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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549 For complete Form 19b-4 instructions please refer to the EFFS website. The self-regulatory organization must provide all required information, presented in a Form 19b-4 Information * clear and comprehensible manner, to enable the public to provide meaningful comment on the proposal and for the Commission to determine whether the proposal Remove is consistent with the Act and applicable rules and regulations under the Act. The Notice section of this Form 19b-4 must comply with the guidelines for publication Exhibit 1 - Notice of Proposed Rule Change * 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 Add Remove View 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) The Notice section of this Form 19b-4 must comply with the guidelines for publication **Exhibit 1A- Notice of Proposed Rule** in the Federal Register as well as any requirements for electronic filing as published Change, Security-Based Swap Submission, by the Commission (if applicable). The Office of the Federal Register (OFR) offers or Advance Notice by Clearing Agencies * 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, security-based swap submission, or advance notice being deemed not properly filed. See also Rule 0-3 under the Act (17 CFR 240.0-3) Exhibit 2 - Notices, Written Comments, Copies of notices, written comments, transcripts, other communications. If such Transcripts, Other Communications documents cannot be filed electronically in accordance with Instruction F, they shall be filed in accordance with Instruction G. Remove View Add Exhibit Sent As Paper Document П Exhibit 3 - Form, Report, or Questionnaire 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 Add Remove View referred to by the proposed rule change. Exhibit Sent As Paper Document The full text shall be marked, in any convenient manner, to indicate additions to and **Exhibit 4 - Marked Copies** deletions from the immediately preceding filing. The purpose of Exhibit 4 is to permit Add Remove View 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** 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 Add Remove View of the proposed rule change. If the self-regulatory organization is amending only part of the text of a lengthy **Partial Amendment** 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.

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1. Text of the Proposed Rule Change

(a) Nasdaq GEMX, LLC ("GEMX" or "Exchange"), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² is filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission") a proposed rule change to amend the Schedule of Fees to make it clear that the Nasdaq GEMX Trades Feed is a free offering of the Exchange provided to subscribers of at least one of the fee liable real-time market data products offered on the Exchange.

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

- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Not applicable.

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 (the "Board") on August 15, 2016. 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:

Adrian Griffiths Senior Associate General Counsel Nasdaq, Inc. 212-231-5176

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 the proposed rule change is to amend the Schedule of Fees to make it clear that the Nasdaq GEMX Trades Feed ("Trades Feed") is a free offering of the Exchange provided to subscribers of at least one of the fee liable real-time market data products offered on the Exchange. On April 27, 2017 the Exchange filed a proposed rule change to establish ports that members use to connect to the Exchange with the migration of the Exchange's trading system to the Nasdaq INET architecture.³ In that proposed rule change, the Exchange also established the Trades Feed, which is a market data offering that displays last trade information along with opening price, cumulative volume, high and low prices for the day. The data provided for each instrument includes the symbols (series and underlying security), put or call indicator, expiration date, the strike price of the series, and trading status. The Trades Feed is a free market data product provided to subscribers of at least one of the fee liable real-time market data products offered on the Exchange – i.e., the Nasdaq GEMX Real-time Depth of Market Raw Data Feed ("Depth Feed"), the Nasdaq GEMX Order Feed ("Order Feed"), and the Nasdaq GEMX Top Quote Feed ("Top Quote Feed"). To make it clear that the Trades Feed is a free offering of the Exchange, the Exchange now proposes to add the Trades Feed to the Schedule of Fees at a price of \$0 per month for subscribers of the Depth Feed, Order Feed, or Top Quote Feed.

See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 80649 (May 10, 2017), 82 FR 22595 (May 16, 2017) (SR-GEMX-2017-07).

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b. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 6 of the Act, 4 in general, and Section 6(b)(4) of the Act, 5 in particular, in that they are designed to provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among its members and other persons using its facilities. In particular, the Exchange believes that it is reasonable, equitable, and not unfairly discriminatory to add the Trades Feed to the Schedule of Fees at a cost of \$0 per month for subscribers of the Depth Feed, Order Feed, or Top Quote Feed to alert members to the availability of this free market data product. The Exchange notes that the Trades Feed is a current market data offering that the Exchange is adding to its Schedule of Fees at this time to increase transparency to members. While the Exchange previously noted this free product in the proposed rule change that established the Trades Feed, the Exchange believes that adding it to the Schedule of Fees will ensure that all members are adequately apprised of its availability free of cost for subscribers of the Depth Feed, Order Feed, or Top Quote Feed. The Exchange does not believe that it is unfairly discriminatory to offer the Trades Feed only to subscribers of one of the fee liable market data products described above because those subscribers already have the appropriate connections to receive real-time market data, and the fees paid for those other products can offset costs associated with offering the Trades Feed. Furthermore, the Exchange notes that the Trades Feed is available to any interest market participant by paying the fees associated with one of the fee liable real-time market data products.

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78f.

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

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

In accordance with Section 6(b)(8) of the Act, ⁶ the Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on intermarket or intramarket competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. As explained above, the Exchange is adding the Trades Feed to the Schedule of Fees at a cost of \$0 per month for subscribers of the Depth Feed, Order Feed, or Top Quote Feed to alert members to the availability of this free market data product. The Exchange does not believe that adding this free market data product to the Schedule of Fees will have any significant competitive impact. All market participants can gain access to the information contained in the Trades Feed by subscribing to any of the fee liable real-time market data products described above.

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

The Exchange has not solicited, and does not intend to solicit, comments on this proposed rule change. The Exchange has not received any unsolicited written comments from members or other interested parties.

- 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,⁷ the Exchange has designated this proposal as establishing or changing a due, fee, or other charge imposed by the self-

^{6 15} U.S.C. 78f(b)(8).

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

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regulatory organization on any person, whether or not the person is a member of the selfregulatory 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. <u>Proposed Rule Change Based on Rules of Another Self-Regulatory Organization</u> or of the Commission

The proposed rule change is not based on the rules of another self-regulatory organization or of the Commission.

- 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.

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EXHIBIT 1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. ; File No. SR-GEMX-2017-40)

September ___, 2017

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Nasdaq GEMX, LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Amend the Schedule of Fees to Make it Clear that the Nasdaq GEMX Trades Feed is a Free Offering of the Exchange

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹, and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on September 15, 2017, Nasdaq GEMX, LLC ("GEMX" 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 Schedule of Fees to make it clear that the Nasdaq GEMX Trades Feed is a free offering of the Exchange provided to subscribers of at least one of the fee liable real-time market data products offered on the Exchange.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's Website at www.ise.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>

1. <u>Purpose</u>

The purpose of the proposed rule change is to amend the Schedule of Fees to make it clear that the Nasdaq GEMX Trades Feed ("Trades Feed") is a free offering of the Exchange provided to subscribers of at least one of the fee liable real-time market data products offered on the Exchange. On April 27, 2017 the Exchange filed a proposed rule change to establish ports that members use to connect to the Exchange with the migration of the Exchange's trading system to the Nasdaq INET architecture.³ In that proposed rule change, the Exchange also established the Trades Feed, which is a market data offering that displays last trade information along with opening price, cumulative volume, high and low prices for the day. The data provided for each instrument includes the symbols (series and underlying security), put or call indicator, expiration date, the strike price of the series, and trading status. The Trades Feed is a free market data product provided to subscribers of at least one of the fee liable real-time market data products offered on the Exchange – i.e., the Nasdaq GEMX Real-time Depth of Market Raw Data

See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 80649 (May 10, 2017), 82 FR 22595 (May 16, 2017) (SR-GEMX-2017-07).

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Feed ("Depth Feed"), the Nasdaq GEMX Order Feed ("Order Feed"), and the Nasdaq GEMX Top Quote Feed ("Top Quote Feed"). To make it clear that the Trades Feed is a free offering of the Exchange, the Exchange now proposes to add the Trades Feed to the Schedule of Fees at a price of \$0 per month for subscribers of the Depth Feed, Order Feed, or Top Quote Feed.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 6 of the Act, 4 in general, and Section 6(b)(4) of the Act, 5 in particular, in that they are designed to provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among its members and other persons using its facilities. In particular, the Exchange believes that it is reasonable, equitable, and not unfairly discriminatory to add the Trades Feed to the Schedule of Fees at a cost of \$0 per month for subscribers of the Depth Feed, Order Feed, or Top Quote Feed to alert members to the availability of this free market data product. The Exchange notes that the Trades Feed is a current market data offering that the Exchange is adding to its Schedule of Fees at this time to increase transparency to members. While the Exchange previously noted this free product in the proposed rule change that established the Trades Feed, the Exchange believes that adding it to the Schedule of Fees will ensure that all members are adequately apprised of its availability free of cost for subscribers of the Depth Feed, Order Feed, or Top Quote Feed. The Exchange does not believe that it is unfairly discriminatory to offer the Trades Feed only to subscribers of one of the fee liable market

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78f.

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

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data products described above because those subscribers already have the appropriate connections to receive real-time market data, and the fees paid for those other products can offset costs associated with offering the Trades Feed. Furthermore, the Exchange notes that the Trades Feed is available to any interest market participant by paying the fees associated with one of the fee liable real-time market data products.

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

In accordance with Section 6(b)(8) of the Act,⁶ the Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on intermarket or intramarket competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. As explained above, the Exchange is adding the Trades Feed to the Schedule of Fees at a cost of \$0 per month for subscribers of the Depth Feed, Order Feed, or Top Quote Feed to alert members to the availability of this free market data product. The Exchange does not believe that adding this free market data product to the Schedule of Fees will have any significant competitive impact. All market participants can gain access to the information contained in the Trades Feed by subscribing to any of the fee liable real-time market data products described above.

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.

¹⁵ U.S.C. 78f(b)(8).

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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.⁷ 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 <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include File Number SR-GEMX-2017-40 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-GEMX-2017-40. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

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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-GEMX-2017-40 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.⁸

Eduardo A. Aleman Assistant Secretary

^{8 17} CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

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EXHIBIT 5

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Nasdaq GEMX Schedule of Fees

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V. Market Data

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H. Nasdaq GEMX Trades Feed

\$0 per month for subscribers of the Nasdaq GEMX Real-time Depth of Market Raw Data Feed, Nasdaq GEMX Order Feed, or Nasdaq GEMX Top Quote Feed

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