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#### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549 For complete Form 19b-4 instructions please refer to the EFFS website. The self-regulatory organization must provide all required information, presented in a Form 19b-4 Information \* clear and comprehensible manner, to enable the public to provide meaningful comment on the proposal and for the Commission to determine whether the proposal Remove is consistent with the Act and applicable rules and regulations under the Act. The Notice section of this Form 19b-4 must comply with the guidelines for publication Exhibit 1 - Notice of Proposed Rule Change \* 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 Add Remove View 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) **Exhibit 1A- Notice of Proposed Rule** The Notice section of this Form 19b-4 must comply with the guidelines for publication Change, Security-Based Swap Submission, 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 or Advance Notice by Clearing Agencies 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, security-based swap submission, or advance notice being deemed not properly filed. See also Rule 0-3 under the Act (17 CFR 240.0-3) Exhibit 2 - Notices, Written Comments, Copies of notices, written comments, transcripts, other communications. If such **Transcripts, Other Communications** documents cannot be filed electronically in accordance with Instruction F, they shall be filed in accordance with Instruction G. Remove View Add Exhibit Sent As Paper Document П Exhibit 3 - Form, Report, or Questionnaire 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 Add Remove View referred to by the proposed rule change. Exhibit Sent As Paper Document The full text shall be marked, in any convenient manner, to indicate additions to and **Exhibit 4 - Marked Copies** deletions from the immediately preceding filing. The purpose of Exhibit 4 is to permit Add Remove View 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** 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 Add Remove View of the proposed rule change. If the self-regulatory organization is amending only part of the text of a lengthy **Partial Amendment** 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) 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, entitled "Options

Pricing," governing pricing for NASDAQ members using the NASDAQ Options Market

("NOM"), NASDAQ's facility for executing and routing standardized equity and index

options. Specifically, NOM proposes to amend Section 3 entitled "NASDAQ Options

Market - Access Services" to increase all port fees. The Exchange also proposes to adopt
a Participant Fee.

While the changes proposed herein are effective upon filing, the Exchange has designated that the amendments related to fee increases will be operative on January 2, 2013.

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 portion of the rule text is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit 5</u>.

- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Not applicable.

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

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

# 2. Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization

The proposed rule change was approved by senior management of NASDAQ pursuant to authority delegated by the Board of Directors of NASDAQ on July 10, 2012. NASDAQ staff will advise the Board of Directors of NASDAQ of any action 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 Angela Saccomandi Dunn, Associate General Counsel, at (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>

NASDAQ proposes to modify Chapter XV, entitled "Options Pricing," at Section 3 entitled "NASDAQ Options Market - Access Services" to increase all port fees. The Exchange believes that these increases are necessary to keep pace with escalating technology costs. The Exchange also proposes adopting a Participant Fee to recoup costs associated with the administration of the Exchange's members.

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The Exchange currently assesses certain port fees in Section 3(b) of Chapter XV.

Specifically, the Exchange assesses a \$500 per port, per month fee on Order Entry Ports,<sup>3</sup>

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OTTO Drop Ports. <sup>9</sup> The Exchange assesses a \$250 per port, per month fee for SQF

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- The DROP interface provides real time information regarding orders sent to NOM and executions that occurred on NOM. The DROP interface is not a trading interface and does not accept order messages.
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Port, ITTO Port, BONO Port, Order Entry DROP Port and OTTO Drop Port fees from \$500 to \$550 per port, per month. The Exchange also proposes to increase the SQF Port Fee from \$250 to \$550 per port, per month. The Exchange believes that these increases are necessary to keep pace with escalating technology costs.

# Participant Fee

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#### b. Statutory Basis

NASDAQ believes that the proposed rule changes are consistent with the provisions of Section 6 of the Act,<sup>11</sup> in general, and with Section 6(b)(4) of the Act,<sup>12</sup> in particular, in that they provide 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 the adoption of a Participant Fee for NOM Participants of \$500 per month is reasonable because the Exchange is seeking to recoup

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costs related to membership administration. The proposed fee is less than similar fees at other options exchanges.<sup>13</sup> In addition, the Exchange believes that the adoption of a Participant Fee is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because the Participant Fee will be the same for every NOM Participant.

The Exchange believes that the increase to the Port Fees is reasonable because it would allow the Exchange to keep pace with increasing technology costs. The Exchange believes that the increase to the Order Entry Port, CTI Port, OTTO Port, ITTO Port, BONO Port, Order Entry DROP Port and OTTO Drop Port fees from \$500 to \$550 per port, per month is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because the Exchange is seeking to assess the same fees for all of its ports, including the SQF Port Fee. The SQF Port Fee will increase from \$250 to \$550, which is the greatest increase. The Exchange believes that this increase is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory, as mentioned, because the Exchange would assess the same rate for all ports to all NOM Participants.

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

NASDAQ does not believe that the proposed rule changes will result in any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act, as amended. The Exchange believes that its fees are competitive with fees at other options exchanges.

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

No written comments were either solicited or received.

6. Extension of Time Period for Commission Action

Not applicable.

7. <u>Basis for Summary Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3) or for Accelerated Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(2)</u>

The foregoing proposed rule change establishes or changes 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 pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act.<sup>14</sup>

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

Not applicable.

### 9. Exhibits

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

#### Exhibit 1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. ; File No. SR-NASDAQ-2012-139)

December \_\_\_, 2012

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change by The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC Relating to Port Fees and a Participant Fee

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 December 12, 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 Proposed Rule Change</u>

NASDAQ proposes to modify Chapter XV, entitled "Options Pricing," governing pricing for NASDAQ members using the NASDAQ Options Market ("NOM"), NASDAQ's facility for executing and routing standardized equity and index options. Specifically, NOM proposes to amend Section 3 entitled "NASDAQ Options Market - Access Services" to increase all port fees. The Exchange also proposes to adopt a Participant Fee.

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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.

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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. <u>Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action</u>

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act.<sup>14</sup> At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

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 (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml); or
- Send an e-mail to <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include File Number SR-NASDAQ-2012-139 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-NASDAQ-2012-139. 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 (<a href="http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml">http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml</a>).

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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

Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with

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-2012-139 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>15</sup>

Kevin M. O'Neill Deputy Secretary

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#### Exhibit 5

New text is underlined; deleted text is in brackets.

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# **Chapter XV Options Pricing**

NASDAQ Options Market Participants may be subject to the Charges for Membership, Services and Equipment in the Rule 7000 Series as well as the fees in this Chapter XV.

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# Sec. 3 NASDAQ Options Market - Access Services

The following charges are assessed by Nasdaq for connectivity to the NASDAQ Options Market:

- (a) TradeInfo
- Members not subscribing to the Nasdaq Workstation using TradeInfo will be charged a fee of \$95 per user per month.
- (b) Port Fees, per port per month, as follows:

Order Entry Port Fee	\$5[0] <u>5</u> 0.00
CTI Port Fee	\$5[0] <u>5</u> 0.00
OTTO Port Fee	\$5[0] <u>5</u> 0.00
ITTO Port Fee <sup>1</sup>	\$5[0] <u>5</u> 0.00
BONO Port Fee <sup>1</sup>	\$5[0] <u>5</u> 0.00
Order Entry DROP Port Fee	\$5[0] <u>5</u> 0.00
OTTO DROP Port Fee	\$5[0] <u>5</u> 0.00
SQF Port Fee	\$[250] <u>550</u> .00

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>ITTO and BONO Port fees will be assessed to non-NOM Participants and NOM Participants.

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#### Sec. 10 Participant Fee – Options

NOM Participants will be subject to a Participant Fee of \$500 per month, per NOM Participant.

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