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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549 For complete Form 19b-4 instructions please refer to the EFFS website. The self-regulatory organization must provide all required information, presented in a Form 19b-4 Information * clear and comprehensible manner, to enable the public to provide meaningful comment on the proposal and for the Commission to determine whether the proposal Remove is consistent with the Act and applicable rules and regulations under the Act. The Notice section of this Form 19b-4 must comply with the guidelines for publication Exhibit 1 - Notice of Proposed Rule Change * in the Federal Register as well as any requirements for electronic filing as published by the Commission (if applicable). The Office of the Federal Register (OFR) offers guidance on Federal Register publication requirements in the Federal Register Add Remove View Document Drafting Handbook, October 1998 Revision. For example, all references to the federal securities laws must include the corresponding cite to the United States Code in a footnote. All references to SEC rules must include the corresponding cite to the Code of Federal Regulations in a footnote. All references to Securities Exchange Act Releases must include the release number, release date, Federal Register cite, Federal Register date, and corresponding file number (e.g., SR-[SRO] -xx-xx). A material failure to comply with these guidelines will result in the proposed rule change being deemed not properly filed. See also Rule 0-3 under the Act (17 CFR 240.0-3) **Exhibit 1A- Notice of Proposed Rule** The Notice section of this Form 19b-4 must comply with the guidelines for publication Change, Security-Based Swap Submission, in the Federal Register as well as any requirements for electronic filing as published by the Commission (if applicable). The Office of the Federal Register (OFR) offers or Advance Notice by Clearing Agencies guidance on Federal Register publication requirements in the Federal Register Document Drafting Handbook, October 1998 Revision. For example, all references to the federal securities laws must include the corresponding cite to the United States Code in a footnote. All references to SEC rules must include the corresponding cite to the Code of Federal Regulations in a footnote. All references to Securities Exchange Act Releases must include the release number, release date, Federal Register cite, Federal Register date, and corresponding file number (e.g., SR-[SRO] -xx-xx). A material failure to comply with these guidelines will result in the proposed rule change, security-based swap submission, or advance notice being deemed not properly filed. See also Rule 0-3 under the Act (17 CFR 240.0-3) Exhibit 2 - Notices, Written Comments, Copies of notices, written comments, transcripts, other communications. If such Transcripts, Other Communications documents cannot be filed electronically in accordance with Instruction F, they shall be filed in accordance with Instruction G. Remove View Add Exhibit Sent As Paper Document П Exhibit 3 - Form, Report, or Questionnaire Copies of any form, report, or questionnaire that the self-regulatory organization proposes to use to help implement or operate the proposed rule change, or that is Add Remove View referred to by the proposed rule change. Exhibit Sent As Paper Document The full text shall be marked, in any convenient manner, to indicate additions to and **Exhibit 4 - Marked Copies** deletions from the immediately preceding filing. The purpose of Exhibit 4 is to permit Add Remove View the staff to identify immediately the changes made from the text of the rule with which it has been working. **Exhibit 5 - Proposed Rule Text** The self-regulatory organization may choose to attach as Exhibit 5 proposed changes to rule text in place of providing it in Item I and which may otherwise be more easily readable if provided separately from Form 19b-4. Exhibit 5 shall be considered part Add Remove View of the proposed rule change. If the self-regulatory organization is amending only part of the text of a lengthy **Partial Amendment** proposed rule change, it may, with the Commission's permission, file only those portions of the text of the proposed rule change in which changes are being made if the filing (i.e. partial amendment) is clearly understandable on its face. Such partial

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

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1. Text of Proposed Rule Change

(a) Pursuant to the provisions of Section 19(b)(1) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² NASDAQ OMX PHLX LLC ("PHLX" or "Exchange") is filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") a proposed rule change to reduce the fees assessed under Section X(a) of the PHLX Fee Schedule for certain co-location services.

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

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

2. <u>Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization</u>

The proposed rule change was approved by senior management of PHLX pursuant to authority delegated by the Board of Directors of the Exchange on July 10, 2012. PHLX staff will advise the Board of Directors of the Exchange of any action taken pursuant to delegated authority. No other action by NASDAQ is necessary for the filing of the rule change.

The proposed fee reductions are effective upon filing, and they shall become operative on January 2, 2013. Questions regarding this rule filing may be directed to Jeffrey S. Davis, Vice President and Deputy General Counsel, The NASDAQ OMX Group, Inc. at (301) 978-8484.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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

a. <u>Purpose</u>

The Exchange proposes to amend Section X(a) of the Fee Schedule to reduce the monthly recurring cabinet ("MRC") fees assessed for the installation of certain new colocation cabinets. The reduced MRC fees will apply to new cabinets ordered by members using the CoLo Console³ during the months of January and February of 2013, provided that such cabinets are fully operational by May 31, 2013. The reduced fee shall apply to any cabinet that increases the number of dedicated cabinets beyond the total number dedicated to that member as of December 31, 2012 ("Baseline Number"), for so long as the total number of dedicated cabinets exceeds that member's Baseline Number. The reduced MRC fees will apply for a period of 24 months from the date the new cabinet becomes fully operational under PHLX rules, provided that the member's total number of cabinets continues to exceed the Baseline Number.

The Exchange proposes to reduce the applicable fees as follows:

Cabinet Type	Current Ongoing Monthly Fee	Reduced Ongoing Monthly Fee
Low Density	\$4,000	\$2,000
Medium Density	\$5,000	\$2,500
Medium-High Density	\$6,000	\$3,500
High Density	\$7,000	\$4,500
Super High Density	\$13,000	\$8,000

New cabinets shall be assessed standard installation fees.

The "CoLo Console" is PHLX's web-based ordering tool.

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b. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 6 of the Act,⁴ in general, and with Section 6(b)(4) of the Act,⁵ 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 proposed reduced fee will be assessed equally on all customers that place an order for a new cabinet during the designated period. The proposed amendments will provide an incentive for customers to avail themselves of the designated co-location services.

Finally, PHLX 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. In such an environment, PHLX 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. PHLX believes that the proposed rule change reflects this competitive environment because it is designed to ensure that the charges for use of the NASDAQ colocation facility remain competitive.

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will result in any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act, as amended. To the contrary, the Exchange's voluntary fee reduction is a

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78f.

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

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response to increased competition for colocation services by other exchanges and trading venues. As more venues offer colocation services, competition drives costs lower. The Exchange, in order to retain existing member orders and to attract new orders, is forced to offer a lower effective rate for members' aggregate cabinet demand. This competition benefits members and their customers by lowering the average aggregate cost of trading on the Exchange.

- 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 Act⁶, 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.

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.

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

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

Not applicable.

9. <u>Exhibits</u>

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

Register.

5. Text of proposed rule with proposed changes identified.

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EXHIBIT 1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34- ; File No. SR-Phlx-2012-144)

December ___, 2012

Self-Regulatory Organizations; NASDAQ OMX PHLX LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Reduce the Fees Assessed for Certain Co-location Services

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on December 20, 2012, NASDAQ OMX PHLX LLC ("PHLX" or "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>

The Exchange proposes to reduce the fees assessed under Section X(a) of the PHLX Fee Schedule for certain co-location services. PHLX is proposing that the implementation date of the proposed rule change will be January 2, 2013. The text of the proposed rule change is available at http://nasdaqomxphlx.cchwallstreet.com, at PHLX's principal office, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

¹⁵ U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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

In its filing with the Commission, the Exchange 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 III below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant parts of such statements.

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

1. <u>Purpose</u>

The Exchange proposes to amend Section X(a) of the Fee Schedule to reduce the monthly recurring cabinet ("MRC") fees assessed for the installation of certain new colocation cabinets. The reduced MRC fees will apply to new cabinets ordered by members using the CoLo Console³ during the months of January and February of 2013, provided that such cabinets are fully operational by May 31, 2013. The reduced fee shall apply to any cabinet that increases the number of dedicated cabinets beyond the total number dedicated to that member as of December 31, 2012 ("Baseline Number"), for so long as the total number of dedicated cabinets exceeds that member's Baseline Number. The reduced MRC fees will apply for a period of 24 months from the date the new cabinet becomes fully operational under PHLX rules, provided that the member's total number of cabinets continues to exceed the Baseline Number.

The Exchange proposes to reduce the applicable fees as follows:

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Cabinet Type	Current Ongoing Monthly Fee	Reduced Ongoing Monthly Fee
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High Density	\$7,000	\$4,500
Super High Density	\$13,000	\$8,000

New cabinets shall be assessed standard installation fees.

2. <u>Statutory Basis</u>

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 6 of the Act,⁴ in general, and with Section 6(b)(4) of the Act,⁵ 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 proposed reduced fee will be assessed equally on all customers that place an order for a new cabinet during the designated period. The proposed amendments will provide an incentive for customers to avail themselves of the designated co-location services.

Finally, PHLX 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. In such an environment, PHLX 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

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78f.

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

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exchanges. PHLX believes that the proposed rule change reflects this competitive environment because it is designed to ensure that the charges for use of the NASDAQ colocation facility remain competitive.

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. To the contrary, the Exchange's voluntary fee reduction is a response to increased competition for colocation services by other exchanges and trading venues. As more venues offer colocation services, competition drives costs lower. The Exchange, in order to retain existing member orders and to attract new orders, is forced to offer a lower effective rate for members' aggregate cabinet demand. This competition benefits members and their customers by lowering the average aggregate cost of trading on the Exchange.

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

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

III. <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,⁶ PHLX 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.

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

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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-Phlx-2012-144 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-Phlx-2012-144. 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

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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-Phlx-2012-144, and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from publication in the Federal Register].

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁷

Kevin M. O'Neill Deputy Secretary

⁷ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

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EXHIBIT 5

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

NASDAQ OMX PHLX LLC Pricing Schedule

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Section I – Section IX. No change.

Section X. Co-Location Services

Co-location services provided by NASDAQ Technology Services LLC.

(a) Cabinets

Cabinet with Power

Description	Installation Fee	Ongoing Monthly Fee
Super High Density Cabinet (>10kW - <=17.3kW)	\$7,000***	\$13,000**
High Density Cabinet (>7kW - <10kW)	\$3,500	\$7,000**
Medium-High Density Cabinet (>5kW - <=7kW)	\$3,500	\$6,000**
Medium Density Cabinet (>2.88kW - <=5kW)	\$3,500	\$5,000**
Low Density Cabinet (<=2.88kW)	\$3,500	\$4,000**
Half Cabinet*		\$3,000

Temporary Fee Reduction for Cabinets with Power.

New cabinets ordered during January and February of 2013 will be assessed standard installation fees and reduced Ongoing Monthly Fees as set forth below. Reduced fees shall apply only to the new cabinets, for a period of 24 months, and only for so long as the total number of cabinets controlled by a given member exceeds the total of cabinets controlled by that member as of December 31, 2012.

Super High Density

\$8,000

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High Density	<u>\$4,500</u>
Medium-High Density	\$3,500
Medium Density	<u>\$2,500</u>
<u>Low Density</u>	<u>\$2,000</u>

Shared Cabinet Space

Description	Installation Fee	Ongoing Monthly Fee
4U Block of Cabinet Space including up to 500W of power*	\$150 per hour	\$600

^{*}No more than 2 4U Blocks. Access restricted to Nasdaq personnel.

Specialty Cabinet Charge

Description Ongoing Monthly Fee

Additional Charge per Cabinet for cabinet > 24"W for each 6"W increment greater than 24"W - 2x the ongoing cabinet fee if the cabinet is >=48"W

\$500 per 6" or 2x the Ongoing Cabinet fee

Multi-Firm Cabinet Charge

Description Ongoing Monthly Fee

Additional Charge per Cabinet for each cabinet that supports a firm other than the firm contracted to receive the cabinet by Nasdaq Technology Services

- (b) No change.
- (c) No change.
- (d) No change.

Section XI - Section XII. No change.

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