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SR-Phlx-2018-83

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")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² is filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission") a proposal to amend the Exchange's port fee schedule at Equity 7, Section 3, as described further below.

While these amendments are effective upon filing, the Exchange has designated the proposed amendments to be operative on January 2, 2019.

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 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 the Exchange pursuant to authority delegated by the Board of Directors of the Exchange (the "Board") on September 26, 2018. 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

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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 Exchange proposes to amend its fee schedule, at Equity 7, Section 3, to clarify its existing practice for assessing port fees.

Presently, the Exchange assigns ports to customers that request them using the customers' Market Participant Identifiers or "MPIDs." The Exchange assesses ports fees in two ways.

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The existing port fee schedule, at Section 3, does not explain these nuances of Exchange's port billing practices. Instead, Section 3 states simply, for all port types, that the Exchange will assess fees of certain stated amounts on a per port, per month basis.

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Although this existing language is accurate, the Exchange believes that it should be more descriptive so as to avoid confusion as to the circumstances in which a customer will incur port fees. The Exchange now proposes to amend Section 3 to provide a more fulsome explanation of its billing practices.

To accomplish this, the Exchange proposes to reorganize its chart of ports and associated fees in the second paragraph of Section 3. Specifically, the Exchange proposes to split this chart into two parts.

The first part of the proposed amended chart will comprise port types for which the Exchange will charge a separate monthly fee to each MPID that it has assigned to a port, <u>i.e.</u>, OUCH, FIX Trading Port (FIX and FIX Lite (FLITE), RASH, and disaster recovery ports for OUCH, FIX Trading Port, and RASH. The first part of the chart will include the following preface to explain the Exchange's pertinent billing practice:

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The Exchange also proposes to revise its description of the price formula for each port type therein from "\$X/port/month" to "\$X/each MPID assigned to port/month."

The second part of the proposed amended chart will comprise port types for which the Exchange will charge a monthly fee only to the MPID that requested the port, <u>i.e.</u>, Multicast TotalView-ITCH (software based), TCP ITCH data feed, DROP, Trading Ports used in Test Mode, and the disaster recover port for DROP.³ This part will include the following preface describing the applicable billing practice:

For the port types listed immediately below, the Exchange will assess the monthly

fee to the single MPID that requested that particular port.

For the ports in this part, the Exchange will maintain its existing price formula:

"\$X/port/month."

The Exchange emphasizes that the foregoing proposal does not make any change to the Exchange's existing port fees other than to clarify its existing practices for assessing them.⁴

b. <u>Statutory Basis</u>

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,⁵ in general, and furthers the objectives of Sections 6(b)(4) and 6(b)(5) of the Act,⁶ 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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⁴ In addition to the above, the Exchange proposes to delete the following paragraph from the Rule insofar as it will become obsolete and will no longer apply after December 31, 2018: "New PSX Participants will not be assessed the above listed Port Fees through December 31, 2018. A New PSX Participant will be defined as a PSX Participant that was not a PSX Participant before September 1, 2017."

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The Exchange believes that the proposal is reasonable because it clarifies the Exchange's port fee schedule, at Section 3. Although existing Section 3 is an accurate description of the fees that the Exchange charges for ports, it does not describe the nuances of the Exchange's existing practices for assessing port fees in different situations. The proposal will convey these nuances in order to avoid potential confusion among customers as to the circumstances in which they will incur port fees. In particular, the proposal will amend Section 3 to state that, for certain enumerated port types, the Exchange will assess a monthly fee only on the MPID that requested the port, whereas in other enumerated port types, the Exchange will assess a separate fee to the requesting MPID as well as to each additional MPID that the requester asked the Exchange to assign to the same port.

The Exchange believes that this proposal is also equitable in that a more fulsome description of the Exchange's port fee practices will help to avoid any potential confusion as to when and under what circumstances the Exchange will assess a monthly port fee to a customer. The Exchange notes that the proposal merely codifies the existing practices of the Exchange with respect to port fees and will not involve any substantive changes to the fees that the Exchange's customers are paying now.

The Exchange believes that its proposal is not unfairly discriminatory because, again, the proposal will merely make non-substantive clarifications to Section 3 that will codify the Exchange's existing practices for assessing port fees in different situations. The proposal will not make any changes to the fees that port users pay presently.

Finally, the Exchange believes that it is consistent with the Act to delete a paragraph from the Rules that refers to a port fee waiver that has expired, as of January 1,

2019. It is in the interest of the public and investors for the Exchange to maintain a rulebook that is current and accurate.

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. Insofar as the proposal merely codifies existing practice and makes no changes to the fees that the Exchange charges presently, the Exchange does not expect that the proposal will have any impact on competition whatsoever.

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> Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(2)

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act,⁷ 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

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

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</u> <u>or of the Commission</u>

Not applicable.

- Security-Based Swap Submissions Filed Pursuant to Section 3C of the Act 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 Change for publication in the <u>Federal Register</u>.
 - 5. Text of the proposed rule change.

EXHIBIT 1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. ; File No. SR-Phlx-2018-83)

December ___, 2018

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Nasdaq PHLX LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Amend Equity 7, Section 3

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, 2018, 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</u> <u>Proposed Rule Change</u>

The Exchange proposes to amend the Exchange's port fee schedule at Equity 7,

Section 3, as described further below.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's Website at http://nasdaqphlx.cchwallstreet.com/, 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

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² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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.⁷

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.

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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 (<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-2018-83 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-2018-83. 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-2018-83 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.⁸

Eduardo A. Aleman Assistant Secretary

⁸ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

EXHIBIT 5

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Nasdaq PHLX Rules

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EQUITY RULES

Equity 7 Pricing Schedule

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Section 3 Nasdaq PSX Fees Port Fees †

The following charges are assessed by the Exchange for ports to establish connectivity to the Nasdaq PSX market, as well as ports to receive data from the Nasdaq PSX market[:].

For the port types listed immediately below, where a customer has requested that the Exchange assign more than one MPID to a particular port, then the Exchange will assess a separate monthly fee to each MPID assigned to the port.

Port Type	Production	Disaster Recovery
OUCH	\$400/each MPID	<u>\$25/each MPID</u>
	assigned to port/month	assigned to port/month
FIX Trading Port (FIX and FIX	\$400/each MPID	<u>\$25/each MPID</u>
Lite (FLITE))	assigned to port/month	assigned to port/month
RASH	\$400/ <u>each MPID</u>	\$25/each MPID
	assigned to port/month	assigned to port/month

For the port types listed immediately below, the Exchange will assess the monthly fee to the single MPID that requested that particular port.

Port Type	Production	Disaster Recovery
Multicast TotalView-ITCH	\$1,000/port/month	No charge
(software-based)		
TCP ITCH data feed	\$400/port/month	No charge
DROP	\$400/port/month	<u>\$25/port/month</u>
Trading Ports used in Test Mode	\$100/port/month	Not available
Data Retransmission Port (Glimpse)	No charge	No charge
[Disaster recovery port (OUCH,	[\$25/port/month]	
FIX Trading Port, RASH, and		
DROP)]		
[Disaster recovery port (all other	[No charge]	

ports)]	

The maximum monthly fee assessed to a PSX Participant for the above listed Port Fees will be \$30,000 per month.

[New PSX Participants will not be assessed the above listed Port Fees through December 31, 2018. A New PSX Participant will be defined as a PSX Participant that was not a PSX Participant before September 1, 2017.]

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[†]Fees are assessed in full month increments under this section, and thus are not prorated.

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