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The self-regulatory organization must provide all required information, presented in a clear and comprehensible manner, to enable the public to provide meaningful comment on the proposal and for the Commission to determine whether the proposal is consistent with the Act and applicable rules and regulations under the Act.

**Exhibit 1 - Notice of Proposed Rule Change \***

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The Notice section of this Form 19b-4 must comply with the guidelines for publication in the Federal Register as well as any requirements for electronic filing as published by the Commission (if applicable). The Office of the Federal Register (OFR) offers guidance on Federal Register publication requirements in the Federal Register Document Drafting Handbook, October 1998 Revision. For example, all references to the federal securities laws must include the corresponding cite to the United States Code in a footnote. All references to SEC rules must include the corresponding cite to the Code of Federal Regulations in a footnote. All references to Securities Exchange Act Releases must include the release number, release date, Federal Register cite, Federal Register date, and corresponding file number (e.g., SR-[SRO]-xx-xx). A material failure to comply with these guidelines will result in the proposed rule change being deemed not properly filed. See also Rule 0-3 under the Act (17 CFR 240.0-3)

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**Exhibit 2 - Notices, Written Comments, Transcripts, Other Communications**

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Copies of notices, written comments, transcripts, other communications. If such documents cannot be filed electronically in accordance with Instruction F, they shall be filed in accordance with Instruction G.

**Exhibit 3 - Form, Report, or Questionnaire**

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Copies of any form, report, or questionnaire that the self-regulatory organization proposes to use to help implement or operate the proposed rule change, or that is referred to by the proposed rule change.

**Exhibit 4 - Marked Copies**

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The full text shall be marked, in any convenient manner, to indicate additions to and deletions from the immediately preceding filing. The purpose of Exhibit 4 is to permit the staff to identify immediately the changes made from the text of the rule with which it has been working.

**Exhibit 5 - Proposed Rule Text**

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The self-regulatory organization may choose to attach as Exhibit 5 proposed changes to rule text in place of providing it in Item I and which may otherwise be more easily readable if provided separately from Form 19b-4. Exhibit 5 shall be considered part of the proposed rule change.

**Partial Amendment**

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If the self-regulatory organization is amending only part of the text of a lengthy proposed rule change, it may, with the Commission's permission, file only those portions of the text of the proposed rule change in which changes are being made if the filing (i.e. partial amendment) is clearly understandable on its face. Such partial amendment shall be clearly identified and marked to show deletions and additions.

1. Text of the Proposed Rule Change

(a) NASDAQ OMX BX, Inc. (“BX” 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 (“Commission”) a proposal to amend Chapter VI, Section 16, entitled “Fees and Charges.”

A notice of the proposed rule change for publication in the Federal Register is attached hereto as Exhibit 1. The text of the proposed rule change is attached 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 (the “Board”) on July 16, 2014. 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 Angela Saccomandi Dunn, Associate General Counsel, The NASDAQ OMX Group, Inc. at (215) 496-5692.

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

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

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 amend Chapter VI, Section 16, entitled “Fees and Charges.” Today, the Exchange’s Rule at Chapter VI, Section 16 discusses participation Fees and notes that the Board in its discretion may fix participations fees payable by Options Participants on a quarterly basis.<sup>3</sup> Also, Options Participants shall pay a fee for each transaction they execute on BX, as may be determined by the Board in its discretion. The Board may prescribe different or no fees for different types of transactions conducted on BX.<sup>4</sup> The Board may fix and impose other fees, assessments or charges to be paid to Options Participants or by classes of Options Participants with respect to applications, registrations, approvals, use of BX and Trading System facilities or other services or privileges granted.<sup>5</sup> Finally, an Options Participant that does not pay any fees, assessments, charges, fines or other amounts due to BX within thirty (30) days after they have become due and payable shall be reported to the Board or its delegate which may, after giving reasonable notice to the Options Participant of such arrearages, suspend the Options Participant until payment is made or terminate the Options Participant's participation on BX. An associated person of an Options Participant who fails to pay any fine or other amounts due to BX within thirty (30) days after such amount has become due and payable and after reasonable notice of such arrearages, may be suspended from association with an Options Participant until

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<sup>3</sup> See Chapter VI, Section 16(a).

<sup>4</sup> See Chapter VI, Section 16(b).

<sup>5</sup> See Chapter VI, Section 16(c).

payment is made.<sup>6</sup>

The Exchange is proposing to amend the title of Chapter VI, Section 16 to “Fees, Dues and Other Charges” and adopt the rule text of current NASDAQ OMX PHLX LLC (“Phlx”) Rule 52 into current Chapter VI, Section 16. The Exchange desires to harmonize Chapter VI, Section 16 with Phlx Rule 52.

The new rule text would continue to permit the Board of Directors to have the power to fix fees. The proposed new rule would permit the Board: (i) to establish, assess and levy such fees, dues and other charges (including, without limitation, any extraordinary assessments) upon members and any other persons using the facilities or services of the Exchange, and upon applicants for and persons being admitted, registered, qualified and/or initiated to any such status, in each case as the Board of Directors may from time to time establish by resolution or in the Rules of the Exchange (which shall be deemed to include any schedule of fees, dues, other charges and penalties as may be in effect from time to time), (ii) to establish rebates, credits and discounts with respect to any of the foregoing, (iii) to establish programs whereby the Exchange shares or permits any person to participate in any identified source of revenues (less any expenses or other charges as the Exchange shall determine) of the Exchange, (iv) to provide for the direct reimbursement to the Exchange of any cost, expense or category thereof, and (v) except insofar as otherwise specified or provided for in the By-Laws, to establish and assess penalties for failure to pay any fees, dues or charges owed to the Exchange, including, without limitation, termination of membership (which membership may be reissued) and forfeiture of all rights as a member. The Board of Directors may authorize any committee thereof or the Chair of the Board of Directors to

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<sup>6</sup> See Chapter VI, Section 16(d).

exercise any powers of the Board of Directors with respect to the assessment of fees, dues, other charges and penalties authorized in accordance with this Section.<sup>7</sup> The Exchange believes that the proposed rule text includes a more exhaustive list of powers that the Board, or its delegate, may exercise with respect to fees.

The Board of Directors may also, from time to time, fix and impose charges upon members, measured by their respective net commissions on transactions effected on the Exchange. Such charges shall be payable at such times and shall be collected in such manner as may be determined by the Board of Directors.<sup>8</sup> The Exchange believes that this rule text is more expansive than the rule text in current rule Chapter VI, Section 16 and provides the board with additional flexibility in imposing fees. Participants shall abide by the provisions of the Exchange's By-Laws and the Rules, which shall include, without limitation, the obligation to pay all applicable fees, dues and other charges imposed thereon by the By-Laws or the Rules of the Exchange.<sup>9</sup> Participants today are obligated to abide by the provisions of the Exchange's By-Laws and the Rules and pay all applicable fees, dues and other charges imposed thereon by the By-Laws or the Rules of the Exchange. This provision does not impose any new obligations on Participants.

Finally, the Board of Directors or their designee may suspend or terminate, after due notice, any permit or rights of any Participant or employee thereof using facilities or services of the Exchange, or enjoying any of the privileges therein, who shall not pay dues, fees, other charges, other monies due and owed the Exchange, fines and/or other monetary sanctions in

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<sup>7</sup> See proposed new Chapter VI, Section 16(a).

<sup>8</sup> See proposed new Chapter VI, Section 16(b).

<sup>9</sup> See proposed new Chapter VI, Section 16(c).

accordance with the Rules of the Exchange.<sup>10</sup> Today, the Exchange has the power to suspend Participants as noted in current rule Chapter VI, Section 16. The Exchange believes that this new provision provides the Board with greater flexibility in both suspending and now terminating Participants for failure to pay fees. The Exchange's Rules today provide a process for the suspension, cancellation and bar of its members.<sup>11</sup>

The Exchange is not proposing to adopt the provisions of Phlx Rule 52(e) as those provisions apply today to BX Participants.<sup>12</sup>

b. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act<sup>13</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act<sup>14</sup> in particular, in that it is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, 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. The Exchange believes that these proposed rule changes will harmonize the BX's Rules related to fees with that of Phlx.

The Exchange's process for billing and collecting fees on BX today is the same process which exists on Phlx. The Exchange therefore desires to adopt Rule 52 to better

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<sup>10</sup> See proposed new Chapter VI, Section 16(d).

<sup>11</sup> See BX Rule 9553, entitled "Failure to Pay Exchange Dues, Fees and Other Charges," specifies the process for suspension, cancellation and bar applicable to BX members.

<sup>12</sup> See BX Rule 8320, entitled "Payment of Fines, Other Monetary Sanctions, or Costs; Summary Action for Failure to Pay."

<sup>13</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>14</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

describe the Board's powers and the obligations of Participants with respect to fees. The Exchange believes that this new provision provides the Board with greater flexibility in both suspending and now terminating Participants for failure to pay fees. The Exchange's By-Laws at Article IX, Section 4 provide the Board with authority to fix and levy the amount of fees assessed to BX members and Rule 9553 contemplates the ramifications and process by which members are notified and sanctioned for a failure to pay such fees.

The adoption of an Exchange Rule similar to Phlx Rule 52 will align the BX Rules with that of Phlx, with respect to fees, and reflect the current process which exists at both exchanges. The new text adds clarity to the BX Rules and better reflects the current process. The Exchange believes that the adoption of the new rule text will provide Participants with clear guidelines for the payment of fees and will remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system.

4. 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 that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The proposed rule text does not impose an undue burden on competition, rather it seeks to clarify the power of the Exchange's Board and the manner in which the Exchange manages the assessment of fees. BX Participants will all be subject to the same obligations as specified in the proposed rule with respect to fees.

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 foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)<sup>15</sup> of the Act and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)<sup>16</sup> thereunder, in that it effects a change that: (i) does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) does not impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) by its terms, 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.

The proposed rule change does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest, nor does it impose any significant burden on competition, rather it seeks to harmonize BX's Rule with that of Phlx and provide clear guidance on the Board's powers with respect to fees and the obligations of Participants.

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. Furthermore, a proposed rule change filed pursuant to Rule 19b-4(f)(6) under the Act<sup>17</sup> normally does not become

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

<sup>16</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

<sup>17</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

operative for 30 days after the date of its filing. However, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)<sup>18</sup> permits the Commission to designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest.

Furthermore, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file a proposed rule change under that subsection at least five business days prior to the date of filing, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The Exchange has provided such notice.

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

The proposed rule change is substantially similar to Phlx Rule 52.<sup>19</sup>

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.

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<sup>18</sup> Id.

<sup>19</sup> The new provisions of Chapter VI, Section 16 are similar to Phlx Rule 52 with the exception of 52(e) which provision currently exists in BX Rule 8320.

11. Exhibits

1. Completed Notice of Proposed Rule Change 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-2015-023)

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change by NASDAQ OMX BX, Inc. Relating to Fees, Dues and Other Charges

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 April 17, 2015, 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 amend Chapter VI, Section 16, entitled “Fees and Charges.”

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

<sup>2</sup> 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.

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 amend Chapter VI, Section 16, entitled “Fees and Charges.” Today, the Exchange’s Rule at Chapter VI, Section 16 discusses participation Fees and notes that the Board in its discretion may fix participations fees payable by Options Participants on a quarterly basis.<sup>3</sup> Also, Options Participants shall pay a fee for each transaction they execute on BX, as may be determined by the Board in its discretion. The Board may prescribe different or no fees for different types of transactions conducted on BX.<sup>4</sup> The Board may fix and impose other fees, assessments or charges to be paid to Options Participants or by classes of Options Participants with respect to applications, registrations, approvals, use of BX and Trading System facilities or other services or privileges granted.<sup>5</sup> Finally, an Options Participant that does not pay any fees, assessments, charges, fines or other amounts due to BX within thirty (30) days after they have become due and payable shall be reported to the Board or its delegate which may, after giving reasonable notice to the Options Participant of such arrearages, suspend the Options Participant until payment is made or terminate the Options Participant's participation on BX. An associated

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<sup>3</sup> See Chapter VI, Section 16(a).

<sup>4</sup> See Chapter VI, Section 16(b).

<sup>5</sup> See Chapter VI, Section 16(c).

person of an Options Participant who fails to pay any fine or other amounts due to BX within thirty (30) days after such amount has become due and payable and after reasonable notice of such arrearages, may be suspended from association with an Options Participant until payment is made.<sup>6</sup>

The Exchange is proposing to amend the title of Chapter VI, Section 16 to “Fees, Dues and Other Charges” and adopt the rule text of current NASDAQ OMX PHLX LLC (“Phlx”) Rule 52 into current Chapter VI, Section 16. The Exchange desires to harmonize Chapter VI, Section 16 with Phlx Rule 52.

The new rule text would continue to permit the Board of Directors to have the power to fix fees. The proposed new rule would permit the Board: (i) to establish, assess and levy such fees, dues and other charges (including, without limitation, any extraordinary assessments) upon members and any other persons using the facilities or services of the Exchange, and upon applicants for and persons being admitted, registered, qualified and/or initiated to any such status, in each case as the Board of Directors may from time to time establish by resolution or in the Rules of the Exchange (which shall be deemed to include any schedule of fees, dues, other charges and penalties as may be in effect from time to time), (ii) to establish rebates, credits and discounts with respect to any of the foregoing, (iii) to establish programs whereby the Exchange shares or permits any person to participate in any identified source of revenues (less any expenses or other charges as the Exchange shall determine) of the Exchange, (iv) to provide for the direct reimbursement to the Exchange of any cost, expense or category thereof, and (v) except insofar as otherwise specified or provided for in the By-Laws, to establish and assess penalties for failure to pay any fees, dues

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<sup>6</sup> See Chapter VI, Section 16(d).

or charges owed to the Exchange, including, without limitation, termination of membership (which membership may be reissued) and forfeiture of all rights as a member. The Board of Directors may authorize any committee thereof or the Chair of the Board of Directors to exercise any powers of the Board of Directors with respect to the assessment of fees, dues, other charges and penalties authorized in accordance with this Section.<sup>7</sup> The Exchange believes that the proposed rule text includes a more exhaustive list of powers that the Board, or its delegate, may exercise with respect to fees.

The Board of Directors may also, from time to time, fix and impose charges upon members, measured by their respective net commissions on transactions effected on the Exchange. Such charges shall be payable at such times and shall be collected in such manner as may be determined by the Board of Directors.<sup>8</sup> The Exchange believes that this rule text is more expansive than the rule text in current rule Chapter VI, Section 16 and provides the board with additional flexibility in imposing fees. Participants shall abide by the provisions of the Exchange's By-Laws and the Rules, which shall include, without limitation, the obligation to pay all applicable fees, dues and other charges imposed thereon by the By-Laws or the Rules of the Exchange.<sup>9</sup> Participants today are obligated to abide by the provisions of the Exchange's By-Laws and the Rules and pay all applicable fees, dues and other charges imposed thereon by the By-Laws or the Rules of the Exchange. This provision does not impose any new obligations on Participants.

Finally, the Board of Directors or their designee may suspend or terminate, after due

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<sup>7</sup> See proposed new Chapter VI, Section 16(a).

<sup>8</sup> See proposed new Chapter VI, Section 16(b).

<sup>9</sup> See proposed new Chapter VI, Section 16(c).

notice, any permit or rights of any Participant or employee thereof using facilities or services of the Exchange, or enjoying any of the privileges therein, who shall not pay dues, fees, other charges, other monies due and owed the Exchange, fines and/or other monetary sanctions in accordance with the Rules of the Exchange.<sup>10</sup> Today, the Exchange has the power to suspend Participants as noted in current rule Chapter VI, Section 16. The Exchange believes that this new provision provides the Board with greater flexibility in both suspending and now terminating Participants for failure to pay fees. The Exchange's Rules today provide a process for the suspension, cancellation and bar of its members.<sup>11</sup>

The Exchange is not proposing to adopt the provisions of Phlx Rule 52(e) as those provisions apply today to BX Participants.<sup>12</sup>

## 2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act<sup>13</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act<sup>14</sup> in particular, in that it is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, 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. The Exchange

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<sup>10</sup> See proposed new Chapter VI, Section 16(d).

<sup>11</sup> See BX Rule 9553, entitled "Failure to Pay Exchange Dues, Fees and Other Charges," specifies the process for suspension, cancellation and bar applicable to BX members.

<sup>12</sup> See BX Rule 8320, entitled "Payment of Fines, Other Monetary Sanctions, or Costs; Summary Action for Failure to Pay."

<sup>13</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>14</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).



believes that these proposed rule changes will harmonize the BX's Rules related to fees with that of Phlx.

The Exchange's process for billing and collecting fees on BX today is the same process which exists on Phlx. The Exchange therefore desires to adopt Rule 52 to better describe the Board's powers and the obligations of Participants with respect to fees. The Exchange believes that this new provision provides the Board with greater flexibility in both suspending and now terminating Participants for failure to pay fees. The Exchange's By-Laws at Article IX, Section 4 provide the Board with authority to fix and levy the amount of fees assessed to BX members and Rule 9553 contemplates the ramifications and process by which members are notified and sanctioned for a failure to pay such fees.

The adoption of an Exchange Rule similar to Phlx Rule 52 will align the BX Rules with that of Phlx, with respect to fees, and reflect the current process which exists at both exchanges. The new text adds clarity to the BX Rules and better reflects the current process. The Exchange believes that the adoption of the new rule text will provide Participants with clear guidelines for the payment of fees and will remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system.

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 that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The proposed rule text does not impose an undue burden on competition, rather it seeks to clarify the power of the Exchange's Board and the manner in which the

Exchange manages the assessment of fees. BX Participants will all be subject to the same obligations as specified in the proposed rule with respect to fees.

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 significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; does not impose any significant burden on competition; and by its terms does not 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)<sup>15</sup> of the Act and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.<sup>16</sup>

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:

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

<sup>16</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

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](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR-BX-2015-023 on the subject line.

Paper comments:

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

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-BX-2015-023. 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-2015-023 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.<sup>17</sup>

Brent J. Fields  
Deputy Secretary

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<sup>17</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

**Exhibit 5**

*New text is underlined; deleted text is in brackets.*

**NASDAQ OMX BX Rules**

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**Chapter VI Trading Systems**

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**Sec. 16 Fees, Dues and Other Charges**

(a) The Board of Directors shall have the power (i) to establish, assess and levy such fees, dues and other charges (including, without limitation, any extraordinary assessments) upon Participants and any other persons using the facilities or services of the Exchange, and upon applicants for and persons being admitted, registered, qualified and/or initiated to any such status, in each case as the Board of Directors may from time to time establish by resolution or in the Rules of the Exchange (which shall be deemed to include any schedule of fees, dues, other charges and penalties as may be in effect from time to time), (ii) to establish rebates, credits and discounts with respect to any of the foregoing, (iii) to establish programs whereby the Exchange shares or permits any person to participate in any identified source of revenues (less any expenses or other charges as the Exchange shall determine) of the Exchange, (iv) to provide for the direct reimbursement to the Exchange of any cost, expense or category thereof, and (v) except insofar as otherwise specified or provided for in the By-Laws, to establish and assess penalties for failure to pay any fees, dues or charges owed to the Exchange, including, without limitation, termination of membership (which membership may be reissued) and forfeiture of all rights as a member. The Board of Directors may authorize any committee thereof or the Chair of the Board of Directors to exercise any powers of the Board of Directors with respect to the assessment of fees, dues, other charges and penalties authorized in accordance with this Section.

(b) Without limiting the generality of the provisions of the By-Laws, the Board of Directors may, from time to time, fix and impose charges upon Participants, measured by their respective net commissions on transactions effected on the Exchange. Such charges shall be payable at such times and shall be collected in such manner as may be determined by the Board of Directors.

(c) The obligation of Participants to abide by the provisions of these By-Laws and the Rules of the Exchange shall include, without limitation, the obligation to pay all applicable fees, dues and other charges imposed thereon by these By-Laws or the Rules of the Exchange.

(d) The Board of Directors or their designee may suspend or terminate, after due notice, any permit or rights of any Participant or employee thereof using facilities or services of the Exchange, or enjoying any of the privileges therein, who shall not pay dues, fees, other charges, other monies due and owed the Exchange, fines and/or other monetary sanctions in accordance with the Rules of the Exchange.

**[(a) *Participation Fees.* The Board in its discretion shall fix participation fees payable by Options Participants from time to time. Fees shall be payable in full on the first day of January,**

April, July and October on a non- refundable basis and shall be applied to the quarter beginning on that day.

**(b) *Transaction Fees.*** Options Participants shall pay a fee for each transaction they execute on BX Options, as may be determined by the Board in its discretion. The Board may prescribe different, or no fees for different types of transactions conducted on BX Options.

**(c) *Other Fees.*** In addition to the fees and charges specified in this Chapter, the Board may, from time to time, fix and impose other fees, assessments or charges to be paid to BX Options by Options Participants or by classes of Options Participants with respect to applications, registrations, approvals, use of BX Options and Trading System facilities or other services or privileges granted.

**(d) *Liability for Payment of Fees.*** An Options Participant that does not pay any fees, assessments, charges, fines or other amounts due to BX Options within thirty (30) days after they have become due and payable shall be reported to the Board or its delegate which may, after giving reasonable notice to the Options Participant of such arrearages, suspend the Options Participant until payment is made or terminate the Options Participant's participation on BX Options. A person associated with an Options Participant who fails to pay any fine or other amounts due to BX Options within thirty (30) days after such amount has become due and payable and after reasonable notice of such arrearages, may be suspended from association with an Options Participant until payment is made.]

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