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

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

(a) Pursuant to the provisions of Section 19(b)(1) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC ("NASDAQ" or "Exchange") is filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") proposed changes to the Qualified Market Maker ("QMM") Incentive Program and NBBO Setter Incentive Program under Rule 7014, and the schedule of fees and rebates for execution and routing of orders under Rule 7018.

A notice of the proposed rule change for publication in the <u>Federal Register</u> is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit 1</u> and the text of the proposed rule change is attached as Exhibit 5.

- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Not applicable.

#### 2. Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization

The proposed rule change was approved by senior management of NASDAQ pursuant to authority delegated by the Board of Directors of NASDAQ on July 17, 2013. NASDAQ staff will advise the Board of Directors of NASDAQ of any action taken pursuant to delegated authority. No other action by NASDAQ is necessary for the filing of the rule change. While the changes proposed herein are effective upon filing, the Exchange has designated that the changes be operative on February 3, 2014.

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

<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>

NASDAQ is proposing several changes to the QMM Incentive Program and NBBO Setter Incentive Program under Rule 7014 and to its schedule of fees and credits applicable to execution and routing of orders under Rule 7018, which is described in detail below.

#### **QMM Incentive Program**

A QMM is a member that makes a significant contribution to market quality by providing liquidity at the NBBO in a large number of stocks for a significant portion of the day. In addition, the member must avoid imposing the burdens on NASDAQ and its market participants that may be associated with excessive rates of entry of orders away from the inside and/or order cancellation. The designation reflects the QMM's commitment to provide meaningful and consistent support to market quality and price discovery by extensive quoting at the NBBO in a large number of securities. In return for its contributions, certain financial benefits are provided to a QMM with respect to a particular MPID (a "QMM MPID"), as described under Rule 7014(e). These benefits include a lower rate charged for executions of orders in securities priced at \$1 or more per share that access liquidity on the NASDAQ Market Center and that are entered through a QMM MPID.<sup>3</sup> The current charge assessed on a member for removing

Rule 7014(e)(3) further requires, however, that after the first month in which an MPID becomes a QMM MPID, the QMM's volume of liquidity added, provided, and/or routed through the QMM MPID during the month (as a percentage of Consolidated Volume) is not less than 0.05% lower than the volume of liquidity added, provided, and/or routed through such QMM MPID during the first month in which the MPID qualified as a QMM MPID (as a percentage of Consolidated Volume).

liquidity on NASDAQ is \$0.0030 per share executed, irrespective of the security's listing venue (i.e., NASDAQ, NYSE, or other). QMM MPIDs, however, receive a lower charge of \$0.0029 per share executed, also irrespective of the securities listing venue.

NASDAQ is proposing to limit the reduced charged provided to QMM MPID orders that remove liquidity to only securities listed on venues other than NASDAQ (i.e., NYSE or other). When NASDAQ adopted the current rate, it noted that the changes it was making were intended to encourage members to promote price discovery and market quality by quoting at the NBBO for a significant portion of each day in a large number of securities, thereby benefitting NASDAQ and other investors by committing capital to support the execution of orders. NASDAQ notes that the program with respect to NASDAQ-listed has not been successful in providing material improvement in market quality in such securities and believes that applying the current default rate of \$0.0030 should not affect the quality of the market given current market conditions.

#### **NBBO Setter Incentive Program**

The NBBO Setter Incentive Program provides incentive to members to set the NBBO or quote at the NBBO on NASDAQ, thus improving the quality of the market.

Under Rule 7014(f) and unlike other members, a QMM may not receive both an Investor Support Program ("ISP") credit and NBBO Setter Incentive credit, but rather receives only the greater credit of the two. The Exchange is proposing to expand the limitation on

NASDAQ provides lower charges for removing liquidity from the NASDAQ Market Center, as described in Rule 7018(a).

Securities Exchange Act Release No. 70361 (September 10, 2013), 78 FR 56962 (September 16, 2013) (SR-NASDAQ-2013-114); see also Securities Exchange Act Release No. 68905 (February 12, 2013), 78 FR 11716 (February 19, 2013) (SR-NASDAQ-2013-023).

receiving only the greater of an ISP credit or NBBO Setter Incentive Program credit under Rule 7014(f) to all members. Specifically, the Exchange is deleting text in Rule 7014(f) that limits only QMMs to a single credit under the programs and is adding text to apply the limitation to all members that participate in the programs. As a consequence, members that are eligible to receive credits under both programs will only receive the larger credit of the two.

### Amended Fees for Execution and Routing of Securities Listed on NASDAQ (Tape C)

NASDAQ is proposing to modify certain charges assessed and credits provided under Rule 7018(a)(1). First, under Rule 7018(a)(1), NASDAQ assesses a charge of \$0.0029 per share executed on members that enter Market-on-Close ("MOC") and/or Limit-on-Close ("LOC") orders executed in the NASDAQ Closing Cross, entered through a single MPID that represent more than 0.06% of Consolidated Volume during the month. NASDAQ originally introduced the discount charge because it believed that members that participate in the NASDAQ Closing Cross to a significant extent through the use of MOC and/or LOC orders are frequently acting on behalf of institutional investor customers. At the time, NASDAQ believed that members may have been giving NASDAQ lower relative priority in their order routing decisions due to its relatively high fees for accessing liquidity, as compared with lower cost exchanges. As a consequence, liquidity providers on NASDAQ may have been receiving larger orders that had already attempted to access liquidity elsewhere, such that the order was more likely to have an impact on the price of the stock. NASDAQ hoped that lowering the fees for

Securities Exchange Act Release No. 68421 (December 13, 2012), 77 FR 75232 (December 19, 2012) (SR-NASDAQ-2012-135).

these members they would be encouraged to give greater priority to NASDAQ in their routing decisions, thereby lowering their cost and improving the execution experience of liquidity providers. Moreover, NASDAQ hoped to encourage greater use of its Closing Cross through the reduction in the charge. NASDAQ notes that reduced rate has not materially improved the market in Tape C securities and therefore is proposing to increase the charged assessed from \$0.0029 to \$0.0030 per share executed.

Second, NASDAQ is proposing to increase the charge assessed a member that enters a TFTY order<sup>7</sup> that executes on a venue other than NASDAQ OMX BX ("BX") or NASDAQ OMX PSX ("PSX"). Currently, NASDAQ assesses a charge of \$0.0005 per share executed for such TFTY orders and NASDAQ is proposing to increase the charge to \$0.0007 per share executed. Third, NASDAQ is proposing to increase the charge for QDRK, or QCST orders<sup>8</sup> that execute in a venue other than the NASDAQ Market Center.

TFTY is a routing option under which orders check NASDAQ for available shares only if so instructed by the entering firm and are thereafter routed to destinations on the applicable routing table. If shares remain un-executed after routing, they are posted to the book. Once on the book, if the order is subsequently locked or crossed by another market center, the System will not route the order to the locking or crossing market center.

QDRK is a routing option under which orders check NASDAQ for available shares and simultaneously route the remaining shares to destinations on the applicable routing table that are not posting Protected Quotations within the meaning of Regulation NMS. If shares remain un-executed after routing, they are posted on the book. Once on the book, if the order is subsequently locked or crossed by another market center, NASDAQ will not route the order to the locking or crossing market center.

QCST is a routing option under which orders check NASDAQ for available shares and simultaneously route the remaining shares to destinations on the applicable routing table that are not posting Protected Quotations within the meaning of Regulation NMS and to certain, but not all, exchanges. If shares remain un-executed after routing, they are posted on the book. Once on the book, if the order is subsequently locked or crossed by another market center, NASDAQ will not route the order to the locking or crossing market center.

NASDAQ currently assesses a charge of \$0.0005 per share executed for such QDRK, or QCST orders and NASDAQ is proposing to increase the charge to \$0.0007 per share executed. Lastly, NASDAQ is proposing to eliminate the \$0.0011 per share credit provided to members that enter QCST orders in NASDAQ-listed securities that execute on BX, and provide no charge or credit for such orders. These changes will reduce costs in a period of reduced trading volumes and are unlikely to have a significant impact on members that use NASDAQ's routing services, as the charges remain relatively low.

#### Amended Fees for Execution and Routing of Securities Listed on NYSE (Tape A)

NASDAQ is proposing to modify certain charges assessed and credits provided under Rule 7018(a)(2). Specifically, NASDAQ is proposing to amend fees assessed for routing orders in New York Stock Exchange, Inc. ("NYSE") -listed securities. First, NASDAQ is proposing to increase the charge assessed a member that enters a TFTY order that executes on a venue other than NYSE, NASDAQ OMX BX or NASDAQ OMX PSX. Currently, NASDAQ assesses a charge of \$0.0005 per share executed for such TFTY orders and NASDAQ is proposing to increase the charge to \$0.0007 per share executed. Second, NASDAQ is proposing to increase the charge for QDRK, or QCST orders that execute in a venue other than the NASDAQ Market Center. NASDAQ currently assesses a charge of \$0.0005 per share executed for such QDRK, or QCST orders and NASDAQ is proposing to increase the charge to \$0.0007 per share executed. Third, NASDAQ is proposing to eliminate the \$0.0011 per share credit provided to members that enter QCST orders in NYSE-listed securities that execute on NASDAQ OMX BX, and provide no charge or credit for such orders. Lastly, the Exchange is proposing to eliminate the \$0.0004 credit provided for DOTI orders that orders that

execute in NASDAQ OMX BX, and provide no charge or credit for such orders. These changes will reduce costs in a period of reduced trading volumes and are unlikely to have a significant impact on members that use NASDAQ's routing services, as the charges remain relatively low.

Amended Fees for Execution and Routing of Securities Listed on Exchanges other than NASDAQ and NYSE (Tape B)

NASDAQ is proposing to modify certain charges assessed and credits provided under Rule 7018(a)(3). Specifically, NASDAQ is proposing to amend fees assessed for routing orders in securities listed on exchanges other than NASDAQ or NYSE. First, NASDAQ is proposing to increase the charge assessed a member that enters a TFTY order that executes on a venue other than NASDAQ OMX BX or NASDAQ OMX PSX. Currently, NASDAQ assesses a charge of \$0.0005 per share executed for such TFTY orders and NASDAQ is proposing to increase the charge to \$0.0007 per share executed. Second, NASDAQ is proposing to increase the charge for QDRK, or QCST orders that execute in a venue other than the NASDAQ Market Center. NASDAQ currently assesses a charge of \$0.0005 per share executed for such QDRK, or QCST orders and NASDAQ is proposing to increase the charge to \$0.0007 per share executed. Third, NASDAQ is proposing to eliminate the \$0.0011 per share credit provided to members that enter QCST orders in securities listed on exchanges other than NASDAQ or NYSE that execute on NASDAQ OMX BX, and provide no charge or credit for such orders. Lastly, the Exchange is proposing to eliminate the \$0.0004 credit provided for DOTI orders that orders that execute in NASDAQ OMX BX, and provide no charge or credit for such orders. These changes will reduce costs in a period of reduced trading volumes and are

unlikely to have a significant impact on members that use NASDAQ's routing services, as the charges remain relatively low.

#### Amended Fees for Execution in the Closing, Opening and IPO/Halt Crosses

The Exchange is proposing to charge a fee for all other quotes and orders executed in the NASDAQ Closing Cross, other than MOC and LOC orders. Currently, the Exchange assesses a fee of \$0.0010 per share executed for MOC and LOC orders that execute in the Closing Cross, and charges no fee for all other quotes and orders executed in the Closing Cross. The Exchange is proposing to assess a fee of \$0.0002 per share executed for all other quotes and orders executed in the NASDAQ Closing Cross, other than MOC and LOC orders. This change will help the Exchange recapture some of the costs it incurs operating the cross system, while maintaining relatively low fees for the execution of orders in the Closing Cross.

The Exchange is proposing to charge a fee for all other quotes and orders executed in the Nasdaq Opening Cross, other than MOC, LOC, Good-till-Cancelled ("GTC"), and Immediate-or-Cancel ("IOC") orders. Currently, the Exchange assesses a fee of \$0.0005 per share executed for the net number of buy and sell shares up to a maximum of \$15,000 per firm per month for MOC and LOC, GTC, and IOC orders that execute in the Opening Cross, and charges no fee for all other quotes and orders executed in the Opening Cross. The Exchange is proposing to assess a fee of \$0.0002 per share executed for all other quotes and orders executed in the NASDAQ Closing Cross, other than MOC, LOC, GTC, and IOC orders. The Exchange is also proposing to increase the

Except as provided in Rule 7018(d)(2), which provides that High Volume MPIDs pay a discounted fee of \$0.0001 per share executed with respect to executions of "Market-On-Close" and "Limit-on-Close" orders when the same High Volume MPID is on both sides of the trade.

fee assessed for MOC, LOC, GTC, and IOC orders executed in the Opening Cross from \$0.0005 per share executed, to \$0.0010 per share executed for the net number of buy and sell shares up to a maximum of \$15,000 per firm per month. These changes will help the Exchange recapture some of the costs it incurs operating the cross system and will simplify the Exchange's fee schedule, while maintaining relatively low fees for the execution of orders in the Opening Cross.

The Exchange is proposing to increase the fee assessed for quotes and orders executed in the NASDAQ IPO/Halt Cross. Currently, the Exchange assesses a fee on all quotes and orders executed in the IPO/Halt Cross of \$0.0005 per share executed. The Exchange is proposing to increase this fee to \$0.0010 per share executed. The increased fee will help the Exchange recapture some of the costs it incurs operating the cross system and will simplify the Exchange's fee schedule, while maintaining relatively low fees for the execution of orders in the IPO/Halt Cross.

#### **Amended Fees for Designated Liquidity Providers**

The Exchange is proposing to amend language in Rule 7018(i), which concerns the applicability of fees and credits for execution of a Qualified Security<sup>10</sup> by one of its Designated Liquidity Providers ("DLP"). As defined in Rule 7018(i)(2), a DLP is a registered NASDAQ market maker for a Qualified Security that has committed to maintain minimum performance standards.<sup>11</sup> Under Rule 7018(i), a DLP is assessed a

Rule 7018(i)(1) defines Qualified Security as an exchange-traded fund or indexlinked security listed on Nasdaq pursuant to Nasdaq Rules 5705, 5710, or 5720, and it has at least one Designated Liquidity Provider.

The rule further provides that a DLP shall be selected by NASDAQ based on factors including, but not limited to, experience with making markets in exchange-traded funds and index-linked securities, adequacy of capital, willingness to promote NASDAQ as a marketplace, issuer preference, operational

charge for removing liquidity from NASDAQ and a credit for adding liquidity thereto in its Qualified Securities. The charge and credit is meant to apply to DLPs in their Qualified Securities, to the exclusion of other charges and credits for execution under the rules. As currently drafted, only charges and credits provided under the preceding paragraphs of Rule 7018 are excluded from applying to DLPs in their Qualified Securities. The rebate programs under Rule 7014, however, are not excluded from applying to DLPs in their Qualified Securities. The Exchange is proposing to add language to Rule 7018(i) that also excludes the rebate programs under Rule 7014 from applying to DLPs in their Qualified Securities.

The Exchange is also proposing to eliminate the current charge assessed DLPs for entering an order that executes in the NASDAQ Market Center or attempts to execute in the NASDAQ Market Center prior to routing. NASDAQ assesses DLPs a charge of \$0.003 per share executed for securities priced at \$1 or more per share for an order that executes in the NASDAQ Market Center or attempts to execute in the NASDAQ Market Center prior to routing. For such orders in securities priced at less than \$1 per share, the normal execution fees under 7018(a) apply. NASDAQ is proposing to eliminate this charge so that the normal charges apply to all orders that a DLP enters in one of its Qualified Securities that executes in the NASDAQ Market Center or attempts to execute in the NASDAQ Market Center prior to routing. As a consequence, DLPs will be eligible to receive reduced fees for such orders under other provisions of Rule 7018.

capacity, support personnel, and history of adherence to NASDAQ rules and securities laws. Moreover, the rule permits NASDAQ to limit the number of Designated Liquidity Providers in a security, or modify a previously established limit, upon prior written notice to members.

Lastly, NASDAQ is proposing to eliminate the cap on the credit provided to DLPs under Rule 7018(i). Currently, NASDAQ limits the credit a DLP may receive to 10 million shares average daily volume and applies normal credits under 7018(a) to shares greater than 10 million average daily volume and nondisplayed liquidity. NASDAQ is deleting the limitation in its entirety, which may promote greater participation in the program.

#### b. Statutory Basis

NASDAQ believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 6 of the Act, <sup>12</sup> in general, and with Sections 6(b)(4) and 6(b)(5) of the Act, <sup>13</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 NASDAQ operates or controls, and is not designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

The Exchange believes that the changes to the QMM Program are reasonable because they serve to maintain an incentive structure designed to benefit all market participants by encouraging quoting at or near the NBBO in a wide range of securities that are not listed on NASDAQ, while also removing the incentive with respect to NASDAQ-listed securities priced at \$1 or more per share that access liquidity on the NASDAQ Market Center. As noted, the QMM program is intended to encourage members to promote price discovery and market quality by quoting at the NBBO for a significant portion of each day in a large number of securities, thereby benefitting

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

<sup>13 15</sup> U.S.C. 78f(b)(4) and (5).

NASDAQ and other investors by committing capital to support the execution of orders.

NASDAQ's observation has been that the lower charge of the program has not materially increased the quality of the market in the NASDAQ Market Center with respect to NASDAQ-listed securities. As such, NASDAQ believes that applying the normal rate in the absence of the desired improvement in the market at the lower rate is an equitable allocation of a reasonable fee. Moreover, NASDAQ believes that the removal of the reduced fee is not unfairly discriminatory because it applies the default rate to Tape C securities, while maintaining a lower incentive rate in securities in Tape A and B securities, where the reduced fee has been effective in improving the market in such securities in NASDAQ. NASDAQ believes that the current market quality in Tape C securities in the NASDAQ Market Center should continue, notwithstanding the elimination of the reduced charge. Accordingly, NASDAQ's proposed change is designed to maintain the benefits associated with the QMM program while reducing its cost, thereby making the program sustainable in the longer term.

The changes to the NBBO Setter Incentive program are consistent with a fair allocation of a reasonable fee and not unfairly discriminatory because they are intended to encourage members to add liquidity at prices that benefit all NASDAQ market participants and the NASDAQ market itself, and enhance price discovery, by establishing a new NBBO or allowing NASDAQ to join the NBBO established by another trading center. As the rule is currently written, only QMMs are precluded from receiving both a credits under the NBBO Setter Incentive program and the ISP. NASDAQ believes that it is an equitable allocation of a reasonable fee to extend the restriction on receiving multiple credits currently imposed on QMMs to all members because both QMMs and

non-QMM members participating in the NBBO Setter Incentive program and ISP are providing the same market improvement under the two programs. Likewise, the Exchange believes that removing the distinction between QMMs and non-QMM members is not unfairly discriminatory because the change eliminates a distinction currently made in the rules applied to members that provide the same improvement to market quality under the ISP and NBBO Setter Incentive program.

The proposed increase to the charge assessed on members with MOC and/or LOC orders in securities listed on NASDAQ, which are executed in the NASDAQ Closing Cross and entered through a single MPID that represents more than 0.06% of Consolidated Volume during the month is reasonable because it aligns the fee assessed with the default rate assessed for orders that execute in the NASDAQ Market Center. NASDAO notes that current lower charge is designed to attract buyers to the NASDAO Closing Cross and to incentivize members to use MOC and LOC orders, thereby providing a deep market and greater participation in the Closing Cross. NASDAQ is increasing the charge to cover costs associated with maintaining and improving the Closing Cross system. Accordingly, NASDAQ believes it is reasonable to assess the default fee of \$0.0030 per share executed of a NASDAQ-listed security on members that remove liquidity in the NASDAQ Closing Cross. Moreover, NASDAQ believes that the fee is equitably allocated because all members with MOC and/or LOC orders in Tape C securities listed on NASDAQ that are executed in the NASDAQ Closing Cross and entered through a single MPID that represents more than 0.06% of Consolidated Volume during the month are assessed the same charge. The Exchange believes that increasing

the charge does not discriminate unfairly because it is a modest increase tied to the benefit derived from participating in the Closing Cross.

NASDAQ believes that the increase in the charge for TFTY orders that execute in venues other than NASDAQ OMX BX, NASDAQ OMX PSX, and in the case of Tape A securities, also venues other than NYSE is reasonable because the Exchange is raising the fee modest amount to account for costs associated with routing such orders to other venues. In this regard, NASDAQ notes that the fee is lower than fees assessed for routing and execution of other orders in securities of each of the three Tapes. NASDAQ believes that the proposed increase is equitably allocated because it will apply to all members that receive an execution in a TFTY order in the venues noted above. Lastly, the Exchange believes that the proposed fee increase is not unfairly discriminatory because it represents a modest increase in the charge assessed, which continues to be lower than the charges assessed for the execution of TFTY orders at other venues.

The increase in the charge for QDRK, or QCST orders in securities of all three Tapes that execute in a venue other than the NASDAQ Market Center is reasonable because it represents a modest increase in the fee to account for increased costs associated with routing orders to other venues than NASDAQ. The proposed increase in the charge is equitably allocated because all members that enter QDRK or QCST orders in any security of the Tapes that executes in another venue. The proposed increase in the charge is not unfairly discriminatory because it raises an already significantly reduced rate for certain routed orders that execute in a venue other than the NASDAQ Market Center as compared to charges assessed for other routed orders.

The elimination of the \$0.0011 per share credit provided to members entering QCST orders that execute in BX is reasonable because NASDAQ is merely eliminating the credit provided for such an execution, and in its place assessing no charge. A QCST order simultaneously accesses the NASDAQ book and routes to other venues, including BX. Helimination of the credit is equitably allocated and not unfairly discriminatory because all members that receive a QCST execution on BX will continue to receive the benefit of reduced fees for such executions in a security of any of the three Tapes.

NASDAQ notes that the proposed elimination of the credit balances the desire to provide certain incentives with the costs the Exchange incurs in providing such incentives, which ultimately affect the ability to sustain them.

The elimination of the \$0.0004 per share credit provided to members entering DOTI orders that execute on BX is reasonable because NASDAQ is merely eliminating the credit provided for such an execution, and in its place is assessing no charge. A DOTI order attempts to execute against orders in the NASDAQ book at a price equal to or better than the NBBO. If unfilled, the order will then route to BX where it will also attempt to execute at the NBBO or better. If still unfilled, the order will route to NYSE or NYSE Amex where the order will remain until it is executed or cancelled. Elimination of the credit is equitably allocated and not unfairly discriminatory because all members that receive a DOTI order execution on BX will continue to receive the benefit of reduced fees for such executions. NASDAQ notes that the proposed elimination of the credit balances the desire to provide certain incentives with the costs the Exchange incurs in providing such incentives, which ultimately affect the ability to sustain them.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Rule 4758(a)(1)(A)(xiii).

NASDAO believes that the changes to the fees assessed for participation the NASDAQ Opening, Closing and IPO/Halt Crosses are consistent with a fair allocation of a reasonable fee and not unfairly discriminatory. NASDAQ believes that the fees are reasonable because supporting the crosses requires capital investment to maintain a system that facilitates an orderly auction process. Specifically, NASDAQ is proposing a modest fee increase for MOC, LOC, GTC and IOC orders executed in the Opening Cross, which will bring the charge in line with the charge assessed for MOC and LOC orders that are executed in the Closing Cross. Similarly, NASDAQ is proposing to assess a new charge on orders that execute in the Opening and Closing Crosses for orders that are not MOC, LOC, GTC or IOC, with respect to the Opening Cross, and not MOC and LOC orders with respect to the Closing Cross. The Exchange is also modestly increasing the charge assessed for all orders that execute in an IPO/Halt Cross. The proposed fees are equitably allocated because they apply a fee on all members that benefit from participation in the Opening, Closing and IPO/Halt Crosses, and are based on the type of order entered and contribution to market quality. Similarly, the proposed fees are not unfairly discriminatory because they are based on the type of order executed in the cross and the benefit to market quality that such orders provide.

NASDAQ believes that the proposed exclusion of the availability of credits provided under Rule 7014 to DLPs in Qualified Securities is consistent with a fair allocation of a reasonable fee because the program is designed to supersede other pricing applicable to the execution of securities provided in Rule 7018, and extension of the exclusion to the rebate programs under 7014 is consistent with the nature of the program. As described above, the DLP is specifically designed to apply to NASDAQ market

makers in certain Qualified Securities. DLPs receive specific credits and charges based on the nature of their transactions in their Qualified Securities. Accordingly, NASDAQ believes that it limiting the benefits a DLP receives to the DLP program is reasonable and a fair allocation of credits. Likewise, the Exchange believes that removing the distinction between Rule 7018 credits and charges, and those provided under Rule 7014 is not unfairly discriminatory because it is consistent with the exclusive nature of the DLP program.

The Exchange also believes that eliminating the charge assessed DLPs for entering an order that executes in the NASDAQ Market Center or attempts to execute in the NASDAQ Market Center prior to routing is reasonable because it permits DLPs to achieve a better rate for such a routed orders to the extent that the order is eligible for a lower charge under other provisions of the fee schedule, thus making participation in the program more attractive. The Exchange believes the elimination of the charge is an equitable allocation of the fee because it will make DLPs eligible to achieve reduced rates in the same manner as other members are under Rule 7018. NASDAQ believes that elimination of the charge is not unfairly discriminatory because it allows DLPs to receive a benefit that other members currently enjoy.

Lastly, the elimination of the cap on the credit provided in Rule7018(i) is reasonable and an equitable allocation of the credit because it is designed to promote greater participation in the program thereby improving market quality in Qualified Securities, which benefits all market participant in NASDAQ. Similarly, NASDAQ does not believe that the removal of the credit cap is unfairly discriminatory because the

greater participation in the DLP program that the change is designed to encourage will benefit all market participants to the extent that the change is effective.

#### 4. 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. 15 NASDAO notes that it operates in a highly competitive market in which market participants can readily favor competing venues if they deem fee levels at a particular venue to be excessive, or rebate opportunities available at other venues to be more favorable. In such an environment, NASDAO must continually adjust its fees to remain competitive with other exchanges and with alternative trading systems that have been exempted from compliance with the statutory standards applicable to exchanges. Because competitors are free to modify their own fees in response, and because market participants may readily adjust their order routing practices, NASDAQ believes that the degree to which fee changes in this market may impose any burden on competition is extremely limited. In this instance, although the change to the OMM program may limit the benefits of the program in NASDAQ-listed securities, the incentive program in question remains in place and is itself reflective of the need for exchanges to offer significant financial incentives to attract order flow. The changes to routing fees and credits do not impose a burden on competition because NASDAQ's routing services are optional and are the subject of competition from other exchanges and broker-dealers that offer routing services, as well as the ability of members to develop their own routing capabilities. The new and increased fees for execution in the NASDAQ crosses are

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

reflective of a need to support and improve NASDAQ systems, which in turn benefit market quality and ultimately, competition. Finally, the changes to DLP program are reflective of the need for the Exchange to offer incentives to market participants balanced with the need to keep costs associated with providing the incentives at a level that will ensure the sustainability of the programs. NASDAQ is eliminating a charge under the program that will allow DLPs to be eligible to receive reduced rates for removing liquidity. NASDAQ is also removing a fee cap, which may attract more participation in the program. The DLP program is entirely voluntary, and as a consequence members may elect to participate in other incentive programs under which they may receive benefits for improving the market. In sum, if the changes proposed herein are unattractive to market participants, it is likely that NASDAQ will lose market share as a result. Accordingly, NASDAQ does not believe that the proposed changes will impair the ability of members or competing order execution venues to maintain their competitive standing in the financial markets.

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

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act, <sup>16</sup> NASDAQ has designated this proposal as establishing or changing a due, fee, or other charge imposed by the self-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

regulatory organization on any person, whether or not the person is a member of the selfregulatory 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. <u>Advance Notices Filed Pursuant to Section 806(e) of the Payment, Clearing and Settlement Supervision Act</u>

Not applicable.

#### 11. Exhibits

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

  <u>Register.</u>
  - 5. Text of the proposed rule change.

**EXHIBIT 1** 

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34- ; File No. SR-NASDAQ-2014-015

February \_\_\_, 2014

Self-Regulatory Organizations; The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to the Qualified Market Maker Incentive Program and NBBO Setter Incentive Program under Rule 7014, and the Schedule of Fees and Rebates under Rule 7018

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on January 31, 2014, 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 is proposing to make changes to the Qualified Market Maker ("QMM") Incentive Program and NBBO Setter Incentive Program under Rule 7014, and the schedule of fees and rebates for execution and routing of orders under Rule 7018.

NASDAQ will begin assessing the fees effective February 3, 2014.

The text of the proposed rule change is available at <a href="http://nasdaq.cchwallstreet.com">http://nasdaq.cchwallstreet.com</a>, at NASDAQ's principal office, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 15 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, 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> Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

#### 1. <u>Purpose</u>

NASDAQ is proposing several changes to the QMM Incentive Program and NBBO Setter Incentive Program under Rule 7014, and to its schedule of fees and credits applicable to execution and routing of orders under Rule 7018, which is described in detail below.

#### **QMM Incentive Program**

A QMM is a member that makes a significant contribution to market quality by providing liquidity at the NBBO in a large number of stocks for a significant portion of the day. In addition, the member must avoid imposing the burdens on NASDAQ and its market participants that may be associated with excessive rates of entry of orders away from the inside and/or order cancellation. The designation reflects the QMM's commitment to provide meaningful and consistent support to market quality and price discovery by extensive quoting at the NBBO in a large number of securities. In return for its contributions, certain financial benefits are provided to a QMM with respect to a particular MPID (a "QMM MPID"), as described under Rule 7014(e). These benefits include a lower rate charged for executions of orders in securities priced at \$1 or more

per share that access liquidity on the NASDAQ Market Center and that are entered through a QMM MPID.<sup>3</sup> The current charge assessed on a member for removing liquidity on NASDAQ is \$0.0030 per share executed, irrespective of the security's listing venue (i.e., NASDAO, NYSE, or other). OMM MPIDs, however, receive a lower charge of \$0.0029 per share executed, also irrespective of the securities listing venue. NASDAQ is proposing to limit the reduced charged provided to QMM MPID orders that remove liquidity to only securities listed on venues other than NASDAQ (i.e., NYSE or other). When NASDAQ adopted the current rate, it noted that the changes it was making were intended to encourage members to promote price discovery and market quality by quoting at the NBBO for a significant portion of each day in a large number of securities, thereby benefitting NASDAQ and other investors by committing capital to support the execution of orders. NASDAO notes that the program with respect to NASDAO-listed has not been successful in providing material improvement in market quality in such securities and believes that applying the current default rate of \$0.0030 should not affect the quality of the market given current market conditions.

Rule 7014(e)(3) further requires, however, that after the first month in which an MPID becomes a QMM MPID, the QMM's volume of liquidity added, provided, and/or routed through the QMM MPID during the month (as a percentage of Consolidated Volume) is not less than 0.05% lower than the volume of liquidity added, provided, and/or routed through such QMM MPID during the first month in which the MPID qualified as a OMM MPID (as a percentage of Consolidated Volume).

<sup>4</sup> NASDAQ provides lower charges for removing liquidity from the NASDAQ Market Center, as described in Rule 7018(a).

<sup>5</sup> Securities Exchange Act Release No. 70361 (September 10, 2013), 78 FR 56962 (September 16, 2013) (SR-NASDAQ-2013-114); see also Securities Exchange Act Release No. 68905 (February 12, 2013), 78 FR 11716 (February 19, 2013) (SR-NASDAQ-2013-023).

#### **NBBO Setter Incentive Program**

The NBBO Setter Incentive Program provides incentive to members to set the NBBO or quote at the NBBO on NASDAQ, thus improving the quality of the market. Under Rule 7014(f) and unlike other members, a QMM may not receive both an Investor Support Program ("ISP") credit and NBBO Setter Incentive credit, but rather receives only the greater credit of the two. The Exchange is proposing to expand the limitation on receiving only the greater of an ISP credit or NBBO Setter Incentive Program credit under Rule 7014(f) to all members. Specifically, the Exchange is deleting text in Rule 7014(f) that limits only QMMs to a single credit under the programs and is adding text to apply the limitation to all members that participate in the programs. As a consequence, members that are eligible to receive credits under both programs will only receive the larger credit of the two.

# Amended Fees for Execution and Routing of Securities Listed on NASDAQ (Tape C)

NASDAQ is proposing to modify certain charges assessed and credits provided under Rule 7018(a)(1). First, under Rule 7018(a)(1), NASDAQ assesses a charge of \$0.0029 per share executed on members that enter Market-on-Close ("MOC") and/or Limit-on-Close ("LOC") orders executed in the NASDAQ Closing Cross, entered through a single MPID that represent more than 0.06% of Consolidated Volume during the month. NASDAQ originally introduced the discount charge because it believed that members that participate in the NASDAQ Closing Cross to a significant extent through the use of MOC and/or LOC orders are frequently acting on behalf of institutional

investor customers.<sup>6</sup> At the time, NASDAQ believed that members may have been giving NASDAQ lower relative priority in their order routing decisions due to its relatively high fees for accessing liquidity, as compared with lower cost exchanges. As a consequence, liquidity providers on NASDAQ may have been receiving larger orders that had already attempted to access liquidity elsewhere, such that the order was more likely to have an impact on the price of the stock. NASDAQ hoped that lowering the fees for these members they would be encouraged to give greater priority to NASDAQ in their routing decisions, thereby lowering their cost and improving the execution experience of liquidity providers. Moreover, NASDAQ hoped to encourage greater use of its Closing Cross through the reduction in the charge. NASDAQ notes that reduced rate has not materially improved the market in Tape C securities and therefore is proposing to increase the charged assessed from \$0.0029 to \$0.0030 per share executed.

Second, NASDAQ is proposing to increase the charge assessed a member that enters a TFTY order<sup>7</sup> that executes on a venue other than NASDAQ OMX BX ("BX") or NASDAQ OMX PSX ("PSX"). Currently, NASDAQ assesses a charge of \$0.0005 per share executed for such TFTY orders and NASDAQ is proposing to increase the charge to \$0.0007 per share executed. Third, NASDAQ is proposing to increase the charge for

Securities Exchange Act Release No. 68421 (December 13, 2012), 77 FR 75232 (December 19, 2012) (SR-NASDAQ-2012-135).

TFTY is a routing option under which orders check NASDAQ for available shares only if so instructed by the entering firm and are thereafter routed to destinations on the applicable routing table. If shares remain un-executed after routing, they are posted to the book. Once on the book, if the order is subsequently locked or crossed by another market center, the System will not route the order to the locking or crossing market center.

QDRK, or QCST orders<sup>8</sup> that execute in a venue other than the NASDAQ Market Center. NASDAQ currently assesses a charge of \$0.0005 per share executed for such QDRK, or QCST orders and NASDAQ is proposing to increase the charge to \$0.0007 per share executed. Lastly, NASDAQ is proposing to eliminate the \$0.0011 per share credit provided to members that enter QCST orders in NASDAQ-listed securities that execute on BX, and provide no charge or credit for such orders. These changes will reduce costs in a period of reduced trading volumes and are unlikely to have a significant impact on members that use NASDAQ's routing services, as the charges remain relatively low.

#### Amended Fees for Execution and Routing of Securities Listed on NYSE (Tape A)

NASDAQ is proposing to modify certain charges assessed and credits provided under Rule 7018(a)(2). Specifically, NASDAQ is proposing to amend fees assessed for routing orders in New York Stock Exchange, Inc. ("NYSE") -listed securities. First, NASDAQ is proposing to increase the charge assessed a member that enters a TFTY order that executes on a venue other than NYSE, NASDAQ OMX BX or NASDAQ OMX PSX. Currently, NASDAQ assesses a charge of \$0.0005 per share executed for

locking or crossing market center.

QDRK is a routing option under which orders check NASDAQ for available shares and simultaneously route the remaining shares to destinations on the applicable routing table that are not posting Protected Quotations within the meaning of Regulation NMS. If shares remain un-executed after routing, they are posted on the book. Once on the book, if the order is subsequently locked or crossed by another market center, NASDAQ will not route the order to the

QCST is a routing option under which orders check NASDAQ for available shares and simultaneously route the remaining shares to destinations on the applicable routing table that are not posting Protected Quotations within the meaning of Regulation NMS and to certain, but not all, exchanges. If shares remain un-executed after routing, they are posted on the book. Once on the book, if the order is subsequently locked or crossed by another market center, NASDAQ will not route the order to the locking or crossing market center.

such TFTY orders and NASDAQ is proposing to increase the charge to \$0.0007 per share executed. Second, NASDAQ is proposing to increase the charge for QDRK, or QCST orders that execute in a venue other than the NASDAQ Market Center. NASDAQ currently assesses a charge of \$0.0005 per share executed for such QDRK, or QCST orders and NASDAQ is proposing to increase the charge to \$0.0007 per share executed. Third, NASDAQ is proposing to eliminate the \$0.0011 per share credit provided to members that enter QCST orders in NYSE-listed securities that execute on NASDAQ OMX BX, and provide no charge or credit for such orders. Lastly, the Exchange is proposing to eliminate the \$0.0004 credit provided for DOTI orders that orders that execute in NASDAQ OMX BX, and provide no charge or credit for such orders. These changes will reduce costs in a period of reduced trading volumes and are unlikely to have a significant impact on members that use NASDAQ's routing services, as the charges remain relatively low.

Amended Fees for Execution and Routing of Securities Listed on Exchanges other than NASDAQ and NYSE (Tape B)

NASDAQ is proposing to modify certain charges assessed and credits provided under Rule 7018(a)(3). Specifically, NASDAQ is proposing to amend fees assessed for routing orders in securities listed on exchanges other than NASDAQ or NYSE. First, NASDAQ is proposing to increase the charge assessed a member that enters a TFTY order that executes on a venue other than NASDAQ OMX BX or NASDAQ OMX PSX. Currently, NASDAQ assesses a charge of \$0.0005 per share executed for such TFTY orders and NASDAQ is proposing to increase the charge to \$0.0007 per share executed. Second, NASDAQ is proposing to increase the charge for QDRK, or QCST orders that

execute in a venue other than the NASDAQ Market Center. NASDAQ currently assesses a charge of \$0.0005 per share executed for such QDRK, or QCST orders and NASDAQ is proposing to increase the charge to \$0.0007 per share executed. Third, NASDAQ is proposing to eliminate the \$0.0011 per share credit provided to members that enter QCST orders in securities listed on exchanges other than NASDAQ or NYSE that execute on NASDAQ OMX BX, and provide no charge or credit for such orders. Lastly, the Exchange is proposing to eliminate the \$0.0004 credit provided for DOTI orders that orders that execute in NASDAQ OMX BX, and provide no charge or credit for such orders. These changes will reduce costs in a period of reduced trading volumes and are unlikely to have a significant impact on members that use NASDAQ's routing services, as the charges remain relatively low.

#### Amended Fees for Execution in the Closing, Opening and IPO/Halt Crosses

The Exchange is proposing to charge a fee for all other quotes and orders executed in the NASDAQ Closing Cross, other than MOC and LOC orders. Currently, the Exchange assesses a fee of \$0.0010 per share executed for MOC and LOC orders that execute in the Closing Cross, and charges no fee for all other quotes and orders executed in the Closing Cross. The Exchange is proposing to assess a fee of \$0.0002 per share executed for all other quotes and orders executed in the NASDAQ Closing Cross, other than MOC and LOC orders. This change will help the Exchange recapture some of the costs it incurs operating the cross system, while maintaining relatively low fees for the execution of orders in the Closing Cross.

Except as provided in Rule 7018(d)(2), which provides that High Volume MPIDs pay a discounted fee of \$0.0001 per share executed with respect to executions of "Market-On-Close" and "Limit-on-Close" orders when the same High Volume MPID is on both sides of the trade.

The Exchange is proposing to charge a fee for all other quotes and orders executed in the Nasdaq Opening Cross, other than MOC, LOC, Good-till-Cancelled ("GTC"), and Immediate-or-Cancel ("IOC") orders. Currently, the Exchange assesses a fee of \$0.0005 per share executed for the net number of buy and sell shares up to a maximum of \$15,000 per firm per month for MOC and LOC, GTC, and IOC orders that execute in the Opening Cross, and charges no fee for all other quotes and orders executed in the Opening Cross. The Exchange is proposing to assess a fee of \$0.0002 per share executed for all other quotes and orders executed in the NASDAQ Closing Cross, other than MOC, LOC, GTC, and IOC orders. The Exchange is also proposing to increase the fee assessed for MOC, LOC, GTC, and IOC orders executed in the Opening Cross from \$0.0005 per share executed, to \$0.0010 per share executed for the net number of buy and sell shares up to a maximum of \$15,000 per firm per month. These changes will help the Exchange recapture some of the costs it incurs operating the cross system and will simplify the Exchange's fee schedule, while maintaining relatively low fees for the execution of orders in the Opening Cross.

The Exchange is proposing to increase the fee assessed for quotes and orders executed in the NASDAQ IPO/Halt Cross. Currently, the Exchange assesses a fee on all quotes and orders executed in the IPO/Halt Cross of \$0.0005 per share executed. The Exchange is proposing to increase this fee to \$0.0010 per share executed. The increased fee will help the Exchange recapture some of the costs it incurs operating the cross system and will simplify the Exchange's fee schedule, while maintaining relatively low fees for the execution of orders in the IPO/Halt Cross.

#### **Amended Fees for Designated Liquidity Providers**

The Exchange is proposing to amend language in Rule 7018(i), which concerns the applicability of fees and credits for execution of a Qualified Security<sup>10</sup> by one of its Designated Liquidity Providers ("DLP"). As defined in Rule 7018(i)(2), a DLP is a registered NASDAQ market maker for a Qualified Security that has committed to maintain minimum performance standards.<sup>11</sup> Under Rule 7018(i), a DLP is assessed a charge for removing liquidity from NASDAQ and a credit for adding liquidity thereto in its Qualified Securities. The charge and credit is meant to apply to DLPs in their Qualified Securities, to the exclusion of other charges and credits for execution under the rules. As currently drafted, only charges and credits provided under the preceding paragraphs of Rule 7018 are excluded from applying to DLPs in their Qualified Securities. The rebate programs under Rule 7014, however, are not excluded from applying to DLPs in their Qualified Securities. The Exchange is proposing to add language to Rule 7018(i) that also excludes the rebate programs under Rule 7014 from applying to DLPs in their Qualified Securities.

The Exchange is also proposing to eliminate the current charge assessed DLPs for entering an order that executes in the NASDAQ Market Center or attempts to execute in

Rule 7018(i)(1) defines Qualified Security as an exchange-traded fund or indexlinked security listed on Nasdaq pursuant to Nasdaq Rules 5705, 5710, or 5720, and it has at least one Designated Liquidity Provider.

The rule further provides that a DLP shall be selected by NASDAQ based on factors including, but not limited to, experience with making markets in exchange-traded funds and index-linked securities, adequacy of capital, willingness to promote NASDAQ as a marketplace, issuer preference, operational capacity, support personnel, and history of adherence to NASDAQ rules and securities laws. Moreover, the rule permits NASDAQ to limit the number of Designated Liquidity Providers in a security, or modify a previously established limit, upon prior written notice to members.

the NASDAQ Market Center prior to routing. NASDAQ assesses DLPs a charge of \$0.003 per share executed for securities priced at \$1 or more per share for an order that executes in the NASDAQ Market Center or attempts to execute in the NASDAQ Market Center prior to routing. For such orders in securities priced at less than \$1 per share, the normal execution fees under 7018(a) apply. NASDAQ is proposing to eliminate this charge so that the normal charges apply to all orders that a DLP enters in one of its Qualified Securities that executes in the NASDAQ Market Center or attempts to execute in the NASDAQ Market Center prior to routing. As a consequence, DLPs will be eligible to receive reduced fees for such orders under other provisions of Rule 7018.

Lastly, NASDAQ is proposing to eliminate the cap on the credit provided to DLPs under Rule 7018(i). Currently, NASDAQ limits the credit a DLP may receive to 10 million shares average daily volume and applies normal credits under 7018(a) to shares greater than 10 million average daily volume and nondisplayed liquidity. NASDAQ is deleting the limitation in its entirety, which may promote greater participation in the program.

#### 2. Statutory Basis

NASDAQ believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 6 of the Act,<sup>12</sup> in general, and with Sections 6(b)(4) and 6(b)(5) of the Act,<sup>13</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 NASDAQ operates or controls, and is not designed to permit unfair discrimination

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

<sup>15</sup> U.S.C. 78f(b)(4) and (5).

between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

The Exchange believes that the changes to the QMM Program are reasonable because they serve to maintain an incentive structure designed to benefit all market participants by encouraging quoting at or near the NBBO in a wide range of securities that are not listed on NASDAQ, while also removing the incentive with respect to NASDAQ-listed securities priced at \$1 or more per share that access liquidity on the NASDAQ Market Center. As noted, the QMM program is intended to encourage members to promote price discovery and market quality by quoting at the NBBO for a significant portion of each day in a large number of securities, thereby benefitting NASDAO and other investors by committing capital to support the execution of orders. NASDAQ's observation has been that the lower charge of the program has not materially increased the quality of the market in the NASDAQ Market Center with respect to NASDAQ-listed securities. As such, NASDAQ believes that applying the normal rate in the absence of the desired improvement in the market at the lower rate is an equitable allocation of a reasonable fee. Moreover, NASDAQ believes that the removal of the reduced fee is not unfairly discriminatory because it applies the default rate to Tape C securities, while maintaining a lower incentive rate in securities in Tape A and B securities, where the reduced fee has been effective in improving the market in such securities in NASDAQ. NASDAQ believes that the current market quality in Tape C securities in the NASDAQ Market Center should continue, notwithstanding the elimination of the reduced charge. Accordingly, NASDAQ's proposed change is designed to maintain the benefits associated with the QMM program while reducing its cost, thereby making the program sustainable in the longer term.

The changes to the NBBO Setter Incentive program are consistent with a fair allocation of a reasonable fee and not unfairly discriminatory because they are intended to encourage members to add liquidity at prices that benefit all NASDAO market participants and the NASDAQ market itself, and enhance price discovery, by establishing a new NBBO or allowing NASDAQ to join the NBBO established by another trading center. As the rule is currently written, only QMMs are precluded from receiving both a credits under the NBBO Setter Incentive program and the ISP. NASDAQ believes that it is an equitable allocation of a reasonable fee to extend the restriction on receiving multiple credits currently imposed on QMMs to all members because both QMMs and non-QMM members participating in the NBBO Setter Incentive program and ISP are providing the same market improvement under the two programs. Likewise, the Exchange believes that removing the distinction between OMMs and non-OMM members is not unfairly discriminatory because the change eliminates a distinction currently made in the rules applied to members that provide the same improvement to market quality under the ISP and NBBO Setter Incentive program.

The proposed increase to the charge assessed on members with MOC and/or LOC orders in securities listed on NASDAQ, which are executed in the NASDAQ Closing Cross and entered through a single MPID that represents more than 0.06% of Consolidated Volume during the month is reasonable because it aligns the fee assessed with the default rate assessed for orders that execute in the NASDAQ Market Center. NASDAQ notes that current lower charge is designed to attract buyers to the NASDAQ Closing Cross and to incentivize members to use MOC and LOC orders, thereby providing a deep market and greater participation in the Closing Cross. NASDAQ is

increasing the charge to cover costs associated with maintaining and improving the Closing Cross system. Accordingly, NASDAQ believes it is reasonable to assess the default fee of \$0.0030 per share executed of a NASDAQ-listed security on members that remove liquidity in the NASDAQ Closing Cross. Moreover, NASDAQ believes that the fee is equitably allocated because all members with MOC and/or LOC orders in Tape C securities listed on NASDAQ that are executed in the NASDAQ Closing Cross and entered through a single MPID that represents more than 0.06% of Consolidated Volume during the month are assessed the same charge. The Exchange believes that increasing the charge does not discriminate unfairly because it is a modest increase tied to the benefit derived from participating in the Closing Cross.

NASDAQ believes that the increase in the charge for TFTY orders that execute in venues other than NASDAQ OMX BX, NASDAQ OMX PSX, and in the case of Tape A securities, also venues other than NYSE is reasonable because the Exchange is raising the fee modest amount to account for costs associated with routing such orders to other venues. In this regard, NASDAQ notes that the fee is lower than fees assessed for routing and execution of other orders in securities of each of the three Tapes. NASDAQ believes that the proposed increase is equitably allocated because it will apply to all members that receive an execution in a TFTY order in the venues noted above. Lastly, the Exchange believes that the proposed fee increase is not unfairly discriminatory because it represents a modest increase in the charge assessed, which continues to be lower than the charges assessed for the execution of TFTY orders at other venues.

The increase in the charge for QDRK, or QCST orders in securities of all three Tapes that execute in a venue other than the NASDAQ Market Center is reasonable

because it represents a modest increase in the fee to account for increased costs associated with routing orders to other venues than NASDAQ. The proposed increase in the charge is equitably allocated because all members that enter QDRK or QCST orders in any security of the Tapes that executes in another venue. The proposed increase in the charge is not unfairly discriminatory because it raises an already significantly reduced rate for certain routed orders that execute in a venue other than the NASDAQ Market Center as compared to charges assessed for other routed orders.

The elimination of the \$0.0011 per share credit provided to members entering QCST orders that execute in BX is reasonable because NASDAQ is merely eliminating the credit provided for such an execution, and in its place assessing no charge. A QCST order simultaneously accesses the NASDAQ book and routes to other venues, including BX. Elimination of the credit is equitably allocated and not unfairly discriminatory because all members that receive a QCST execution on BX will continue to receive the benefit of reduced fees for such executions in a security of any of the three Tapes.

NASDAQ notes that the proposed elimination of the credit balances the desire to provide certain incentives with the costs the Exchange incurs in providing such incentives, which ultimately affect the ability to sustain them.

The elimination of the \$0.0004 per share credit provided to members entering DOTI orders that execute on BX is reasonable because NASDAQ is merely eliminating the credit provided for such an execution, and in its place is assessing no charge. A DOTI order attempts to execute against orders in the NASDAQ book at a price equal to or better than the NBBO. If unfilled, the order will then route to BX where it will also

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Rule 4758(a)(1)(A)(xiii).

attempt to execute at the NBBO or better. If still unfilled, the order will route to NYSE or NYSE Amex where the order will remain until it is executed or cancelled. Elimination of the credit is equitably allocated and not unfairly discriminatory because all members that receive a DOTI order execution on BX will continue to receive the benefit of reduced fees for such executions. NASDAQ notes that the proposed elimination of the credit balances the desire to provide certain incentives with the costs the Exchange incurs in providing such incentives, which ultimately affect the ability to sustain them.

NASDAQ believes that the changes to the fees assessed for participation the NASDAQ Opening, Closing and IPO/Halt Crosses are consistent with a fair allocation of a reasonable fee and not unfairly discriminatory. NASDAQ believes that the fees are reasonable because supporting the crosses requires capital investment to maintain a system that facilitates an orderly auction process. Specifically, NASDAO is proposing a modest fee increase for MOC, LOC, GTC and IOC orders executed in the Opening Cross, which will bring the charge in line with the charge assessed for MOC and LOC orders that are executed in the Closing Cross. Similarly, NASDAQ is proposing to assess a new charge on orders that execute in the Opening and Closing Crosses for orders that are not MOC, LOC, GTC or IOC, with respect to the Opening Cross, and not MOC and LOC orders with respect to the Closing Cross. The Exchange is also modestly increasing the charge assessed for all orders that execute in an IPO/Halt Cross. The proposed fees are equitably allocated because they apply a fee on all members that benefit from participation in the Opening, Closing and IPO/Halt Crosses, and are based on the type of order entered and contribution to market quality. Similarly, the proposed fees are not unfairly discriminatory because they are based on the type of order executed in the cross

and the benefit to market quality that such orders provide.

NASDAQ believes that the proposed exclusion of the availability of credits provided under Rule 7014 to DLPs in Qualified Securities is consistent with a fair allocation of a reasonable fee because the program is designed to supersede other pricing applicable to the execution of securities provided in Rule 7018, and extension of the exclusion to the rebate programs under 7014 is consistent with the nature of the program. As described above, the DLP is specifically designed to apply to NASDAQ market makers in certain Qualified Securities. DLPs receive specific credits and charges based on the nature of their transactions in their Qualified Securities. Accordingly, NASDAQ believes that it limiting the benefits a DLP receives to the DLP program is reasonable and a fair allocation of credits. Likewise, the Exchange believes that removing the distinction between Rule 7018 credits and charges, and those provided under Rule 7014 is not unfairly discriminatory because it is consistent with the exclusive nature of the DLP program.

The Exchange also believes that eliminating the charge assessed DLPs for entering an order that executes in the NASDAQ Market Center or attempts to execute in the NASDAQ Market Center prior to routing is reasonable because it permits DLPs to achieve a better rate for such a routed orders to the extent that the order is eligible for a lower charge under other provisions of the fee schedule, thus making participation in the program more attractive. The Exchange believes the elimination of the charge is an equitable allocation of the fee because it will make DLPs eligible to achieve reduced rates in the same manner as other members are under Rule 7018. NASDAQ believes that elimination of the charge is not unfairly discriminatory because it allows DLPs to receive

a benefit that other members currently enjoy.

Lastly, the elimination of the cap on the credit provided in Rule7018(i) is reasonable and an equitable allocation of the credit because it is designed to promote greater participation in the program thereby improving market quality in Qualified Securities, which benefits all market participant in NASDAQ. Similarly, NASDAQ does not believe that the removal of the credit cap is unfairly discriminatory because the greater participation in the DLP program that the change is designed to encourage will benefit all market participants to the extent that the change is effective.

#### 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. NASDAQ notes that it operates in a highly competitive market in which market participants can readily favor competing venues if they deem fee levels at a particular venue to be excessive, or rebate opportunities available at other venues to be more favorable. In such an environment, NASDAQ must continually adjust its fees to remain competitive with other exchanges and with alternative trading systems that have been exempted from compliance with the statutory standards applicable to exchanges. Because competitors are free to modify their own fees in response, and because market participants may readily adjust their order routing practices, NASDAQ believes that the degree to which fee changes in this market may impose any burden on competition is extremely limited. In this instance, although the change to the QMM program may limit the benefits of the program in NASDAQ-listed securities, the incentive program in

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

question remains in place and is itself reflective of the need for exchanges to offer significant financial incentives to attract order flow. The changes to routing fees and credits do not impose a burden on competition because NASDAQ's routing services are optional and are the subject of competition from other exchanges and broker-dealers that offer routing services, as well as the ability of members to develop their own routing capabilities. The new and increased fees for execution in the NASDAQ crosses are reflective of a need to support and improve NASDAQ systems, which in turn benefit market quality and ultimately, competition. Finally, the changes to DLP program are reflective of the need for the Exchange to offer incentives to market participants balanced with the need to keep costs associated with providing the incentives at a level that will ensure the sustainability of the programs. NASDAQ is eliminating a charge under the program that will allow DLPs to be eligible to receive reduced rates for removing liquidity. NASDAQ is also removing a fee cap, which may attract more participation in the program. The DLP program is entirely voluntary, and as a consequence members may elect to participate in other incentive programs under which they may receive benefits for improving the market. In sum, if the changes proposed herein are unattractive to market participants, it is likely that NASDAQ will lose market share as a result. Accordingly, NASDAQ does not believe that the proposed changes will impair the ability of members or competing order execution venues to maintain their competitive standing in the financial markets.

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>

The foregoing change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act, <sup>16</sup> and paragraph (f)<sup>17</sup> 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
- Send an e-mail to <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include File Number SR-NASDAQ-2014-015 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-2014-015. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

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

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-2014-015, and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from publication in the <u>Federal Register</u>].

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority. <sup>18</sup>

Kevin M. O'Neill Deputy Secretary

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#### **EXHIBIT 5**

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

#### 7014. Market Quality Incentive Programs

#### **Investor Support Program**

- (a) (d) No change.
- (e) The following pricing incentives will be provided to a member that is a QMM with respect to a particular MPID (a "QMM MPID"):
  - (1) NASDAQ will provide an NBBO Setter Incentive credit of \$0.0002 per share executed with respect to orders that qualify for the NBBO Setter Incentive program under Rule 7014(g) and that are entered through a QMM MPID. However, if a QMM also participates in the ISP, NASDAQ will pay the greater of any applicable credit under the ISP or the NBBO Setter Incentive program, but not a credit under both programs.
  - (2) NASDAQ will provide a credit of \$0.0001 per share executed with respect to all other displayed orders (other than Designated Retail Orders, as defined in Rule 7018) in securities priced at \$1 or more per share that provide liquidity and that are entered through a QMM MPID. Such credit will be in addition to any credit payable under Rule 7018. However, if a QMM also participates in the ISP, NASDAQ will pay the greater of any applicable credit under the ISP or the QMM program, but not a credit under both programs.
  - (3) NASDAQ will charge a fee of \$0.0030 per share executed for orders in NASDAQ-listed securities priced at \$1 or more per share that access liquidity on the NASDAQ Market Center and that are entered through a QMM MPID, and charge a fee of \$0.0029 per share executed for orders in securities listed on exchanges other than NASDAQ priced at \$1 or more per share that access liquidity on the NASDAQ Market Center and that are entered through a QMM MPID; provided, however, that after the first month in which an MPID becomes a QMM MPID, the QMM's volume of liquidity added, provided, and/or routed through the QMM MPID during the month (as a percentage of Consolidated Volume) is not less than 0.05% lower than the volume of liquidity added, provided, and/or routed through such QMM MPID during the first month in which the MPID qualified as a QMM MPID (as a percentage of Consolidated Volume).

#### **NBBO Setter Incentive Program**

(f) Subject to the conditions set forth in section (g) of this Rule, Nasdaq shall issue to a member a monthly NBBO Setter Incentive credit, which shall be determined by multiplying \$0.0002 or \$0.0001 by the number of shares of displayed liquidity to which a

particular rate applies, as described below. An NBBO Setter Incentive credit issued under this Rule will be in addition to (and will not replace) any other credit or rebate for which a member may qualify; provided, however, that no NBBO Setter Incentive credit will be issued with respect to Designated Retail Orders (as defined in Rule 7018); and provided further, that if a [QMM]member eligible to receive NBBO Setter Incentive credits also participates in the ISP, NASDAQ will pay the greater of any applicable credit under the ISP or the NBBO Setter Incentive program, but not a credit under both programs.

(g) – (i) No change.

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#### 7018. Nasdaq Market Center Order Execution and Routing

(a) The following charges shall apply to the use of the order execution and routing services of the Nasdaq Market Center by members for all securities priced at \$1 or more that it trades. For purposes of determining a member's shares of liquidity routed, TFTY, MOPB, MOPP, SAVE, SOLV, CART, QDRK, QCST and directed orders are not counted. As used in this rule, the term "Consolidated Volume" shall mean the total consolidated volume reported to all consolidated transaction reporting plans by all exchanges and trade reporting facilities during a month, excluding executed orders with a size of less than one round lot. For purposes of calculating Consolidated Volume and the extent of a member's trading activity, expressed as a percentage of or ratio to Consolidated Volume, the date of the annual reconstitution of the Russell Investments Indexes shall be excluded from both total Consolidated Volume and the member's trading activity.

#### (1) Fees for Execution and Routing of Orders in Nasdaq-Listed Securities

| Charge to enter orders that execute in the Nasdaq Market Center:   |   |
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| member with Market-on-Close and/or Limit-on-Close orders executed in the Nasdaq Closing Cross, entered through a single Nasdaq Market Center market participant identifier ("MPID"), that represent more than 0.06% of Consolidated Volume during the month: | [\$0.0029] <u>\$0.0030</u> per share executed |
| all other orders that execute in   | \$0.0030 per share executed                   |

| the Nasdaq Market Center:  |   |
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| Charge to member entering STGY, SCAN, SKNY, or SKIP order that executes in a venue other than the Nasdaq Market Center and charge to member entering a LIST order that executes in a venue other than the Nasdaq Market Center, but not in an opening, re-opening, or closing process: | \$0.0030 per share executed   |
| Charge or credit to member entering TFTY, MOPB, MOPP, SAVE, SOLV, CART, QDRK, QCST or directed order that executes in a venue other than the Nasdaq Market Center:   | Charge of \$0.0035 per share executed for directed orders Charge of \$0.0030 per share executed for TFTY orders that execute at NASDAQ OMX PSX For CART orders that execute at NASDAQ OMX PSX, Nasdaq will pass through all fees assessed and rebates offered by NASDAQ OMX PSX No charge or credit for TFTY, SOLV, CART, or SAVE orders that execute at NASDAQ OMX BX Charge of \$0.0030 per share executed for SAVE or SOLV orders that execute at venues other than NASDAQ OMX BX Charge of \$0.0035 per share executed for a MOPB or MOPP order Charge of [\$0.0005]\$0.0007 per share executed for TFTY orders that execute on venues other than NASDAQ OMX BX or NASDAQ OMX PSX Charge of [\$0.0005]\$0.0007 per share executed for QCST and QDRK orders, except no charge or credit[a credit of \$.0011 per share] for QCST orders that execute on NASDAQ OMX BX |
| Credit to member for<br>displayed quotes/orders (other<br>than Supplemental Orders or<br>Designated Retail Orders)<br>that provide liquidity:  |   |

member with (i) shares of liquidity provided in all securities through one of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs that represent 1.60% or more of Consolidated Volume during the month, or (ii) shares of liquidity provided in all securities through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs that represent 1.60% or more of Consolidated Volume during the month, and shares of liquidity provided in all securities through one of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs that represent 0.75% or more of Consolidated Volume during the month:

\$0.00305 per share executed

member with (i) shares of liquidity provided in all securities through one of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs that represent 1.20% or more of Consolidated Volume during the month, or (ii) shares of liquidity provided in all securities through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs that represent 1.20% or more of Consolidated Volume during the month, and shares of liquidity provided in all securities through one of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs that represent 0.75% or more of Consolidated Volume during the month:

\$0.0030 per share executed

| member with shares of liquidity provided in all securities through one of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs that represent more than 0.90% of Consolidated Volume during the month:  | \$0.00295 per share executed |
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| member (i) that is a registered market maker through one of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs in at least 7,000 securities, (ii) with shares of liquidity provided in all securities through one of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs that represent more than 0.75% of Consolidated Volume during the month, and (iii) with shares of liquidity provided in all securities through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs that represent more than 0.90% of Consolidated Volume during the month: | \$0.00295 per share executed |
| member with shares of liquidity provided in all securities through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs that represent more than 0.45% of Consolidated Volume during the month:  | \$0.0029 per share executed  |
| member with shares of liquidity provided in all securities through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs that represent more than 0.30% of Consolidated Volume during   | \$0.0027 per share executed  |

| the month:  |                             |
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| member with shares of liquidity provided in all securities through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs that represent more than 0.30% of Consolidated Volume during the month, including shares of liquidity provided with respect to securities that are listed on exchanges other than NASDAQ or NYSE that represent more than 0.10% of Consolidated Volume:          | \$0.0029 per share executed |
| member with shares of liquidity provided in all securities through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs that represent more than 0.10% of Consolidated Volume during the month:  | \$0.0025 per share executed |
| member with shares of liquidity accessed in all securities through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs representing more than 0.65% of Consolidated Volume during the month; provided that the member also provides a daily average of at least 2 million shares of liquidity in all securities through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs during the month: | \$0.0029 per share executed |
| member with shares of liquidity accessed in all   | \$0.0025 per share executed |

| securities through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs representing more than 0.45% of Consolidated Volume during the month; provided that the member also provides a daily average of at least 2 million shares of liquidity in all securities through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs during the month:  |                             |
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| member (i) with shares of liquidity provided in all securities during the month representing more than 0.10% of Consolidated Volume during the month, through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs, and (ii) that adds Total NOM Market Maker Volume, as defined in Chapter XV, Section 2 of the Nasdaq Options Market rules, of 80,000 or more contracts per day in a month executed through one or more of its Nasdaq Options Market MPIDs: | \$0.0029 per share executed |
| member with (i) shares of liquidity provided in all securities during the month representing more than 0.15% of Consolidated Volume during the month, through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs, and (ii) Total Volume, as defined in Chapter XV, Section 2 of the Nasdaq Options Market rules, of 100,000 or more   | \$0.0029 per share executed |

| contracts per day in a month<br>executed through one or more<br>of its Nasdaq Option Market<br>MPIDs:  |                             |
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| member (i) with shares of liquidity provided in all securities during the month representing at least 0.40% of Consolidated Volume during the month, through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs, and (ii) that qualifies for the Nasdaq Options Market Customer and Professional Rebate to Add Liquidity in Penny Pilot Options Tier 8 under Chapter XV, Section 2 of the Nasdaq Options Market rules during the month through one or more of its Nasdaq Options Market MPIDs:              | \$0.0030 per share executed |
| member with shares of liquidity provided in all securities during the month representing less than 0.10% of Consolidated Volume during the month, through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs; provided that (i) the member also provides a daily average of at least 250,000 shares of liquidity provided in securities listed on an exchange other than NASDAQ, or (ii) the member routes a daily average volume of at least 10,000 shares during the month via the QDRK routing strategy: | \$0.0020 per share executed |

| Credit to other members:   | \$0.0015 per share executed   |
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| Credit for non-displayed orders (other than Supplemental Orders) that provide liquidity: | \$0.0017 per share executed for midpoint order the member provides an average daily volume 5 million or more shares through midpoint ord during the month \$0.0014 per share executed for midpoint order the member provides an average daily volume less than 5 million shares through midpoint orders during the month \$0.0010 per share executed for other non-displayed orders if the member provides an average daily volume of 1 million or more sha per day through midpoint orders or other non-displayed orders during the month \$0.0005 per share executed for other non-displayed orders |
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| Credit for Supplemental<br>Orders:   | \$0.0018 per share executed for Supplemental Orders entered through a Nasdaq Market Cent MPID through which the member provides an average daily volume during the month of morthan 1 million shares of liquidity via Supplemental Orders \$0.0015 per share executed for other Supplemental Orders   |
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| Credit for displayed Designated Retail Orders:*  | \$0.0033 per share executed   |
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| Nasdaq's closing process:                                |  |
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| LIST order that executes in Nasdaq's opening process:    | Applicable charges as provided in Rule 7018(e) |
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| LIST order that executes in Nasdaq's halt cross process: | Applicable charges as provided in Rule 7018(f) |

### (2) Fees for Execution and Routing of Securities Listed on NYSE

| Charge to enter orders that execute in the Nasdaq Market Center:  |  |
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| member with Market-on-Close and/or Limit-on-Close orders executed in the Nasdaq Closing Cross, entered through a single Nasdaq Market Center MPID, that represent more than 0.06% of Consolidated Volume during the month:        | \$0.0029 per share executed  |
| all other orders that execute in<br>the Nasdaq Market Center:   | \$0.0030 per share executed  |
|   |  |
| Charge or credit to member entering DOTI, STGY, SCAN, SKNY, or SKIP order that executes in a venue other than the Nasdaq Market Center, and charge to member entering a LIST order that executes in a venue other than the Nasdaq | [\$0.0004 per share executed]No charge or credit for DOTI orders that execute in NASDAQ OMX BX \$0.0015 per share executed credit for orders that add liquidity at the NYSE after routing \$0.0030 fee per share executed for other orders |

| Market Center, but not in an opening, closing, or reopening process:   |  |
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| Charge or credit to member entering TFTY, MOPB, MOPP, SAVE, SOLV, CART, QCST, QDRK or directed order that executes in a venue other than the Nasdaq Market Center: | Charge of \$0.0035 per share executed for directed orders For CART orders that executed at NASDAQ OMX PSX, Nasdaq will pass through all fees assessed and rebates offered by NASDAQ OMX PSX No charge or credit for TFTY, SOLV, CART, or SAVE orders that execute at NASDAQ OMX BX Charge of \$0.0035 per share executed for a MOPB or MOPP order For TFTY orders that execute: (i) at venues other than NYSE, NASDAQ OMX BX or NASDAQ OMX PSX, charge of [\$0.0005]\$\frac{\$0.0007}{\$0.0007}\$ per share executed; or (ii) at the NYSE or NASDAQ OMX PSX, charge of \$0.0030 per share executed For SAVE or SOLV orders that execute: (i) at venues other than NASDAQ OMX BX, charge of \$0.0030 per share executed Charge of [\$.0005]\$\frac{\$0.0007}{\$0.0007}\$ per share executed Charge of [\$.0005]\$\frac{\$0.0007}{\$0.0007}\$ per share executed Charge of [\$.0005]\$\frac{\$0.0007}{\$0.0007}\$ per share executed Charge or credit[a credit of \$.0011 per share] for QCST orders that execute on NASDAQ OMX BX |
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| Credit to member for displayed quotes/orders (other than Supplemental Orders or Designated Retail Orders) that provide liquidity:                                  |  |
| member with (i) shares of liquidity provided in all securities through one of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs   | \$0.00305 per share executed   |

| that represent 1.60% or more of Consolidated Volume during the month, or (ii) shares of liquidity provided in all securities through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs that represent 1.60% or more of Consolidated Volume during the month, and shares of liquidity provided in all securities through one of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs that represent 0.75% or more of Consolidated Volume during the month:  |                              |
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| member with (i) shares of liquidity provided in all securities through one of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs that represent 1.20% or more of Consolidated Volume during the month, or (ii) shares of liquidity provided in all securities through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs that represent 1.20% or more of Consolidated Volume during the month, and shares of liquidity provided in all securities through one of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs that represent 0.75% or more of Consolidated Volume during the month: | \$0.0030 per share executed  |
| member with shares of liquidity provided in all securities through one of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs that represent more than 0.90% of Consolidated Volume during the month:   | \$0.00295 per share executed |
| member (i) that is a registered<br>market maker through one of its<br>Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs in<br>at least 7,000 securities, (ii) with  | \$0.00295 per share executed |

| shares of liquidity provided in all securities through one of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs that represent more than 0.75% of Consolidated Volume during the month, and (iii) with shares of liquidity provided in all securities through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs that represent more than 0.90% of Consolidated Volume during the month:         |                             |
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| member with shares of liquidity provided in all securities through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs that represent more than 0.45% of Consolidated Volume during the month:   | \$0.0029 per share executed |
| member with shares of liquidity provided in all securities through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs that represent more than 0.30% of Consolidated Volume during the month during the month:  | \$0.0027 per share executed |
| member with shares of liquidity provided in all securities through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs that represent more than 0.30% of Consolidated Volume during the month, including shares of liquidity provided with respect to securities that are listed on exchanges other than NASDAQ or NYSE that represent more than 0.10% of Consolidated Volume: | \$0.0029 per share executed |

| member with shares of liquidity provided in all securities through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs that represent more than 0.10% of Consolidated Volume during the month:  | \$0.0025 per share executed |
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| member with shares of liquidity accessed in all securities through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs representing more than 0.65% of Consolidated Volume during the month; provided that the member also provides a daily average of at least 2 million shares of liquidity in all securities through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs during the month: | \$0.0029 per share executed |
| member with shares of liquidity accessed in all securities through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs representing more than 0.45% of Consolidated Volume during the month; provided that the member also provides a daily average of at least 2 million shares of liquidity in all securities through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs during the month: | \$0.0025 per share executed |
| member (i) with shares of liquidity provided in all securities during the month representing more than 0.10% of Consolidated Volume during the month, through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs, and (ii) that adds Total NOM Market Maker Volume, as   | \$0.0029 per share executed |

| defined in Chapter XV, Section 2 of the Nasdaq Options Market rules, of 80,000 or more contracts per day in a month executed through one or more of its Nasdaq Options Market MPIDs:  |                             |
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| member with (i) shares of liquidity provided in all securities during the month representing more than 0.15% of Consolidated Volume during the month, through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs, and (ii) Total Volume, as defined in Chapter XV, Section 2 of the Nasdaq Options Market rules, of 100,000 or more contracts per day in a month executed through one or more of its Nasdaq Options Market MPIDs:  | \$0.0029 per share executed |
| member (i) with shares of liquidity provided in all securities during the month representing at least 0.40% of Consolidated Volume during the month, through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs, and (ii) that qualifies for the Nasdaq Options Market Customer and Professional Rebate to Add Liquidity in Penny Pilot Options Tier 8 under Chapter XV, Section 2 of the Nasdaq Options Market rules during the month through one or more of its Nasdaq Options Market MPIDs: | \$0.0030 per share executed |
| Credit to other members:  | \$0.0020 per share executed |

| Credit for non-displayed orders (other than Supplemental Orders) that provide liquidity: | \$0.0017 per share executed for midpoint orders if the member provides an average daily volume of 5 million or more shares through midpoint orders during the month \$0.0014 per share executed for midpoint orders if the member provides an average daily volume of less than 5 million shares through midpoint orders during the month \$0.0010 per share executed for other non-displayed orders if the member provides ar average daily volume of 1 million or more shares per day through midpoint orders or other non-displayed orders during the mon \$0.0005 per share executed for other non-displayed orders |
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| Credit for Supplemental Orders:  | \$0.0018 per share executed for Supplement Orders entered through a Nasdaq Market Center MPID through which the member provides an average daily volume during the month of more than 1 million shares of liquidity via Supplemental Orders \$0.0015 per share executed for other Supplemental Orders   |
| Credit for displayed Designated<br>Retail Orders:*                                       | \$0.0033 per share executed   |
| Order that is routed to NYSE and then routed to another venue for execution:             | NASDAQ will pass-through any routing fe<br>charged to NASDAQ by NYSE  |

| DOT or LIST Order that executes in the NYSE closing process:                      | \$0.00095 per share executed   |
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| DOT or LIST Order that executes in the NYSE opening process or reopening process: | \$0.0005 per share executed, but not to exceed \$15,000 per month per member   |
| Per order charge for round lot or mixed lot DOTI orders:                          | \$0.01 fee per DOTI Order when during a month: (i) a market participant sends an average of more than 10,000 DOTI Orders per day through one or more of its MPIDs; and (ii) the ratio of DOTI Orders to executions exceeds 300 to 1. The fee will apply to each DOTI Order that exceeds the 300 to 1 ratio. In calculating daily average DOTI Orders, Nasdaq will exclude the day with the highest ratio of DOTI Orders to executions. |

# (3) Fees for Execution and Routing of Orders in Securities Listed on Exchanges other than Nasdaq and NYSE ("Tape B Securities")

| Charge to member entering order that executes in the Nasdaq Market Center:   |                             |
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| member with Market-on-Close and/or Limit-on-Close orders executed in the Nasdaq Closing Cross, entered through a single Nasdaq Market Center MPID, that represent more than 0.06% of Consolidated Volume during the month: | \$0.0029 per share executed |

all other orders that execute in the \$0.0030 per share executed Nasdag Market Center: Charge or credit to member [\$0.0004 per share executed]No charge or entering DOTI, STGY, SCAN, credit for DOTI orders that execute in SKNY, or SKIP order that NASDAQ OMX BX executes in a venue other than the For other orders, charge of \$0.0030 per Nasdaq Market Center, and charge share executed to member entering a LIST order that executes in a venue other than the Nasdaq Market Center, but not in an opening, closing or reopening process: Charge of \$0.0035 per share executed for Charge or credit to member entering TFTY, MOPB, MOPP, directed orders Charge of \$0.0030 per share executed for SAVE, SOLV, CART, QDRK, QCST or directed order that TFYY orders that execute at NASDAQ executes in a venue other than the **OMX PSX** Nasdaq Market Center: For CART orders that execute at NASDAQ OMX PSX, Nasdaq will pass through all fees assessed and rebates offered by NASDAQ OMX PSX No charge or credit for TFTY, SOLV. CART, or SAVE orders that execute at NASDAQ OMX BX Charge of \$0.0030 per share executed for SAVE or SOLV orders that execute at venues other than NASDAQ OMX BX Charge of \$0.0035 per share executed for a MOPB or MOPP order Charge of [\$0.0005]\$0.0007 per share executed for TFTY orders that execute in venues other than NASDAO OMX BX or NASDAQ OMX PSX Charge of [\$0.0005]\$0.0007 per share executed for QCST and QDRK, except no charge or credit[a credit of \$.0011 per

share] for QCST orders that execute on

|  | NASDAQ OMX BX                |
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| Credit to member for displayed quotes/orders (other than Supplemental Orders or Designated Retail Orders) that provide liquidity:  |                              |
| member with (i) shares of liquidity provided in all securities through one of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs that represent 1.60% or more of Consolidated Volume during the month, or (ii) shares of liquidity provided in all securities through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs that represent 1.60% or more of Consolidated Volume during the month, and shares of liquidity provided in all securities through one of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs that represent 0.75% or more of Consolidated Volume during the month: | \$0.00305 per share executed |
| member with (i) shares of liquidity provided in all securities through one of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs that represent 1.20% or more of Consolidated Volume during the month, or (ii) shares of liquidity provided in all securities through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs that represent 1.20% or more of Consolidated Volume during the month, and shares of liquidity provided in all securities through one of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs that represent 0.75% or more of Consolidated Volume                   | \$0.0030 per share executed  |

| during the month:   |                              |
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| member with shares of liquidity provided in all securities through one of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs that represent more than 0.90% of Consolidated Volume during the month:  | \$0.00295 per share executed |
| member (i) that is a registered market maker through one of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs in at least 7,000 securities, (ii) with shares of liquidity provided in all securities through one of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs that represent more than 0.75% of Consolidated Volume during the month, and (iii) with shares of liquidity provided in all securities through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs that represent more than 0.90% of Consolidated Volume during the month: | \$0.00295 per share executed |
| member with shares of liquidity provided in all securities through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs that represent more than 0.45% of Consolidated Volume during the month:  | \$0.0029 per share executed  |
| member with shares of liquidity provided in all securities through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs that represent more than 0.30% of Consolidated Volume during the month:  | \$0.0027 per share executed  |
| member with shares of liquidity<br>provided in all securities through<br>one or more of its Nasdaq Market<br>Center MPIDs that represent more   | \$0.0029 per share executed  |

| than 0.30% of Consolidated Volume during the month, including shares of liquidity provided with respect to securities that are listed on exchanges other than NASDAQ or NYSE that represent more than 0.10% of Consolidated Volume:   |                             |
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| member with shares of liquidity provided in all securities through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs that represent more than 0.10% of Consolidated Volume during the month:  | \$0.0025 per share executed |
| member with shares of liquidity accessed in all securities through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs representing more than 0.65% of Consolidated Volume during the month; provided that the member also provides a daily average of at least 2 million shares of liquidity in all securities through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs during the month: | \$0.0029 per share executed |
| member with shares of liquidity accessed in all securities through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs representing more than 0.45% of Consolidated Volume during the month; provided that the member also provides a daily average of at least 2 million shares of liquidity in all securities through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs during the month: | \$0.0025 per share executed |
| member (i) with shares of liquidity provided in all securities during the   | \$0.0029 per share executed |

| month representing more than 0.10% of Consolidated Volume during the month, through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs, and (ii) that adds Total NOM Market Maker Volume, as defined in Chapter XV, Section 2 of the Nasdaq Options Market rules, of 80,000 or more contracts per day in a month executed through one or more of its Nasdaq Options Market MPIDs:  |                             |
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| member with (i) shares of liquidity provided in all securities during the month representing more than 0.15% of Consolidated Volume during the month, through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs, and (ii) Total Volume, as defined in Chapter XV, Section 2 of the Nasdaq Options Market rules, of 100,000 or more contracts per day in a month executed through one or more of its Nasdaq Options Market MPIDs:  | \$0.0029 per share executed |
| member (i) with shares of liquidity provided in all securities during the month representing at least 0.40% of Consolidated Volume during the month, through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs, and (ii) that qualifies for the Nasdaq Options Market Customer and Professional Rebate to Add Liquidity in Penny Pilot Options Tier 8 under Chapter XV, Section 2 of the Nasdaq Options Market rules during the month through one or more of its Nasdaq Options Market MPIDs: | \$0.0030 per share executed |

| Credit to other members:   | \$0.0020 per share executed  |
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| Credit for non-displayed orders (other than Supplemental Orders) that provide liquidity:     | \$0.0017 per share executed for midpoint orders if the member provides an average daily volume of 5 million or more shares through midpoint orders during the month \$0.0014 per share executed for midpoint orders if the member provides an average daily volume of less than 5 million shares through midpoint orders during the month \$0.0010 per share executed for other non-displayed orders if the member provides a average daily volume of 1 million or more shares per day through midpoint orders or other non-displayed orders during the month \$0.0005 per share executed for other non-displayed orders |
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| Credit for Supplemental Orders:  | 0.0018 per share executed for Supplement Orders entered through a Nasdaq Market Center MPID through which the member provides an average daily volume during the month of more than 1 million shares of liquidity via Supplemental Orders \$0.0015 per share executed for other Supplemental Orders  |
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| Credit for displayed Designated<br>Retail Orders:*   | \$0.0033 per share executed  |
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| Order that is routed to NYSEAmex or NYSEArca and then routed to another venue for execution: | NASDAQ will pass-through any routing fees charged to NASDAQ by NYSEAmes or NYSEArca, as applicable   |

| LIST order that executes in an exchange's closing process:    | \$0.001 per share executed in the NYSEA closing process \$0.00095 per share executed in the NYSEAmex closing process  |
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| LIST order that executes in an exchange's opening process:    | \$0.0005 per share executed in the NYSEArca opening process; provided, however, that total charges for all LIST orders that execute in the NYSEArca opening process shall not exceed \$10,000 per month \$0.0005 per share executed in the NYSEAmex opening process |
| LIST order that executes in an exchange's re-opening process: | \$0.001 per share executed in the NYSEA re-opening process \$0.0005 per share executed in the NYSEAmex re-opening process   |

- **(b) (c)** No change.
- (d) Closing Cross

## (1) Fees

| Market-on-Close and Limit-on-Close orders executed in the Nasdaq Closing Cross | \$0.0010 per share executed (except as provided in Rule 7018(d)(2) |
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| All other quotes and orders executed in the Nasdaq Closing Cross               | [No charge for execution]\$0.0002 per share executed               |

(2) No change.

#### (e) Opening Cross

| Market-on-Open, Limit-on-Open,<br>Good-till-Cancelled, and Immediate-<br>or-Cancel orders executed in the<br>Nasdaq Opening Cross | [\$0.0005]\$0.0010 per share executed for the net number of buy and sell shares up to a maximum of \$15,000 per firm per month |
|---|--|
| All other quotes and orders executed in<br>the Nasdaq Opening Cross   | [No charge for execution]\$0.0002 per share executed   |

#### (f) IPO/Halt Cross

Members shall be assessed the following Nasdaq Market Center execution fees for quotes and orders executed in the Nasdaq IPO/Halt Cross:

| All quotes and orders executed in the Nasdaq IPO/Halt Cross | [\$0.0005] <u>\$0.0010</u> per share executed. |
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#### (g) - (h) No change.

(i) [Notwithstanding the foregoing, the]<u>The</u> following [charges]<u>credits</u> shall apply to transactions in a Qualified Security by one of its Designated Liquidity Providers<u>in lieu of credits provided under Rules 7018 and 7014</u>:

| [Charge to Designated Liquidity<br>Provider entering Order that executes in<br>the Nasdaq Market Center or attempts to<br>execute in the Nasdaq Market Center<br>prior to routing: | \$0.003 per share executed for securities priced at \$1 or more per share (For securities priced at less than \$1 per share, the normal execution fee under 7018(a) will apply)  |
|--|--|
| ]Credit to Designated Liquidity Provider providing displayed liquidity through the Nasdaq Market Center:   | \$0.004 per share executed (or \$0, in the case of executions against Quotes/Orders in the Nasdaq Market Center at less than \$1.00 per share)[, up to 10 million shares average daily volume  Normal credits under 7018(a) apply to shares greater than 10 million average daily volume and nondisplayed liquidity] |

For purposes of this paragraph:

- (1) (3) No change.
- $(\mathbf{j}) (\mathbf{m})$  No change.
- \* A "Designated Retail Order" is agency or riskless principal order that originates from a natural person and is submitted to Nasdaq by a member that designates it pursuant to this rule, provided that no change is made to the terms of the order with respect to price or side of market and the order does not originate from a trading algorithm or any other computerized methodology. Members must submit a signed written attestation, in a form prescribed by Nasdaq, that they have implemented policies and procedures that are reasonably designed to ensure that every order designated by the member as a "Designated Retail Order" complies with these requirements. Orders may be designated on an order-by-order basis, or by designating all orders on a particular order entry port as Designated Retail Orders.

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