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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) **Exhibit 1A- Notice of Proposed Rule** The Notice section of this Form 19b-4 must comply with the guidelines for publication Change, Security-Based Swap Submission, 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 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 View Remove 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.

## 1. Text of Proposed Rule Change

- (a) Pursuant to the provisions of Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"), and Rule 19b-4 thereunder, The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC ("NASDAQ" or "Exchange"), is filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") a proposed rule change to postpone the implementation of the Dedicated OUCH Port Infrastructure connectivity option and related fees. The Exchange will now implement the new service in the first quarter of 2014, and will provide public notice thereof at least five days prior to the implementation date.
  - (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 of the Exchange on July 17, 2013. Exchange staff will advise the Board of Directors of the Exchange of any action taken pursuant to delegated authority. No other action by the Exchange is necessary for the filing of the rule change. NASDAQ will begin offering the service in mid-first quarter of 2014, and will provide public notice thereof at least five days prior to the implementation date.

Questions regarding this rule filing may be directed to T. Sean Bennett, Associate General Counsel, The NASDAQ OMX Group, Inc., at (301) 978-8499 (telephone) or (301) 978-8472 (fax).

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

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

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

# (a) <u>Purpose</u>

On July 23, 2013, the Exchange filed a proposal with the Commission to adopt a new Dedicated OUCH Port Infrastructure connectivity option and related fee.<sup>3</sup> At the time of filing, the Exchange anticipated offering the service in October 2013, concurrent with certain hardware upgrades occurring at NASDAQ, including upgrades to the OUCH port infrastructure. NASDAQ is delaying implementation of the updates to the OUCH port infrastructure, which consequently affects the rollout of the Dedicated OUCH Port Infrastructure service making it impossible to implement the service in October 2013.<sup>4</sup> Accordingly, NASDAQ is proposing to postpone the roll out of the service until mid-first quarter 2014, by which time the Exchange believes the upgrades to the OUCH port infrastructure will be completed. NASDAQ will not begin assessing the subscription fee until the date the service is offered, which NASDAQ will announce at least five days prior to the implementation date. NASDAQ will continue to assess the installation fee for any subscriptions to the service upon installation of the dedicated hardware.<sup>5</sup>

### (b) Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,<sup>6</sup> which requires the rules of an exchange to promote just and equitable

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<sup>4 &</sup>lt;u>See http://www.nasdaqtrader.com/TraderNews.aspx?id=ETU2013-29.</u>

NASDAQ has not received any subscription to the service outside the expired installation fee waiver period.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

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. The Exchange believes that delay of service promotes just and equitable principals of trade in that it postpones implementation of the service until such a time that all users of OUCH port infrastructure would have the same, upgraded hardware. The proposed delay in offering the service is based on a delay to an underlying technical upgrade to certain systems of the Exchange. As a consequence, delaying implementation of the service until a time that such upgraded hardware is available will further the goal of perfecting fair and orderly markets, protecting investors and the public interest.

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

NASDAQ does not believe that the proposed rule change will result in any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act, as amended. NASDAQ believes that the delay will not impact competition whatsoever as it will maintain the status quo until such time that the OUCH port infrastructure is upgraded, at which time the new service and associated monthly fee will be implemented. In this regard, existing subscribers to shared OUCH port infrastructure will continue to receive the same service, unaffected by the delay in upgrading the OUCH port infrastructure. Once upgraded, both subscribers to the shared infrastructure and Dedicated OUCH Port Infrastructure subscribers will operate on the same type of underlying hardware.

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

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

- Extension of Time Period for Commission Action
   Not applicable.
- 7. Basis for Summary Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3) or for Accelerated Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(2)

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act<sup>7</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)<sup>8</sup> thereunder 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 provided the Commission with written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change, along with a brief description and text of the proposed rule change, at least five business days prior to the date of filing, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission.<sup>9</sup>

The Exchange requests that the Commission waive the 30-day operative delay so that the proposed rule change may become effective and operative upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) of the Act.<sup>10</sup> The Exchange requests this waiver because it will allow the Exchange to delay implementation of the service and fee until it is able to offer the service with upgraded hardware, as was the expectation when the Exchange adopted the new service. As noted above, the proposal to delay

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

<sup>9 17</sup> CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

implementation of the service and related monthly fee merely acts to maintain the status quo. Because of an underlying delay in upgrading OUCH port infrastructure, NASDAQ is unable to offer the service in October 2013, as noted when it adopted the new service, and therefore must delay implementation until such time such upgrades are complete. Accordingly, the Exchange believes that waiver of the operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest.

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.

- 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. Advanced Notices Filed Pursuant to Section 806(e) of the Payment, Clearing and Settlement Supervision Act

Not applicable.

### 11. Exhibits

Completed notice of proposed rule change for publication in the <u>Federal</u>
 Register.

**EXHIBIT 1** 

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34- ; File No. SR-NASDAQ-2013-131)

Self-Regulatory Organizations; The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Delay Implementation of the Dedicated OUCH Port Infrastructure Service

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"), and Rule 19b-4 thereunder, notice is hereby given that on October 4, 2013 The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC ("NASDAQ" or "Exchange"), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("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 the Substance of the Proposed Rule Change</u>

The Exchange proposes to delay implementation of the Dedicated OUCH Port Infrastructure service under Rule 7015(g). NASDAQ will begin offering the service in mid-first quarter of 2014, and will provide public notice thereof at least five days prior to the implementation date.

The text of the proposed rule change is available from NASDAQ's website at http://nasdaq.cchwallstreet.com, at NASDAQ's principal office, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

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

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

# 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>

On July 23, 2013, the Exchange filed a proposal with the Commission to adopt a new Dedicated OUCH Port Infrastructure connectivity option and related fee.<sup>3</sup> At the time of filing, the Exchange anticipated offering the service in October 2013, concurrent with certain hardware upgrades occurring at NASDAQ, including upgrades to the OUCH port infrastructure. NASDAQ is delaying implementation of the updates to the OUCH port infrastructure, which consequently affects the rollout of the Dedicated OUCH Port Infrastructure service making it impossible to implement the service in October 2013.<sup>4</sup> Accordingly, NASDAQ is proposing to postpone the roll out of the service until mid-first quarter 2014, by which time the Exchange believes the upgrades to the OUCH port infrastructure will be completed. NASDAQ will not begin assessing the subscription fee until the date the service is offered, which NASDAQ will announce at least five days

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prior to the implementation date. NASDAQ will continue to assess the installation fee for any subscriptions to the service upon installation of the dedicated hardware.<sup>5</sup>

### 2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act, 6 which requires the rules of an exchange 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. The Exchange believes that delay of service promotes just and equitable principals of trade in that it postpones implementation of the service until such a time that all users of OUCH port infrastructure would have the same, upgraded hardware. The proposed delay in offering the service is based on a delay to an underlying technical upgrade to certain systems of the Exchange. As a consequence, delaying implementation of the service until a time that such upgraded hardware is available will further the goal of perfecting fair and orderly markets, protecting investors and the public interest.

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

NASDAQ does not believe that the proposed rule change will result in any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act, as amended. NASDAQ believes that the delay will not impact competition whatsoever as it will maintain the status quo until such time that the OUCH port infrastructure is upgraded, at which time the new service and associated monthly fee will be implemented. In this regard, existing subscribers to shared OUCH port infrastructure

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will continue to receive the same service, unaffected by the delay in upgrading the OUCH port infrastructure. Once upgraded, both subscribers to the shared infrastructure and Dedicated OUCH Port Infrastructure subscribers will operate on the same type of underlying hardware.

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

Written comments were neither solicited nor 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 to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act<sup>7</sup> and subparagraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.<sup>8</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 necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The Exchange has provided the Commission written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change, along with a brief description and text of the proposed rule change, at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule change.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>8 17</sup> CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

### IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change, as amended, 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-NASDAQ-2013-131 on the subject line.

#### Paper comments:

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

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NASDAQ-2013-131. 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 (<a href="http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml">http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml</a>). 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 on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal offices 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-NASDAQ-2013-131, 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>9</sup>

Kevin M. O'Neill Deputy Secretary

<sup>9 17</sup> CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).