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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 View Remove 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) of 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 eliminate fees under Rules 7015(b) and (g), which are effective but not yet implemented, for subscription to FIX Trading Ports and OUCH Ports used for testing. NASDAQ will implement the change effective immediately.

The text of the proposed rule change is below. Proposed deletions are in brackets.

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#### 7015. Access Services

The following charges are assessed by Nasdaq for connectivity to systems operated by NASDAQ, including the Nasdaq Market Center, the FINRA/NASDAQ Trade Reporting Facility, and FINRA's OTCBB Service. The following fees are not applicable to the NASDAQ Options Market LLC. For related options fees for Access Services refer to Chapter XV, Section 3 of the Options Rules.

- (a) No change.
- **(b)** Financial Information Exchange (FIX)

| Ports                                    | Price             |
|--|-------------------|
| FIX Trading Port                         | \$500/port/month* |
| FIX Port for Services Other than Trading | \$500/port/month  |

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

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

[FIX Trading Port for Testing [\$300/port/month]

Nasdaq will assess the following fee for each

FIX Trading Port assigned to an MPID that is in test mode in excess of one.]

(c) - (f) No change.

(g) Other Port Fees

Remote Multi-cast ITCH Wave Ports

| Description                         | <b>Installation Fee</b> | Recurring Monthly Fee<br>\$7,500 |  |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| MITCH Wave Port at Secaucus, NJ     | \$2,500                 |                                  |  |
| MITCH Wave Port at<br>Weehawken, NJ | \$2,500                 | \$7,500                          |  |
| MITCH Wave Port at<br>Newark, NJ    | \$2,500                 | \$7,500                          |  |

The following port fees shall apply in connection with the use of other trading telecommunication protocols:

- \$500 per month for each port pair,\* other than Multicast ITCH® data feed pairs, for which the fee is \$1000 per month for software-based TotalView-ITCH or \$2,500 per month for combined software- and hardware-based TotalView-ITCH.
- An additional \$200 per month for each port used for entering orders or quotes over the Internet.
- An additional \$600 per month for each port used for market data delivery over the Internet.
- [• \$300 per port, per month for each OUCH Port assigned to an MPID that is in test mode in excess of one.]
- (h) No change.

\* Eligible for 25% discount under the Qualified Market Maker Program during a pilot period expiring on April 30, 2013.

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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 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 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).

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

#### a. Purpose

NASDAQ is proposing to amend Rules 7015(b) and (g) to eliminate the recently-effective,<sup>3</sup> but not yet implemented, fees for member firm use of FIX Trading Ports and OUCH Ports, respectively, maintained in test mode. The fees were to be implemented on April 1, 2013 and this filing eliminates those fees prior to their implementation. As discussed in greater detail in the rule change adopting the fees,<sup>4</sup> a FIX Trading Port and

Securities Exchange Act Release No. 69211 (March 22, 2013) (SR-NASDAQ-2013-050).

Id.

an OUCH Port are both connections to the NASDAQ trading system (collectively, "Trading Ports"). Historically, a member firm was not charged a fee for any of its subscribed Trading Ports designated as in "test mode." NASDAQ determined to assess a fee for a member firm's Trading Ports in test mode in excess of one for each of a member firm's MPIDs in order to recoup costs associated with maintaining such ports. These costs include costs incurred maintaining servers and their physical location, monitoring order activity, and other support. NASDAQ has now determined not to assess fees for Trading Ports in test mode at this time. Accordingly, NASDAQ is eliminating the fees, which became effective on March 22, 2013 and were to be implemented on April 1, 2013.

## b. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act in general, and with Section 6(b)(4)<sup>7</sup> of the Act, in particular. The Exchange believes it is consistent with Section 6(b)(4) of the Act because 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 the Exchange operates or controls. The rule change eliminates fees that recently became effective, but have not yet been implemented. As such, NASDAQ will revert Rules 7015(b) and (g) back to their status

When a member firm designates a Trading Port's status as in test mode, NASDAQ will not allow normal order activity to occur through the port but rather it limits all order activity to test ticker symbols. The purpose of test mode is to permit a member firm to test its connection to the trading system to ensure that its messages are received accurately by the Exchange and that there are no issues with its own systems.

<sup>6 15</sup> U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

prior to the fee change, continue to incur the costs associated with supporting Trading Ports in test mode, and all member firms with such ports will not be assessed any fee whatsoever.

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

NASDAQ does not believe that the proposed rule change will result in any burden on competition at all. The proposed change merely eliminates fees that are effective, yet not yet implemented. Accordingly, the Exchange does not believe any analysis of burden on competition is necessary.

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. Extension of Time Period for Commission Action

NASDAQ does not consent at this time to an extension of the time period for Commission action specified in Section 19(b)(2) of the Act.<sup>8</sup>

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

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act, NASDAQ 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.

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

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

The proposed rule change is not based on the rules of another self-regulatory organization or of the Commission.

- 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 Federal Register.

**EXHIBIT 1** 

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

(Release No. 34- ; File No. SR-NASDAQ-2013-056)

Self-Regulatory Organizations; The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Eliminate a Fee for use of FIX and OUCH Trading Ports for Testing

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"), <sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder, <sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on March 26, 2013, The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC ("NASDAQ" or the "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") a 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 Substance of the Proposed Rule Change</u>

NASDAQ proposes to eliminate fees under Rules 7015(b) and (g), which are effective but not yet implemented, for subscription to FIX Trading Ports and OUCH Ports used for testing.

The text of the proposed rule change is below. Proposed deletions are in brackets.

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

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| [FIX Trading Port for Testing                 | [\$300/port/month] |
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# 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, NASDAQ 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 those 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 parts of such statements.

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

### 1. Purpose

NASDAQ is proposing to amend Rules 7015(b) and (g) to eliminate the recently-effective,<sup>3</sup> but not yet implemented, fees for member firm use of FIX Trading Ports and OUCH Ports, respectively, maintained in test mode. The fees were to be implemented on April 1, 2013 and this filing eliminates those fees prior to their implementation. As discussed in greater detail in the rule change adopting the fees,<sup>4</sup> a FIX Trading Port and

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

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

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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>

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

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

The foregoing change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act, 8 and paragraph (f) 9 of Rule 19b-4, thereunder.

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.

## 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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>9 17</sup> CFR 240.19b-4(f)

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-2013-056 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-2013-056. 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>). 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-2013-056, and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from publication in the <u>Federal Register</u>].

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.  $^{10}$ 

Kevin M. O'Neill Deputy Secretary

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