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

(a) Pursuant to the provisions of Section 19(b)(1) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC ("NASDAQ" or the "Exchange") is filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") a proposed rule change to modify Chapter XV, Options Pricing, Section 2, of the Options Rules portion of the NASDAQ Rulebook governing pricing for NASDAQ members using The NASDAQ Options Market ("NOM"), NASDAQ's facility for executing and routing standardized equity and index options. The proposed rule change amends certain Customer Routing Fees to recoup costs incurred by the Exchange in routing to away markets. While the changes proposed herein are effective upon filing, the Exchange has designated these changes to be operative on April 2, 2012.

A notice of the proposed rule change for publication in the <u>Federal Register</u> is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit 1</u> and a copy of the applicable text in the Exchange's Rules is attached hereto 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 NASDAQ pursuant to authority delegated by the Board of Directors of NASDAQ on August 19, 2011. NASDAQ staff will advise the Board of Directors of NASDAQ of any action

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

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

taken pursuant to delegated authority. No other action by NASDAQ is necessary for the filing of the rule change.

Questions regarding this rule filing may be directed to Carla Behnfeldt, Associate

General Counsel, at (215) 496-5208.

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

a. <u>Purpose</u>

The purpose of this filing is to recoup costs that the Exchange incurs for routing and executing certain Customer orders in equity and index options to the International Securities Exchange, LLC ("ISE") and to the NASDAQ OMX PHLX, LLC ("PHLX"). Chapter XV, Section 2 currently includes the following Routing Fees for routing

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| ISE   | \$0.11   | \$0.55 | \$0.55 | \$0.29       |
| ISE Select Symbols *  | \$0.23   | \$0.55 | \$0.55 | \$0.39       |
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The Exchange is proposing to amend the "ISE Select Symbols"<sup>3</sup> Customer Routing Fee from \$0.23 per contract to \$0.31 per contract. ISE recently amended its "taker" fee for regular, or non-complex, Priority Customer orders in the Select Symbols, regardless of size, from \$0.15 per contract to \$0.20 per contract.<sup>4</sup> In addition to the ISE taker fee, the Exchange also incurs other routing costs which it seeks to recoup.

The Exchange is also proposing to amend the "PHLX Select Symbols" Customer Routing Fee from \$0.35 per contract to \$0.50 per contract. PHLX recently amended its Single contra-side Customer Fee for Removing Liquidity for its Select Symbols from \$0.31 per contract to \$0.39 per contract.<sup>5</sup> In addition to the PHLX Single contra-side Customer Fee for Removing Liquidity for its Select Symbols, the Exchange also incurs other routing costs which it seeks to recoup.

In addition, NASDAQ Options Services LLC ("NOS"), a member of the Exchange, is the Exchange's exclusive order router. Each time NOS routes to away markets NOS is charged a \$0.06 clearing fee and, in the case of certain exchanges, a transaction fee is also charged in certain symbols, which are passed through to the

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Exchange. The Exchange currently recoups clearing and transaction charges incurred by the Exchange as well as certain other costs incurred by the Exchange when routing to away markets, such as administrative and technical costs associated with operating NOS; the Exchange's membership fees at away markets; and technical costs associated with routing.<sup>6</sup>

As with all fees, the Exchange may adjust these Routing Fees in response to competitive conditions by filing a new proposed rule change. While changes to the Fee Schedule pursuant to this proposal are effective upon filing, the Exchange has designated these changes to be operative on April 2, 2012.

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

NASDAQ believes that the proposed rule changes are consistent with the provisions of Section 6 of the Act,<sup>7</sup> in general, and with Section 6(b)(4) of the Act,<sup>8</sup> 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 NASDAQ operates or controls.

The Exchange believes that these fees are reasonable because they seek to recoup costs that are incurred by the Exchange when routing Customer orders to ISE and PHLX

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on behalf of its members. Each destination market's transaction charge varies and there is a standard clearing charge for each transaction incurred by the Exchange. The Exchange believes that the proposed Routing Fees would enable the Exchange to recover the customer taker fees assessed by ISE and customer Single contra-side Fee for Removing Liquidity assessed by PHLX, plus clearing fees for the execution of customer orders. The Exchange also believes that the proposed Routing Fees are equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because they would be uniformly applied to all Customers.

### 4. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition</u>

NASDAQ 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.

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.

# 6. <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>9</sup> NASDAQ has designated this

proposal as establishing or changing a due, fee, or other charge imposed 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.

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

The proposed rule change is based on rule changes by ISE and PHLX.  $^{\rm 10}$ 

# 9. <u>Exhibits</u>

- 1. Notice of proposed rule for publication in the Federal Register.
- 5. Text of the proposed rule change.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> <u>See</u> ISE's Fee Schedule and PHLX's Pricing Schedule.

## Exhibit 1

## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. ; File No. SR-NASDAQ-2012-046)

March\_\_, 2012

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change by The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC Relating to Customer Routing Fees

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")<sup>1</sup>, and Rule 19b-4<sup>2</sup> thereunder, notice is hereby given that on March 28, 2012, The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC ("NASDAQ" 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 NASDAQ. 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>

NASDAQ proposes to modify Chapter XV, Options Pricing, Section 2, of the Options Rules portion of the NASDAQ Rulebook governing pricing for NASDAQ members using The NASDAQ Options Market ("NOM"), NASDAQ's facility for executing and routing standardized equity and index options. The proposed rule change amends certain Customer Routing Fees to recoup costs incurred by the Exchange in routing to away markets. While changes proposed herein are effective upon filing, the Exchange has designated these changes to be operative on April 2, 2012.

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The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's Website at <a href="http://nasdaq.cchwallstreet.com">http://nasdaq.cchwallstreet.com</a>, 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. 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>

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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.

# 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

<sup>8</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act.<sup>9</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:

#### Electronic comments:

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<u>http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml);</u> or
- Send an e-mail to <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include File Number SR-NASDAQ-2012-046 on the subject line.

### Paper comments:

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• 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-NASDAQ-2012-046. 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

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

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-NASDAQ-2012-046 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>10</sup>

Kevin M. O'Neill Deputy Secretary

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

## **EXHIBIT 5**

New text underlined; deleted text is in brackets.

### **Chapter XV Options Pricing**

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## Sec. 2 NASDAQ Options Market—Fees

The following charges shall apply to the use of the order execution and routing services of the NASDAQ Options Market for all securities.

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**4**) Fees for routing contracts to markets other than the NASDAQ Options Market shall be assessed as provided below. The current fees and a historical record of applicable fees shall be posted on the NasdaqTrader.com website.

| Exchange  | Customer           | Firm   | MM     | Professional |
|---|--------------------|--------|--------|--------------|
| BATS  | \$0.55             | \$0.55 | \$0.55 | \$0.55       |
| BOX   | \$0.11             | \$0.55 | \$0.55 | \$0.11       |
| CBOE  | \$0.11             | \$0.55 | \$0.55 | \$0.31       |
| CBOE orders greater than 99 contracts in NDX, MNX ETFs, ETNs & HOLDRs | \$0.29             | \$0.55 | \$0.55 | \$0.31       |
| C2  | \$0.55             | \$0.55 | \$0.55 | \$0.55       |
| ISE   | \$0.11             | \$0.55 | \$0.55 | \$0.29       |
| ISE Select Symbols <sup>*</sup>                                       | \$0.[23] <u>31</u> | \$0.55 | \$0.55 | \$0.39       |
| NYSE Arca Penny Pilot   | \$0.55             | \$0.55 | \$0.55 | \$0.55       |
| NYSE Arca Non Penny Pilot   | \$0.11             | \$0.55 | \$0.55 | \$0.11       |
| NYSE AMEX   | \$0.11             | \$0.55 | \$0.55 | \$0.31       |
| PHLX (for all options other than PHLX Select Symbols)                 | \$0.11             | \$0.55 | \$0.55 | \$0.31       |
| PHLX Select Symbols **  | \$0.[35] <u>50</u> | \$0.55 | \$0.55 | \$0.51       |

<sup>\*</sup> These fees are applicable to orders routed to ISE that are subject to Rebates and Fees for Adding and Removing Liquidity in Select Symbols. See ISE's Schedule of Fees for the complete list of symbols that are subject to these fees.

<sup>\*\*</sup> These fees are applicable to orders routed to PHLX that are subject to Rebates and Fees for Adding and Removing Liquidity in Select Symbols. See PHLX's Fee Schedule for the complete list of symbols that are subject to these fees.

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