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

(a) Nasdaq GEMX, LLC ("GEMX" 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 delay the implementation of SR-GEMX-2024-42,<sup>3</sup> which amended GEMX's Options Regulatory Fee ("ORF"). Specifically, the Exchange proposes to delay the new ORF and methodology therein which will be implemented on June 1, 2025 and sunset on December 1, 2025.<sup>4</sup>

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. <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 (the "Board"). 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

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

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> <u>See</u> Securities and Exchange Act Release No. 101875 (December 11, 2024), 89 FR 102223 (December 17, 2024) (SR-GEMX-2024-42) (Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Adopt a New Approach to the Options Regulatory Fee (ORF) in 2025) ("SR-GEMX-2024-42").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> On January 13, 2025, SR-GEMX-2025-03 was filed. The Exchange is withdrawing SR-GEMX-2025-03 on January 28, 2025 and replacing it with this rule change.

### Principal Associate General Counsel Nasdaq, Inc. (215) 496-5692

### 3. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis</u> for, the Proposed Rule Change

a. <u>Purpose</u>

GEMX previously filed a proposed amendment to its ORF, effective as of January 1, 2025,<sup>5</sup> to amend its methodology of collection to: (1) specify that it is including options transactions in GEMX proprietary products; and (2) assess ORF in all clearing ranges except market makers who clear as "M" at The Options Clearing Corporation ("OCC").<sup>6</sup> Additionally, GEMX proposed to assess a different rate for trades executed on GEMX ("Local ORF Rate") and trades executed on non-GEMX exchanges ("Away ORF Rate").<sup>7</sup>

At this time, the Exchange proposes to delay the implementation of SR-GEMX-2024-42, with respect to the new ORF and methodology therein which was effective on January 1, 2025, so that it would now be implemented on June 1, 2025. Delaying the January 1, 2025 implementation would allow the Exchange to continue to assess the ORF that was in effect in December 2024 of \$0.0012 per contract side for January 2025 transactions and thereafter until June 1, 2025. In light of a comment letter from SIFMA dated December 20, 2024,<sup>8</sup> the Exchange proposes this delay to provide market participants additional time to track the new ORF charges on both Local and Away

<sup>8</sup> <u>https://www.sec.gov/comments/sr-nasdaq-2024-078/srnasdaq2024078-550079-1574622.pdf.</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> <u>See supra</u> note 3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> ORF revenues are not used to fund the building or operation of CAT systems that are funded through a separate CAT Fee.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> <u>See supra note 3.</u>

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executions in the "Firm" range. This delay would allow market participants the additional time needed to design, test and implement changes to the ORF.

Additionally, the Exchange proposes to amend the sunset date from July 1, 2025 to December 1, 2025 in light of the proposed delay. The sunset date would revert the ORF back to the ORF methodology and rate of \$0.0012 per contract side that was in effect in December 2024.<sup>9</sup> The Exchange is not substantively amending the proposed ORF with this proposal.

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

The Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act") and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to the Exchange and, in particular, the requirements of Section 6(b) of the Act.<sup>10</sup> Specifically, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)(4) of the Act<sup>11</sup>, which provides that Exchange rules may provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among its members, and other persons using its facilities. Additionally, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section  $6(b)(5)^{12}$  requirement that the rules of an exchange not be designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

The Exchange's proposal to delay the implementation of SR-GEMX-2024-42, with respect to the new ORF and methodology therein which was effective on January 1, 2025, until June 1, 2025 is consistent with the Act because it will provide market

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> The Exchange proposes to reconsider the sunset date and determine whether to proceed with the proposed ORF structure at that time.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

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participants additional time to track the new ORF charges on both Local and Away executions in the "Firm" range, providing additional time to design, test and implement changes to the ORF. The proposal to amend the sunset date from July 1, 2025 to December 1, 2025 is also consistent with the Act as this proposal will not go into effect until June 1, 2025. The Exchange is not substantively amending the proposed ORF with this proposal.

#### 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 intra-market competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The Exchange will continue to assess the ORF in effect in December 2024 to all Members. No Member would be subject to the proposed new ORF until June 1, 2025. The Exchange is not substantively amending the proposed ORF with this proposal.

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on inter-market competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act as other options exchanges may elect to adopt a similar proposal and select their own implementation date.

- 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> <u>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 selfregulatory organization on any person, whether or not the person is a member of the selfregulatory 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</u> or of the Commission

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

# **EXHIBIT 1**

### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. ; File No. SR-GEMX-2025-05)

January \_\_, 2025

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Nasdaq GEMX, LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Delay the Implementation of SR-GEMX-2024-42, Related to the Options Regulatory Fee

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 January 28, 2025, Nasdaq GEMX,

LLC ("GEMX" 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 delay the implementation of SR-GEMX-2024-42,<sup>3</sup>

which amended GEMX's Options Regulatory Fee ("ORF"). Specifically, the Exchange

proposes to delay the new ORF and methodology therein which will be implemented on

June 1, 2025 and sunset on December 1, 2025.<sup>4</sup>

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

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> <u>See</u> Securities and Exchange Act Release No. 101875 (December 11, 2024), 89 FR 102223 (December 17, 2024) (SR-GEMX-2024-42) (Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Adopt a New Approach to the Options Regulatory Fee (ORF) in 2025) ("SR-GEMX-2024-42").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> On January 13, 2025, SR-GEMX-2025-03 was filed. The Exchange is withdrawing SR-GEMX-2025-03 on January 28, 2025 and replacing it with this rule change.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's Website at <u>https://listingcenter.nasdaq.com/rulebook/gemx/rulefilings</u>, 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>

GEMX previously filed a proposed amendment to its ORF, effective as of January 1, 2025,<sup>5</sup> to amend its methodology of collection to: (1) specify that it is including options transactions in GEMX proprietary products; and (2) assess ORF in all clearing ranges except market makers who clear as "M" at The Options Clearing Corporation ("OCC").<sup>6</sup> Additionally, GEMX proposed to assess a different rate for trades executed on GEMX ("Local ORF Rate") and trades executed on non-GEMX exchanges ("Away ORF Rate").<sup>7</sup>

At this time, the Exchange proposes to delay the implementation of SR-GEMX-

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> <u>See supra note 3.</u>

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2024-42, with respect to the new ORF and methodology therein which was effective on January 1, 2025, so that it would now be implemented on June 1, 2025. Delaying the January 1, 2025 implementation would allow the Exchange to continue to assess the ORF that was in effect in December 2024 of \$0.0012 per contract side for January 2025 transactions and thereafter until June 1, 2025. In light of a comment letter from SIFMA dated December 20, 2024,<sup>8</sup> the Exchange proposes this delay to provide market participants additional time to track the new ORF charges on both Local and Away executions in the "Firm" range. This delay would allow market participants the additional time needed to design, test and implement changes to the ORF.

Additionally, the Exchange proposes to amend the sunset date from July 1, 2025 to December 1, 2025 in light of the proposed delay. The sunset date would revert the ORF back to the ORF methodology and rate of \$0.0012 per contract side that was in effect in December 2024.<sup>9</sup> The Exchange is not substantively amending the proposed ORF with this proposal.

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

The Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act") and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to the Exchange and, in particular, the requirements of Section 6(b) of the Act.<sup>10</sup> Specifically, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)(4) of the Act<sup>11</sup>, which provides that Exchange rules may provide for the equitable

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

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allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among its members, and other persons using its facilities. Additionally, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section  $6(b)(5)^{12}$  requirement that the rules of an exchange not be designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

The Exchange's proposal to delay the implementation of SR-GEMX-2024-42, with respect to the new ORF and methodology therein which was effective on January 1, 2025, until June 1, 2025 is consistent with the Act because it will provide market participants additional time to track the new ORF charges on both Local and Away executions in the "Firm" range, providing additional time to design, test and implement changes to the ORF. The proposal to amend the sunset date from July 1, 2025 to December 1, 2025 is also consistent with the Act as this proposal will not go into effect until June 1, 2025. The Exchange is not substantively amending the proposed ORF with this proposal.

#### B. <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 intra-market competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The Exchange will continue to assess the ORF in effect in December 2024 to all Members. No Member would be subject to the proposed new ORF until June 1, 2025. The Exchange is not substantively amending the proposed ORF with this proposal.

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on inter-market competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the

<sup>12</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

purposes of the Act as other options exchanges may elect to adopt a similar proposal and select their own implementation date.

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.<sup>13</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: (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 (https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml); or
- Send an email to <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include file number SR-GEMX-2025-05 on the subject line.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

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#### 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-GEMX-2025-05. This file number should be included on the subject line if email 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 website (https://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 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. Do not include personal identifiable information in submissions; you should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. We may redact in part or withhold entirely from publication submitted material that is obscene or subject to copyright protection. All submissions should refer to file number SR-GEMX-2025-05 and should be submitted on or before [INSERT DATE 21 DAYS AFTER] DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to

delegated authority.14

# Sherry R. Haywood,

Assistant Secretary.

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

### **EXHIBIT 5**

New text is underlined; deleted text is in brackets.

#### Nasdaq GEMX, LLC Rules

**Options Rules** 

**Options 7 Pricing Schedule** 

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Section 5. Legal & Regulatory

#### As of August 1, 2023, the ORF is \$0.0012 per contract side.

The Options Regulatory Fee ("ORF") is assessed by GEMX to each GEMX Member for options transactions cleared by The Options Clearing Corporation ("OCC") in the customer where: (1) the execution occurs on GEMX or (2) the execution occurs on another exchange and is cleared by a GEMX Member. The ORF is collected by OCC on behalf of GEMX from (1) GEMX clearing members for all customer transactions they clear or (2) non-members for all customer transactions they clear or (2) non-members for all customer transactions they clear or (2) non-members for all customer transactions they clear or (2) non-members for all customer transactions they clear or (2) non-members for all customer transactions they clear or (2) non-members for all customer transactions they clear or (2) non-members for all customer transactions they clear or (2) non-members for all customer transactions they clear or (2) non-members for all customer transactions they clear or (2) non-members for all customer transactions they clear or (2) non-members for all customer transactions they clear or (2) non-members for all customer transactions they clear or (2) non-members for all customer transactions they clear that were executed on GEMX. GEMX uses reports from OCC when assessing and collecting ORF. The Exchange will notify Members via an Options Trader Alert of any change in the amount of the fee at least 30 calendar days prior to the effective date of the change.

#### Effective [January]June 1, 2025

The Options Regulatory Fee ("ORF") is assessed by GEMX to each GEMX Member for multilisted options transactions and options transactions in GEMX proprietary products cleared by The Options Clearing Corporation ("OCC") in all clearing ranges except market makers who clear as "M" at OCC where: (1) the execution occurs on GEMX or (2) the execution occurs on another exchange and is cleared by a GEMX Member. The ORF is collected by OCC on behalf of GEMX from (1) GEMX clearing members for all Priority Customer, Professional Customer, Firm Proprietary and Broker-Dealer transactions they clear or (2) non-members for all Priority Customer, Professional Customer, Firm Proprietary and Broker-Dealer transactions they clear that were executed on GEMX. GEMX uses reports from OCC when assessing and collecting ORF. The Exchange will notify Members via an Options Trader Alert of any change in the amount of the fee at least 30 calendar days prior to the effective date of the change. GEMX will assess a different rate for trades executed on GEMX ("Local ORF Rate") and trades executed on non-GEMX exchanges ("Away ORF Rate") as specified below.

Local ORF Rate for Customer "C"	Local ORF Rate for Firm "F" Origin
Origin Code transactions executed on	Code transactions executed on GEMX
GEMX (Local)	(Local)
\$0.0170 per contract side	\$0.00020 per contract side

Away ORF Rate for Customer "C"	Away ORF Rate for Firm "F" Origin
Origin Code multi-list transactions	Code multi-list transactions executed on
executed on non-GEMX exchanges	non-GEMX exchanges
\$0.00 per contract side	\$0.00020 per contract side

The ORF will sunset on [July]<u>December</u> 1, 2025 at which point the Exchange would revert back to the ORF methodology and rate (\$0.0012 per contract side) that was in effect prior to this rule change.

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