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

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

(a) Nasdaq MRX, LLC ("MRX" 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 proposal to make non-substantive, clarifying changes to Options 7, as described further below.

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. 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

- 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 make non-substantive clarifications

¹⁵ U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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to the Exchange's Pricing Schedule in Options 7 to avoid potential confusion in the Exchange's rules.

First, the Exchange proposes to remove an obsolete reference to its old website in its Options 7, Section 1. The definition of "Penny Symbols" presently states that the current list of Nasdaq MRX-listed Penny Pilot Program symbols is available at http://www.ise.com/assets/files/products/productstraded/options_product_equityDownload.csv. Now that the legacy website is no longer available, the Exchange proposes to delete this sentence from the definition of Penny Symbols.

Second, the Exchange proposes to add references to average daily volume ("ADV") to certain pricing for Price Improvement Mechanism ("PIM") orders set forth in Options 7, Section 3, Table 2. Specifically, the Exchange proposes to clarify that the current volume threshold requirements for the reduced contra-side Fee for Crossing Orders³ of \$0.02 per contract in all symbols and the rebate for originating Priority Customer⁴ PIM orders of \$1.05 in Non-Penny Symbols are each ADV calculations.

Although the Exchange has always calculated these volume thresholds based on executed ADV of PIM originating contracts, the Exchange believes that explicitly adding the word "ADV" to this rule will avoid any possible confusion among members. ⁵ The Exchange

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A "Priority Customer" is a person or entity that is not a broker/dealer in securities, and does not place more than 390 orders in listed options per day on average during a calendar month for its own beneficial account(s), as defined in Nasdaq MRX Rule 100(a)(37A).

In the filing to adopt the PIM pricing and related volume thresholds, the Exchange stated that the reduced PIM fee is calculated by averaging volume across the

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also proposes to delete the words "per day" in each place it proposes to add "ADV" to avoid redundancy.

b. <u>Statutory Basis</u>

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,⁶ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,⁷ 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.

As discussed above, the Exchange seeks to make non-substantive changes to Options 7 by removing obsolete references to its legacy website and specifying that certain PIM pricing is based on ADV calculations. The Exchange believes that the proposed changes herein will add further clarification to its Pricing Schedule, and will also alleviate potential confusion as to the applicability of the Exchange's rules, all of which will protect investors and the public interest. Furthermore, as it relates to the clarifications proposed above for PIM pricing in Options 7, Section 3, Table 2, to add "ADV" and relatedly, delete "per day," the Exchange notes that this is not a change to its current practice, but is a simple clean up change to make the Pricing Schedule easier for

month per business day. <u>See</u> Securities Exchange Act Release No. 85313 (March 14, 2019), 84 FR 10357 (March 20, 2019) (SR-MRX-2019-05). The Exchange notes that the higher PIM rebate, which is based on the same volume threshold as reduced the PIM fee, is calculated in the same manner.

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

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members to understand.⁸ For the foregoing reasons, the Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with the Act.

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

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. As discussed above, the proposed changes are non-substantive changes, and are merely intended add further clarification to the Exchange's Pricing Schedule and alleviate potential confusion.

- 5. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received from Members, Participants, or Others</u>
 - No written comments were either solicited or received.

Extension of Time Period for Commission Action

Not applicable.

6.

7. <u>Basis for Summary Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3) or for Accelerated</u> Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(2)

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii)⁹ of the Act and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder¹⁰ 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

^{8 &}lt;u>See supra</u> note 5.

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

¹⁰ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

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interest.

The proposed changes do not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest because the Exchange merely seeks to add further clarification to its Pricing Schedule, and to alleviate potential confusion. Furthermore, the proposed changes do not impose any significant burden on competition because they are non-substantive, clarifying amendments.

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.

- Proposed Rule Change Based on Rules of Another Self-Regulatory Organization or of the Commission
 Not applicable.
- 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.

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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-MRX-2019-11)

June ___, 2019

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Nasdaq MRX, LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Make Non-Substantive, Clarifying Changes to Options 7

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 June 5, 2019, Nasdaq MRX, LLC ("MRX" 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</u> Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to make non-substantive, clarifying changes to Options 7, as described further below.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's Website at http://nasdaqmrx.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>

1. Purpose

The purpose of the proposed rule change is to make non-substantive clarifications to the Exchange's Pricing Schedule in Options 7 to avoid potential confusion in the Exchange's rules.

First, the Exchange proposes to remove an obsolete reference to its old website in its Options 7, Section 1. The definition of "Penny Symbols" presently states that the current list of Nasdaq MRX-listed Penny Pilot Program symbols is available at http://www.ise.com/assets/files/products/productstraded/options_product_equityDownl oad.csv. Now that the legacy website is no longer available, the Exchange proposes to delete this sentence from the definition of Penny Symbols.

Second, the Exchange proposes to add references to average daily volume ("ADV") to certain pricing for Price Improvement Mechanism ("PIM") orders set forth in Options 7, Section 3, Table 2. Specifically, the Exchange proposes to clarify that the current volume threshold requirements for the reduced contra-side Fee for Crossing Orders³ of \$0.02 per contract in all symbols and the rebate for originating Priority

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Customer⁴ PIM orders of \$1.05 in Non-Penny Symbols are each ADV calculations.

Although the Exchange has always calculated these volume thresholds based on executed ADV of PIM originating contracts, the Exchange believes that explicitly adding the word "ADV" to this rule will avoid any possible confusion among members.⁵ The Exchange also proposes to delete the words "per day" in each place it proposes to add "ADV" to avoid redundancy.

2. <u>Statutory Basis</u>

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,⁶ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,⁷ 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.

As discussed above, the Exchange seeks to make non-substantive changes to Options 7 by removing obsolete references to its legacy website and specifying that certain PIM pricing is based on ADV calculations. The Exchange believes that the

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In the filing to adopt the PIM pricing and related volume thresholds, the Exchange stated that the reduced PIM fee is calculated by averaging volume across the month per business day. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 85313 (March 14, 2019), 84 FR 10357 (March 20, 2019) (SR-MRX-2019-05). The Exchange notes that the higher PIM rebate, which is based on the same volume threshold as reduced the PIM fee, is calculated in the same manner.

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

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proposed changes herein will add further clarification to its Pricing Schedule, and will also alleviate potential confusion as to the applicability of the Exchange's rules, all of which will protect investors and the public interest. Furthermore, as it relates to the clarifications proposed above for PIM pricing in Options 7, Section 3, Table 2, to add "ADV" and relatedly, delete "per day," the Exchange notes that this is not a change to its current practice, but is a simple clean up change to make the Pricing Schedule easier for members to understand. For the foregoing reasons, the Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with the Act.

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

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. As discussed above, the proposed changes are non-substantive changes, and are merely intended add further clarification to the Exchange's Pricing Schedule and alleviate potential confusion.

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

See supra note 5.

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to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act⁹ and subparagraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder. 10

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule should be approved or disapproved.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

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

Electronic comments:

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml); or
- Send an e-mail to <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include File Number SR-MRX-2019-11 on the subject line.

⁹ 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.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-MRX-2019-11. 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-MRX-2019-11 and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from publication in the Federal Register].

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For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority. 11

Eduardo A. Aleman Assistant Secretary

¹¹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

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EXHIBIT 5

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Nasdaq MRX Rules

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Options 7 Pricing Schedule

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Section 1. General Provisions

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"Penny Symbols" are options overlying all symbols listed on Nasdaq MRX that are in the Penny Pilot Program. [The current list of Nasdaq MRX-listed Penny Pilot Program symbols is available at

http://www.ise.com/assets/files/products/productstraded/options_product_equityDownload.csv]

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Section 3. Regular Order Fees and Rebates

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Table 2

Penny Symbols

Market Participant	Fee for Crossing Orders ⁽¹⁾	Fee for Responses to Crossing Orders
Market Maker ⁽⁴⁾	\$0.20	\$0.50
Non-Nasdaq MRX Market Maker (FarMM)	\$0.20	\$0.50
Firm Proprietary / Broker-Dealer	\$0.20	\$0.50
Professional Customer	\$0.20	\$0.50
Priority Customer	\$0.00	\$0.50

Non-Penny Symbols

Market	Fee for Responses to	
Participant	Fee for Crossing Orders ⁽¹⁾	Crossing Orders
Market Maker ⁽⁴⁾	\$0.20	\$1.10
Non-Nasdaq MRX Market		
Maker (FarMM)	\$0.20	\$1.10
Firm Proprietary /		
Broker-Dealer	\$0.20	\$1.10
Professional	\$0.20	\$1.10

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Customer

Priority Customer \$0.00

\$1.10

1. Fees apply to the originating and contra-side orders, except for PIM Orders. With respect to PIM Orders, the Fees for Crossing Orders apply to PIM originating orders, however all market participants on the contra-side of a PIM auction will be assessed a Fee for Crossing Orders of \$0.05 per contract. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Members that execute an ADV of 10,000 PIM originating contracts or greater[, per day,] within a month will be assessed a Fee for Crossing Orders of \$0.02 per contract on the contra-side of a PIM auction (in lieu of \$0.05 per contract). An originating Priority Customer PIM Order that executes with any response (order or quote), other than the PIM contra-side order, will receive a rebate of \$0.40 per contract in Penny Symbols and \$1.00 per contract in Non-Penny Symbols. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Members that execute an ADV of 10,000 PIM originating contracts or greater[, per day,] within a month will receive a rebate of \$1.05 per contract in Non-Penny Symbols (in lieu of \$1.00 per contract).

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