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☐ 19b-4(f)(3) ☐ 19b-4(f)(6)

Notice of proposed change pursuant to the Payment, Clearing, and Settlement Act of 2010

Section 806(e)(1) * ☐ Section 806(e)(2) * ☐

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Section 3C(b)(2) * ☐

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Description

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A proposal to modify the price of a 10Gb Ultra fiber connection to the Exchange

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.

First Name * [redacted] Last Name * [redacted]

Title * [redacted]

E-mail * [redacted]

Telephone * [redacted] Fax

Signature

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange of 1934, Nasdaq GEMX, LLC has duly caused this filing to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Date 11/13/2025

By John A. Zecca
(Name *)

(Title *)
EVP and Chief Legal Officer

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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.

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Exhibit 1A - Notice of Proposed Rule Change, Security-Based Swap Submission, or Advanced Notice by Clearing Agencies *

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

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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.

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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 GEMX, LLC ("GEMX" 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 modify the price of a 10Gb Ultra fiber connection to the Exchange, as described further below.

A notice of the proposed rule change for publication in the Federal Register is attached as Exhibit 1.

(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 (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:

[1] 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

[2] 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 Exchange proposes to amend its fee schedule relating to physical connectivity fees. By way of background, a market participant may opt to connect to the Exchange at its data center through various means, including, inter alia: (1) direct connections and indirect connections through vendors; (2) direct connections via copper and fiber; (3) as to fiber connections, connections with different throughputs (1 gigabit ("Gb"), 1Gb Ultra, 10Gb, 10Gb Ultra, and 40Gb). The Exchange currently assesses a $1,650 installation fee and a $16,500 ongoing monthly fee for a 10Gb Ultra fiber connection. The Exchange proposes to increase this monthly fee to $18,500 per month, while maintaining the existing installation fee.

The Exchange notes the proposed fee change will better enable it to continue to maintain and improve its market technology and services. The Exchange also notes that the proposed fee amount, even as amended, will be lower than the monthly fee assessed by the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") for a similar connection. NYSE offers a 10Gb LX LCN Circuit and 10Gb NMS Network Circuit connection for which it charges a $15,000 installation fee and a monthly fee of $22,000 per month.[3]

The Exchange also notes that a market participant can use a single 10 Gb Ultra fiber connection to access all the following affiliated exchanges: the Nasdaq Stock Market, the Nasdaq Options Market, Nasdaq BX, Nasdaq, BX Options, Nasdaq PSX, PHLX Options, Nasdaq ISE, Nasdaq GEMX, Nasdaq MRX, and the Nasdaq Bond Exchange ("Affiliate Exchanges"). Notably, only one monthly fee currently (and will continue) to apply per 10 Gb Ultra fiber

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connections regardless of how many Affiliate Exchanges are accessed through that one fiber connection.

The Exchange will implement the proposed rule change beginning on January 2, 2026.

b. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) 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, and is not designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

The Commission and the courts have repeatedly expressed their preference for competition over regulatory intervention in determining prices, products, and services in the securities markets. In Regulation NMS, while adopting a series of steps to improve the current market model, the Commission highlighted the importance of market forces in determining prices and SRO revenues and, also, recognized that current regulation of the market system "has been remarkably successful in promoting market competition in its broader forms that are most important to investors and listed companies."[6]

Likewise, in NetCoalition v. Securities and Exchange Commission[7] ("NetCoalition") the D.C. Circuit upheld the Commission's use of a market-based approach in evaluating the fairness of market data fees against a challenge claiming that Congress mandated a cost-based approach.[8]

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8 See NetCoalition, at 534 - 535.

As the court emphasized, the Commission "intended in Regulation NMS that 'market forces, rather than regulatory requirements' play a role in determining the market data . . . to be made available to investors and at what cost."[9]

Further, "[n]o one disputes that competition for order flow is 'fierce.' … As the SEC explained, '[i]n the U.S. national market system, buyers and sellers of securities, and the broker-dealers that act as their order-routing agents, have a wide range of choices of where to route orders for execution'; [and] 'no exchange can afford to take its market share percentages for granted' because 'no exchange possesses a monopoly, regulatory or otherwise, in the execution of order flow from broker dealers'…."[10] Although the court and the SEC were discussing the cash equities markets, the Exchange believes that these views apply with equal force to the options markets.

The Exchange believes the proposed fee change is reasonable as it will better align the price of this connectivity option to the value it offers to the market participants that utilize it. It will also better enable the Exchange to maintain and improve its connectivity services and facilities. Finally, the proposed fee change is reasonable as the resulting 10Gb Ultra monthly fee will be lower than the amount assessed by NYSE for an analogous market access connection.

Additionally, the Exchange believes that the proposal will be an equitable allocation of fees and will not discriminate unfairly against market participants. The proposed fee change is an equitable allocation of fees because it reflects the substantial value that the 10Gb Ultra fiber connection option provides to its users. This connectivity option is particularly attractive to customers that desire ultra-low latency connectivity to Nasdaq's Affiliated Exchanges because it

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9 Id. at 537.

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provides sufficient capacity to support most of their activities on the Affiliated Exchanges and does so at a reasonable comparative price point. The proposal is not unfairly discriminatory because 10Gb Ultra connectivity will be available to all customers at the same price. Moreover, it is an optional product. As noted above, customers that do not wish to purchase this product, either at the proposed price or otherwise, have ample alternative options to connect to the Exchange, including many options that are less expensive. While the proposed price increase will impact customers which are latency sensitive and require larger capacity connections than others, this is fair because users of 10Gb Ultra fiber connections consume more resources from the network than do other participants.

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 not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

The proposed fee change will not impact intramarket competition because it will apply to all similarly situated participants equally (i.e., all market participants that choose to purchase the 10 Gb Ultra fiber connection). Additionally, the Exchange does not believe its proposed pricing will impose a barrier to entry to smaller participants and notes that its proposed connectivity pricing is associated with relative usage of the various market participants. For example, market participants with modest capacity needs or which are less latency sensitive can continue to buy the less expensive copper or lower throughput or non-ultra fiber options, or they may choose to connect via a third-party vendor.

The proposed fee change also does not impose a burden on intermarket competition that is not necessary or appropriate. As described above, in establishing its proposed fee change the Exchange compared its proposed fee increase to that of competitor exchanges' analogous offerings. As noted above, the proposed monthly fee will be $3,500 per month less than that of

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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)

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act,[11] 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 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

Not applicable.

[11] 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

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 Change for publication in the Federal Register.

5. Text of the proposed rule change.

EXHIBIT 1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34 ; File No. SR-GEMX-2025-30]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Nasdaq GEMX, LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Modify the Price of a 10Gb Ultra Fiber Connection to the Exchange

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 13, 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. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to modify the price of a 10Gb Ultra fiber connection to the Exchange, as described further below. While these amendments are effective upon filing, the Exchange has designated the proposed amendments to be operative on January 2, 2026.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's Website at https://listingcenter.nasdaq.com/rulebook/gemx/rules, and at the principal office of the Exchange.

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1 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

2 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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 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. 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

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act.[11]

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,

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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 rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include file number SR-GEMX-2025-30 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-GEMX-2025-30. 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 filing 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-2025-30 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.[12]

Sherry R. Haywood,

Assistant Secretary.

[12] 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

EXHIBIT 5

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NASDAQ GEMX, LLC RULES

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General Equity and Options Rules

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General 8: Connectivity

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Section 1 Co-Location Services

The following charges are assessed for co-location services: [1]

(a) No change.
(b) Connectivity

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Connectivity to the Exchange

Description	**Installation Fee**	**Ongoing Monthly Fee**
Fiber Connection to the Exchange (10Gb)	$1,100	$11,000

Fiber Connection to the Exchange (10Gb Ultra)	$1,650	$18,500[16,500]
Fiber Connection to the Exchange (40Gb)	$1,650	$22,000
Fiber Connection to the Exchange (1Gb Ultra)	$1,650	$2,750
Fiber Connection to the Exchange (1Gb)	$1,100	$2,750
1Gb Copper Connection to the Exchange	$1,100	$2,750

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