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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"), 1 and Rule 19b-4 thereunder, 2 The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC ("NASDAQ" or "Exchange") is filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") a proposal to add language to Rule 7025 ("Extranet Access Fee"), which includes a new section about the applicability of the Extranet Access Fee. This will conform the Exchange's Extranet Access Fee rule to that of other markets.

A notice of the proposed rule change for publication in the <u>Federal Register</u> is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit 1</u>. The text of the proposed rule change is attached hereto 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 the Exchange pursuant to authority delegated by the Board of Directors of the Exchange (the "Board") on July 16, 2014. Exchange staff will advise the Board of any action taken pursuant to delegated authority. No other action by the Exchange is necessary for the filing of the rule change.

Questions and comments on the proposed rule change may be directed to Jurij
Trypupenko, Associate General Counsel, The NASDAQ OMX Group, Inc., at (301) 9788132.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 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>

The purpose of the proposal is to add language to Rule 7025 ("Extranet Access Fee"), which includes a new section about the applicability of the Extranet Access Fee.

This will conform the Exchange's Extranet Access Fee rule to that of other markets.³

Specifically, the Exchange proposes language in Rule 7025 to indicate that an Extranet Access connection with NASDAQ pursuant to Rule 7025 on the equity side as well as a connection pursuant to Chapter XV, Section 12 on the options side shall be assessed a total monthly access fee of \$1,000 per recipient CPE Configuration This proposal conforms the Extranet Access Fee in Rule 7025 (equities) and the Extranet Access Fee in NASDAQ Options Market ("NOM") Chapter XV, Section 12 (options), as well as the other NASDAQ Markets.

The Extranet Access Fee was introduced a decade ago on NASDAQ Rule 7025 as an equity fee.⁴ The Extranet Access Fee was also introduced on NOM.⁵ By this

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See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 50483 (October 1, 2004), 69 FR 60448 (October 8, 2004) (SR-NASD-2004-118) (establishing the Extranet Access Fee on NASDAQ); and 71199 (December 30, 2013), 79 FR 686 (January 6, 2014) (SR-NASD-2013-159) (notice of filing and immediate effectiveness increasing the Extranet Access Fee to \$1,000).

See SR-SR-NASDAQ-2015-001 (immediately effective filing on January 2, 2015, establishing the Extranet Access Fee on NOM pursuant to Chapter XV, Section 12).

proposal, the Exchange normalizes the application of the Extranet Access Fee on NASDAQ and on NOM. ⁶

As proposed, Rule 7025 will read as follows: "Extranet providers that establish a connection with Nasdaq to offer direct access connectivity to market data feeds shall be assessed a monthly access fee of \$1,000 per recipient Customer Premises Equipment ("CPE") Configuration. If an extranet provider uses multiple CPE Configurations to provide market data feeds to any recipient, the monthly fee shall apply to each such CPE Configuration. For purposes of this Rule 7025, the term "Customer Premises Equipment Configuration" shall mean any line, circuit, router package, or other technical configuration used by an extranet provider to provide a direct access connection to Nasdaq market data feeds to a recipient's site. No extranet access fee will be charged for connectivity to market data feeds containing only consolidated data. For purposes of this rule, consolidated data includes data disseminated by the UTP SIP. Extranet providers that establish a connection with Nasdaq pursuant to this Rule 7025 as well as a connection pursuant to Chapter XV, Section 12 shall be assessed a total monthly access fee of \$1,000 per recipient CPE Configuration." The proposal conforms NASDAQ Rule 7025 to NOM Chapter XV, Section 12 and makes them substantively identical. The proposal also makes it clear that if an extranet provider establishes a connection on

As noted, the NASDAQ Markets are independently filing proposals to conform their respective Extranet Access Fee.

The Exchange notes that while NOM Chapter XV, Section 12 and NASDAQ Rule 7025 each contain some language particular to the relevant exchange, with this proposal the language of the two rules is substantively identical. For example, language in Rule 7025 that refers to consolidated data disseminated by the UTP SIP is not reflected in NOM Chapter XV, Section 12, as it deals with options.

NASDSAQ (equities) as well as on NOM (options), the extranet provider will not need to pay a double \$1,000 monthly access fee per CPE, but rather only one total monthly access fee of \$1,000 per CPE.

The proposed Extranet Access Fee will continue to be used to help recoup the Exchange's costs associated with maintaining multiple extranet connections with multiple providers. These costs include those associated with overhead and technology infrastructure, administrative, maintenance and operational costs. Since the inception of Extranet Access there have been numerous network infrastructure improvements and administrative controls enacted. Additionally, the Exchange has implemented automated retransmission facilities for most of its data clients that benefit extranet clients by reducing operational costs associated with retransmissions.

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

Thus, subsequent to the proposal extranet providers that establish a connection with the Exchange to offer direct access connectivity to market data feeds shall continue to be assessed a monthly access fee of \$1,000 per CPE Configuration. If, as discussed, an

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extranet provider has a connection on the NASDAQ side (equity) and NOM side (options), the provider will not be charged double. The proposal would make the Exchange's Extranet Access Fee in Rule 7025 work the same as the equivalent fee in NOM Chapter XV, Section 12 NASDAQ, and complete the effort to conform the two rules, as well as the equivalent rules of the NASDAQ Markets.

b. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,⁹ in general, and with Section 6(b)(4) of the Act,¹⁰ in particular, in that it provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among members and issuers and other persons using any facility or system which the Exchange operates or controls.

The Exchange believes that its proposal to add language in Rule 7025 regarding the applicability of the Extranet Access Fee if an extranet provider has a connection on both the equity side through NASDAQ and the options side through NOM conforms the rules of the entities and is consistent with the Act.

All similarly situated extranet providers, including the Exchange operating its own extranet, that establish an extranet connection with the Exchange to access market data feeds from the Exchange are subject to the same fee structure. The fee will help the Exchange to offset some of the rising overhead and technology infrastructure,

^{9 15} U.S.C. 78f.

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

For example, NASDAQ Technology Services, a subsidiary of the Exchange, pays the applicable fee(s) to the Exchange for services covered under the Extranet Access Fee.

administrative, maintenance and operational costs it incurs in support of the service. If such costs are covered, the service may provide the Exchange with a profit. As such, the Exchange believes that the proposal is reasonable and notes that this proposal conforms similarly-situated Extranet Access Fee rules on NOM options and NASDAQ equities. The extranet costs are separate and different from the colocation facility that is able to recoup these fees by charging for servers within the associated data centers. Additionally, the Exchange believes that the proposed change is equitable and not unreasonably discriminatory. The monthly fee is assessed uniformly to all extranet providers that establish a connection with the Exchange to offer direct access connectivity to market data feeds, and is the same for all at \$1,000 per recipient CPE Configuration. Thus, any burden arising from the fees is necessary in the interest of promoting the equitable allocation of a reasonable fee. Moreover, firms make decisions on how much and what types of data to consume on the basis of the total cost of interacting with the Exchange or other markets and, of course, the Extranet Access Fee is but one factor in a total platform analysis.

The proposal provides for uniform application of the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among members and issuers and other persons using any facility or system which the Exchange operates or controls, and is thereby consistent with the Act.

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will result in any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act, as amended.

The proposed fees are applied uniformly among extranet providers, which are not

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

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

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

6. <u>Extension of Time Period for Commission Action</u>

The Exchange does not consent to an extension of the time period for Commission action.

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, ¹² the Exchange has designated this proposal as establishing or changing a due, fee, or other charge imposed by the self-regulatory organization on any person, whether or not the person is a member of the self-regulatory organization, which renders the proposed rule change effective upon filing.

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

The proposed rule change is based on NOM Chapter XV, Section 12.¹³

¹⁵ U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

See SR-SR-NASDAQ-2015-001 (immediately effective filing on January 2, 2015, establishing the Extranet Access Fee on NOM pursuant to Chapter XV, Section 12).. Moreover, as noted the NASDAQ Markets are independently filing proposals to conform their respective Extranet Access Fee rules to NASDAQ Rule 7025, and to each other.

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

Not applicable.

11. Exhibits

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

Register.

5. Applicable portion of the Exchange's proposed rule text.

EXHIBIT 1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

(Release No. ; File No. SR-NASDAQ-2015-002)

January ____, 2015

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

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"), and Rule 19b-4 thereunder, notice is hereby given that on January 2, 2015, The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC ("NASDAQ" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III, below, which Items have been prepared by NASDAQ. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change</u>

NASDAQ proposes to add language to Rule 7025 ("Extranet Access Fee"), which includes a new section about the applicability of the Extranet Access Fee. This will conform the Exchange's Extranet Access Fee rule to that of other markets.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's Website at http://www.nasdaq.cchwallstreet.com, at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

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

In its filing with the Commission, the Exchange included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

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

1. Purpose

The purpose of the proposal is to add language to Rule 7025 ("Extranet Access Fee"), which includes a new section about the applicability of the Extranet Access Fee. This will conform the Exchange's Extranet Access Fee rule to that of other markets.³

Specifically, the Exchange proposes language in Rule 7025 to indicate that an Extranet Access connection with NASDAQ pursuant to Rule 7025 on the equity side as well as a connection pursuant to Chapter XV, Section 12 on the options side shall be assessed a total monthly access fee of \$1,000 per recipient CPE Configuration This proposal conforms the Extranet Access Fee in Rule 7025 (equities) and the Extranet Access Fee in NASDAQ Options Market ("NOM") Chapter XV, Section 12 (options), as well as the other NASDAQ Markets.

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Thus, subsequent to the proposal extranet providers that establish a connection with the Exchange to offer direct access connectivity to market data feeds shall continue to be assessed a monthly access fee of \$1,000 per CPE Configuration. If, as discussed, an extranet provider has a connection on the NASDAQ side (equity) and NOM side (options), the provider will not be charged double. The proposal would make the Exchange's Extranet Access Fee in Rule 7025 work the same as the equivalent fee in NOM Chapter XV, Section 12 NASDAQ, and complete the effort to conform the two rules, as well as the equivalent rules of the NASDAQ Markets.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,⁹ in general, and with Section 6(b)(4) of the Act,¹⁰ in particular, in that it provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among members and issuers and other persons using any facility or system which the Exchange operates or controls.

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will result in any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act, as amended.

The proposed fees are applied uniformly among extranet providers, which are not compelled to establish a connection with the Exchange to offer access connectivity to market data feeds. For these reasons, any burden arising from the fees is necessary in the interest of promoting the equitable allocation of a reasonable fee. Additionally, firms make decisions on how much and what types of data to consume on the basis of the total cost of interacting with the Exchange or other exchanges and, of course, the Extranet Access Fee is but one factor in a total platform analysis.

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

No written comments were either solicited or received.

II. <u>Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action</u>

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act, ¹² the Exchange has designated this proposal as establishing or changing a due, fee, or other charge imposed by the self-

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.

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule should be approved or disapproved.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic comments:

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml); or
- Send an e-mail to <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include File Number SR-NASDAQ-2015-002 on the subject line.

Paper comments:

 Send paper comments in triplicate to Brent J. Fields, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NASDAQ-2015-002. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The

Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet Web site (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml).

Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NASDAQ-2015-002 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. ¹³

Kevin M. O'Neill Deputy Secretary

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EXHIBIT 5

Proposed new text is <u>underlined</u>. Deleted text is [bracketed].

NASDAQ Market Rules

Equity Rules

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7025. Extranet Access Fee

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