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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 modify Section VII entitled "Other Member Fees" of the Phlx Pricing
Schedule ("Pricing Schedule"). Specifically, the Exchange proposes to amend the Port
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establish a CTI Port Fee, and delete the Real-Time Risk Management Fee.

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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 Exchange's 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 16, 2014. 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.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

Questions and comments on the proposed rule change may be directed to Jurij Trypupenko, Associate General Counsel, The NASDAQ OMX Group, at (301) 978-8132.

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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waived for mnemonics that are used exclusively for Complex Orders⁵ where one of the components of the Complex Order is the underlying security. Member organizations will continue not being assessed an Order Entry Port Fee for additional ports acquired for only ten business days for the purpose of transitioning technology.⁶

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access CTI Post Fees on Phlx in order to recoup costs associated with these ports while encouraging members to participate in the market.

By increasing the Order Entry Port Fee and establishing a new CTI Port Fee,¹⁵ the Exchange will only assess port fees¹⁶ and no longer assess other types of fees, such as the Real-Time Risk Management Fees. This proposal reflects a modest price increase to members and member organizations while allowing the Exchange to recoup a certain portion of costs associated with ports, namely the Order Entry Port and CTI Port.¹⁷

b. <u>Statutory Basis</u>

The Exchange believes that its proposal to amend the Pricing Schedule is

consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act¹⁸ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section

6(b)(4) and (b)(5) of the Act¹⁹ in particular, in that it provides for the equitable allocation

of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among members and issuers and other persons

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¹⁶ The Pricing Schedule also notes an Active SQF Port Fee, which fee remains unchanged by this proposal. SQF is an interface that enables specialists, Streaming Quote Traders ("SQTs") and Remote Streaming Quote Traders ("RSQTs") to connect and send quotes into Phlx XL, the options trading system. Active SQF ports are ports that receive inbound quotes at any time within that month. SQTs and RSQTs are defined in Rule 1014(b)(ii)(A) and Rule 1014(b)(ii)(B), respectively.

¹⁷ The Exchange does not, by this proposal, expect to fully offset the Real-Time Risk Management Fee. Rather, the goal of the Exchange is to eliminate the Real-Time Risk Management Fee and assess only port fees. Members and member organizations will be able to continue to obtain real-time information via CTI and SQF as discussed herein.

¹⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

¹⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4), (5).

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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 eliminating the Real-Time Risk Management Fee and proposing a new CTI Port Fee on the Exchange²⁰ at \$600 per port per month for each of the first 5 CTI ports, and \$100 per port for each port thereafter, is reasonable because it would allow the Exchange to recoup costs associated with offering the CTI ports. The proposal to delete the Real-Time Risk Management Fee results in a price reduction to member organizations and members (clearing firms, Specialists, and Market Makers), which market participants are assessed the Real-Time Risk Management Fee. By increasing the Order Entry Port Fee and establishing new CTI Port Fee, the Exchange will only assess port fees and no longer assess other types of fees, such as the Real-Time Risk Management Fee. This proposal reflects a modest price increase to members and member organizations while allowing the Exchange to recoup a certain portion of costs associated with ports, namely the Order Entry Port and CTI Port. The Exchange does not, by this proposal, expect to fully offset the Real-Time Risk Management Fee. Rather, the goal of the Exchange is to eliminate the Real-Time Risk Management Fee and apply only port fees. Members and member organizations will be able to obtain real-time information via CTI and SQF as discussed.

As with other port fees in subsection B of Section VII of the Pricing Schedule, the CTI Port Fees reflect a portion of the costs that the Exchange bears with respect to offering and maintaining the CTI ports. The CTI Port Fees are reasonable because they enable the Exchange to offset, in part, its connectivity costs associated with making such

²⁰ The Exchange has determined that the Real-Time Risk Fee is no longer necessary in light of the new CTI Port Fee and the increased Order Entry Port Fee.

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ports available, including costs based on gateway software and hardware enhancements and resources dedicated to gateway development, quality assurance, and support. Charging less for additional fees is reasonable to continue to recoup costs while encouraging members to connect to the Exchange.

The Exchange believes that assessing CTI Port Fees for the CTI ports at \$600 per port per month for each of the first 5 CTI ports, and \$100 per port for each port thereafter, is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because the Exchange will assess the same fees for all CTI ports to all members.

The Exchange believes that continuing the Order Entry Port Fee at \$600 per month, per mnemonic on the Exchange is reasonable because it will allow the Exchange to continue to recoup fees associated with offering the Order Entry Port. As with other port fees in subsection B of Section VII of the Pricing Schedule, including the CTI Port Fee, the Order Entry Port Fee reflects a portion of the costs that the Exchange bears with respect to offering and maintaining the Order Entry Ports. The Order Entry Port Fees are reasonable because they enable the Exchange to offset, in part, its connectivity costs associated with making such ports available, including costs based on gateway software and hardware enhancements and resources dedicated to gateway development, quality assurance, and support.

The Exchange believes that Order Entry Fees for the Order Entry Ports at \$600 per month, per mnemonic is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because the Exchange will assess the same fees for all Order Entry Ports to all members.

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 the proposed Order Entry Fees and CTI Port Fees are fair and equitable, and therefore, will not unduly burden any particular group of market participants trading on the Exchange. The Exchange's proposal to adopt CTI Port and continue Order Entry Fees would be applied in a uniform manner to all Exchange members. The proposed fees are designed to ensure a fair and reasonable use of Exchange resources by allowing the Exchange to recoup a certain portion of connectivity costs, while continuing to offer connectivity at competitive rates to Exchange members.

The Exchange will not assess the Real-Time Risk Management Fee with respect to any member.

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.

- Extension of Time Period for Commission Action 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,²¹ 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> <u>or of the Commission</u>

Not applicable.

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

EXHIBIT 1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. ; File No. SR-Phlx-2014-83)

December ____, 2014

Self-Regulatory Organizations; NASDAQ OMX PHLX LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Relating to Port Fees

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 24, 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>

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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 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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¹⁴ See, e.g., Securities Exchange Act Release No. 68502 (December 20, 2012), 77 FR 76572 (December 28, 2012) (SR-NASDAQ-2012-139) (notice of filing and immediate effectiveness). NOM does not, however, tier its CTI Port Fees, as proposed herein. This port fee will increase to \$600 as of January 2, 2015.

¹⁵ Today, members utilize CTI Ports at no cost.

¹⁶ The Pricing Schedule also notes an Active SQF Port Fee, which fee remains unchanged by this proposal. SQF is an interface that enables specialists, Streaming Quote Traders ("SQTs") and Remote Streaming Quote Traders ("RSQTs") to connect and send quotes into Phlx XL, the options trading system. Active SQF ports are ports that receive inbound quotes at any time within that month. SQTs and RSQTs are defined in Rule 1014(b)(ii)(A) and Rule 1014(b)(ii)(B), respectively.

¹⁷ The Exchange does not, by this proposal, expect to fully offset the Real-Time Risk Management Fee. Rather, the goal of the Exchange is to eliminate the Real-Time Risk Management Fee and assess only port fees. Members and member organizations will be able to continue to obtain real-time information via CTI and SQF as discussed herein.

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2. <u>Statutory Basis</u>

The Exchange believes that its proposal to amend the Pricing Schedule is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act¹⁸ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(4) and (b)(5) of the Act¹⁹ 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 eliminating the Real-Time Risk Management Fee and proposing a new CTI Port Fee on the Exchange²⁰ at \$600 per port per month for each of the first 5 CTI ports, and \$100 per port for each port thereafter, is reasonable because it would allow the Exchange to recoup costs associated with offering the CTI ports. The proposal to delete the Real-Time Risk Management Fee results in a price reduction to member organizations and members (clearing firms, Specialists, and Market Makers), which market participants are assessed the Real-Time Risk Management Fee. By increasing the Order Entry Port Fee and establishing new CTI Port Fee, the Exchange will only assess port fees and no longer assess other types of fees, such as the Real-Time Risk Management Fee. This proposal reflects a modest price increase to members and member organizations while allowing the Exchange to recoup a certain portion of costs associated with ports, namely the Order Entry Port and CTI Port. The Exchange does not, by this proposal, expect to fully offset the Real-Time Risk Management Fee. Rather, the

¹⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

¹⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4), (5).

²⁰ The Exchange has determined that the Real-Time Risk Fee is no longer necessary in light of the new CTI Port Fee and the increased Order Entry Port Fee.

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goal of the Exchange is to eliminate the Real-Time Risk Management Fee and apply only port fees. Members and member organizations will be able to obtain real-time information via CTI and SQF as discussed.

As with other port fees in subsection B of Section VII of the Pricing Schedule, the CTI Port Fees reflect a portion of the costs that the Exchange bears with respect to offering and maintaining the CTI ports. The CTI Port Fees are reasonable because they enable the Exchange to offset, in part, its connectivity costs associated with making such ports available, including costs based on gateway software and hardware enhancements and resources dedicated to gateway development, quality assurance, and support. Charging less for additional fees is reasonable to continue to recoup costs while encouraging members to connect to the Exchange.

The Exchange believes that assessing CTI Port Fees for the CTI ports at \$600 per port per month for each of the first 5 CTI ports, and \$100 per port for each port thereafter, is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because the Exchange will assess the same fees for all CTI ports to all members.

The Exchange believes that continuing the Order Entry Port Fee at \$600 per month, per mnemonic on the Exchange is reasonable because it will allow the Exchange to continue to recoup fees associated with offering the Order Entry Port. As with other port fees in subsection B of Section VII of the Pricing Schedule, including the CTI Port Fee, the Order Entry Port Fee reflects a portion of the costs that the Exchange bears with respect to offering and maintaining the Order Entry Ports. The Order Entry Port Fees are reasonable because they enable the Exchange to offset, in part, its connectivity costs associated with making such ports available, including costs based on gateway software and hardware enhancements and resources dedicated to gateway development, quality assurance, and support.

The Exchange believes that Order Entry Fees for the Order Entry Ports at \$600 per month, per mnemonic is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because the Exchange will assess the same fees for all Order Entry Ports to all members.

B. <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 the proposed Order Entry Fees and CTI Port Fees are fair and equitable, and therefore, will not unduly burden any particular group of market participants trading on the Exchange. The Exchange's proposal to adopt CTI Port and continue Order Entry Fees would be applied in a uniform manner to all Exchange members. The proposed fees are designed to ensure a fair and reasonable use of Exchange resources by allowing the Exchange to recoup a certain portion of connectivity costs, while continuing to offer connectivity at competitive rates to Exchange members.

The Exchange will not assess the Real-Time Risk Management Fee with respect to any member.

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.²¹ 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-2014-83 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-Phlx-2014-83. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process

²¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

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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-2014-83 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.²²

Kevin M. O'Neill Deputy Secretary

²² 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

EXHIBIT 5

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

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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VII. OTHER MEMBER FEES

A. OPTION TRADING FLOOR FEES

\$330 per month
\$100 per service call and \$75 per person per hour (Two hour min)
\$100 per service call and \$75 per person per hour (Two hour min)
\$0 per month
\$250 per box

B. Port Fees Order Entry Port Fee

[550]600 per month per mnemonic²⁵

²⁵The Order Entry Port Fee will be waived for mnemonics that are used exclusively for complex orders where one of the components of the complex order is the underlying security.

Member organizations will not be assessed an Order Entry Port Fee for additional ports acquired for ten business days for the purpose of transitioning technology. The member organization is required to provide the Exchange with written notification of the transition and all additional ports, provided at no cost, will be removed at the end of the ten business days.

Active SQF Port Fee²⁶

Specialists and Market Makers that are subject to the Active SQF Port Fee as of December 1, 2014 will be subject to an Active SQF Port Fee that reflects the average of fees assessed to them for the months of August, September and October 2014 ("Fixed Active SQF Port Fee"). This Fixed Active SQF Port Fee will be assessed to these Specialists and Market Makers from December 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015. Specialists and Market Makers will not be assessed a fee for their use of the new version of the Active SQF Port through March 31, 2015.

All Specialists and Market Makers are subject to the following Active SQF Port Fees as of April 1, 2015:

Number of Active SQF Port	Monthly Fee Per Port
1	\$2,500
2 - 6	\$4,000
7 and over	\$15,000

A Specialist or Market Maker who was not subject to Fixed Active SQF Port Fees prior to December 1, 2014 will be provided new ports and assessed the above Active SQF Port Fees as of December 1, 2014.

²⁶Active SQF Port Fees will be capped at \$41,000 per month through March 31, 2015 and thereafter at \$42,000 per month.

• Active SQF ports refer to ports that receive inbound quotes at any time within that month.

Member organizations will not be assessed an Active SQF Port Fee for additional ports acquired for ten business days for the purpose of transitioning technology. The member organization is required to provide the Exchange with written notification of the transition and all additional ports, provided at no cost, will be removed at the end of the ten business days.

[Real-time Risk Management] <u>CTI</u> <u>Port</u> Fee	[\$.003 per contract for members and member organizations receiving information on a real-time basis		
	up to a maximum of two ports, which may be either an SQF Port or a CTI Port] <u>\$600 per port per month for each of the first 5 CTI ports, and \$100 per port for each port</u>		
	thereafter.		

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