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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, 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 harmonize the process by which it collects information from its equity members and Options Participants for aggregating the activity of affiliated entities for the purposes of assessing charges or credits.

The Exchange requests that this filing become operative on December 1, 2014.

A notice of the proposed rule change for publication in the <u>Federal Register</u> is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit 1</u>. The text of the proposed rule change is set forth below. Proposed new language 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. For purposes of assessing fees and paying rebates, the following references should serve as guidance.

The term **"Customer"** or ("C") applies to any transaction that is identified by a Participant for clearing in the Customer range at The Options Clearing Corporation

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

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

("OCC") which is not for the account of broker or dealer or for the account of a "Professional" (as that term is defined in Chapter I, Section 1(a)(48)).

The term **"NOM Market Maker"** or ("M") is a Participant that has registered as a Market Maker on NOM pursuant to Chapter VII, Section 2, and must also remain in good standing pursuant to Chapter VII, Section 4. In order to receive NOM Market Maker pricing in all securities, the Participant must be registered as a NOM Market Maker in at least one security.

The term **"Non-NOM Market Maker"** or ("O") is a registered market maker on another options exchange that is not a NOM Market Maker. A Non-NOM Market Maker must append the proper Non-NOM Market Maker designation to orders routed to NOM.

The term **''Firm''** or ("F") applies to any transaction that is identified by a Participant for clearing in the Firm range at OCC.

The term **"Professional"** or ("P") means any person or entity that (i) is not a broker or dealer in securities, and (ii) places more than 390 orders in listed options per day on average during a calendar month for its own beneficial account(s) pursuant to Chapter I, Section 1(a)(48). All Professional orders shall be appropriately marked by Participants.

The term **''Broker-Dealer''** or ("B") applies to any transaction which is not subject to any of the other transaction fees applicable within a particular category.

The term **''Common Ownership''** shall mean Participants under 75% common ownership or control.

(a) For purposes of applying any options transaction fee or rebate where the fee assessed, or rebate provided by NOM depends upon the volume of an Options Participant's activity, an Options Participant may request that NOM aggregate its activity with the activity of its affiliates.

- (1) An Options Participant requesting aggregation of affiliate activity shall be required to certify to NOM the affiliate status of entities whose activity it seeks to aggregate prior to receiving approval for aggregation, and shall be required to inform NOM immediately of any event that causes an entity to cease to be an affiliate. NOM shall review available information regarding the entities, and reserves the right to request additional information to verify the affiliate status of an entity. NOM shall approve a request unless it determines that the certification is not accurate.
- (2) If two or more Options Participants become affiliated on or prior to the sixteenth day of a month, and submit the required request for aggregation on or prior to the twenty-second day of the month, an approval of the request by NOM shall be deemed to be effective as of the first day of that month. If two or more Options Participants become affiliated after the sixteenth day of a month, or submit a request for aggregation after the twenty-second day of the month, an approval of the request

by NOM shall be deemed to be effective as of the first day of the next calendar month.

(b) For purposes of applying any options transaction fee or rebate where the fee assessed, or rebate provided, by NOM depends upon the volume of an Options Participant's activity, references to an entity (including references to a "Options Participant") shall be deemed to include the entity and its affiliates that have been approved for aggregation.

(c) For purposes of options pricing, the term "affiliate" of an Options Participant shall mean any Options Participant under 75% common ownership or control of that Options Participant.

With respect to Chapter XV, Sections 2(1) and (2) the order that is received by the trading system first in time shall be considered an order adding liquidity and an order that trades against that order shall be considered an order removing liquidity.

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- (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 the Exchange

pursuant to authority delegated by the Board of Directors of Nasdaq on July 16, 2014.

No other action by the Exchange is necessary for the filing of the rule change.

Questions and comments on the proposed rule change may be directed to Angela

Dunn, Associate General Counsel, The NASDAQ OMX Group, Inc., 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>

The Exchange is proposing to amend NOM Rules at Chapter XV, entitled "Options Pricing," to harmonize the process by which the Exchange will collect information from Options Participants that desire their activity to be aggregated for the purposes of assessing charges or credits with the process currently required for equity members on Nasdaq. The Exchange proposes to adopt the process that is used by equity members today without changing that process. The Exchange believes that this filing is non-controversial because the process, as proposed, will not change. Today, equity and Options Participants may aggregate affiliate activity based on volume of activity for purposes of pricing.<sup>3</sup> The Exchange believes that having the same process for equity members and Options Participants will provide consistency to its processes when aggregating pricing.

Today, a Nasdaq member requesting aggregation of affiliate activity is be required to certify to Nasdaq the affiliate status of entities whose activity it seeks to aggregate prior to receiving approval for aggregation, and also is required to inform Nasdaq immediately of any event that causes an entity to cease to be an affiliate. Nasdaq reviews available information regarding the entities, and reserves the right to request additional information to verify the affiliate status of an entity. Nasdaq approves a request unless it determines that the certification is not accurate. Further, if two or more members become affiliated on or prior to the sixteenth day of a month, and submit the required request for aggregation on or prior to the twenty-second day of the month, an approval of the request by Nasdaq is deemed to be effective as of the first day of that month. If two or more members become affiliated after the sixteenth day of a month, an approval of the request for aggregation after the twenty-second day of the month, an approval of the request for aggregation after the twenty-second day of the month, an approval of the request by Nasdaq is deemed to be effective as of the first day of a month, or submit a request for aggregation after the twenty-second day of the month, an approval of the request by Nasdaq is deemed to be effective as of the next calendar month.

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See NASDAQ Rule 7027(a) and NOM Chapter XV.

The Exchange proposes to amend NOM Rules at Chapter XV to make this language consistent with the requirements that would be applied to NOM Options Participants.

The Exchange believes that harmonizing the process for collecting this information will avoid confusion and simplify information requested of equity members and Options Participants by requesting consistent information.

The Exchange proposes to apply this pricing as of December 1, 2014 and issue an Options Trader Alert to its members.

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

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act<sup>4</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act<sup>5</sup> in particular, that it is designed 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, in that the proposal will harmonize the process by which the Exchange collects information from equity members and Options Participants regarding the aggregation of activity of affiliated entities for the purposes of assessing charges or credits.

The Exchange believes that harmonizing this process by which the Exchange collects information related to aggregation for equity members and Options Participants will provide consistency to market participants with respect to meeting the requirements to aggregate on Nasdaq and NOM. Also, the Exchange believes that adopting this

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

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

method for collecting such information on aggregated pricing, with respect to Options Participants, will ensure proper validation for firms entitled to the aggregation.

#### 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. The Exchange is merely seeking to harmonize the manner in which it collects information related to the aggregation of activity of affiliated entities for the purposes of assessing charges or credits for equity members and Options Participants. The Exchange intends to apply a uniform process to request such aggregation for all NASDAQ members NOM Options Participants.

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>

The Exchange does not consent at this time to an extension of the time period for Commission action.

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>

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section  $19(b)(3)(A)^6$  of the Act and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder<sup>7</sup> 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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

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 believes the proposed rule change will provide a uniform process by which the Exchange collects information related to the aggregation of activity of affiliated entities for the purposes of assessing charges or credits for equity members and Options Participants. The Exchange proposes to adopt the process that is currently used by equity members today without changing that process. The Exchange believes that this filing is non-controversial because the process, as proposed, will not change.

Furthermore, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file a proposed rule change under that subsection at least five business days prior to the date of filing, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The Exchange has provided such notice.

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: (i) necessary or appropriate in the public interest; (ii) for the protection of investors; or (iii) 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.

The Exchange proposes to implement this rule change on December 1, 2014 to provide members adequate notice of this change in process.

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

This proposed rule change is based on a NASDAQ Rule.<sup>8</sup>

- Security-Based Swap Submissions Filed Pursuant to Section 3C of the Act Not applicable.
- 10. <u>Advance Notices Filed Pursuant to Section 806(e) of the Payment, Clearing and</u> <u>Settlement Supervision Act</u>

Not applicable.

- 11. Exhibits
  - 1. Completed Notice of Proposed Rule Change for publication in the Federal

Register.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> <u>See NASDAQ Rule 7027(a).</u>

## Exhibit 1

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. ; File No. SR-NASDAQ-2014-082)

Self-Regulatory Organizations; The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Relating to Common Ownership

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 August 20, 2014 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 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, 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 harmonize the process by which it collects information from its equity members and Options Participants for aggregating the activity of affiliated entities for the purposes of assessing charges or credits.

The Exchange requests that this filing become operative on December 1, 2014.

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

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

A notice of the proposed rule change for publication in the Federal Register is

attached hereto as Exhibit 1. The text of the proposed rule change is set forth below.

Proposed new language 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. For purposes of assessing fees and paying rebates, the following references should serve as guidance.

The term **"Customer"** or ("C") applies to any transaction that is identified by a Participant for clearing in the Customer range at The Options Clearing Corporation ("OCC") which is not for the account of broker or dealer or for the account of a "Professional" (as that term is defined in Chapter I, Section 1(a)(48)).

The term **"NOM Market Maker"** or ("M") is a Participant that has registered as a Market Maker on NOM pursuant to Chapter VII, Section 2, and must also remain in good standing pursuant to Chapter VII, Section 4. In order to receive NOM Market Maker pricing in all securities, the Participant must be registered as a NOM Market Maker in at least one security.

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(b) For purposes of applying any options transaction fee or rebate where the fee assessed, or rebate provided, by NOM depends upon the volume of an Options Participant's activity, references to an entity (including references to a "Options Participant") shall be deemed to include the entity and its affiliates that have been approved for aggregation.

(c) For purposes of options pricing, the term "affiliate" of an Options Participant shall mean any Options Participant under 75% common ownership or control of that Options Participant.

With respect to Chapter XV, Sections 2(1) and (2) the order that is received by the trading system first in time shall be considered an order adding liquidity and an order that trades against that order shall be considered an order removing liquidity.

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II. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory</u> 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.

## 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>

The Exchange is proposing to amend NOM Rules at Chapter XV, entitled "Options Pricing," to harmonize the process by which the Exchange will collect information from Options Participants that desire their activity to be aggregated for the purposes of assessing charges or credits with the process currently required for equity members on Nasdaq. The Exchange proposes to adopt the process that is used by equity members today without changing that process. The Exchange believes that this filing is non-controversial because the process, as proposed, will not change. Today, equity and Options Participants may aggregate affiliate activity based on volume of activity for purposes of pricing.<sup>3</sup> The Exchange believes that having the same process for equity members and Options Participants will provide consistency to its processes when aggregating pricing.

Today, a Nasdaq member requesting aggregation of affiliate activity is be required to certify to Nasdaq the affiliate status of entities whose activity it seeks to aggregate prior to receiving approval for aggregation, and also is required to inform Nasdaq immediately of any event that causes an entity to cease to be an affiliate. Nasdaq reviews available information regarding the entities, and reserves the right to request additional information to verify the affiliate status of an entity. Nasdaq approves a

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See NASDAQ Rule 7027(a) and NOM Chapter XV.

request unless it determines that the certification is not accurate. Further, if two or more members become affiliated on or prior to the sixteenth day of a month, and submit the required request for aggregation on or prior to the twenty-second day of the month, an approval of the request by Nasdaq is deemed to be effective as of the first day of that month. If two or more members become affiliated after the sixteenth day of a month, or submit a request for aggregation after the twenty-second day of the month, an approval of the request by Nasdaq is deemed to be effective as of the next calendar month.

The Exchange proposes to amend NOM Rules at Chapter XV to make this language consistent with the requirements that would be applied to NOM Options Participants.

The Exchange believes that harmonizing the process for collecting this information will avoid confusion and simplify information requested of equity members and Options Participants by requesting consistent information.

The Exchange proposes to apply this pricing as of December 1, 2014 and issue an Options Trader Alert to its members.

2. <u>Statutory Basis</u>

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act<sup>4</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act<sup>5</sup> in particular, that it is designed 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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

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

general to protect investors and the public interest, in that the proposal will harmonize the process by which the Exchange collects information from equity members and Options Participants regarding the aggregation of activity of affiliated entities for the purposes of assessing charges or credits.

The Exchange believes that harmonizing this process by which the Exchange collects information related to aggregation for equity members and Options Participants will provide consistency to market participants with respect to meeting the requirements to aggregate on Nasdaq and NOM. Also, the Exchange believes that adopting this method for collecting such information on aggregated pricing, with respect to Options Participants, will ensure proper validation for firms entitled to the aggregation.

#### B. <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. The Exchange is merely seeking to harmonize the manner in which it collects information related to the aggregation of activity of affiliated entities for the purposes of assessing charges or credits for equity members and Options Participants. The Exchange intends to apply a uniform process to request such aggregation for all NASDAQ members NOM Options Participants.

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

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<sup>6</sup> and subparagraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.<sup>7</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: (i) necessary or appropriate in the public interest; (ii) for the protection of investors; or (iii) 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. 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 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-2014-082 on the subject line.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(a)(ii).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

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#### 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-2014-082. 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, 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-2014-082 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.<sup>8</sup>

Kevin M. O'Neill Deputy Secretary

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).