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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 codify within Rule 718, which rule is currently reserved, the data feeds that are currently offered on GEMX.

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 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.

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 codify within Rule 718, which rule is currently reserved, the data feeds that are currently offered on GEMX and previously filed in prior rule changes as described in more detail below. The Exchange proposes to rename Rule 718 "Data Feeds" and list the various data feed offerings within that rule.

The Exchange has previously filed a rule change which describes the various data offerings.³ The data offerings contained in that rule change included: the Nasdaq GEMX Real-time Depth of Market Raw Data Feed ("Depth of Market Feed"), the Nasdaq GEMX Order Feed ("Order Feed"), the Nasdaq GEMX Top Quote Feed ("Top Quote Feed"), and the Nasdaq GEMX Trades Feed ("Trades Feed"). Each of the data offerings are described in more detail below.

<u>Universal Changes</u>

The Exchange notes it proposes various universal amendments to its data feeds for consistency and clarity. References to "instrument" will be replaced by the more specific language "options series." Where the Exchange previously referred to "trading status" those words will be replaced with language which specifically explains the information for status, which is, "whether the option series is available for trading on GEMX and identifies if the series is available for closing transactions only." The word

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 (May 16, 2017) (SR-GEMX-2017-07) (Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Establish INET Ports)("Prior Filing").

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"customer" will be replaced with the defined term "Priority Customer." References to the word "cumulative," when referring to volume, will be replaced with more specific language namely, "daily trading," to refer to the volume. These aforementioned amendments are made, where applicable, within the data feeds described below in more detail. Finally, the Exchange is adding language in Rule 718(a) to make clear that the data feeds pertain to GEMX trading information.

Depth of Market Feed

In a Prior Filing the Exchange described the Depth Feed as providing aggregate quotes and orders at the top five price levels on the Exchange, and provides subscribers with a consolidated view of tradable prices beyond the BBO, showing additional liquidity and enhancing transparency for GEMX traded options. 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. In addition, subscribers are provided with total quantity, customer quantity, price, and side (i.e., bid/ask). This information is provided for each of the five indicated price levels on the Depth Feed. The feed also provides participants of imbalances on opening/reopening.

In codifying the feed description, the Exchange proposes a few amendments to the description in the Prior Filing in addition to the universal changes mentioned above. For the Depth of Market Feed, the Exchange is removing the words "Real-time" and "Raw" because all the feeds are real-time and contain raw data. Removing these words conforms the language of all the feeds. The Exchange proposes to replace "Exchange"

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with "GEMX" for clarity. Also, the Exchange is expanding the description of total quantity to "total aggregate quantity" including Public Customer⁵ aggregate quantity and Priority Customer aggregate quantity. The Exchange is amending a description of the imbalances on opening/reopening to note the imbalances are order and not participant imbalances. Finally a typographical error is being amended in the last sentence of this data feed to remove an extraneous "of" in the sentence.

Order Feed

In a Prior Filing the Exchange described the Order Feed as providing information on new orders resting on the book. In addition, the feed also announces auctions. 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 feed also provides participants of imbalances on opening/reopening.

In codifying the feed description, the Exchange proposes a few amendments to the description in the Prior Filing in addition to the universal changes mentioned above. The Exchange is amending the order feed to include the word "all" before auctions to make clear all auction information is included. The Exchange is adding examples of the information provided on new orders resting on the book, e.g. price, quantity and *market participant* capacity. The words "market participant" are intended to make clear which capacity is referred to for the information. The Exchange is amending a description of the imbalances on opening/reopening to note the imbalances are order and not participant imbalances. Also, a typographical error is being amended in the last sentence of this data feed to remove an extraneous "of" in the sentence.

The term "Public Customer" means a person or entity that is not a broker or dealer in securities. See Rule 100(a)(42).

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Top Quote Feed

In a Prior Filing the Exchange described the Top Quote Feed as one that calculates and disseminates its best bid and offer position, with aggregated size (Total & Customer), based on displayable order and quote interest in the options market system. The feed also provides 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.

In codifying the feed description, the Exchange proposes a few amendments to the description in the Prior Filing in addition to the universal changes mentioned above. The Exchange proposes to amend the Top Quote Feed to make clear that aggregated size included total size, Public Customer size in the aggregate and also Priority Customer size in the aggregate. The Exchange is replacing the term "options market system" with the defined term "System." The Exchange also proposes to add a sentence, similar to the Depth of Market Feed and Order Feed which provides "The feed also provides order imbalances on opening/reopening." This sentence should have been included with this feed as well. The universal changes described above apply as well.

Trades Feed

In a Prior Filing the Exchange described the Trades Feed as displaying 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

See Rule 100(a)(53).

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status.

The Exchange is only amending the description of the Trades Feed as described in the universal changes.

The Exchange notes that market participants are charged for subscriptions to these products.⁷ The Exchange believes that codifying these data feeds within the Exchange's Rulebook will bring greater transparency to its Rules as well as the data which is available on the Exchange. The amendments are also intended to provide greater clarity and transparency concerning the data offerings.

b. <u>Statutory Basis</u>

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act"), 8 in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act, 9 in particular, in that it is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism for a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. By codifying the various data feed offerings, which have already been filed for in another rule change, 10 will bring greater transparency to the Exchange's Rules. Also, the content of each data feed is described within the Rule for ease of reference. The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest as it provides

⁷ <u>See</u> Schedule of Fees, Section V, Market Data.

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

^{9 15} U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

See note 3 above.

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information relating to the data available on the Exchange for the benefit of its Members within its Rules and adds greater transparency to these offerings. Finally, the amendments seeks to add greater clarity to the data offerings and conform the text of the offerings.

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

In accordance with Section 6(b)(8) of the Act,¹¹ the Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on intermarket or intra-market competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The data feed offerings are available to any market participant. The Exchange's proposal seeks to codify the data offerings in a rule for ease of reference and transparency within the Rulebook. The amendments seeks to add greater clarity to the data offerings and conform the text of the offerings.

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>

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section

¹⁵ U.S.C. 78f(b)(8).

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19(b)(3)(A)(iii)¹² of the Act and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder¹³ 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 Commission may designate if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest.

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the public interest and the protection of investors, and will not impose any significant burden on competition because the data offerings have previously been filed with the Commission. The Exchange's proposal seeks to codify the data offerings in a rule for ease of reference and transparency. The amendments seeks to add greater clarity to the data offerings and conform the text of the offerings. Further, the data feed offerings are available to any market participant. The Exchange therefore believes that the proposed rule change qualifies for immediate effectiveness as a "non-controversial" rule change.

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

¹² 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

¹³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

See note 3 above.

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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.

A proposed rule change filed under Rule 19b-4(f)(6) normally does not become operative prior to 30 days after the date of filing. Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii), however, permits the Commission to designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Exchange requests that the Commission waive the operative delay to permit the Exchange to immediately reflect these data feed offering within its Rules. Waiver of the operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest as it will allow the Exchange to bring greater transparency to these data feed offerings.

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

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

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EXHIBIT 1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. ; File No. SR-GEMX-2018-12)

April ___, 2018

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Nasdaq GEMX, LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Codify within Rule 718

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 April 4, 2018, 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 codify within Rule 718, which rule is currently reserved, the data feeds that are currently offered on GEMX.

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

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

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

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

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

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^{6 &}lt;u>See</u> Rule 100(a)(53).

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The Exchange is only amending the description of the Trades Feed as described in the universal changes.

The Exchange notes that market participants are charged for subscriptions to these products.⁷ The Exchange believes that codifying these data feeds within the Exchange's Rulebook will bring greater transparency to its Rules as well as the data which is available on the Exchange. The amendments are also intended to provide greater clarity and transparency concerning the data offerings.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act"), 8 in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act, 9 in particular, in that it is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism for a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. By codifying the various data feed offerings, which have already been filed for in another rule change, 10 will bring greater transparency to the Exchange's Rules. Also, the content of each data feed is described

⁷ <u>See</u> Schedule of Fees, Section V, Market Data.

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

^{9 15} U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

See note 3 above.

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within the Rule for ease of reference. The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest as it provides information relating to the data available on the Exchange for the benefit of its Members within its Rules and adds greater transparency to these offerings. Finally, the amendments seeks to add greater clarity to the data offerings and conform the text of the offerings.

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

In accordance with Section 6(b)(8) of the Act,¹¹ the Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on intermarket or intra-market competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The data feed offerings are available to any market participant. The Exchange's proposal seeks to codify the data offerings in a rule for ease of reference and transparency within the Rulebook. The amendments seeks to add greater clarity to the data offerings and conform the text of the offerings.

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

No written comments were either solicited or received.

III. <u>Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action</u>

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

¹⁵ U.S.C. 78f(b)(8).

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to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act¹² and subparagraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.¹³

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-2018-12 on the subject line.

¹⁵ U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

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.

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Paper comments:

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

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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.

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For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority. 14

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¹⁴ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

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EXHIBIT 5

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Nasdaq GEMX Rulebook

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Rule 718. [RESERVED]Data Feeds

(a) The following data feeds contain ISE trading information offered by GEMX:

- (1) Nasdaq GEMX Depth of Market Data Feed ("Depth of Market Feed") provides aggregate quotes and orders at the top five price levels on GEMX, and provides subscribers with a consolidated view of tradable prices beyond the BBO, showing additional liquidity and enhancing transparency for GEMX traded options. The data provided for each option series includes the symbols (series and underlying security), put or call indicator, expiration date, the strike price of the series, and whether the option series is available for trading on ISE and identifies if the series is available for closing transactions only. In addition, subscribers are provided with total aggregate quantity, Public Customer aggregate quantity, Priority Customer aggregate quantity, price, and side (i.e., bid/ask). This information is provided for each of the top five price levels on the Depth Feed. The feed also provides order imbalances on opening/reopening.
- (2) Nasdaq GEMX Order Feed ("Order Feed") provides information on new orders resting on the book (e.g. price, quantity and market participant capacity). In addition, the feed also announces all auctions. The data provided for each option series includes the symbols (series and underlying security), put or call indicator, expiration date, the strike price of the series, and whether the option series is available for trading on GEMX and identifies if the series is available for closing transactions only. The feed also provides order imbalances on opening/reopening.
- (3) Nasdaq GEMX Top Quote Feed ("Top Quote Feed") calculates and disseminates GEMX's best bid and offer position, with aggregated size (including total size in aggregate, Public Customer size in the aggregate and Priority Customer size in the aggregate), based on displayable order and quote interest in the System. The feed also provides last trade information along with opening price, daily trading volume, high and low prices for the day. The data provided for each option series includes the symbols (series and underlying security), put or call indicator, expiration date, the strike price of the series, and whether the option series is available for trading on GEMX and identifies if the series is available for closing transactions only. The feed also provides order imbalances on opening/reopening.
- (4) Nasdaq GEMX Trades Feed ("Trades Feed") displays last trade information along with opening price, daily trading volume, high and low prices for the day. The data provided for each option series includes the symbols (series and underlying security), put or call indicator, expiration date, the strike price of the series, and whether the option

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series is available for trading on GEMX and identifies if the series is available for closing transactions only.

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