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Nasdaq GEMX, LLC Rules

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Options 3 Options Trading Rules

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Section 12. Crossing Orders

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(c) **Qualified Contingent Cross Orders.** Qualified Contingent Cross Orders are automatically executed upon entry provided that the execution (i) is not at the same price as a Priority Customer Order on the Exchange's limit order book and (ii) is at or between the better of the internal BBO or the NBBO.

(1) Qualified Contingent Cross Orders will be automatically canceled if they cannot be executed.

(2) Qualified Contingent Cross Orders may only be entered in the regular trading increments applicable to the options class under in Options 3, Section 3.

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Section 13. Price Improvement Mechanism for Crossing Transactions

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(c) **Exposure Period.** Upon entry of a Crossing Transaction into the Price Improvement Mechanism, a broadcast message that includes the series, price and size of the Agency Order, and whether it is to buy or sell, will be sent to all Members. This broadcast message will not be included in the Exchange's disseminated best bid or offer and will not be disseminated through OPRA.

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(5) The exposure period will automatically terminate (i) at the end of the time period designated by the Exchange pursuant to Options 3, Section 13(c)(1) above, (ii) [upon the receipt of a market or marketable limit order on the Exchange in the same series, or (iii) upon the receipt of a non-marketable limit order in the same series on the same side of the market as the Agency Order that would cause the price of the Crossing Transaction to be outside of the best bid or offer on the

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Exchange]any time the Exchange best bid or offer improves beyond the price of the Crossing Transaction on the same side of the market as the Agency Order ; or (iii) any time there is a trading halt on the Exchange in the affected series.

(d) Execution. At the end of the exposure period the Agency Order will be executed in full at the best prices available, taking into consideration orders and quotes in the Exchange market, Improvement Orders, and the Counter-Side Order. The Agency Order will receive executions at multiple price levels if there is insufficient size to execute the entire order at the best price.

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(4) [When a market order or marketable limit order on the opposite side of the market from the Agency Order ends the exposure period, it will participate in the execution of the Agency Order at the price that is mid-way between the best counter-side interest and the NBBO, so that both the market or marketable limit order and the Agency Order receive price improvement. Transactions will be rounded, when necessary, to the \$.01 increment that favors the Agency Order]Unrelated market or marketable interest (against the GEMX BBO) on the opposite side of the market from the Agency Order received during the exposure period will not cause the exposure period to end early and will execute against interest outside of the Crossing Transaction. If contracts remain from such unrelated order at the time the auction exposure period ends, they will be considered for participation in the order allocation process described in sub-paragraph (3).

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