currently assessed by BYX, EDGX, and EDGA to their members using the ALLB routing strategy to route orders to their affiliate, BZX.<sup>15</sup> Given that Nasdaq is a more active market than PSX, the Exchange is proposing an incrementally higher routing charge for this market as opposed to the proposed charge for PSX because the Exchange believes that the higher volume on Nasdaq coupled with the proposed fee will be more effective in recouping the costs of providing routing services. The Exchange still believes that the proposed SCAR pricing for Nasdaq is set at an appropriate because it remains lower than the standard transaction charge of \$0.0030 for accessing Nasdaq directly as well as the \$0.0030 fee assessed by EDGX, EDGA, and BYX for their similar ALLB routing strategy, each as discussed above.

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<sup>13</sup> Unlike SCAR, which routes simultaneously to Nasdaq, PSX, and BX simultaneously in accordance with the System routing table, the ALLB routing strategy offered by BZX, BYZ, EDGA, and EDGX first checks the local book before being routed to the affiliated exchanges in accordance with the applicable system routing table. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 85368 (March 20, 2019), 84 FR 11362 (March 26, 2019) (SR-BX-2019-004).

<sup>14</sup> See BYX Fee Schedule, available at [https://markets.cboe.com/us/equities/membership/fee\\_schedule/byx](https://markets.cboe.com/us/equities/membership/fee_schedule/byx); BZX Fee Schedule, available at [https://markets.cboe.com/us/equities/membership/fee\\_schedule/bzx](https://markets.cboe.com/us/equities/membership/fee_schedule/bzx); and EDGA Fee Schedule, available at [https://markets.cboe.com/us/equities/membership/fee\\_schedule/edga](https://markets.cboe.com/us/equities/membership/fee_schedule/edga).

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The Exchange also believes that it is reasonable, equitable, and not unfairly discriminatory to assess the proposed charge for SCAR orders executed on Nasdaq or PSX in any Tape securities priced below \$1 per share because it is consistent with what it currently charges for all orders in securities priced at less than \$1 per share that route and execute at an away venue.<sup>16</sup> Lastly, the Exchange believes that the proposed pricing changes are equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because they will apply uniformly to all members.

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 operates in a highly competitive market in which market participants can readily favor competing venues if they deem fee levels at a particular venue to be excessive, or rebate opportunities available at other venues to be more favorable. In such an environment, the Exchange must continually adjust its fees to remain competitive. Because competitors are free to modify their own fees in response, and because market participants may readily adjust their order routing practices, the Exchange believes that the degree to which fee changes in this market may impose any burden on competition is extremely limited.

In this instance, the proposed pricing for SCAR orders are intended to recoup the Exchange's costs associated with providing routing services while providing incentives to members to make use of the Exchange's optional routing functionality. As discussed above, the Exchange believes that its proposed pricing remains competitive with other

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<sup>16</sup> The Exchange currently charges 0.30% of the total transaction cost for all such orders. See Equity 7, Section 118(b).



equity exchanges.<sup>17</sup> In addition, because the Exchange's routing services are the subject of competition, including price competition, from other exchanges and broker-dealers that offer routing services, as well as the ability of members to use their own routing capabilities, it is likely that the Exchange will lose market share as a result of the changes if they are unattractive to market participants. Accordingly, the Exchange does not believe that the proposed changes will impair the ability of members or competing order execution venues to maintain their competitive standing in the financial markets.

C. 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

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act.<sup>18</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.

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<sup>17</sup> See supra notes 14 and 15.

<sup>18</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

#### 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-2019-016 on the subject line.

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-2019-016. 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-2019-016 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>19</sup>

Eduardo A. Aleman  
Assistant Secretary

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<sup>19</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

**EXHIBIT 5**

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**Rules of Nasdaq BX**

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**Equity 7 Pricing Schedule**

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**Section 118. Nasdaq 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 BX Equities System by members for all securities priced at \$1 or more per share that it trades. As used in this rule, the term "Consolidated Volume" shall mean the total consolidated volume reported to all consolidated transaction reporting plans by all exchanges and trade reporting facilities during a month in equity securities, excluding executed orders with a size of less than one round lot. For purposes of calculating Consolidated Volume and the extent of a member's trading activity 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. As used in this rule, "price improvement" shall mean instances when the accepted price of an order differs from the executed price of an order.

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<b>Other charges for entering orders in the Nasdaq BX Equities System:</b>			
	<b>Tape A</b>	<b>Tape B</b>	<b>Tape C</b>
Charge for BSTG or BSCN order that executes in a venue other than the Nasdaq BX Equities System:	\$0.0030 per share executed at NYSE	\$0.0030 per share executed at NYSE	\$0.0030 per share executed at NYSE
	\$0.0030 per share executed at venues other than NYSE	\$0.0030 per share executed at venues other than NYSE	\$0.0030 per share executed at venues other than NYSE
Charge for BMOP order that executes in a venue other than the Nasdaq BX Equities System:	\$0.0035 per share executed at NYSE	\$0.0035 per share executed at NYSE	\$0.0035 per share executed at NYSE
	\$0.0035 per share executed at venues other than NYSE	\$0.0035 per share executed at venues other than NYSE	\$0.0035 per share executed at venues other than NYSE

Charge for BTFY order that executes in a venue other than the Nasdaq BX Equities System:	\$0.0030 per share executed at NYSE	\$0.0030 per share executed at NYSE	\$0.0030 per share executed at NYSE
	\$0.0030 per share executed at Nasdaq	\$0.0030 per share executed at Nasdaq	\$0.0030 per share executed at Nasdaq
	\$0.0030 per share executed at Nasdaq PSX	\$0.0030 per share executed at Nasdaq PSX	\$0.0030 per share executed at Nasdaq PSX
	\$0.0007 per share executed at venues other than NYSE, Nasdaq and Nasdaq PSX	\$0.0007 per share executed at venues other than NYSE, Nasdaq and Nasdaq PSX	\$0.0007 per share executed at venues other than NYSE, Nasdaq and Nasdaq PSX
Charge for BCRT order that executes in a venue other than the Nasdaq BX Equities System:	\$0.0030 per share executed at Nasdaq PSX	\$0.0030 per share executed at Nasdaq PSX	\$0.0030 per share executed at Nasdaq PSX
	\$0.0030 per share executed at Nasdaq	\$0.0030 per share executed at Nasdaq	\$0.0030 per share executed at Nasdaq
Charge for BDRK and BCST order that executes in a venue other than the Nasdaq BX Equities System:	\$0.0010 per share executed	\$0.0010 per share executed	\$0.0010 per share executed
<u>Charge for SCAR order that executes in a venue other than the Nasdaq BX Equities System:</u>	<u>\$0.00295 per share executed at Nasdaq</u>	<u>\$0.00295 per share executed at Nasdaq</u>	<u>\$0.00295 per share executed at Nasdaq</u>
	<u>\$0.0029 per share executed at Nasdaq PSX</u>	<u>\$0.0029 per share executed at Nasdaq PSX</u>	<u>\$0.0029 per share executed at Nasdaq PSX</u>

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