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**Description**

Provide a brief description of the action (limit 250 characters, required when Initial is checked *).

A proposed rule change to make minor clarifying changes to Rule 7018(a) with respect to execution and routing of orders in securities priced at $1 or more per share.

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**Contact Information**

Provide the name, telephone number, and e-mail address of the person on the staff of the self-regulatory organization prepared to respond to questions and comments on the action.

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**Signature**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

has duly caused this filing to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

(Title *)

Date 11/12/2014  
By Edward S. Knight  

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1. **Text of the Proposed Rule Change**

   (a) Pursuant to the provisions of Section 19(b)(1) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")\(^1\) and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,\(^2\) NASDAQ OMX BX, Inc. ("BX" or the "Exchange") is filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") a proposed rule change to make minor clarifying changes to Rule 7018(a) with respect to execution and routing of orders in securities priced at $1 or more per share.

   A notice of the proposed rule change for publication in the *Federal Register* is attached hereto as *Exhibit 1* and a copy of the applicable portion of the Exchange’s Rules is attached hereto as *Exhibit 5*.

   (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 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.

   Questions and comments on the proposed rule change may be directed to T. Sean Bennett, Associate General Counsel, at (301) 978-8499 (telephone) or (301) 978-8472 (fax).

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3. **Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change**

   a. **Purpose**

   The purpose of the proposed rule change is to make minor clarifying changes concerning the use and definition of the term “Consolidated Volume” provided in Rule 7018(a). Consolidated Volume is currently defined as the total consolidated volume reported to all consolidated transaction reporting plans by all exchanges and trade reporting facilities during a month, excluding executed orders with a size of less than one round lot.³ Consolidated Volume is used as a measure in determining member firm liability for certain charges, and eligibility for certain credits, for participation in BX. The Exchange compares a member firm’s equity transactions in BX to Consolidated Volume to determine how impactful its particular order activity in BX is in relation to overall equity market volume. The definition of Consolidated Volume is currently provided under the QMM Tier 1 eligibility requirements of Rule 7018(a), although the term is used in preceding portions of the rule. In an effort to make the rule clearer, the Exchange is proposing to move the definition of Consolidated Volume to the beginning of Rule 7018(a). The Exchange is also capitalizing the term in certain fees and credits, which currently precede the definition of Consolidated Volume under the rule, to make clear that they reference the defined term. Lastly, the Exchange is proposing to delete duplicative language from Rule 7018(a)(2) under the QMM Tier 1 eligibility requirements that concerns the exclusion of the day of the annual Russell Investments Indexes.

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³ For purposes of calculating Consolidated Volume and the extent of a member’s trading activity, expressed as a percentage of or ratio to Consolidated Volume, the Exchange excludes the date of the annual reconstitution of the Russell Investments Indexes from both total Consolidated Volume and the member’s trading activity.
Indexes. The Exchange notes that the language is included in the definition of Consolidated Volume and is therefore redundant.

The Exchange is also proposing to clarify the definition of Consolidated Volume. The current definition of Consolidated Volume does not expressly state that it encompasses transactions in equity securities only. As noted above, Consolidated Volume is used to determine how impactful a member firm’s order activity in BX is in relation to overall equity market volume, thus allowing the Exchange to consider the member firm’s contribution to BX as compared to what market participants provide to the larger equity markets. The Exchange believes that adding language to make clear that the Consolidated Volume includes only equities volume will serve to avoid possible misinterpretation that the rule may include volume outside of the equities markets. Accordingly, the Exchange is proposing to add language to the definition of Consolidated Volume under Rule 7018(a) to clarify that it applies only to equity securities.

b. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6 of the Act,\(^4\) in general, and furthers the objectives of Sections 6(b)(4) and 6(b)(5) of the Act,\(^5\) 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 the Exchange operates or controls, and is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in regulating, clearing, settling,


\(^5\) 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4) and (5).
processing information with respect to, and facilitating transactions in securities, to
remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a
national market system, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest; and
are not designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or
dealers. Specifically, the proposed changes further these objectives because they make
the rule more clear, thereby helping avoid potential investor confusion on how the credits
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changing how the rule is applied in any way, and therefore the fees and credits thereunder
continue to be reasonable and equitably allocated among member firms.

4. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will result in any
burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes
of the Act, as amended. Specifically, the proposed changes do not alter the meaning or
application of the fees and credits provided under Rule 7018(a), and therefore do not
affect competition in any respect.

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

No written comments were either solicited or received.

6. Extension of Time Period for Commission Action

Not applicable.
7. **Basis for Summary Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3) or for Accelerated Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(2)**

The proposed rule change is effective upon filing pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act\(^6\) and paragraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder,\(^7\) in that the proposed rule change: (i) does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) does not impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) does not become operative for 30 days after the date of the filing, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest; provided the self-regulatory organization has given the Commission written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change, along with a brief description and text of the proposed rule change, at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission.

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest and does not impose any significant burden on competition. Specifically, the change serves only to enhance clarity and avoid possible misinterpretation of the rule, and therefore does not affect competition in any respect. Accordingly, the Exchange requests that the Commission waive the 30 day operative delay provided for in Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii).\(^8\) Waiver of the delay will allow the Exchange to immediately implement changes to rule language that will serve to enhance the clarity concerning the application of fees assessed and credits provided under the rule.

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As such, the Exchange believes that the operative delay would not serve any purpose in this instance.

8. Proposed Rule Change Based on Rules of Another Self-Regulatory Organization or of the Commission

   Not applicable.

9. Security-Based Swap Submissions Filed Pursuant to Section 3C of the Act

   Not applicable.

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 for publication in the Federal Register.

    5. Text of the proposed rule change.
EXHIBIT 1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
(Release No. ; File No. SR-BX-2014-056)

Self-Regulatory Organizations; NASDAQ OMX BX, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Clarify Rule 7018(a) with Respect to Execution and Routing of Orders in Securities Priced at $1 or More Per Share

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 November 12, 2014, NASDAQ OMX BX, Inc. ("BX" 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. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to make minor clarifying changes to Rule 7018(a) with respect to execution and routing of orders in securities priced at $1 or more per share.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s Website at http://nasdaqomxbx.cchwallstreet.com, at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission’s Public Reference Room.

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

1. Purpose

The purpose of the proposed rule change is to make minor clarifying changes
concerning the use and definition of the term “Consolidated Volume” provided in Rule
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liability for certain charges, and eligibility for certain credits, for participation in BX.
The Exchange compares a member firm’s equity transactions in BX to Consolidated
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2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6 of the Act, in general, and furthers the objectives of Sections 6(b)(4) and 6(b)(5) of the Act, 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

\[\text{4} \quad 15 \text{ U.S.C. 78f.} \]

\[\text{5} \quad 15 \text{ U.S.C. 78f(b)(4) and (5).} \]
system which the Exchange operates or controls, and is designed to prevent fraudulent
and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to
foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in regulating, clearing, settling,
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C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed
Rule Change Received from Members, Participants, or Others

No written comments were either solicited or received.

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

Because the foregoing proposed rule change does not: (i) significantly affect the
protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) impose any significant burden on
competition; and (iii) become operative for 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, it has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act \(^6\) and subparagraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder. \(^7\)

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.

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 rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-BX-2014-056 on the subject line.

Paper comments:


\(^7\) 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). In addition, Rule 19b-4(f)(6) requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The Exchange has satisfied this requirement.
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-BX-2014-056. 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-BX-2014-056 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.\textsuperscript{8}

Kevin M. O’Neill  
Deputy Secretary

\textsuperscript{8} 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).
The text of the proposed rule change is below. Proposed new language is underlined; deletions are bracketed.

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7018. NASDAQ OMX BX Equities System Order Execution and Routing

(a) The following charges and credits shall apply to the use of the order execution and routing services of the NASDAQ OMX BX Equities System by members for all securities priced at $1 or more per share that it trades. As used in this rule, the term “Consolidated Volume” shall mean the total consolidated volume reported to all consolidated transaction reporting plans by all exchanges and trade reporting facilities during a month in equity securities, excluding executed orders with a size of less than one round lot. For purposes of calculating Consolidated Volume and the extent of a member’s trading activity, expressed as a percentage of or ratio to Consolidated Volume, the date of the annual reconstitution of the Russell Investments Indexes shall be excluded from both total Consolidated Volume and the member’s trading activity.

Credit for entering order that accesses liquidity in the NASDAQ OMX BX Equities System:

Order that executes against a midpoint pegged order: $0.0005 per share executed

Order that accesses liquidity (excluding liquidity pegged to the midpoint) entered by a member that accesses liquidity equal to or exceeding 0.1% of total Consolidated Volume during a month:

Order that accesses liquidity (excluding liquidity pegged to the midpoint) entered by a member with a daily average volume of liquidity provided in all securities during the month of 1 million or more shares:

Order that accesses liquidity (excluding liquidity pegged to the midpoint) entered by a member that provides an average daily volume of at least 25,000, but less than 1 million, shares of liquidity during the month:
BSTG, BSCN, BMOP, BTFY, BCRT, BDRK or BCST order that accesses liquidity in the NASDAQ OMX BX Equities System (excluding an order that executes against a midpoint pegged order): $0.0011 per share executed

All other orders: $0.0004 per share executed

Charge for providing liquidity through the NASDAQ OMX BX Equities System:

Displayed order entered by a Qualified Market Maker (Tier 1): $0.0014 per share executed

Displayed order entered by a Qualified Market Maker (Tier 2): $0.0017 per share executed

Displayed order entered by a member $0.00165 per share executed that adds liquidity equal to or exceeding 0.25% of total [c]Consolidated [v]Volume during a month:

Displayed order entered by a member $0.0018 per share executed that provides an average daily volume of 2.5 million or more shares of liquidity during the month:

Midpoint pegged order entered by a member that provides an average daily volume of 2 million or more shares of non-displayed liquidity during the month: $0.0005 per share executed

Midpoint pegged order entered by a member that provides an average daily volume of 1 million or more, but less than 2 million, shares of non-displayed liquidity:

Midpoint pegged order entered by other member: $0.0015 per share executed

Non-displayed orders (other than those pegged to the midpoint) entered by a member that provides an average daily volume of 5 million or more shares of non-displayed liquidity: $0.0019 per share executed
Non-displayed orders (including those pegged to the midpoint) entered by a member that provides an average daily volume of 3.5 million or more shares (but less than 5 million shares) of non-displayed liquidity:

- $0.0024 per share executed
- All other non-displayed orders: $0.0028 per share executed
- All other orders: $0.0020 per share executed

A firm may become a Qualified Market Maker (Tier 1) by:

1. Being a member with (i) shares of liquidity provided and (ii) total shares of liquidity accessed and provided in all securities through one or more of its NASDAQ OMX BX Equities System MPIDs that represent more than 0.40% and 0.50%, respectively, of Consolidated Volume [the total consolidated volume reported to all consolidated transaction reporting plans by all exchanges and trade reporting facilities (“Consolidated Volume”) during the month, excluding executed orders with a size of less than one round lot. For purposes of calculating Consolidated Volume and the extent of a member’s trading activity, expressed as a percentage of or ratio to Consolidated Volume, the date of the annual reconstitution of the Russell Investments Indexes shall be excluded from both total Consolidated Volume and the member’s trading activity]. For a member qualifying under this method, the member must have at least one Qualified MPID, that is, an MPID through which, for at least 150 securities, the Qualified Market Maker quotes at the national best bid or offer (“NBBO”) an average of at least 25% of the time during regular market hours (9:30 a.m. through 4:00 p.m.) during the month; or

2. Being a member with (i) shares of liquidity provided and (ii) total shares of liquidity accessed and provided in all securities through one or more of its NASDAQ OMX BX Equities System MPIDs that represent more than 0.30% and 0.45%, respectively, of Consolidated Volume during the month. [For purposes of calculating Consolidated Volume and the extent of a member’s trading activity, expressed as a percentage of or ratio to Consolidated Volume, the date of the annual reconstitution of the Russell Investments Indexes shall be excluded from both total Consolidated Volume and the member’s trading activity.] For a member qualifying under this method, the member must have at least one Qualified MPID, that is, an MPID through which, for at least 400 securities, the Qualified Market Maker quotes at the NBBO an average of at least 25% of the time during regular market hours (9:30 a.m. through 4:00 p.m.) during the month.

A firm may become a Qualified Market Maker (Tier 2) by:

1. Having at least one Qualified MPID, that is, an MPID through which, for at least 300 securities, the Qualified Market Maker quotes at the NBBO an average of at least 75% of the time during the regular market hours (9:30 a.m. through 4:00 p.m.) during the month.
Charge for BSTG or BSCN order that executes in a venue other than the NASDAQ OMX BX Equities System:

- $0.0030 per share executed at NYSE
- $0.0030 per share executed at venues other than NYSE

Charge for BMOP order that executes in a venue other than the NASDAQ OMX BX Equities System:

- $0.0035 per share executed at NYSE
- $0.0035 per share executed at venues other than NYSE

Charge for BTFY order that executes in a venue other than the NASDAQ OMX BX Equities System:

- $0.0030 per share executed at NYSE
- $0.0007 per share executed at venues other than NYSE, NASDAQ

For orders that execute at NASDAQ OMX PSX, NASDAQ OMX BX will pass through all fees assessed and rebates offered by NASDAQ OMX PSX

For orders that execute at NASDAQ, NASDAQ OMX BX will pass through all fees assessed and rebates offered by NASDAQ

Charge for BCRT order that executes in a venue other than the NASDAQ OMX BX Equities System:

For orders that execute at NASDAQ OMX PSX, NASDAQ OMX BX will pass through all fees assessed and rebates offered by NASDAQ OMX PSX

For orders that execute at NASDAQ, NASDAQ OMX BX will pass through all fees assessed and rebates offered by NASDAQ

Charge for BDRK and BCST order that executes in a venue other than the NASDAQ OMX BX Equities System:

$0.0010 per share executed

(b) – (d) No change.

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