Pursuant to Rule 19b-4 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

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

Security-Based Swap Submission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Description

Provide a brief description of the action (limit 250 characters, required when Initial is checked *).

A proposed rule change to establish the Limit Locator service offered at no cost to subscribing members.

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 * Sean Last Name * Bennett
Title * Associate General Counsel
E-mail * sean.bennett@nasdaqomx.com
Telephone * (301) 978-8499 Fax (301) 978-8472

Signature

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

has duly caused this filing to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

(Date *)

By Edward S. Knight

(Title *)

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1. Text of Proposed Rule Change

(a) Pursuant to the provisions of Section 19(b)(1) of 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 establish the Limit Locator service offered at no cost to subscribing members.

The text of the proposed rule change is below. Proposed new language is underlined.

**7061. Limit Locator**

Limit Locator is a tool to assist a member firm in monitoring its trades reported into the FINRA/NASDAQ TRF for compliance with the requirements of the National Market System Plan to Address Extraordinary Market Volatility. The service provides a subscribing member firm with an overview of its trades reported at, or outside of, a designated Limit Up/Limit Down pricing band. The service will provide a total count of the subscribing member firm’s trades in each category as well as present this information graphically, on a rolling month basis. A subscribing member firm is able to create custom e-mails alerts to notify users when a trade is reported at, or outside of, a Limit Up/Limit Down pricing band. Limit Locator is accessed through the NASDAQ Workstation or Weblink ACT 2.0 and is offered at no cost at this time.

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(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

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taken pursuant to delegated authority. No other action by the Exchange is necessary for the filing of the rule change. The Exchange will implement the new service effective February 4, 2013.

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).

3. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

a. Purpose

The Exchange is proposing to adopt a new add on tool to the NASDAQ Workstation and/or Weblink ACT 2.0, Limit Locator, to assist a member firm in monitoring its trades reported into the FINRA/NASDAQ TRF (“TRF”) for compliance with the requirements of the National Market System Plan to Address Extraordinary Market Volatility (the “Plan”). The Plan provides a limit up / limit down mechanism designed to prevent trades in NMS securities from occurring outside of specified price bands. The bands will be set a percentage level above and below the average reference price of the security over the immediately preceding five-minute period, and are calculated on a continuous basis during regular trading hours. If the National Best Offer (“NBO”) equals the lower price band without crossing the NBO, or National Best Bid

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(“NBB”) equals the upper price band without crossing the NBB, then the stock will enter a limit state quotation period of 15 seconds during which no new reference prices or price bands will be calculated. A stock will exit the limit state when the entire size of all quotations are either executed or cancelled. If the limit state exists and trading continues to occur at the price band, or no trading occurs within the price band, for more than 15 second then a five minute trading pause will be enacted. The Plan requires that member firms establish, maintain, and enforce written policies and procedures that are reasonably designed to comply with the limit up-limit down and trading pause requirements specified in the Plan.

NASDAQ is proposing to offer Limit Locator to member firms to assist them in monitoring compliance with the Plan by tracking trades reported to the TRF that occur at, or outside of, the limit up / limit down bands and providing notice thereof. A record will be displayed if Limit Locator finds that a trade was reported: at lower price band; at higher price band; outside lower price band; or outside lower price band. The service will provide a subscribing member firm with both daily trade data and 30 days of historical data, which will be available for export in CSV format. The information provided by the service is presented numerically as a running intra-day count of all trades that fit within each of the four categories, and presented graphically as daily totals on a rolling month basis. A subscribing member firm will also have the option to receive e-

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4 Limit Locator will help a subscribing member firm to identify trades reported to the TRF that occurred at or outside of the limit up / limit down bands, but will not prevent such trades for occurring. A member firm may use the information provided by Limit Locator to prevent additional violations of the Plan from occurring by taking corrective action, but use of Limit Locator does not satisfy a member firm’s obligation under the Plan to establish, maintain, and enforce written policies and procedures that are reasonably designed to comply with the limit up / limit down and trading pause requirements.
mail alerts when a trade is reported to the TRF at, or outside of, a limit up / limit down band.

On April 8, 2013, Phase I of the Plan will go into effect. Phase I of the Plan will apply only to Tier 1 NMS Stocks. To assist firms in preparing for the implementation of Phase I, the Security Information Processors will begin disseminating limit up / limit down information in select stocks on a test basis beginning February 4, 2013. Accordingly, NASDAQ is proposing to offer Limit Locator on February 4, 2013 so that member firms may begin to use the tool concurrent with the availability of the limit up / limit down test data. The Exchange is proposing to offer Limit Locator at no cost to members at this time, but may assess a fee in the future. Any such fee would be filed with the Commission.

b. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act, which requires that the rules of an exchange be designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, promote just and equitable principles of trade, foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in regulating, clearing, settling, processing information with respect to, and facilitating transactions in securities, remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, protect investors and the public interest; and are not designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers. The Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with these requirements because the proposed service provides a subscribing member firm with a

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useful monitoring and analytical tool with which it may determine where its TRF-reported trades are occurring in relation to the limit up / limit down bands, receive notice of trades that occurred at, or outside of, the limit up / limit down bands, and conduct research using thirty days of historical data.

4. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement on Burden on Competition

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, as amended. The proposed service is designed to promote a competitive marketplace by promoting compliance with the Plan. In furtherance of that goal, the proposed service provides a subscribing member firm with a tool to identify orders reported to the TRF that fall at or outside of the limit up / limit down bands, and receive notice thereof. With that information, the member firm may take corrective action to avoid further violations of the Plan. Moreover, the proposed service will allow a subscribing member firm the ability to research its historical trades.

5. 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.

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)

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act\(^6\) and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)\(^7\) thereunder in that it affects a change that: (i) does not

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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 30-day pre-operative waiting period contained in Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) under the Act. The Exchange requests this waiver because it will allow the Exchange to offer this free service on February 4, 2013, the date that the markets will begin transmitting limit up / limit down data for select test securities and approximately two months prior to Phase I Plan implementation date. By waiving the pre-operative period, member firms will be afforded as much time as possible to subscribe to, and test adequately, the service. As such, offering this monitoring and compliance tool to Exchange members less than 30 days after the date of filing this proposal is consistent with protection of investors and the public interest.

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

Not applicable.

9. Security-Based Swap Submissions Filed Pursuant to Section 3C of the Act

Not applicable.

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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 *Federal Register*. 
EXHIBIT 1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
(Release No. 34-          ; File No. SR-NASDAQ-2013-020)

February __, 2013

Self-Regulatory Organizations; The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Establish the Limit Locator Service Offered at No Cost to Subscribing Members

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 [DATE], 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. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Terms of the Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to establish the Limit Locator service offered at no cost to subscribing members beginning February 4, 2013. The text of the proposed rule change is below. Proposed new language is underlined.

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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

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.
III. **Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action**

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 Act\(^6\) and subparagraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.\(^7\)

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. 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](http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml); or

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• Send an e-mail to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-NASDAQ-2013-020 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-2013-020. 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-2013-020, 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.\(^8\)

Kevin M. O’Neill  
Deputy Secretary

\(^8\) 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).