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

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. To the contrary, the Exchange believes the proposal is pro-competitive. The proposed rule change is a competitive response to a recently approved filing by the PHLX,<sup>19</sup> which the Exchange believes is necessary to permit fair competition among the options exchanges with respect to STOS Programs. The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change will result in additional investment options and opportunities to achieve the investment objectives of market participants seeking efficient trading and hedging vehicles, to the benefit of investors, market participants, and the marketplace in

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

## III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

Because the 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, the proposed rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act <sup>20</sup> and Rule 19b–4(f)(6) thereunder.<sup>21</sup>

The Exchange has asked the Commission to waive the 30-day operative delay so that the proposal may become operative immediately upon filing. The Exchange stated that the proposal will promote fair competition among exchanges by allowing it to offer a more efficient STOS Program that is harmonized internally and externally with the OLPP and to meet customer demand for a greater number of STOS

classes and strike price intervals in the same manner as other exchanges. For these reasons, the Commission believes that the proposed rule change presents no novel issues and that waiver of the 30-day operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest and will allow the Exchange to remain competitive with other exchanges. Therefore, the Commission designates the proposed rule change to be operative upon filing.<sup>22</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. 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 email to *rule-comments@sec.gov*. Please include File Number SR–MIAX–2013–61 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–MIAX–2013–61. This file number should be included on the subject line if email 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 Web site 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-MIAX-2013-61 and should be submitted on or before January 27, 2014.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.  $^{23}$ 

#### Elizabeth M. Murphy,

Secretary.

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-71199; File No. SR-NASDAQ-2013-159]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Modify the Extranet Access Fee

December 30, 2013.

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 December 18, 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 NASDAQ. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 71004 (December 6, 2013), 78 FR 75437 (December 11, 2013) (SR-PHLX-2013-101).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b–4(f)(6). As required under Rule 19b–4(f)(6)(iii), the Exchange provided the Commission with written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change, along with a brief description and the text of 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> For purposes only of waiving the 30-day operative delay, the Commission has also considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).

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

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

# I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of the Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

NASDAQ proposes to modify the extranet access fee ("Extranet Access Fee") set forth in NASDAQ Rule 7025, as well as to clarify its applicability. NASDAQ will implement the proposed revised fee on January 2, 2014.

The text of the proposed rule change is below. Proposed new language is italicized; proposed deletions are bracketed.<sup>3</sup>

# 7025. Extranet Access Fee

Extranet providers that establish a connection with Nasdaq to offer direct access connectivity to market data feeds shall be assessed a monthly access fee of \$1,000[750] per recipient Customer Premises Equipment ("CPE") Configuration. If an extranet provider uses multiple CPE Configurations to provide market data feeds to any recipient, the monthly fee shall apply to each such CPE Configuration. For purposes of this Rule 7025, the term "Customer Premises Equipment Configuration" shall mean any line, circuit, router package, or other technical configuration used by an extranet provider to provide a direct access connection to Nasdaq market data feeds to a recipient's site. No extranet access fee will be charged for connectivity to market data feeds containing only consolidated data. For purposes of this rule, consolidated data includes data disseminated by the UTP SIP.

# II. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis 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 these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. NASDAQ has prepared summaries, set forth in Sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

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

# 1. Purpose

NASDAQ is proposing a change to modify the Extranet Access Fee as set forth in NASDAQ Rule 7025, as well as to clarify its applicability. NASDAQ Rule 7025 currently provides that for extranet providers that establish a connection with NASDAQ to offer direct access connectivity to market data feeds they will be assessed a monthly access fee of \$750 per recipient Customer Premises Equipment ("CPE") Configuration.<sup>4</sup>

Specifically, NASDAQ proposes to increase this Extranet Access Fee from \$750 per month to \$1,000 per month. This increase represents the first price change since its introduction in 2004.5 This fee increase will be used to help support NASDAQ's costs associated with maintaining multiple extranet connections with multiple providers. These costs include those associated with overhead and technology infrastructure, administrative, maintenance and operational costs. Since the inception of this fee there have been numerous network infrastructure improvements and administrative controls enacted. The Exchange has additionally implemented compressed TCP/IP options, which allows [sic] customers reduced bandwidth and lower carrying costs. Additionally, the Exchange has implemented automated retransmission facilities for most of its data clients that benefit extranet clients by reducing operational costs associated with retransmissions.

As the number of extranets has increased, the management of the downstream customers has expanded and the Exchange has had to ensure appropriate reporting and review processes, which has resulted in a greater cost burden on the Exchange over time. The increased fee will also help to ensure that the Exchange is better able to closely review reports and uncover reporting errors via audits thus minimizing reporting issues. The network infrastructure has increased in order to keep pace with the increased number of products, which, in turn, has

caused an increased administrative burden and higher operational costs associated with delivery via extranets.

Additionally, Rule 7025 will be clarified by stating that no extranet access fee will be charged for connectivity to market data feeds containing only consolidated data.<sup>6</sup> This clarification should serve to reduce any confusion as to the applicability of this fee.

#### 2. Statutory Basis

NASDAQ believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,<sup>7</sup> in general, and with Section 6(b)(4) of the Act,<sup>8</sup> 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 controls.

All similarly situated extranet providers, including the Exchange operating its own extranet, that establish an extranet connection with NASDAQ to access market data feeds from NASDAQ are subject to the same fee structure. The increased fee will help NASDAQ offset some of the rising overhead and technology infrastructure, administrative, maintenance and operational costs it incurs in support of the service. If such costs are covered, the service may provide NASDAQ with a profit. As such, the Exchange believes that the proposed fee increase is reasonable and notes that this increase represents the first price change since its introduction in 2004. The extranet costs are separate and different from the colocation facility that is able to recoup these fees by charging for servers within the associated data centers.

Additionally, Rule 7025 will be clarified by stating that no extranet access fee will be charged for connectivity to market data feeds containing only consolidated data. This clarification should serve to reduce any confusion as to the applicability of this fee

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

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.

The fees are applied uniformly among extranet providers, which are not compelled to establish a connection

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Changes are marked to the rules of The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC found at http://NASDAQomx.cchwallstreet.com/.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> As defined in NASDAQ Rule 7025, a "Customer Premises Equipment Configuration" means any line, circuit, router package, or other technical configuration used by an extranet provider to provide a direct access connection to NASDAQ market data feeds to a recipient's site.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 50483 (October 1, 2004), 69 FR 60448 (October 8, 2004) (SR-NASD-2004-118).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>For purposes of Rule 7025, "consolidated data" is defined to include data disseminated by the UTP STP

<sup>7 15</sup> U.S.C. 78f.

<sup>8 15</sup> U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

with NASDAQ to offer access connectivity to market data feeds. For these reasons, any burden arising from the fees is necessary in the interest of promoting the equitable allocation of a reasonable fee. Additionally, firms make decisions on how much and what types of data to consume on the basis of the total cost of interacting with NASDAQ or other exchanges and, of course, the extranet access fee is but one factor in a total platform analysis.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

## III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act.<sup>9</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. 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 email to *rule-comments@* sec.gov. Please include File Number SR–NASDAQ–2013–159 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-2013-159. This file number should be included on the subject line if email is used. To help the

9 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(a)(ii).

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 Web site 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 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-2013-159, and should be submitted on or before January 27, 2014.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.  $^{10}$ 

## Elizabeth M. Murphy,

Secretary.

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-71201; File No. SR-CME-2013-35]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Regarding Modifications to Its OTC FX Fee Schedule

December 30, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act" or "Exchange Act"), and Rule 19b–4 thereunder, notice is hereby given that on December 23, 2013, Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. ("CME") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the

proposed rule change described in Items I, II and III below, which Items have been prepared primarily by CME. CME filed the proposal pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act,<sup>3</sup> and Rules 19b–4(f)(2) and 19b–4(f)(4)(ii) <sup>4</sup> thereunder so that the proposal was effective upon filing with the Commission. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

## I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

CME proposes to extend the terms of a current OTC FX fee waiver program. The text of the proposed rule change is below. Italicized text indicates additions; bracketed text indicates deletions.

## CME OTC FX Fee Waiver Program

Program Purpose

The purpose of this Program is to incentivize market participants to submit transaction in the OTC FX products listed below to the Clearing House for clearing. The resulting increase in volume benefits all participant segments in the market.

#### Product Scope

The following cleared only OTC FX products ("Products"):

- CME Cleared OTC FX—Emerging

  Markets
- a. USDBRL, USDCLP, USDCNY, USDCOP, USDIDR, USDINR, USDKRW, USDMYR, USDPEN, USDPHP, USDRUB, USDTWD Non-Deliverable Forwards.
- b. USDCZK, USDHUF, USDHKD, USDILS, USDMXN, USDPLN, USDSGD, USDTHB, USDTRY, USDZAR Cash-Settled Forwards.
  - 2. CME Cleared OTC FX-Majors
- a. AUDJPY, AUDUSD, CADJPÝ, EURAUD, EURCHF, EURGBP, EURJPY, EURUSD, GBPUSD, NZDUSD, USDCAD, USDCHF, USDDKK, USDJPY, USDNOK, USDSEK Cash-Settled Forwards.

## Eligible Participants

The temporary reduction in fees will be open to all market participants and will automatically be applied to any transaction in the Products submitted to the Clearing House for clearing.

## Program Term

Start date is February 1, 2012. End date is [December 31, 2013]  $\it June~30,~2014$ .

#### Hours

The Program will be applicable regardless of the transaction time.  $\,$ 

#### **Program Incentives**

Fee Waivers. All market participants that submit transactions in the Products to the

<sup>10 17</sup> CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

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

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

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b–4(f)(2) and 17 CFR 240.19b–4(f)(4)(ii).