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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) The Notice section of this Form 19b-4 must comply with the guidelines for publication **Exhibit 1A- Notice of Proposed Rule** in the Federal Register as well as any requirements for electronic filing as published Change, Security-Based Swap Submission, 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 Remove View 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. <u>Text of the Proposed Rule Change</u>

(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 further describe the application of fees assessed pursuant to Rule 7030(d)(1)(C).

The text of the proposed rule change is below. Proposed new language is underlined.

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7030. Other Services

- (a) (c) No change.
- (d) Nasdaq Testing Facilities

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:

\$285/hour	For Active Connection testing during the normal operating hours of the NTF;
No Charge	For Idle Connection testing;
\$333/hour	For Active Connection testing at all times other than the normal operating hours of the NTF.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

- (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.

The connectivity provided under this rule also provides connectivity to the other test environments of NASDAQ OMX BX, Inc. and NASDAQ OMX PHLX LLC.

(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>

The Exchange is proposing to amend the Rule 7030(d) to more fully describe the application of the newly-adopted fee³ assessed for direct connectivity to the Testing

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Facility⁴ test environment located in Carteret, New Jersey ("Carteret"). The Testing Facility provides subscribers with a virtual Exchange System test environment that closely approximates the production environment and on which they may test their automated systems that integrate with the Exchange. The Exchange recently developed a test environment located in Carteret that provides Exchange equity trade testing functionality. The new test environment was developed together with equity test environments of the Exchange's sister exchanges, NASDAQ OMX BX, Inc. and NASDAQ OMX PHLX LLC, also located at Carteret, New Jersey (collectively with NASDAQ, the "Equity Markets").

The Exchange is proposing to add language to Rule 7030(d)(1)(C) that was erroneously omitted when the fee was originally adopted. The new rule text explains that a firm that is a member of more than one of the Equity Markets may access the test environments of each of the Equity Markets of which it is a member through a single connectivity subscription under the rule. The Exchange notes that each of the Equity Markets has identical installation and hand-off fees for Carteret connectivity and these fees relate to the physical connection to the hardware infrastructure that houses all three test environments of the Equity Markets. Members of the Equity Markets must separately pay port fees to connect to the individual test environments of the Equity Markets of which it is a member within the hardware infrastructure housing them.

See http://www.nasdaqtrader.com/Trader.aspx?id=TestingFacility for a description of the Testing Facility.

Supra note 3.

NASDAQ Rule 7030(d)(1)(B), Phlx Pricing Schedule Chapter VIII Testing Facilities subparagraph (a), and BX Rule 7030(d)(1).

Therefore, a firm that is a member of multiple Equity Markets is not charged the Carteret connectivity fees for a hand-off under each of the identical rules of such markets, but rather is assessed a single market's Carteret connectivity fees. Consequently, a member firm of NASDAQ using the Carteret test environment may be assessed the connectivity fees under another Equity Markets' rules of which it is a member, yet pay the NASDAQ port fee to connect to the Exchange's test environment. Similarly, a member firm may subscribe to Carteret connectivity under NASDAQ Rule 7030(d)(1)(C) and not have an obligation to pay the same fee under the rules of the other Equity Markets of which it is a member, but have an obligation to pay those markets' port fees. The Exchange notes that, in adopting the identical fee for Carteret connectivity, NASDAQ OMX BX, Inc. included rule text consistent with the rule text proposed herein. Accordingly, the Exchange is adding rule text to Rule 7030(d)(1)(C) to reflect that the connectivity provided by the rule also provides access to the test environments of NASDAQ OMX BX, Inc. and NASDAQ OMX PHLX LLC.

b. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act⁸ in general, and with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,⁹ in particular. The Exchange believes the proposal furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act¹⁰ in that it is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to and perfect the

See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 71035 (December 11, 2013), 78 FR 76344 (December 17, 2013) (SR-BX-2013-058).

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

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

^{10 &}lt;u>Id.</u>

mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general to protect investors and the public interest and is not designed to permit unfair discrimination between customer, issuers, brokers and dealers. The Exchange is proposing to add clarifying language to the rule, which was erroneously omitted when the rule was adopted and further describes the application of the rule. Moreover, the proposed new rule text is consistent with the identical rule of BX and how fees are assessed under that rule. Accordingly, the Exchange believes that it is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest to avoid potential market participant confusion that may be caused by the omission of the proposed rule text.

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

The Exchange 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 proposed rule change clarifies how fees will be assessed to a firm that is a member of more than one of the Equity Markets and makes clear that a member firm may gain access to the test environments of the other Equity Markets through a subscription under the rule. Members of multiple Equity Markets are assessed the same fee for Carteret connectivity and must pay the port fees of each of the Equity Markets to gain access to such markets' test environments. As a consequence, the Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change is impactful to competition in any respect.

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.
- 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 Act¹¹ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder¹² 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 these requirements because it makes a clarifying change to the rule, which was erroneously omitted and which is consistent with the application of the identical rule of BX. 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.

The Exchange requests that the Commission waive the 30-day operative delay contained in Exchange Act Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii). The Exchange requests this waiver because it will allow the change to be both effective and operative immediately upon filing. As noted, the proposed change makes a clarifying change to the rule, which was omitted erroneously when the rule was adopted and which is identical to the rule text of

¹⁵ U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹² 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

¹³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

BX. Accordingly, the Exchange believes that it is in the interest of protecting investors and the public interest to waive the 30-day operative delay so that the Exchange may implement the clarifying change at the earliest time possible, thus avoiding potential market participant confusion that may be caused by the absence of the proposed rule text.

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.

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

The proposed new rule text is based on NASDAQ OMX BX, Inc. Rule 7030(d)(4).

- Security-Based Swap Submissions Filed Pursuant to Section 3C of the Act
 Not applicable.
- 10. <u>Advanced Notices Filed Pursuant to Section 806(e) of the Payment, Clearing and Settlement Supervision Act</u>

Not applicable.

11. Exhibits

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

EXHIBIT 1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34- ; File No. SR-NASDAQ-2013-164)

Self-Regulatory Organizations; The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Further Describe the Application of Fees Assessed for Connectivity to the Carteret Test Environment under Rule 7030(d)

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 23, 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</u> Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes a proposed rule change to further describe the application of fees assessed pursuant to Rule 7030(d)(1)(C).

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- (2) (6) No change.

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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.

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>

The Exchange is proposing to amend the Rule 7030(d) to more fully describe the application of the newly-adopted fee³ assessed for direct connectivity to the Testing Facility⁴ test environment located in Carteret, New Jersey ("Carteret"). The Testing Facility provides subscribers with a virtual Exchange System test environment that closely approximates the production environment and on which they may test their automated systems that integrate with the Exchange. The Exchange recently developed a test environment located in Carteret that provides Exchange equity trade testing functionality. The new test environment was developed together with equity test environments of the Exchange's sister exchanges, NASDAQ OMX BX, Inc. and

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2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act⁸ in general, and with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,⁹ in particular. The Exchange believes the proposal furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act¹⁰ 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 and is not designed to permit unfair discrimination between customer, issuers, brokers and dealers. The Exchange is proposing to add clarifying language to the rule, which was erroneously omitted when the rule was adopted and further describes the application of the rule. Moreover, the proposed new rule text is consistent with the identical rule of BX and how fees are assessed under that rule. Accordingly, the Exchange believes that it is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest to avoid potential market participant confusion that may be caused by the omission of the proposed rule text.

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⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

¹⁰ Id.

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

The Exchange 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 proposed rule change clarifies how fees will be assessed to a firm that is a member of more than one of the Equity Markets and makes clear that a member firm may gain access to the test environments of the other Equity Markets through a subscription under the rule. Members of multiple Equity Markets are assessed the same fee for Carteret connectivity and must pay the port fees of each of the Equity Markets to gain access to such markets' test environments. As a consequence, the Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change is impactful to competition in any respect.

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)(ii) of the Act¹¹ and subparagraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.¹²

¹⁵ U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(a)(ii).

¹² 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

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.

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-NASDAQ-2013-164 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-2013-164. 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-2013-164, 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. ¹³

Kevin M. O'Neill Deputy Secretary

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