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

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

(a) NASDAQ PHLX LLC ("Phlx" or "Exchange"), 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> is filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission") a proposal to amend the Exchange's Pricing Schedule at Section I, entitled "Rebates and Fees for Adding and Removing Liquidity in SPY," and Section IV, Part A entitled "PIXL Pricing" to amend pricing related to PIXL<sup>3</sup> executions.

While these amendments are effective upon filing, the Exchange has designated the proposed amendments to be operative on August 1, 2017.

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

- (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 (the "Board") on August 15,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

PIXL<sup>TM</sup> is the Exchange's price improvement mechanism known as Price Improvement XL or PIXL. A member or member organization may electronically submit for execution an order it represents as agent on behalf of a public customer, broker-dealer, or any other entity ("PIXL Order") against principal interest or against any other order (except as provided in Rule 1080(n)(i)(E)) it represents as agent ("Initiating Order"), provided it submits the PIXL order for electronic execution into the PIXL Auction pursuant to Rule 1080. See Exchange Rule 1080(n).

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2016. Exchange staff will advise the Board of any action taken pursuant to delegated authority. No other action is necessary for the filing of the rule change.

Questions and comments on the proposed rule change may be directed to:

Brett M. Kitt Senior Associate General Counsel Nasdaq, Inc. (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>

The purpose of the proposed rule change is to amend the Exchange's Pricing Schedule at Section I, entitled "Rebates and Fees for Adding and Removing Liquidity in SPY" and specifically, the section that pertains to PIXL Executions in Standard and Poor's Depositary Receipts/SPDRs ("SPY").<sup>4</sup> The Exchange also proposes to amend PIXL Pricing in Section IV, Part A, entitled "PIXL Pricing" for all other Multiply-Listed options symbols.

First, the Exchange proposes to increase the SPY Complex PIXL rebate it offers

Phlx members or member organizations that qualify for Section B, Customer Rebate

Tiers<sup>5</sup> 2 through 6 or qualify for the Monthly Firm Fee Cap. Presently, the Exchange

Options overlying Standard and Poor's Depositary Receipts/SPDRs ("SPY") are based on the SPDR exchange-traded fund ("ETF"), which is designed to track the performance of the S&P 500 Index.

Section B of the Pricing Schedule contains Customer Rebate Tiers which are calculated by totaling Customer volume in Multiply Listed Options (including SPY) that are electronically-delivered and executed, except volume associated with electronic QCC Orders, as defined in Exchange Rule 1080(o). Rebates are paid on Customer Rebate Tiers according to certain categories. Members and member organizations under Common Ownership may aggregate their Customer volume for purposes of calculating the Customer Rebate Tiers and receiving rebates. Affiliated Entities may aggregate their Customer volume for purposes of

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offers a rebate of \$0.10 per contract for all SPY Complex PIXL Orders greater than 499 contracts, provided the member or member organization executes an average of 2,500 contracts per day of SPY Complex PIXL Orders in a month. The Exchange proposes to increase that rebate to \$0.12 per contract. In doing so, the Exchange desires to incentivize members or member organizations to transact a greater number of SPY Complex PIXL Orders while also incentivizing members or member organizations to submit Customer order flow on Phlx.

Second, the Exchange proposes to increase the Complex PIXL (excluding SPY Options) rebate it offers to Phlx members and member organizations that qualify for Section B, Customer Rebate Tiers 2 through 6 or qualify for the Monthly Firm Fee Cap. Presently, the Exchange offers a rebate of \$0.10 per contract for all Complex PIXL Orders (excluding SPY Options) greater than 499 contracts, provided the member or member organization executes an average of 2,500 contracts per day of Complex SPY PIXL Orders in a month. The Exchange proposes to increase that rebate to \$0.12 per contract. In doing so, the Exchange desires to incentivize members and member organizations to transact a greater number of Complex PIXL Orders while also incentivizing members and member organizations to submit Customer order flow on Phlx to obtain the \$0.12 rebate on all Complex PIXL Orders (excluding SPY Options).

### b. <u>Statutory Basis</u>

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,<sup>6</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Sections 6(b)(4) and 6(b)(5) of the Act,<sup>7</sup> in

calculating the Customer Rebate Tiers and receiving rebates. See Section B of the Pricing Schedule.

<sup>6 15</sup> U.S.C. 78f(b).

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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, and is not designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

The Commission and the courts have repeatedly expressed their preference for competition over regulatory intervention in determining prices, products, and services in the securities markets. In Regulation NMS, while adopting a series of steps to improve the current market model, the Commission highlighted the importance of market forces in determining prices and SRO revenues and, also, recognized that current regulation of the market system "has been remarkably successful in promoting market competition in its broader forms that are most important to investors and listed companies."

Likewise, in NetCoalition v. Securities and Exchange Commission<sup>9</sup>

("NetCoalition") the D.C. Circuit upheld the Commission's use of a market-based approach in evaluating the fairness of market data fees against a challenge claiming that Congress mandated a cost-based approach.<sup>10</sup> As the court emphasized, the Commission "intended in Regulation NMS that 'market forces, rather than regulatory requirements' play a role in determining the market data . . . to be made available to investors and at what cost."<sup>11</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4) and (5).

Securities Exchange Act Release No. 51808 (June 9, 2005), 70 FR 37496, 37499 (June 29, 2005) ("Regulation NMS Adopting Release").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> <u>NetCoalition v. SEC</u>, 615 F.3d 525 (D.C. Cir. 2010).

See NetCoalition, at 534 - 535.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Id. at 537.

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Further, "[n]o one disputes that competition for order flow is 'fierce.' ... As the SEC explained, '[i]n the U.S. national market system, buyers and sellers of securities, and the broker-dealers that act as their order-routing agents, have a wide range of choices of where to route orders for execution'; [and] 'no exchange can afford to take its market share percentages for granted' because 'no exchange possesses a monopoly, regulatory or otherwise, in the execution of order flow from broker dealers'...." Although the court and the SEC were discussing the cash equities markets, the Exchange believes that these views apply with equal force to the options markets.

The Exchange believes that its proposal is reasonable to offer to Phlx members or member organizations that qualify for Section B, Customer Rebate Tiers 2 through 6 or qualify for the Monthly Firm Fee Cap an increased rebate of \$0.12 per contract for all SPY Complex PIXL Orders greater than 499 contracts, provided the member or member organization executes an average of 2,500 contracts per day of SPY Complex PIXL Orders in a month. The proposed rebate increase will incentivize members and member organizations to transact a greater number of SPY Complex PIXL Orders will also incentivize members and member organizations to submit Customer order flow on Phlx. All members and member organizations are eligible for this increased rebate.

The Exchange also believes that its proposal is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because all members and member organizations are eligible for the proposed rebate increase, provided they met the requisite qualifications. Members and member organizations would be uniformly paid the increased rebate.

 <sup>&</sup>lt;u>Id.</u> at 539 (quoting Securities Exchange Act Release No. 59039 (December 2, 2008), 73 FR 74770, 74782-83 (December 9, 2008) (SR-NYSEArca-2006-21)).

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This proposal is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because all members and member organizations are eligible for the proposed increased rebate, provided that they meet the requisite qualifications.

## 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. In terms of inter-market competition, the Exchange 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, the Exchange 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

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in response, and because market participants may readily adjust their order routing practices, the Exchange believes that the degree to which fee changes in this market may impose any burden on competition is extremely limited.

The Exchange believes that increasing its rebates will promote inter-market competition by differentiating it from other options exchanges (e.g., MIAX) and making it a more attractive options trading venue.

The Exchange also believes that its proposal does not impose an undue burden on intra-market competition to offer Phlx members and member organizations that qualify for Section B, Customer Rebate Tiers 2 through 6 or qualify for the Monthly Firm Fee Cap an increased rebate of \$0.12 per contract for all SPY Complex PIXL Orders greater than 499 contracts, provided the member or member organization executes an average of 2,500 contracts per day of SPY Complex PIXL Orders in a month. All members and member organizations are eligible for the proposed rebate increase, provided they met the requisite qualifications. Members and member organizations would be uniformly paid the increased rebate.

For the same reasons, the Exchange does not believe that its proposal imposes an undue burden on intra-market competition to offer to Phlx members and member organizations that qualify for Section B, Customer Rebate Tiers 2 through 6 or qualify for the Monthly Firm Fee Cap an increased rebate of \$0.12 per contract for all Complex PIXL Orders (excluding SPY Options) greater than 499 contracts, provided the member or member organization executes an average of 2,500 contracts per day of SPY Complex PIXL Orders in a month.

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5. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule 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 Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(2)</u>

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act,<sup>13</sup> 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: (i) necessary or appropriate in the public interest; (ii) for the protection of investors; or (iii) 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.

- 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.

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

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10. Advance Notices Filed Pursuant to Section 806(e) of the Payment, Clearing and Settlement Supervision Act

Not applicable.

# 11. Exhibits

- 1. Notice of Proposed Rule Change for publication in the <u>Federal Register</u>.
- 5. Text of the proposed rule change.

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**EXHIBIT 1** 

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. ; File No. SR-Phlx-2017-60)

August \_\_\_, 2017

Self-Regulatory Organizations; NASDAQ PHLX LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Amend the Exchange's Pricing Schedule

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 July 31, 2017 NASDAQ 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 Proposed Rule Change</u>

The Exchange proposes to amend the Exchange's Pricing Schedule at Section I, entitled "Rebates and Fees for Adding and Removing Liquidity in SPY," and Section IV, Part A entitled "PIXL Pricing" to amend pricing related to PIXL<sup>3</sup> executions.

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While these amendments are effective upon filing, the Exchange has designated the proposed amendments to be operative on August 1, 2017.

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

# 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.

# 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>

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organizations to transact a greater number of Complex PIXL Orders while also incentivizing members and member organizations to submit Customer order flow on Phlx to obtain the \$0.12 rebate on all Complex PIXL Orders (excluding SPY Options).

## 2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,<sup>6</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Sections 6(b)(4) and 6(b)(5) of the Act,<sup>7</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, and is not designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

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Congress mandated a cost-based approach. As the court emphasized, the Commission "intended in Regulation NMS that 'market forces, rather than regulatory requirements' play a role in determining the market data . . . to be made available to investors and at what cost."

Further, "[n]o one disputes that competition for order flow is 'fierce.' ... As the SEC explained, '[i]n the U.S. national market system, buyers and sellers of securities, and the broker-dealers that act as their order-routing agents, have a wide range of choices of where to route orders for execution'; [and] 'no exchange can afford to take its market share percentages for granted' because 'no exchange possesses a monopoly, regulatory or otherwise, in the execution of order flow from broker dealers'...." Although the court and the SEC were discussing the cash equities markets, the Exchange believes that these views apply with equal force to the options markets.

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All members and member organizations are eligible for this increased rebate.

The Exchange also believes that its proposal is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because all members and member organizations are eligible for the proposed rebate increase, provided they met the requisite qualifications. Members and member organizations would be uniformly paid the increased rebate.

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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 impose any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. In terms of inter-market competition, the Exchange notes that it operates in a highly

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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, the Exchange 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, the Exchange believes that the degree to which fee changes in this market may impose any burden on competition is extremely limited.

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For the same reasons, the Exchange does not believe that its proposal imposes an undue burden on intra-market competition to offer to Phlx members and member

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organizations that qualify for Section B, Customer Rebate Tiers 2 through 6 or qualify for the Monthly Firm Fee Cap an increased rebate of \$0.12 per contract for all Complex PIXL Orders (excluding SPY Options) greater than 499 contracts, provided the member or member organization executes an average of 2,500 contracts per day of SPY Complex PIXL Orders in a month.

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

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act. 13

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: (i) necessary or appropriate in the public interest; (ii) for the protection of investors; or (iii) 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:

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

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#### Electronic comments:

 Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<a href="http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml">http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml</a>); or

 Send an e-mail to <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include File Number SR-Phlx-2017-60 on the subject line.

## Paper comments:

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

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-Phlx-2017-60. 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.

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All submissions should refer to File Number SR-Phlx-2017-60 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.  $^{14}$ 

Eduardo A. Aleman Assistant Secretary

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

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**EXHIBIT 5** 

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

## **NASDAQ PHLX Rules**

THE EXCHANGE CALCULATES FEES ON A TRADE DATE BASIS.

POLICY FOR AMENDING BILLING INFORMATION: CORRECTIONS SUBMITTED AFTER TRADE DATE AND PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF AN INVOICE BY THE EXCHANGE MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE EXCHANGE IN WRITING AND MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION. ONLY MEMBERS MAY SUBMIT TRADE CORRECTIONS.

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 PSX FEES, PROPRIETARY DATA FEED FEES AND CO-LOCATION SERVICES FEES. THE EXCHANGE CALCULATES FEES ON A TRADE DATE BASIS. ONLY MEMBERS MAY SUBMIT BILLING DISPUTES.

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## NASDAQ PHLX LLC PRICING SCHEDULE

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## I. Rebates and Fees for Adding and Removing Liquidity in SPY

With respect to Section I of this Pricing Schedule, the order that is received by the trading system first in time shall be considered an order adding liquidity and an order that trades against that order shall be considered an order removing liquidity, except with respect to orders that trigger an order exposure alert. Customer volume attributable to this section will be included in the calculation of Customer volume in Multiply Listed Options that are electronically-delivered and executed for purposes of the Customer Rebate Program in Section B. However, the rebates defined in Section B will not apply to electronic executions in SPY.

## Part A. Simple Order

Customer Specialist Market Maker Firm Broker-Dealer Professional

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Rebate for Adding Liquidity	\$0.00	*	*	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$0.00
Fee for Removing Liquidity	\$0.45	\$0.48	\$0.48	\$0.48 \$0.48	\$0.48

<sup>\*</sup> The Simple Order Rebate for Adding Liquidity will be paid as noted below to Specialists and Market Makers adding the requisite amount of electronically executed Specialist and Market Maker Simple Order contracts per day in a month in SPY:

Tiers	Average Daily Volume "ADV"	Rebate for Adding Liquidity
1	1 to 2,499	\$0.15
2	2,500 to 4,999	\$0.18
3	5,000 to 19,999	\$0.21
4	20,000 to 49,999	\$0.31
5	greater than 49,999	\$0.35

# Part B. Complex Order

	Customer	· Specialist	Market Maker	Firm	Broker- Dealer	Professional
Fee for Adding Liquidity	\$0.00	\$0.10	\$0.10	\$0.10 \$	0.10	\$0.10
Fee for Removing Liquidity	\$0.00	\$0.43	\$0.43	\$0.50 \$	0.50	\$0.50

- Complex Order Fees for Removing Liquidity, applicable to Specialists and Market Makers, will be decreased by \$0.02 per contract when the Specialist or Market Maker transacts against a Customer Order directed to that Specialist or Market Maker for execution.
- Simple Orders that are executed against the individual components of Complex Orders will be assessed the fees and rebates in Part A. However, the individual components of such a Complex Order will be assessed the fees in Part B.

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• Customers will be assessed \$0.00 per contract and all other market participants will be assessed \$0.15 per contract for executions against an order for which the Exchange broadcasts an order exposure alert in SPY.

## Part C. The following will apply to fees in Parts A and B:

- The Monthly Market Maker Cap on transaction fees that are currently applicable to Market Makers and Specialists transacting Multiply Listed Options will not be applicable to electronic transactions in the SPY, except for QCC Transaction Fees.
- The Monthly Firm Fee Cap will apply to floor transactions and QCC electronic and QCC floor transactions in SPY.
- Marketing Fees defined in Section II will not be collected on transactions in SPY.
- The Cancellation Fee for each cancelled electronically delivered Professional AON order will continue to apply to the SPY. The Cancellation Fee will not apply for each cancelled electronically delivered Customer order in SPY.
- Transactions in SPY originating on the Exchange floor will be subject to the Multiply Listed Options Fees (see Multiply Listed Options Fees in Section II). However, if one side of the transaction originates on the Exchange floor and any other side of the trade was the result of an electronically submitted order or a quote, then these fees will apply to the transactions which originated on the Exchange floor and contracts that are executed electronically on all sides of the transaction. The one side of the transaction which originates on the Exchange floor will count toward the volume which qualifies a participant for the Simple Order Rebate for Adding Liquidity for Specialists and Market Makers in SPY.
- A non-Complex electronic auction includes the Quote Exhaust auction and, for purposes of these fees, the opening process. A Complex electronic auction includes, but is not limited to, the Complex Order Live Auction ("COLA").
  - Customer executions that occur as part of a Complex electronic auction will be assessed \$0.00 per contract.
  - Customer executions that occur as part of a non-Complex electronic auction will be assessed \$0.00 per contract.
  - Professional, Firm, Broker-Dealer, Specialist and Market Maker executions that
    occur as part of a Complex electronic auction will be assessed the Fees for
    Removing Liquidity in Part B. Professional, Firm, Broker-Dealer, Specialist and
    Market Maker executions that occur as part of a non-Complex electronic auction
    will be assessed the Fees for Adding Liquidity in Part B.

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• The QCC Transaction fees and rebates, defined in Section II, are applicable to this Section C.

#### PIXL Executions in SPY:

- Initiating Order: \$0.05 per contract. Members that qualify for Section B, Customer Rebate Tiers 2 through 6 or qualify for the Monthly Firm Fee Cap are eligible for a rebate of [\$0.10]\$\frac{\$0.12}{20.12}\$ per contract for all SPY Complex PIXL Orders greater than 499 contracts, provided the member executes an average of 2,500 contracts per day of SPY Complex PIXL Orders in a month.
- When the PIXL Order is contra to the Initiating Order, a Customer PIXL Order will be assessed \$0.00 per contract and all other Non-Customer market participants will be assessed a \$0.38 per contract fee when contra to an Initiating Order.
- When the PIXL Order is contra to other than the Initiating Order, the PIXL Order will be assessed \$0.00 per contract, unless the PIXL Order is a Customer, in which case the Customer will receive a rebate of \$0.40 per contract.
- All other Non-Customer contra parties to the PIXL Order that are not the Initiating
  Order will be assessed a Fee for Removing Liquidity of \$0.50 per contract or will
  receive the Rebate for Adding Liquidity. When the PIXL Order is contra to a
  Specialist or Market Maker quote, which was established at the initiation of a PIXL
  auction, the Customer PIXL Order will not be eligible for a rebate.

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#### IV. Other Transaction Fees

#### A. PIXL Pricing

Initiating \$0.07 per contract. If the member or member organization qualifies for the Order Tier 3, 4 or 5 Customer Rebate in Section B the member or member (Section II) organization will be assessed \$0.05 per contract. If the member or member organization executes equal to or greater than 3.00% of National Customer Volume in Multiply-Listed equity and ETF Options Classes (excluding SPY Options) in a given month, the member or member organization will be assessed \$0.00 per contract for Complex PIXL Orders. Any member or member organization under Common Ownership with another member or member organization that qualifies for a Customer Rebate Tier 4 or 5 in Section B, or executes equal to or greater than 3.00% of National Customer Volume in Multiply-Listed equity and ETF Options Classes (excluding SPY Options) in a given month will receive one of the PIXL Initiating Order discounts as described above. Members or member organizations that qualify for Customer Rebate Tiers 2 through 6 or qualify for the Monthly Firm Fee Cap are eligible for a rebate of [\$0.10]\$\frac{\text{\$0.10}}{\text{\$0.12}}\$ per contract for all Complex

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the member executes an average of 2,500 contracts per day of SPY Complex PIXL Orders in a month.

# PIXL Order Executions in Section II Multiply Listed Options (including ETFs, ETNs and indexes which are Multiply Listed):

- When the PIXL Order is contra to the Initiating Order a Customer PIXL Order will be assessed \$0.00 per contract and Non-Customer PIXL Orders will be assessed \$0.30 per contract.
- When a PIXL Order is contra to a PIXL Auction Responder, a Customer PIXL Order will be assessed \$0.00 per contract, other Non-Customer PIXL Orders will be assessed \$0.30 per contract in Penny Pilot Options or \$0.38 per contract in Non-Penny Pilot Options. A Responder that is a Specialist or a Market Maker will be assessed \$0.25 per contract in Penny Pilot Options or \$0.40 per contract in Non-Penny Pilot Options. Other Non-Customer Responders will be assessed \$0.48 per contract in Penny Pilot Options or \$0.70 per contract in Non-Penny Pilot Options when contra to a PIXL Order. A Responder that is a Customer will be assessed \$0.00 per contract in Penny Pilot Options and Non-Penny Pilot Options.
- When a PIXL Order is contra to a resting order or quote a Customer PIXL Order will be assessed \$0.00 per contract, other Non-Customer will be assessed \$0.30 per contract and the resting order or quote will be assessed the appropriate Options Transaction Charge in Section II.

All other fees discussed in Section II, including Marketing Fees and surcharges, will also apply as appropriate.

Executions in Singly Listed Options in Section III (Includes options overlying currencies, equities, ETFs, ETNs and indexes not listed on another exchange):

• The fees described in Section III will apply in all instances.

B. - E. No change.

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