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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 the Proposed Rule Change

(a) Pursuant to the provisions of Section 19(b)(1) under the Securities Exchange

Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC

("NASDAQ" or the "Exchange") is filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission

("Commission") a proposed rule change to establish fees under Rule 7030(d) for use of a new NASDAQ Testing Facility ("NTF") test environment located in Carteret, New

Jersey, which will provide a virtual trading environment for testing. NASDAQ will begin assessing the fees on or about November 4, 2013; however, the installation fee will be waived for subscriptions ordered through March 31, 2014.

The text of the proposed rule change is below. Proposed new language is underlined; proposed deletions are in brackets.

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7030. Other Services

- (a) (c) No change.
- (d) Nasdaq Testing Facilit[y]ies

Nasdaq operates two testing environments. One is located in Ashburn, Virginia and the other in Carteret, New Jersey. Unless otherwise noted, reference to the "Nasdaq Testing Facility" or "NTF" applies to both environments.

- (1) The following fees are assessed for access to the Nasdaq Testing Facility:
 - (A) Subscribers that conduct tests of the computer-to-computer interface (CTCI) and the Financial Information Exchange (FIX) interface to ACT and ACES access protocols through the Nasdaq Testing Facility (NTF) shall pay the following charges:

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\$285/hour	For Active Connection testing during the normal operating hours of the NTF;	
No Charge	For Idle Connection testing;	
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- (B) Subscribers that conduct tests of all Nasdaq access protocol connections not included in paragraph (A) above or of market data vendor feeds through the Nasdaq Testing Facility shall pay \$300 per port, per month.
- (C) Subscribers to the Nasdaq Testing Facility located in Carteret, New Jersey shall pay a fee of \$1,000 per hand-off, per month for connection to the NTF. The hand-off fee includes either a 1Gb or 10Gb switch port and a cross connect to the NTF. Subscribers shall also pay a one-time installation fee of \$1,000 per hand-off, which is waived for all installations ordered prior to March 31, 2014.
- (2) (6) No change.

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- (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 of NASDAQ on July 17, 2013. No other action by the Exchange is necessary for the filing of the rule change.

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).

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

a. <u>Purpose</u>

NASDAQ is proposing to amend Rule 7030(d) to establish fees for connection to a new test environment. Specifically, NASDAQ proposes a one-time, per hand-off installation fee and a per hand-off monthly fee assessed for direct connectivity to the NASDAQ Testing Facility³ test environment located in Carteret, New Jersey ("Carteret"), which is also the location of NASDAQ's primary trading System.⁴ The NTF provides subscribers with a virtual NASDAQ System test environment that closely approximates the production environment and on which they may test their automated systems that integrate with NASDAQ. For example, the NTF provides subscribers a virtual System environment for testing upcoming NASDAQ releases and product enhancements, as well as testing firm software prior to implementation.

The NTF is currently housed solely in NASDAQ's Ashburn, Virginia facility ("Ashburn"). In addition to housing the NTF, Ashburn is also a NASDAQ disaster recovery facility and, as such, some member firms connect to Ashburn for disaster recovery purposes in addition to trading system testing. NASDAQ currently assesses fees on members for physical connectivity to Ashburn.⁵ In addition, member firms pay fees to third party connectivity providers to provide connection from the member firm to

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Ashburn. The relatively large distance to between the Ashburn Testing Facility and the majority of NASDAQ OMX firms results in expensive connectivity costs for customers that connect via telecommunication providers. As a consequence, a large majority of member firms do not connect to Ashburn for NTF connectivity. In an effort to improve the utility of the NTF, NASDAQ is developing a new test environment located in Carteret that will more closely approximate the live trading environment as compared to the Ashburn test environment. The new test environment will take advantage of technology upgrades NASDAQ is making to its trading-related systems. Unlike the Ashburn test environment, the new Carteret test environment will provide dedicated connectivity to the facility via a cross-connection to either a member firm's direct connection router in Carteret or its co-location cabinet.⁶ NASDAQ plans on moving all NASDAQ trading testing to Carteret, while retaining post trade reporting and ACES functionality testing in Ashburn.⁷

NASDAQ notes that, because the Carteret facility also houses the System, subscribers to the Carteret test environment will no longer need to pay for third party connectivity to Ashburn if the sole purpose for connecting to Ashburn is for trading testing. Such member firms may use an existing connection to Carteret to access the dedicated NTF. NASDAQ is proposing to assess a new fee for connection to the test environment within the Carteret facility. Specifically, NASDAQ proposes assessing a

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NASDAQ is not upgrading the hardware used for post trade reporting and ACES testing at this time, but may do so in the future. As noted, the new hardware implemented in the Carteret test environment is part of the larger technology upgrade to the System's hardware also located in Carteret.

\$1,000 per hand-off, per month fee assessed for connectivity to the Carteret test environment for either 1Gb or 10Gb, and a one-time per hand-off installation fee of \$1,000, which will cover NASDAQ's costs incurred in setting up a subscriber in the Carteret facility. NASDAQ is proposing to waive the installation fee through March 31, 2014, after which NASDAQ will begin phasing out trading testing at the Ashburn test environment.

NASDAQ is also making a minor clarifying change to the rule in light of the operation of dual NTF test environments.

b. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act⁸ in general, and with Sections 6(b)(4) and 6(b)(5) of the Act,⁹ 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 or system which the Exchange operates or control, and is not designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers or dealers. The new fees are equitably allocated because all member firms receive identical service, namely connection to the new Carteret Test Facility, for the same fee. Waiver of the installation fee for all installations ordered prior to March 31, 2014 is an equitable allocation as it is available to all member firms during the time frame; thus any member firm may avail itself of the free period if it so chooses. The new fees are reasonable because they are designed to cover the costs NASDAQ has incurred in developing and offering the new test environment. The proposed fee should

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allow the Exchange to recoup these costs and make a profit, while providing member firms with a superior testing environment that more closely mirrors that of the live trading environment on NASDAQ. Waiver of the installation fee for a limited period is reasonable because NASDAQ believes such a waiver will attract new users to the test environment, thus ensuring a certain minimum level of monthly revenue to support the facility initially. NASDAQ does not believe that the proposed fees are unfairly discriminatory because all subscribing member firms that subscribe to the service will be assessed the same fees. NASDAQ does not believe that waiver of the installation fee is unfairly discriminatory as it is uniformly applied for a limited time, during which any member firm may subscribe.

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- 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.
- Extension of Time Period for Commission Action
 Not applicable.

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

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act, ¹⁰ NASDAQ 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.

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

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> <u>Register</u>.

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EXHIBIT 1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34- ; File No. SR-NASDAQ-2013-137

Self-Regulatory Organizations; The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Establish Fees under Rule 7030(d) for Use of a New NASDAQ Testing Facility Testing Environment

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 October 29, 2013, The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC ("NASDAQ" or the "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") a 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>

NASDAQ proposes to establish fees under Rule 7030(d) for use of a new NASDAQ Testing Facility ("NTF") testing environment located in Carteret, New Jersey, which will provide a virtual trading environment for testing. NASDAQ will begin assessing the fees on or about November 4, 2013; however, the installation fee will be waived for subscriptions ordered through March 31, 2014.

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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, NASDAQ 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 those 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 parts of such statements.

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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</u>
Action

The foregoing change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act, ¹⁰ and paragraph (f)¹¹ of Rule 19b-4, thereunder.

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.

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

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹⁷ CFR 240.19b-4(f)

Send an e-mail to <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include File Number SR-NASDAQ-2013-137 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-2013-137. 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 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-2013-137, 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. 12

Kevin M. O'Neill Deputy Secretary

¹⁷ CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).