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| Title * Associate General Counsel | |
| E-mail * angela.dunn@nasdaqomx.com | |
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| has duly caused this filing to be signed on its b | half by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized. (Title *) |
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1. <u>Text of the Proposed Rule Change</u>

(a) NASDAQ OMX PHLX LLC ("Phlx" or "Exchange"), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² proposes to offer an additional rebate applicable to Qualified Contingent Cross ("QCC") orders.

While the changes proposed herein are effective upon filing, the Exchange has designated that the amendments be operative on May 1, 2014.

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 applicable portion of the Pricing Schedule is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit 5</u>.

- (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 the Exchange pursuant to authority delegated by the Board of Directors of the Exchange on July 17, 2013. Exchange staff will advise the Board of Directors 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 Angela Saccomandi Dunn, Associate General Counsel, at (215) 496-5692.

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>

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Today, the Exchange pays rebates on QCC Orders based on the following five tier rebate schedule:

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| Schedule | | |
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QCC Rebate Schedule

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\$375,000. Today, QCC Transaction Fees for a Specialist,⁹ Market Maker,¹⁰ Professional,¹¹ Firm¹² and Broker-Dealer¹³ are \$0.20 per contract.

The Exchange will continue to pay rebates on QCC Orders as described above. The Exchange proposes to amend the QCC Rebate Schedule to offer an additional rebate of \$35,000 for that month if the member organization transacts 1,750,000 of qualifying QCC contracts ("QCC Bonus"). The QCC Bonus will only be available during the month of May 2014 and will be in addition to the maximum QCC Rebate of \$375,000, if the \$375,000 maximum is reached in May 2014. The QCC Bonus will not count toward the maximum QCC Rebate of \$375,000.

b. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal to amend its Pricing Schedule is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act¹⁴ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section

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6(b)(4) and (b)(5) of the Act¹⁵ 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 Phlx operates or controls, and is not designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

The Exchange believes that it is reasonable to offer market participants a QCC Bonus because the additional incentive will further incentivize market participants to transact a greater number of QCC Orders on the Exchange during the month of May 2014. With this proposal, a market participant would be entitled to the current QCC Rebates and would have the ability to earn an even greater rebate, during the month of May 2014, if the qualifying volume is transacted.

The Exchange believes that the QCC Bonus is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because all qualifying market participants are entitled to the added rebate if they transact a qualifying number of QCC Orders during the month of May 2014. All market participants are eligible to transact QCC Orders.

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The Exchange believes that its proposal to offer the QCC Bonus does not impose a burden on competition. The Exchange's proposal should continue to encourage market participants to transact a greater number of QCC Orders in order to obtain the QCC Bonus during the month of May 2014. All market participants are eligible to transact QCC Orders.

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

No written comments were either solicited or received.

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

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

The proposed rule change is not based on the rules of another self-regulatory organization or of the Commission.

¹⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

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

Not applicable.

- 11. <u>Exhibits</u>
 - 1. Notice of proposed rule for publication in the Federal Register.
 - 5. Applicable portion of the Exchange's Pricing Schedule.

Exhibit 1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. ; File No. SR-Phlx-2014-31)

Self-Regulatory Organizations; NASDAQ OMX PHLX LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Relating to Qualified Contingent Cross Rebates

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 April 30, 2014, NASDAQ OMX

PHLX LLC ("Phlx" 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 the Exchange. The Commission is publishing

this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

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

The Exchange proposes to offer an additional rebate applicable to Qualified Contingent Cross ("QCC") orders.

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

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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 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.

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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.

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

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act.¹⁶ 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

¹⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic comments:

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<u>http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml</u>); or
- Send an e-mail to <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include File Number SR-Phlx-2014-31 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-2014-31. 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-Phlx-2014-31 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.¹⁷

Kevin M. O'Neill Deputy Secretary

¹⁷ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

EXHIBIT 5

New text is underlined; deleted text is in brackets.

NASDAQ OMX PHLX LLC¹ PRICING SCHEDULE ALL BILLING DISPUTES MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE EXCHANGE IN WRITING AND MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION. ALL DISPUTES MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN SIXTY (60) DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF A BILLING INVOICE, EXCEPT FOR DISPUTES CONCERNING NASDAQ OMX PSX FEES, PROPRIETARY DATA FEED FEES AND CO-LOCATION SERVICES FEES. AS OF JANUARY 3, 2011, THE EXCHANGE WILL CALCULATE FEES ON A TRADE DATE BASIS.

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II. Multiply Listed Options Fees (Includes options overlying equities, ETFs, ETNs and indexes which are Multiply Listed⁹)

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⁹The following symbols will be assessed the fees in Section III for Singly Listed Options: SOX, HGX and OSX.

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• QCC Transaction Fees for a Specialist, Market Maker, Professional, Firm and Broker-Dealer are \$0.20 per contract. QCC Transaction Fees apply to QCC Orders, as defined in Exchange Rule 1080(o), and Floor QCC Orders, as defined in 1064(e). A rebate, as specified in the below QCC Rebate Schedule, will be paid for all qualifying executed QCC Orders, as defined in Exchange Rule 1080(o) and Floor QCC Orders, as defined in 1064(e), except where the transaction is either: (i) Customer-to-Customer; or (ii) a dividend, merger, short stock interest or reversal or conversion strategy execution (as defined in Section II).

QCC Rebate Schedule

| Tier | Threshold | Rebate per Contract |
|--------|---|---------------------|
| Tier 1 | 0 to 299,999 contracts in a month | \$0.00 |
| Tier 2 | 300,000 to 499,999 contracts in a month | \$0.07 |
| Tier 3 | 500,000 to 699,999 contracts in a month | \$0.08 |
| Tier 4 | 700,000 to 999,999 contracts in a month | \$0.09 |

Tier 5Over 1,000,000 contracts in a month\$0.11

The maximum QCC Rebate to be paid in a given month will not exceed \$375,000. <u>During the month of May 2014</u>, if the Threshold exceeds 1,750,000 contracts, the Exchange will pay an additional rebate of \$35,000 for that month ("QCC Bonus"). The QCC Bonus will only be offered in May 2014. The QCC Bonus will not count toward the maximum QCC Rebate.

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