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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 Proposed Rule Change

(a) Pursuant to the provisions of Section 19(b)(1) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"), and Rule 19b-4 thereunder, The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC ("NASDAQ" or "Exchange") is filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") a proposed rule change to extend the operative date of recent changes made to Rules 4613(a)(2)(F) and (G), and Rule 4751(f)(15) to February 25, 2013, thereby extending the retirement of the automated quotation refresh functionality from January 15, 2013 to February 25, 2013.

- (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 on July 10, 2012. Exchange staff will advise the Board of Directors of the Exchange of any action taken pursuant to delegated authority. No other action by the Exchange is necessary for the filing of the rule change.

Questions regarding this rule filing may be directed to T. Sean Bennett, Associate General Counsel, The NASDAQ OMX Group, Inc., at (301) 978-8499 (telephone) or (301) 978-8472 (fax).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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

a. <u>Purpose</u>

On December 17, 2012, the Exchange filed an immediately effective rule change to retire the automated quotation refresh functionality ("AQR") provided to Exchange market makers under Rules 4613(a)(2)(F) and (G), and to make conforming changes to Rule 4751(f)(15).³ The proposed changes are operative on January 15, 2013. The Exchange received one comment letter to the rule change, seeking an extension of the AQR retirement date to February 25, 2013.⁴ The commenter, an industry association which represents a substantial number of NASDAQ members, noted it was concerned that the January 15, 2013 retirement date does not allow sufficient time for implementation of all functionality associated with the AQR system. The commenter explained that new functionality to automate quote movement after quote execution must be developed and incorporated into order management and trading systems. In support of its argument for an extension, the commenter noted that some firms require architectural reprogramming to mission critical systems that control trading operations, and that thorough testing of such changes must be done. The commenter further noted that yearend code freezes, which typically extend into the first week of January, will make it difficult for firms to adequately implement and test these significant changes to their

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systems by January 15, 2013. The Exchange has received similar telephonic comments from some of its member firms that are Exchange market makers.

In light of member firm and industry feedback received on the current retirement date, the Exchange believes that a brief extension is warranted to allow member firms adequate time to program and test their systems to use the Market Maker Peg Order⁵ or develop alternative means of complying with their market maker obligations. Given that member firms may not be prepared to comply with their market making obligations on January 15, 2013 in the absence of AQR and the potential market disruption that may be caused by eliminating AQR on that date, the Exchange has determined to extend the retirement date of AQR to February 25, 2013, and likewise extend the related changes to Rules 4613(a)(2)(F) and (G), and Rule 4751(f)(15) filed with the Commission on December 21, 2012⁶ to February 25, 2013.

The Exchange reminds member firms that AQR presents difficulties to market makers in meeting their obligations under Rule 15c3-5 under the Act (the "Market Access Rule")⁷ and Regulation SHO under the Act.⁸ The Exchange emphasizes that market makers using AQR remain obligated to monitor their quotes and are responsible for complying with all Exchange rules, the Market Access Rule, as well as Rule 610, Rule 611 of Regulation NMS and Rule 200(g) of Regulation SHO, even in the event that

On August 2, 2012, the Commission approved the Exchange's new Market Maker Peg Order, which is designed to replace AQR. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 67584 (August 2, 2012), 77 FR 47472 (August 8, 2012) (SR-NASDAQ-2012-066).

Supra note 3.

⁷ 17 CFR 240.15c3-5.

⁸ 17 CFR 242.200 through 204.

AQR is not functioning properly. Market makers must have policies and procedures to address such contingencies and systems in place to ensure that they can continuously meet their two-sided obligation.

b. Statutory Basis

The statutory basis for the proposed rule change is Section 6(b)(5) of the Act, 9 which requires the rules of an exchange 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 the proposed rule meets these requirements in that it provides a brief extension to the retirement date of AQR to allow member firms that are market makers to adequately test and implement changes to their systems. AQR is a duplicative function and has been replaced with a new order type that allows member firms to better meet their minimum market maker quotation requirements and also comply with regulatory requirements, such as the Market Access Rule and Regulation SHO. Given the feedback received from both member firms and others in the industry concerning the AQR retirement date, NASDAQ believes granting a short extension will minimize the potential that an inadequately-tested or -implemented member firm market making system will disrupt or otherwise harmfully impact the market.

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will result in any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The proposed change is designed to promote market making on the Exchange

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

that complies with other regulatory obligations, such as the Market Access Rule and Regulation SHO. By extending the retirement date of AQR, member firms will be afforded additional time to test and implement new coding to their systems, thus avoiding the potential market disruption that may be caused by one or more market makers that are unable to meet their market maker obligations due to a system error.

- Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received from Members, Participants, or Others
 Written comments were neither solicited nor received.
- 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 rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) 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 Exchange has provided the Commission written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change, along with a brief description and text of the proposed rule change, at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule.

The Exchange requests that the Commission waive the five business day prefiling requirement and the 30-day pre-operative waiting period contained in Rule 19b-

4(f)(6)(iii) under the Act.¹⁰ The Exchange notes that it has discussed the subject matter of the proposal with the Commission. Moreover, the Exchange requests these waivers because the current operative date of the changes made to NASDAQ's rules to retire AQR is January 15, 2013. By waiving the prefiling and pre-operative periods, the Exchange is able to file, and have operative, the February 25, 2013 retirement prior to the expiration of the current retirement date. Accordingly, member firms will be afforded a seamless extension of the AQR retirement date, which, for the reasons discussed above, is consistent with protection of investors and the public interest.

- Proposed Rule Change Based on Rules of Another Self-Regulatory Organization or of the Commission
 Not applicable.
- Security-Based Swap Submissions Filed Pursuant to Section 3C of the Act
 Not applicable.
- 10. Advanced Notices Filed Pursuant to Section 806(e) of the Payment, Clearing and Settlement Supervision Act
 Not applicable.

11. Exhibits

1. Completed notice of proposed rule change for publication in the <u>Federal</u> <u>Register</u>.

¹⁰ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

EXHIBIT 1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

(Release No. 34-; File No. SR-NASDAQ-2013-007)

January ___, 2013

Self-Regulatory Organizations; The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Extend the Operative Date of Recent Changes Made to Rules 4613(a)(2)(F) and (G), and Rule 4751(f)(15)

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"), and Rule 19b-4 thereunder, notice is hereby given that on January 14, 2013, The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC ("NASDAQ" or "Exchange"), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("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 the Substance of the</u> Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to extend the operative date of recent changes made to Rules 4613(a)(2)(F) and (G), and Rule 4751(f)(15) to February 25, 2013, thereby extending the retirement of the automated quotation refresh functionality from January 15, 2013 to February 25, 2013.

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

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 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. <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>

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In light of member firm and industry feedback received on the current retirement date, the Exchange believes that a brief extension is warranted to allow member firms adequate time to program and test their systems to use the Market Maker Peg Order⁵ or develop alternative means of complying with their market maker obligations. Given that member firms may not be prepared to comply with their market making obligations on January 15, 2013 in the absence of AQR and the potential market disruption that may be caused by eliminating AQR on that date, the Exchange has determined to extend the retirement date of AQR to February 25, 2013, and likewise extend the related changes to Rules 4613(a)(2)(F) and (G), and Rule 4751(f)(15) filed with the Commission on December 21, 2012⁶ to February 25, 2013.

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2. Statutory Basis

The statutory basis for the proposed rule change is Section 6(b)(5) of the Act, which requires the rules of an exchange 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 the proposed rule meets these requirements in that it provides a brief extension to the retirement date of AQR to allow member firms that are market makers to adequately test and implement changes to their systems. AQR is a duplicative function and has been replaced with a new order type that allows member firms to better meet their minimum market maker quotation requirements and also comply with regulatory requirements, such as the Market Access Rule and Regulation SHO. Given the feedback received from both member firms and others in the industry concerning the AQR retirement date, NASDAQ believes granting a short extension will minimize the potential that an inadequately-tested or -implemented member firm market making system will disrupt or otherwise harmfully impact the market.

^{9 15} U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will result in any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The proposed change is designed to promote market making on the Exchange that complies with other regulatory obligations, such as the Market Access Rule and Regulation SHO. By extending the retirement date of AQR, member firms will be afforded additional time to test and implement new coding to their systems, thus avoiding the potential market disruption that may be caused by one or more market makers that are unable to meet their market maker obligations due to a system error.

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

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

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

Because the foregoing proposed rule change does not: (i) significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) 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)(ii) of the Act¹⁰ and subparagraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.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

¹⁵ U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(a)(ii).

¹¹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

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. The Exchange has provided the Commission written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change, along with a brief description and text of the proposed rule change, at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule change.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change, as amended, 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-2013-007 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-2013-007. 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 on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal offices 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-2013-007, 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. ¹²

Kevin M. O'Neill Deputy Secretary

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