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**Exhibit 1 - Notice of Proposed Rule Change \***

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The Notice section of this Form 19b-4 must comply with the guidelines for publication 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 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 Change, Security-Based Swap Submission, or Advance Notice by Clearing Agencies \***

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**Exhibit 2 - Notices, Written Comments, Transcripts, Other Communications**

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Copies of notices, written comments, transcripts, other communications. If such documents cannot be filed electronically in accordance with Instruction F, they shall be filed in accordance with Instruction G.

**Exhibit 3 - Form, Report, or Questionnaire**

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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 referred to by the proposed rule change.

**Exhibit 4 - Marked Copies**

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The full text shall be marked, in any convenient manner, to indicate additions to and deletions from the immediately preceding filing. The purpose of Exhibit 4 is to permit 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**

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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 of the proposed rule change.

**Partial Amendment**

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If the self-regulatory organization is amending only part of the text of a lengthy 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”)<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC (“NASDAQ” or “Exchange”) is filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) proposed changes to the Investor Support Program (“ISP”) and the Qualified Market Maker (“QMM”) Incentive Program under NASDAQ Rule 7014.

A notice of the proposed rule change for publication in the Federal Register is attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and the text of the proposed rule change is attached as Exhibit 5.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) Not applicable.

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 16, 2014. 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 Jonathan F. Cayne, Senior Associate General Counsel, NASDAQ at (301) 978-8493 (telephone).

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

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

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

a. Purpose

NASDAQ is proposing to amend NASDAQ Rule 7014(c) to remove a member's ISP credit at the \$0.00005 rate with respect to all shares of displayed liquidity that are executed at a price of \$1 or more in the Nasdaq Market Center during a given month, as well as the related qualifying requirements for an ISP member to qualify for such a credit.

Also, the Exchange is proposing to amend NASDAQ Rule 7014(e)(1) to apply QMM rebates only to securities listed on NYSE ("Tape A") and securities listed on exchanges other than NASDAQ and NYSE ("Tape B"). Specifically, only Tape A and Tape B securities will be eligible to receive the additional QMM rebate of \$0.0002 per share executed with respect to orders that are executed at a price of \$1 or more and (A) displayed a quantity of at least one round lot at the time of execution; (B) either established the NBBO or was the first order posted on NASDAQ that had the same price as an order posted at another trading center with a protected quotation that established the NBBO; (C) were entered through a QMM MPID; and (D) that no additional rebate will be issued with respect to Designated Retail Orders (as defined in NASDAQ Rule 7018) ("Additional QMM Rebate Criteria").<sup>3</sup>

Similarly, the Exchange is proposing to amend NASDAQ Rule 7014(e)(2) to have only Tape A and Tape B securities receive the credit of \$0.0001 per share executed with respect to all other displayed orders (other than Designated Retail Orders, as defined in

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<sup>3</sup> The correction of a typographical error in the numbering in the middle of NASDAQ Rule 7014(e)(1) will also be included (changing a "(4)" to ("E")).

Rule 7018) in securities priced at \$1 or more per share that provide liquidity and that are entered through a QMM MPID.

The proposed changes are intended to better align credits within the ISP and QMM programs, as well as to fix a typographical error in the rule text of NASDAQ Rule 7014(e)(1).

b. Statutory Basis

NASDAQ believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 6 of the Act,<sup>4</sup> in general, and with Sections 6(b)(4) and 6(b)(5) of the Act,<sup>5</sup> in particular, in that 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 NASDAQ operates or controls, and is not designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

NASDAQ believes that the proposed changes to the ISP Program in NASDAQ Rule 7014(c) is reasonable because it eliminates an unnecessary credit, and related qualifying requirements, at the \$0.00005 rate with respect to all shares of displayed liquidity that are executed at a price of \$1 or more in the Nasdaq Market Center during a given month. The Exchange believes that the two other credit tiers that remain available to ISP members provide sufficient incentive. Also, the credit proposed to be eliminated is the least economically advantageous to ISP members. The Exchange also believes this change is consistent with a fair allocation of a reasonable fee and not unfairly discriminatory because the removal of this credit applies to all ISP members equally.

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<sup>4</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f.

<sup>5</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4) and (5).

The Exchange believes that the proposed change to the QMM Program in NASDAQ Rule 7014(e)(1) of only having Tape A and Tape B securities be eligible to receive the additional QMM rebate of \$0.0002 per share executed with respect to orders that are executed at a price of \$1 or more and that meet the Additional QMM Rebate Criteria, is reasonable because the Exchange believes that firms no longer need the additional incentive to quote at the NBBO in Nasdaq-listed securities (“Tape C”). The Exchange also believes this change is consistent with a fair allocation of a reasonable fee and not unfairly discriminatory because the additional rebate only applying to Tape A and Tape B securities will apply uniformly to all QMM members.

The Exchange also believes that the proposed change to the QMM Program in NASDAQ Rule 7014(e)(2) of only having Tape A and Tape B securities receive the additional QMM credit of \$0.0001 per share executed with respect to all other displayed orders (other than Designated Retail Orders, as defined in Rule 7018) in securities priced at \$1 or more per share that provide liquidity and that are entered through a QMM MPID is reasonable because the Exchange believes that firms no longer need the additional incentive to quote in Tape C.

The Exchange also believes that this change is consistent with a fair allocation of a reasonable fee and not unfairly discriminatory because the additional QMM credit only applying to Tape A and Tape B securities will apply uniformly to all QMM members.

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.<sup>6</sup> NASDAQ notes that it operates in a highly competitive market in which market participants can readily favor competing venues if they deem fee levels at a particular venue to be excessive, or rebate opportunities available at other venues to be more favorable. In such an environment, NASDAQ must continually adjust its fees to remain competitive with other exchanges and with alternative trading systems that have been exempted from compliance with the statutory standards applicable to exchanges. Because competitors are free to modify their own fees in response, and because market participants may readily adjust their order routing practices,

NASDAQ believes that the degree to which fee changes in this market may impose any burden on competition is extremely limited or even non-existent. In this instance, the changes to credits for the ISP and QMM programs do not impose a burden on competition because these NASDAQ incentive programs remain in place, still offer economically advantageous credits, and are reflective of the need for exchanges to offer and to let the financial incentives to attract order flow evolve. While the Exchange does not believe that the proposed changes will result in any burden on competition, if the changes proposed herein are unattractive to market participants it is likely that NASDAQ will lose market share as a result.

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.

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<sup>6</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(8).

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

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act,<sup>7</sup> 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. 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.

10. Advance 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.

5. Text of the proposed rule change.

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<sup>7</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

**EXHIBIT 1**

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
(Release No. 34- ; File No. SR-NASDAQ-2015-020)

March \_\_, 2015

Self-Regulatory Organizations; The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Amend NASDAQ Rules 7014

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 2, 2015, 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. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

NASDAQ is proposing changes to the Investor Support Program (“ISP”) and the Qualified Market Maker (“QMM”) Incentive Program under NASDAQ Rule 7014..

The text of the proposed rule change is available at [nasdaq.cchwallstreet.com](http://nasdaq.cchwallstreet.com) at NASDAQ’s principal office, and at the Commission’s Public Reference Room.

II. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis 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

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

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

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

1. Purpose

NASDAQ is proposing to amend NASDAQ Rule 7014(c) to remove a member's ISP credit at the \$0.00005 rate with respect to all shares of displayed liquidity that are executed at a price of \$1 or more in the Nasdaq Market Center during a given month, as well as the related qualifying requirements for an ISP member to qualify for such a credit.

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Similarly, the Exchange is proposing to amend NASDAQ Rule 7014(e)(2) to have only Tape A and Tape B securities receive the credit of \$0.0001 per share executed with respect to all other displayed orders (other than Designated Retail Orders, as defined in Rule 7018) in securities priced at \$1 or more per share that provide liquidity and that are entered through a QMM MPID.

The proposed changes are intended to better align credits within the ISP and QMM programs, as well as to fix a typographical error in the rule text of NASDAQ Rule 7014(e)(1).

## 2. Statutory Basis

NASDAQ believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 6 of the Act,<sup>4</sup> in general, and with Sections 6(b)(4) and 6(b)(5) of the Act,<sup>5</sup> in particular, in that 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 NASDAQ operates or controls, and is not designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

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B. 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.<sup>6</sup> NASDAQ notes that it operates in a highly competitive market in which market participants can readily favor competing venues if they deem fee levels at a particular venue to be excessive, or rebate opportunities available at other venues to be more favorable. In such an environment, NASDAQ must continually adjust its fees to remain competitive with other exchanges and with alternative trading systems that have been exempted from compliance with the statutory standards applicable to exchanges. Because competitors are free to modify their own fees in response, and because market participants may readily adjust their order routing practices,

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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.

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<sup>6</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(8).

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The foregoing change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act<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 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 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 [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR-NASDAQ-2015-020 on the subject line.

Paper comments:

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Brent J. Fields, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NASDAQ-2015-020. 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

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<sup>7</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

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-2015-020, 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.<sup>8</sup>

Kevin M. O'Neill  
Deputy Secretary

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

**EXHIBIT 5**

The text of the proposed rule change is below. Proposed new language is underlined; proposed deletions are bracketed.

**7014. Market Quality Incentive Programs****Investor Support Program**

(a) A member wishing to participate in the Investor Support Program ("ISP") must submit an application in the form prescribed by Nasdaq and designate one or more of its Nasdaq ports for ISP use. By participating in the ISP and entering in the Nasdaq Market Center eligible orders in System Securities, a member may qualify for a monthly ISP fee credit. Eligibility criteria and credit amounts are set forth herein.

Subsequent to the initial designation of Nasdaq ports for ISP use, a member may add or remove such ISP designations for existing ports, provided that Nasdaq must be appropriately notified of such a change on or before the first trading day of the month when the change is to become effective. A newly established port may be designated for ISP use immediately upon establishment.

(b) Subject to the conditions set forth in section (c) of this Rule, Nasdaq shall issue to the member a monthly ISP credit, which shall be determined by multiplying \$0.00005, \$0.0001, or \$0.0002 by the number of shares of displayed liquidity to which a particular rate applies, as described below. The credit does not apply to Select Symbol securities listed under Rule 7018(a)(4).

Except as provided in Rule 7014(e) and (f), an ISP credit issued under this Rule will be in addition to (and will not replace) any other credit or rebate for which a member may qualify.

(c) (1) Reserved [A member shall be entitled to receive an ISP credit at the \$0.00005 rate with respect to all shares of displayed liquidity that are executed at a price of \$1 or more in the Nasdaq Market Center during a given month if:

(A) the member's ISP Execution Ratio for the month in question is less than 10;

(B) the shares of liquidity provided by the member through ISP-designated ports during the month are equal to or greater than 0.2% of the Consolidated Volume during the month;

(C) at least 30% of the liquidity provided by the member during the month is provided through ISP-designated ports; and

(D) the member's Participation Ratio for the month equals or exceeds its Baseline Participation Ratio.]

(2) A member shall be entitled to receive an ISP credit at the \$0.0001 rate with respect to all shares of displayed liquidity that are executed at a price of \$1 or more in the Nasdaq Market Center and that are entered through ISP-designated ports, and at the \$0.00005 rate with respect to all other shares of displayed liquidity that are executed at a price of

\$1 or more in the Nasdaq Market Center during a given month if:

- (A) the member's ISP Execution Ratio for the month in question is less than 10;
- (B) the shares of liquidity provided by the member through ISP-designated ports during the month are equal to or greater than 0.2% of the Consolidated Volume during the month;
- (C) at least 40% of the liquidity provided by the member during the month is provided through ISP-designated ports; and
- (D) the member exceeds its Baseline Participation Ratio by at least 0.43%.

(3) A member shall be entitled to receive an ISP credit at the \$0.0002 rate with respect to all shares of displayed liquidity that are executed at a price of \$1 or more in the Nasdaq Market Center and that are entered through ISP-designated ports, and at the \$0.00005 rate with respect to all other shares of displayed liquidity that are executed at a price of \$1 or more in the Nasdaq Market Center during a given month if:

- (A) the member's ISP Execution Ratio for the month in question is less than 10;
- (B) the shares of liquidity provided by the member through ISP-designated ports during the month are equal to or greater than 0.2% of the Consolidated Volume during the month;
- (C) at least 40% of the liquidity provided by the member during the month is provided through ISP-designated ports; and
- (D) the member exceeds its Baseline Participation Ratio by at least 0.86%.

#### **Qualified Market Maker ("QMM") Program**

(d) A member may be designated as a QMM with respect to one or more of its MPIDs if:

- (1) the member is not assessed any "Excess Order Fee" under Rule 7018 during the month; and
- (2) through such MPID the member quotes at the NBBO at least 25% of the time during regular market hours in an average of at least 1,000 securities per day during the month. For purposes of this rule, a member MPID is considered to be quoting at the NBBO if it has a displayed order (other than a Designated Retail Order) at either the national best bid or the national best offer or both the national best bid and offer. On a daily basis, NASDAQ will determine the number of securities in which the member satisfied the 25% NBBO requirement. To qualify for QMM designation, the MPID must meet the requirement for an average of 1,000 securities per day over the course of the month. If a member seeking to be designated as a QMM terminates the use of one MPID and simultaneously commences use of another MPID during the course of a month, it may aggregate activity on the two MPIDs for purposes of determining its eligibility as a QMM.

(3) the member executes shares of liquidity provided in all securities through one of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs that represent 0.30% or more of Consolidated Volume

during the month.

(e) The following pricing incentives will be provided to a member that is a QMM with respect to a particular MPID (a "QMM MPID"):

(1) NASDAQ will provide an additional rebate of \$0.0002 per share executed with respect to orders that are executed at a price of \$1 or more and (A) displayed a quantity of at least one round lot at the time of execution; (B) either established the NBBO or was the first order posted on Nasdaq that had the same price as an order posted at another trading center with a protected quotation that established the NBBO; (C) were entered through a QMM MPID; (D) were for securities listed on NYSE or securities listed on exchanges other than NASDAQ and NYSE and (E)[4]) that no additional rebate will be issued with respect to Designated Retail Orders (as defined in Rule 7018). However, if a QMM also participates in the ISP, NASDAQ will pay the greater of any applicable credit under the ISP or the above listed additional rebate, but not both. The rebate does not apply to Select Symbol securities listed under Rule 7018(a)(4).

(2) NASDAQ will provide a credit of \$0.0001 per share executed with respect to all other displayed orders (other than Designated Retail Orders, as defined in Rule 7018) in securities priced at \$1 or more per share that provide liquidity and that are entered through a QMM MPID and were for securities listed on NYSE or securities listed on exchanges other than NASDAQ and NYSE. Such credit will be in addition to any credit payable under Rule 7018. However, if a QMM also participates in the ISP, NASDAQ will pay the greater of any applicable credit under the ISP or the QMM program, but not a credit under both programs. The credit does not apply to Select Symbol securities listed under Rule 7018(a)(4).

(3) NASDAQ will charge a fee of \$0.0030 per share executed for orders in NASDAQ-listed securities priced at \$1 or more per share that access liquidity on the NASDAQ Market Center and that are entered through a QMM MPID, and charge a fee of \$0.00295 per share executed for orders in securities listed on exchanges other than NASDAQ priced at \$1 or more per share that access liquidity on the NASDAQ Market Center and that are entered through a QMM MPID; provided, however, that after the first month in which an MPID becomes a QMM MPID, the QMM's volume of liquidity added, provided, and/or routed through the QMM MPID during the month (as a percentage of Consolidated Volume) is not less than 0.05% lower than the volume of liquidity added, provided, and/or routed through such QMM MPID during the first month in which the MPID qualified as a QMM MPID (as a percentage of Consolidated Volume). The fees of this rule do not apply to Select Symbol securities listed under Rule 7018(a)(4).

(f) – (i) No change.

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