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amendment shall be clearly identified and marked to show deletions and additions.

1. Text of the Proposed Rule Change

(a) The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC ("Nasdaq" or "Exchange"), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² is filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission") a proposal to amend Nasdaq Rule 7018(a) to: (i) amend the consolidated volume ("Consolidated Volume") requirement for a credit tier for providing liquidity in securities of all three Tapes; (ii) delete a credit tier for providing liquidity in securities of all three Tapes; and (iii) provide a new credit for providing liquidity in securities of all three Tapes.

A notice of the proposed rule change for publication in the <u>Federal Register</u> is attached as <u>Exhibit 1</u>. The text of the proposed rule change is attached as <u>Exhibit 5</u>.

- (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 (the "Board") on July 1, 2015. Exchange staff will advise the Board of any action taken pursuant to delegated authority. No other action is necessary for the filing of the rule change.

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

Jonathan F. Cayne Senior Associate General Counsel Nasdaq, Inc. (301) 978-8493

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>

The purpose of the proposed rule change is to amend certain credits for the use of the order execution and routing services of the Nasdaq Market Center by members for all securities priced at \$1 or more that it trades.

Specifically, the Exchange proposes to amend Nasdaq Rule 7018(a)(1), (2), and (3) to: (i) amend the Consolidated Volume requirement for a credit tier for providing liquidity in securities of all three Tapes; (ii) delete a credit tier for providing liquidity in securities of all three Tapes; and (iii) provide a new credit for providing liquidity in securities of all three Tapes.

First Change

The purpose of the first change is to increase the Consolidated Volume requirement for accessing liquidity in an existing credit tier. Currently, the credit tier requires a member to access more than 0.65% of Consolidated Volume through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs, provided that the member also provides a daily average of at least 2 million shares of liquidity in all securities during the month. The Exchange is proposing to increase the required Consolidated Volume requirement to more than 0.80%. The current credit will remain as \$0.0029 per share executed. The Consolidated Volume requirement will be increased as stated above for all three Tapes.

There are three Tapes, which are based on the listing venue of the security: Tape C securities are Nasdaq-listed; Tape A securities are New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE")-listed; and Tape B securities are listed on exchanges other than Nasdaq and NYSE.

Increasing the Consolidated Volume criteria will require members to access more liquidity to receive the \$0.0029 per share executed credit tier, but the Exchange believes that the members that want to avail themselves of this credit tier will be able to meet the increased Consolidated Volume requirement. Increasing the amount of liquidity accessed should be beneficial to other members as more of their resting limit orders may be accessed by members seeking to attain this credit tier.

Second Change

The purpose of the second change is to delete the credit tier of \$0.0030 per share executed for a member with shares of liquidity provided in all securities during the month representing more than 0.20% of Consolidated Volume during the month, through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs and that qualifies for the additional \$0.05 per contract credit under Note c(3) of Nasdaq Options Market ("NOM") Chapter XV Section 2(1) in securities of all three Tapes.

No market participants qualified for this credit tier recently, thus rendering it ineffective as acting as an incentive. However, since the Exchange is limited in the amount of credits that it can provide to market participants and even though no market participants currently qualify for this credit tier, this can easily shift from month to month so Nasdaq is proposing to delete it. Nasdaq must be selective in providing credits to members, and allocates credits to where it believes it will receive the best result in terms of improvement to market quality. The Exchange believes that eliminating this credit tier for all three Tapes is the only way to ensure that it will not going forward impact the overall balance of credits and fees.

Third Change

The purpose of the third change is to provide an additional credit to members that

provide liquidity. Currently, the Exchange provides several credits under Rules 7018(a)(1), (2), and (3), each of which apply to securities of a different Tape, in return for market-improving behavior. The Exchange is proposing to add a new credit tier of \$0.0027 per share executed for a member that has shares of liquidity provided in all securities during the month representing more than 0.10% of Consolidated Volume during the month, through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs, and that adds Customer,⁴ Professional,⁵ Firm,⁶ Non-NOM Market Maker⁷ and/or Broker-Dealer⁸ liquidity in Non-Penny Pilot Options of 0.40% or more of total industry average daily volume ("ADV") in the customer clearing range for Equity and exchange-traded fund ("ETF") option contracts per day in a month on the NOM.

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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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provides for members require them to significantly contribute to market quality by providing certain levels of Consolidated Volume through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs, and volume on NOM. The Exchange believes that by adding more in Non-Penny names on NOM that the market for these options on NOM will improve and the Exchange seeks to encourage such behavior.

b. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act, 9 in general, and furthers the objectives of Sections 6(b)(4) and 6(b)(5) of the Act, 10 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 the Exchange operates or controls, and is not designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

First Change

The Exchange believes that this proposed amendment to the requirements of an existing credit tier provided in securities of all three Tapes is reasonable because it amends a measure of activity with another, both of which represent a significant contribution to that market. Specifically, the Exchange is increasing the requirement that a member with shares of liquidity accessed in all securities through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs representing more than 0.65% of Consolidated Volume during the month. The Exchange is proposing to increase the monthly Consolidated Volume requirement from more than 0.65% to more than 0.80%. The member must also

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

¹⁵ U.S.C. 78f(b)(4) and (5).

provide a daily average of at least 2 million shares of liquidity in all securities through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs during the month along with the required shares of liquidity accessed.

The Exchange believes that the proposed amendment to the requirements of an existing credit tier provided in securities of all three Tapes is an equitable allocation and is not unfairly discriminatory because the Exchange will apply the same \$0.0029 per share executed credit to all similarly situated members. Thus, if a member meets the requirements, it will receive the credit. Also, and as previously discussed, Nasdaq believes that although increasing the Consolidated Volume criteria will require members to access more liquidity to receive the \$0.0029 per share executed credit tier, members seeking to achieve this credit tier will be able to meet the increased Consolidated Volume requirement. Increasing the amount of liquidity accessed should be beneficial to other members as their resting limit orders may be accessed by members seeking to attain this credit tier.

Second Change

The Exchange believes that the proposed changes to delete a credit tier for a member with shares of liquidity provided in all securities during the month representing more than 0.20% of Consolidated Volume during the month, through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs and that qualifies for the additional \$0.05 per contract credit under Note c(3) of NOM Chapter XV Section 2(1) in securities of all three Tapes is reasonable because the Exchange must, from time to time, adjust the level of credits provided, and the criteria required to receive them, to provide the most efficient allocation of credits in terms of market improving behavior.

Specifically, with regard to the eliminated \$0.0030 per share executed credit tier, as discussed previously, Nasdaq observed that no market participants qualified for this credit tier recently, thus rendering it ineffective as acting as an incentive. The Exchange is limited in the amount of credits that it can provide to market participants so even though no market participants currently qualified for this credit tier, this can easily shift from month to month. Nasdaq must be selective in providing credits to members, and allocates credits to where it believes it will receive the best result in terms of improvement to market quality. The Exchange believes that it is reasonable to eliminate this credit tier as the only way to ensure that it will not going forward impact the overall balance of credits and fees.

The Exchange believes that the proposed change to delete the credit tier described above in Rule 7018(a) is an equitable allocation and is not unfairly discriminatory because the Exchange will eliminate the same credit for all similarly situated members. The credits Nasdaq provides are designed to improve market quality for all market participants, and Nasdaq allocates its credits in a manner that it believes are the most likely to achieve that result. Elimination of the existing credit tier under the rule is an equitable allocation and is not unfairly discriminatory because no participants qualified under this credit tier, therefore, its elimination will not impact any members.

Third Change

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change to add a new credit tier of \$0.0027 per share executed is reasonable because it is consistent with other credits that the Exchange provides to members that provide liquidity. As discussed previously, as a general principle the Exchange chooses to offer credits to members in return for market improving behavior. Under Rule 7018(a), the various credits the Exchange provides for

members require them to significantly contribute to market quality by providing certain levels of Consolidated Volume through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs, and volume on NOM. The proposed credit will be provided to members that not only contribute to the Exchange by providing more than 0.10% of Consolidated Volume through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs during the month, but also adds Customer, Professional, Firm, Non-NOM Market Maker and/or Broker-Dealer liquidity in Non-Penny Pilot Options of 0.40% or more of total industry ADV in the customer clearing range for Equity and ETF option contracts per day in a month on the NOM.

The Exchange believes that the proposed new credit tier is reasonable because although it provides for a lower credit than some other NOM-linked credit tiers, it also has a corresponding lower Consolidated Volume threshold of 0.10%. Also, the proposed new credit tier specifically requires adding liquidity in Non-Penny Pilot Options. Currently, the credit tier referencing the NOM fee schedule that is being deleted in the Second Change (described above) also has a Non-Penny liquidity component as part of the criteria, so using liquidity in Non-Penny Pilot Options as a tiering criteria is not novel.

The Exchange believes that the proposed \$0.0027 per share executed credit is an equitable allocation and is not unfairly discriminatory because the Exchange will apply the same credit to all similarly situated members. Thus, if a member meets the requirements, it will receive the credit. A member achieving this credit tier will be providing liquidity in less liquid options classes (i.e., Non-Penny names). The Exchange

See NOM Chapter XV, Note c(3)(b) to Section 2(1), which also supports members to add Customer, Professional, Firm, Non-NOM Market Maker and/or Broker-Dealer liquidity in Non-Penny Pilot Options.

believes that by adding more in Non-Penny names on NOM that the market for these options on NOM will improve and the Exchange seeks to encourage such behavior.

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

The Exchange 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. In terms of inter-market competition, the Exchange 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, the Exchange 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, the Exchange believes that the degree to which fee changes in this market may impose any burden on competition is extremely limited.

In this instance, the changes to the credits provided for the use of the order execution and routing services of the Nasdaq Market Center by members for all securities priced at \$1 or more that it trades are reflective of the intense competition among trading venues in capturing order flow. Moreover, the proposed changes do not impose a burden on competition because Exchange membership is optional and is also the subject of competition from other trading venues. For these reasons, the Exchange does not believe that any of the proposed changes will impair the ability of members or competing order execution venues to maintain their competitive standing in the financial markets.

Moreover, because there are numerous competitive alternatives to the use of the

Exchange, it is likely that the Exchange will lose market share as a result of the changes if they are unattractive to market 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.
- 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>

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act,¹² the Exchange 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.

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.

- 8. 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.

¹⁵ U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

10. Advance Notices Filed Pursuant to Section 806(e) of the Payment, Clearing and Settlement Supervision Act

Not applicable.

11. Exhibits

- 1. Notice of Proposed Rule Change for publication in the <u>Federal Register</u>.
- 5. Text of the proposed rule change.

EXHIBIT 1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

(Release No. 34- ; File No. SF

; File No. SR-NASDAQ-2016-102)

July ___, 2016

Self-Regulatory Organizations; The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Amend Nasdaq Rule 7018

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 July 13, 2016, The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC ("Nasdaq" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "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 is proposing changes to amend Nasdaq Rule 7018(a) to: (i) amend the consolidated volume ("Consolidated Volume") requirement for a credit tier for providing liquidity in securities of all three Tapes; (ii) delete a credit tier for providing liquidity in securities of all three Tapes; and (iii) provide a new credit for providing liquidity in securities of all three Tapes.

The text of the proposed rule change is available at nasdaq.cchwallstreet.com, at Nasdaq's principal office, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 C.F.R. 240.19b-4.

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</u> <u>Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change</u>

1. <u>Purpose</u>

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The Exchange believes that the proposed changes to delete a credit tier for a member with shares of liquidity provided in all securities during the month representing more than 0.20% of Consolidated Volume during the month, through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs and that qualifies for the additional \$0.05 per contract

credit under Note c(3) of NOM Chapter XV Section 2(1) in securities of all three Tapes is reasonable because the Exchange must, from time to time, adjust the level of credits provided, and the criteria required to receive them, to provide the most efficient allocation of credits in terms of market improving behavior.

Specifically, with regard to the eliminated \$0.0030 per share executed credit tier, as discussed previously, Nasdaq observed that no market participants qualified for this credit tier recently, thus rendering it ineffective as acting as an incentive. The Exchange is limited in the amount of credits that it can provide to market participants so even though no market participants currently qualified for this credit tier, this can easily shift from month to month. Nasdaq must be selective in providing credits to members, and allocates credits to where it believes it will receive the best result in terms of improvement to market quality. The Exchange believes that it is reasonable to eliminate this credit tier as the only way to ensure that it will not going forward impact the overall balance of credits and fees.

The Exchange believes that the proposed change to delete the credit tier described above in Rule 7018(a) is an equitable allocation and is not unfairly discriminatory because the Exchange will eliminate the same credit for all similarly situated members. The credits Nasdaq provides are designed to improve market quality for all market participants, and Nasdaq allocates its credits in a manner that it believes are the most likely to achieve that result. Elimination of the existing credit tier under the rule is an equitable allocation and is not unfairly discriminatory because no participants qualified under this credit tier, therefore, its elimination will not impact any members.

Third Change

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change to add a new credit tier of \$0.0027 per share executed is reasonable because it is consistent with other credits that the Exchange provides to members that provide liquidity. As discussed previously, as a general principle the Exchange chooses to offer credits to members in return for market improving behavior. Under Rule 7018(a), the various credits the Exchange provides for members require them to significantly contribute to market quality by providing certain levels of Consolidated Volume through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs, and volume on NOM. The proposed credit will be provided to members that not only contribute to the Exchange by providing more than 0.10% of Consolidated Volume through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs during the month, but also adds Customer, Professional, Firm, Non-NOM Market Maker and/or Broker-Dealer liquidity in Non-Penny Pilot Options of 0.40% or more of total industry ADV in the customer clearing range for Equity and ETF option contracts per day in a month on the NOM.

The Exchange believes that the proposed new credit tier is reasonable because although it provides for a lower credit than some other NOM-linked credit tiers, it also has a corresponding lower Consolidated Volume threshold of 0.10%. Also, the proposed new credit tier specifically requires adding liquidity in Non-Penny Pilot Options. ¹¹ Currently, the credit tier referencing the NOM fee schedule that is being deleted in the Second Change (described above) also has a Non-Penny liquidity component as part of

See NOM Chapter XV, Note c(3)(b) to Section 2(1), which also supports members to add Customer, Professional, Firm, Non-NOM Market Maker and/or Broker-Dealer liquidity in Non-Penny Pilot Options.

the criteria, so using liquidity in Non-Penny Pilot Options as a tiering criteria is not novel.

The Exchange believes that the proposed \$0.0027 per share executed credit is an equitable allocation and is not unfairly discriminatory because the Exchange will apply the same credit to all similarly situated members. Thus, if a member meets the requirements, it will receive the credit. A member achieving this credit tier will be providing liquidity in less liquid options classes (i.e., Non-Penny names). The Exchange believes that by adding more in Non-Penny names on NOM that the market for these options on NOM will improve and the Exchange seeks to encourage such behavior.

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

The Exchange 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. In terms of inter-market competition, the Exchange 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, the Exchange 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, the Exchange believes that the degree to which fee changes in this market may impose any burden on competition is extremely limited.

In this instance, the changes to the credits provided for the use of the order execution and routing services of the Nasdaq Market Center by members for all securities

priced at \$1 or more that it trades are reflective of the intense competition among trading venues in capturing order flow. Moreover, the proposed changes do not impose a burden on competition because Exchange membership is optional and is also the subject of competition from other trading venues. For these reasons, the Exchange does not believe that any of the proposed changes will impair the ability of members or competing order execution venues to maintain their competitive standing in the financial markets.

Moreover, because there are numerous competitive alternatives to the use of the Exchange, it is likely that the Exchange will lose market share as a result of the changes if they are unattractive to market participants.

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 Action</u>

The foregoing change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act¹². 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:

¹⁵ U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

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-2016-102 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-2016-102. 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-2016-102, 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. 13

Robert W. Errett Deputy Secretary

¹³ 17 C.F.R. 200.30-3(a)(12).

EXHIBIT 5

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The NASDAQ Stock Market Rules

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7018. Nasdaq Market Center Order Execution and Routing

(a) The following charges shall apply to the use of the order execution and routing services of the Nasdaq Market Center by members for all securities priced at \$1 or more that it trades. For purposes of determining a member's shares of liquidity routed, TFTY, MOPB, MOPP, SAVE, SOLV, CART, QDRK, QCST and directed orders are not counted. As used in this rule, the term "Consolidated Volume" shall mean the total consolidated volume reported to all consolidated transaction reporting plans by all exchanges and trade reporting facilities during a month in equity securities, excluding executed orders with a size of less than one round lot. For purposes of calculating Consolidated Volume and the extent of a member's trading activity the date of the annual reconstitution of the Russell Investments Indexes shall be excluded from both total Consolidated Volume and the member's trading activity.

(1) Fees for Execution and Routing of Orders in Nasdaq-Listed Securities

Charge to enter orders that execute in the Nasdaq Market Center:

member that executes against resting midpoint liquidity:	\$0.0030 per share executed
all other orders that execute in the Nasdaq Market Center:	\$0.0030 per share executed
Charge to member entering RTFY order that executes in the Nasdaq Market Center:	\$0.0000 per share executed
Charge to member entering RTFY order that executes in a venue other than the Nasdaq Market Center:	\$0.0000 per share executed

Charge to member entering STGY, SCAN, SKNY, or SKIP order that executes in a venue other than the Nasdaq Market Center and charge to member entering a LIST order that executes in a venue other than the Nasdaq Market Center, but not in an opening, re-opening, or closing process:

\$0.0030 per share executed

Charge or credit to member entering TFTY, MOPB, MOPP, SAVE, SOLV, CART, QDRK, QCST or directed order that executes in a venue other than the Nasdaq Market Center:

Charge of \$0.0035 per share executed for directed orders Charge of \$0.0030 per share executed for TFTY orders that execute at NASDAQ OMX PSX Charge of \$0.0030 per share executed for CART orders that execute at NASDAQ OMX PSX No charge or credit for TFTY, SOLV, CART, or SAVE orders that execute at NASDAQ OMX BX Charge of \$0.0030 per share executed for SAVE or SOLV orders that execute at venues other than NASDAQ OMX BXCharge of \$0.0035 per share executed for a MOPB or MOPP order Charge of \$0.0007 per share executed for TFTY orders that execute on venues other than NASDAQ OMX BX or NASDAQ OMX PSX Charge of \$0.0007 per share executed for OCST and ODRK orders, except no

charge or credit for QCST orders that execute on NASDAQ OMX BX

Credit to member for displayed quotes/orders (other than Supplemental Orders or Designated Retail Orders) that provide liquidity:

member adds Customer, Professional, Firm, Non-NOM Market Maker and/or Broker-Dealer \$0.00295 per share executed

liquidity in Penny Pilot Options and/or Non-Penny Pilot Options of 1.15% or more of total industry ADV in the customer clearing range for Equity and ETF option contracts per day in a month on the Nasdaq Options Market:

member with shares of liquidity provided in all securities through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs that represent 0.575% or more of Consolidated Volume during the month, including shares of liquidity provided with respect to securities that are listed on exchanges other than NASDAQ or NYSE that represent 0.10% or more of Consolidated Volume:

\$0.0030 per share executed

member (i) with shares of liquidity provided in all securities during the month representing at least 0.60% of Consolidated Volume during the month, through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs, and (ii) Adds NOM Market Maker liquidity in Penny Pilot Options and/or Non- Penny Pilot Options of 0.10% or more of total industry ADV in the customer clearing range for Equity and ETF option contracts per day in a month on the Nasdaq Options Market, and (iii) Adds Customer, Professional, Firm, Non-NOM Market Maker and/or Broker-Dealer liquidity in Penny Pilot Options and/or Non- Penny Pilot Options of 1.50% or more of total industry ADV in the customer clearing range for Equity and ETF option contracts per day in a month on the Nasdaq Options Market:

\$0.00305 per share executed

member with shares of liquidity provided in all securities through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs that represent more than 1.25% of Consolidated Volume during the month:

\$0.00305 per share executed

member with shares of liquidity provided in all securities through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs that represent more than 0.75% of Consolidated Volume during the month and member provides a daily average of at least 5 Million shares of non-displayed liquidity:

\$0.0030 per share executed

member with shares of liquidity provided in the \$0.0028 per share executed Opening and Closing Crosses, excluding Market-on-Close, Limit-on-Close, Market-on-Open, Limit-on-Open, Good-til-Cancelled, and Immediate-or-Cancel orders, through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs that represent more than 0.01% of Consolidated Volume during the month:

member with shares of liquidity provided in all securities through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs that represent more than 0.45% of Consolidated Volume during the month:

\$0.0029 per share executed

member with shares of liquidity provided in all securities through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs that represent more than 0.30% of Consolidated Volume during the month:

\$0.0027 per share executed

member with shares of liquidity provided in all securities through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs that represent more than 0.30% of Consolidated Volume during the month, including shares of liquidity provided with respect to securities that are listed on exchanges other than NASDAQ or NYSE that represent more than 0.10% of Consolidated Volume:

\$0.0029 per share executed

member with shares of liquidity provided in all securities through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs that represent more than 0.10% of Consolidated Volume during the month:

\$0.0025 per share executed

member with shares of liquidity accessed in all securities through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs representing more than 0.[65]80% of Consolidated Volume during the month; provided that the member also provides a daily average of at least 2 million shares of liquidity in all securities through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs during the month:

\$0.0029 per share executed

member with shares of liquidity accessed in all securities through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs representing more than 0.45% of Consolidated Volume during the month; provided that the member also provides a daily average of at least 2 million shares of liquidity in all securities through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs during the month:

\$0.0025 per share executed

member with (i) shares of liquidity provided in all securities during the month representing more than 0.15% of Consolidated Volume during the month, through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs, and (ii) Total Volume, as defined in Chapter XV, Section 2 of the Nasdaq Options Market rules, of 0.90% or more of total industry ADV in the Customer clearing range for Equity and ETF option contracts per day in a month on the Nasdaq Options Market:

\$0.0029 per share executed

member (i) with shares of liquidity provided in all securities during the month representing at

\$0.00305 per share executed

least 0.15% of Consolidated Volume during the month, through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs, and (ii) Adds NOM Market Maker liquidity in Penny Pilot Options and/or Non- Penny Pilot Options of 0.90% or more of total industry ADV in the customer clearing range for Equity and ETF option contracts per day in a month on the Nasdag **Options Market:**

member (i) with shares of liquidity provided in all securities during the month representing more than 0.[2]10% of Consolidated Volume during the month, through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs, and (ii) [qualifies for the additional \$0.05 per contract credit under Note c(3) of NOM Chapter XV Section 2(1)] adds Customer, Professional, Firm, Non-NOM Market Maker and/or Broker-Dealer liquidity in Non-Penny Pilot Options of 0.40% or more of total industry ADV in the customer clearing range for Equity and ETF option contracts per day in a month on the Nasdaq Options Market:

\$0.00[30]27 per share executed

member with shares of liquidity provided in all securities during the month representing less than 0.10% of Consolidated Volume during the month, through one or more of its Nasdag Market Center MPIDs; provided that (i) the member also provides a daily average of at least 250,000 shares of liquidity provided in securities listed on an exchange other than NASDAQ, or (ii) the member routes a daily average volume of at least 10,000 shares during the month via the QDRK routing strategy:

\$0.0020 per share executed

member that provides a daily average of at least \$0.0025 per share executed 4 million shares of liquidity, which includes greater than 1.5 million shares per day of nondisplayed liquidity, excluding midpoint orders:

Credit to other members:	\$0.0015 per share executed
Credit for non-displayed orders (other than Supplemental Orders) that provide liquidity:	\$0.0025 per share executed for midpoint orders if the member provides an average daily volume of 5 million or more shares through midpoint orders during the month and adds 8 million shares of non-displayed liquidity \$0.0020 per share executed for midpoint orders if the member provides an average daily volume of 6 million or more shares through midpoint orders during the month \$0.0017 per share executed for midpoint orders if the member provides an average daily volume of 3 million or more shares through midpoint orders during the month \$0.0010 per share executed for all other midpoint orders \$0.0005 per share executed for other non-displayed orders if the member provides 0.03% or more of Consolidated Volume during the month through midpoint orders or other non-displayed orders No charge or credit for other non-displayed orders
Credit for Supplemental Orders:	\$0.0018 per share executed for Supplemental Orders entered through a Nasdaq Market Center MPID through which the member provides an average daily volume during the month of more than 1 million shares of liquidity via

Supplemental Orders

Supplemental Orders

\$0.0015 per share executed for other

Credit for displayed Designated Retail Orders	* \$0.0034 per share executed				
LIST order that executes in Nasdaq's closing process:	Applicable charges as provided in Rule 7018(d)				
LIST order that executes in Nasdaq's opening process:	Applicable charges as provided in Rule 7018(e)				
LIST order that executes in Nasdaq's halt cross process:	Applicable charges as provided in Rule 7018(f)				
(2) Fees for Execution and Routing of Securities Listed on NYSE					
Charge to enter orders that execute in the Nasdaq Market Center:					
all other orders that execute in the Nasdaq Market Center:	50.0030 per share executed				
firms that execute against resting midpoint sliquidity:	50.0030 per share executed				
Charge to member entering RTFY order that executes in the Nasdaq Market Center:	0.0000 per share executed				
Charge to member entering RTFY order that executes in a venue other than the Nasdaq Market Center:	\$0.0000 per share executed				

Charge to member entering STGY, SCAN, \$0.0030 per share executed SKNY, or SKIP order that executes in a venue other than the Nasdaq Market Center and charge to member entering a LIST order that executes in a venue other than the

Nasdaq Market Center, but not in an opening, re-opening, or closing process:

STGY, SCAN, SKNY, or SKIP order that executes in a venue other than the Nasdaq Market Center, and charge to member entering a LIST order that executes in a venue other than the Nasdaq Market Center, orders but not in an opening, closing, or reopening process:

Charge or credit to member entering DOTI, No charge or credit for DOTI orders that execute in NASDAQ OMX BX \$0.0015 per share executed credit for orders that add liquidity at the NYSE after routing \$0.0030 fee per share executed for other

MOPB, MOPP, SAVE, SOLV, CART, QCST, QDRK or directed order that executes in a venue other than the Nasdag Market Center:

Charge or credit to member entering TFTY, Charge of \$0.0035 per share executed for directed orders

> Charge of \$0.0030 per share executed for CART orders that executed at NASDAQ **OMX PSX**

No charge or credit for TFTY, SOLV, CART, or SAVE orders that execute at NASDAQ OMX BX

Charge of \$0.0035 per share executed for a MOPB or MOPP order

For TFTY orders that execute: (i) at venues other than NYSE, NASDAQ OMX BX or NASDAQ OMX PSX, charge of \$0.0007 per share executed; or (ii) at the NYSE or NASDAQ OMX PSX, charge of \$0.0030 per share executed

For SAVE or SOLV orders that execute: (i) at venues other than NASDAQ OMX BX, charge of \$0.0030 per share executed Charge of \$0.0007 per share executed for QCST and QDRK orders, except no charge or credit for QCST orders that execute on NASDAQ OMX BX

Credit to member for displayed quotes/orders (other than Supplemental Orders or Designated Retail Orders) that provide liquidity:

in addition to the credits provided for displayed quotes/orders (other than Supplemental Orders or Designated Retail Orders) that provide liquidity, a member with shares of liquidity provided in all securities during the month representing at least 0.2% of Consolidated Volume during the month, through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs:

\$0.0001 per share executed

member adds Customer, Professional, Firm, \$0.00295 per share executed Non-NOM Market Maker and/or Broker-Dealer liquidity in Penny Pilot Options and/or Non- Penny Pilot Options of 1.15% or more of total industry ADV in the customer clearing range for Equity and ETF option contracts per day in a month on the Nasdaq Options Market:

member with shares of liquidity provided in \$0.0030 per share executed all securities through one or more of its

Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs that represent

0.575% or more of Consolidated Volume
during the month, including shares of
liquidity provided with respect to securities
that are listed on exchanges other than

NASDAQ or NYSE that represent 0.10 %
or more of Consolidated Volume:

member (i) with shares of liquidity provided \$0.00305 per share executed in all securities during the month representing at least 0.60% of Consolidated Volume during the month, through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs, and (ii) Adds NOM Market Maker liquidity in Penny Pilot Options and/or Non- Penny Pilot Options of 0.10% or more of total industry ADV in the customer clearing range for Equity and ETF option contracts

per day in a month on the Nasdaq Options Market, and (iii) Adds Customer, Professional, Firm, Non-NOM Market Maker and/or Broker-Dealer liquidity in Penny Pilot Options and/or Non-Penny Pilot Options of 1.50% or more of total industry ADV in the customer clearing range for Equity and ETF option contracts per day in a month on the Nasdaq Options Market:

member with shares of liquidity provided in \$0.00305 per share executed all securities through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs that represent more than 1.25% of Consolidated Volume during the month:

member with shares of liquidity provided in \$0.0030 per share executed all securities through one or more of its

Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs that represent more than 0.75% of Consolidated Volume during the month and member provides a daily average of at least 5 Million shares of non-displayed liquidity:

member with shares of liquidity provided in \$0.0028 per share executed the Opening and Closing Crosses, excluding Market-on-Close, Limit-on-Close, Market-on-Open, Limit-on-Open, Good-til-Cancelled, and Immediate-or-Cancel orders, through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs that represent more than 0.01% of Consolidated Volume during the month:

member with shares of liquidity provided in \$0.0029 per share executed all securities through one or more of its
Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs that represent more than 0.45% of Consolidated Volume

during the month:

member with shares of liquidity provided in \$0.0027 per share executed all securities through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs that represent more than 0.30% of Consolidated Volume during the month during the month:

member with shares of liquidity provided in \$0.0029 per share executed all securities through one or more of its

Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs that represent more than 0.30% of Consolidated Volume during the month, including shares of liquidity provided with respect to securities that are listed on exchanges other than NASDAQ or NYSE that represent more than 0.10% of Consolidated Volume:

member with shares of liquidity provided in \$0.0025 per share executed all securities through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs that represent more than 0.10% of Consolidated Volume during the month:

member with shares of liquidity accessed in \$0.0029 per share executed all securities through one or more of its

Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs representing more than 0.[65]80% of Consolidated

Volume during the month; provided that the member also provides a daily average of at least 2 million shares of liquidity in all securities through one or more of its Nasdaq

Market Center MPIDs during the month:

member with shares of liquidity accessed in \$0.0025 per share executed all securities through one or more of its
Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs representing more than 0.45% of Consolidated Volume

during the month; provided that the member also provides a daily average of at least 2 million shares of liquidity in all securities through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs during the month:

member with (i) shares of liquidity provided \$0.0029 per share executed in all securities during the month representing more than 0.15% of Consolidated Volume during the month, through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs, and (ii) Total Volume, as defined in Chapter XV, Section 2 of the Nasdaq Options Market rules, of 0.90% or more of total industry ADV in the Customer clearing range for Equity and ETF option contracts per day in a month on the Nasdaq Options Market:

member (i) with shares of liquidity provided \$0.00305 per share executed in all securities during the month representing at least 0.15% of Consolidated Volume during the month, through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs, and (ii) Adds NOM Market Maker liquidity in Penny Pilot Options and/or Non- Penny Pilot Options of 0.90% or more of total industry ADV in the customer clearing range for Equity and ETF option contracts per day in a month on the Nasdaq Options Market:

member (i) with shares of liquidity provided \$0.00[30]27 per share executed in all securities during the month representing more than 0.[2]10% of Consolidated Volume during the month, through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs, and (ii) [qualifies for the additional \$0.05 per contract credit under Note c(3) of NOM Chapter XV Section

2(1)] adds Customer, Professional, Firm, Non-NOM Market Maker and/or Broker-Dealer liquidity in Non-Penny Pilot Options of 0.40% or more of total industry ADV in the customer clearing range for Equity and ETF option contracts per day in a month on the Nasdaq Options Market:

member that provides a daily average of at least 4 million shares of liquidity, which includes greater than 1.5 million shares per day of non-displayed liquidity, excluding midpoint orders:

\$0.0025 per share executed

Credit to other members:

\$0.0020 per share executed

Credit for non-displayed orders (other than \$0.0025 per share executed for midpoint Supplemental Orders) that provide liquidity: orders if the member provides an average

\$0.0025 per share executed for midpoint orders if the member provides an average daily volume of 5 million or more shares through midpoint orders during the month and adds 8 million shares of non-displayed liquidity

\$0.0022 per share executed for midpoint orders if the member provides an average daily volume of 6 million or more shares through midpoint orders during the month \$0.0020 per share executed for midpoint orders if the member provides an average daily volume of 3 million or more shares through midpoint orders during the month \$0.0018 per share executed for midpoint orders if the member provides an average daily volume of 1 million or more shares through midpoint orders during the month \$0.0014 per share executed for all other midpoint orders

\$0.0010 per share executed for other nondisplayed orders if the member provides 0.03% or more of Consolidated Volume during the month through midpoint orders

	or other non-displayed orders No charge or credit for other non-displayed orders
Credit for Supplemental Orders:	\$0.0018 per share executed for Supplemental Orders entered through a Nasdaq Market Center MPID through which the member provides an average daily volume during the month of more than 1 million shares of liquidity via Supplemental Orders \$0.0015 per share executed for other Supplemental Orders
Credit for displayed Designated Retail Orders:*	\$0.0034 per share executed
Order that is routed to NYSE and then routed to another venue for execution:	\$0.0030 per share executed
Charge for DOT or LIST Order that executes in the NYSE closing process:	\$0.0010 per share executed
Charge for DOT or LIST Order that executes in the NYSE opening process or reopening process:	\$0.0015 per share executed.
Per order charge for round lot or mixed lot DOTI orders:	\$0.01 fee per DOTI Order when during a month: (i) a market participant sends an average of more than 10,000 DOTI Orders per day through one or more of its MPIDs; and (ii) the ratio of DOTI Orders to executions exceeds 300 to 1. The fee will apply to each DOTI Order that exceeds the 300 to 1 ratio. In calculating daily average DOTI Orders, Nasdaq will exclude the day with the highest ratio of DOTI Orders to

executions.

(3) Fees for Execution and Routing of Orders in Securities Listed on Exchanges other than Nasdaq and NYSE ("Tape B Securities")

Charge to member entering order that executes in the Nasdaq Market Center:	
all other orders that execute in the Nasdaq Market Center:	\$0.0030 per share executed
firms that execute against resting midpoint liquidity:	\$0.0030 per share executed
Charge to member entering RTFY order that executes in the Nasdaq Market Center:	\$0.0000 per share executed
Charge to member entering RTFY order that executes in a venue other than the Nasdaq Market Center:	\$0.0000 per share executed
Charge or credit to member entering DOTI, STGY, SCAN, SKNY, or SKIP order that executes in a venue other than the Nasdaq Market Center, and charge to member entering a LIST order that executes in a venue other than the Nasdaq Market Center, but not in an opening, closing or re-opening process:	No charge or credit for DOTI orders that execute in NASDAQ OMX BX For other orders, charge of \$0.0030 per share executed

Charge or credit to member entering TFTY, Charge of \$0.0035 per share executed MOPB, MOPP, SAVE, SOLV, CART, QDRK, for directed orders QCST or directed order that executes in a venue other than the Nasdaq Market Center: Charge of \$0.0030 per share executed for TFYY orders that execute at

Charge of \$0.0035 per share executed for directed orders
Charge of \$0.0030 per share executed for TFYY orders that execute at
NASDAQ OMX PSX
Charge of \$0.0030 per share executed for CART orders that execute at
NASDAQ OMX PSX

No charge or credit for TFTY, SOLV, CART, or SAVE orders that execute at NASDAQ OMX BX Charge of \$0.0030 per share executed for SAVE or SOLV orders that execute at venues other than NASDAO OMX BXCharge of \$0.0035 per share executed for a MOPB or MOPP order Charge of \$0.0007 per share executed for TFTY orders that execute in venues other than NASDAQ OMX BX or NASDAQ OMX PSX Charge of \$0.0007 per share executed for QCST and QDRK, except no charge or credit for QCST orders that execute on NASDAQ OMX BX

Credit to member for displayed quotes/orders (other than Supplemental Orders or Designated Retail Orders) that provide liquidity:

in addition to the credits provided for displayed quotes/orders (other than Supplemental Orders or Designated Retail Orders) that provide liquidity, a member with shares of liquidity provided in all securities during the month representing at least 0.2% of Consolidated Volume during the month, through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs:

\$0.0001 per share executed

member adds Customer, Professional, Firm, Non-NOM Market Maker and/or Broker-Dealer liquidity in Penny Pilot Options and/or Non-Penny Pilot Options of 1.15% or more of total industry ADV in the customer clearing range for Equity and ETF option contracts per day in a month on the Nasdaq Options Market:

\$0.00295 per share executed

member with shares of liquidity provided in all securities through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs that represent 0.575% or more of Consolidated Volume during the month, including shares of liquidity provided with respect to securities that are listed on exchanges other than NASDAQ or NYSE that represent 0.10% or more of Consolidated Volume:

\$0.0030 per share executed

member (i) with shares of liquidity provided in all securities during the month representing at least 0.60% of Consolidated Volume during the month, through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs, and (ii) Adds NOM Market Maker liquidity in Penny Pilot Options and/or Non- Penny Pilot Options of 0.10% or more of total industry ADV in the customer clearing range for Equity and ETF option contracts per day in a month on the Nasdaq Options Market, and (iii) Adds Customer, Professional, Firm, Non-NOM Market Maker and/or Broker-Dealer liquidity in Penny Pilot Options and/or Non- Penny Pilot Options of 1.50% or more of total industry ADV in the customer clearing range for Equity and ETF option contracts per day in a month on the Nasdaq Options Market:

\$0.00305 per share executed

member with shares of liquidity provided in all securities through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs that represent more than 1.25% of Consolidated Volume during the month:

\$0.00305 per share executed

member with shares of liquidity provided in all securities through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs that represent more than 0.75% of Consolidated Volume during the month and member provides a daily average of at least 5 Million shares of non-displayed

\$0.0030 per share executed

liquidity:

member with shares of liquidity provided in the Opening and Closing Crosses, excluding Market-on-Close, Limit-on-Close, Market-on-Open, Limit-on-Open, Good-til-Cancelled, and Immediate-or-Cancel orders, through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs that represent more than 0.01% of Consolidated Volume during the month:

\$0.0028 per share executed

member with shares of liquidity provided in all securities through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs that represent more than 0.45% of Consolidated Volume during the month:

\$0.0029 per share executed

member with shares of liquidity provided in all securities through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs that represent more than 0.30% of Consolidated Volume during the month:

\$0.0027 per share executed

member with shares of liquidity provided in all securities through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs that represent more than 0.30% of Consolidated Volume during the month, including shares of liquidity provided with respect to securities that are listed on exchanges other than NASDAQ or NYSE that represent more than 0.10% of Consolidated Volume:

\$0.0029 per share executed

member with shares of liquidity provided in all securities through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs that represent more than 0.10% of Consolidated Volume during the month:

\$0.0025 per share executed

member with shares of liquidity accessed in all securities through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs representing more than 0.[65]80% of Consolidated Volume during the month; provided that the member also provides a daily average of at least 2 million shares of liquidity in all securities through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs during the month:

\$0.0029 per share executed

member with shares of liquidity accessed in all securities through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs representing more than 0.45% of Consolidated Volume during the month; provided that the member also provides a daily average of at least 2 million shares of liquidity in all securities through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs during the month:

\$0.0025 per share executed

member with (i) shares of liquidity provided in all securities during the month representing more than 0.15% of Consolidated Volume during the month, through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs, and (ii) Total Volume, as defined in Chapter XV, Section 2 of the Nasdaq Options Market rules, of 0.90% or more of total industry ADV in the Customer clearing range for Equity and ETF option contracts per day in a month on the Nasdaq Options Market:

\$0.0029 per share executed

member (i) with shares of liquidity provided in all securities during the month representing more than 0.[2]10% of Consolidated Volume during the month, through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs, and (ii) [qualifies for the additional \$0.05 per contract credit under Note c(3) of NOM Chapter XV Section 2(1)] adds Customer, Professional, Firm, Non-NOM

\$0.00[30]27 per share executed

Market Maker and/or Broker-Dealer liquidity in Non-Penny Pilot Options of 0.40% or more of total industry ADV in the customer clearing range for Equity and ETF option contracts per day in a month on the Nasdaq Options Market:

member (i) with shares of liquidity provided in all securities during the month representing at least 0.15% of Consolidated Volume during the month, through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs, and (ii) Adds NOM Market Maker liquidity in Penny Pilot Options and/or Non- Penny Pilot Options of 0.90% or more of total industry ADV in the customer clearing range for Equity and ETF option contracts per day in a month on the Nasdag **Options Market:**

\$0.00305 per share executed

member that provides a daily average of at least \$0.0025 per share executed 4 million shares of liquidity, which includes greater than 1.5 million shares per day of nondisplayed liquidity, excluding midpoint orders:

Credit to other members:

\$0.0020 per share executed

Credit for non-displayed orders (other than Supplemental Orders) that provide liquidity: \$0.0025 per share executed for midpoint orders if the member provides an average daily volume of 5 million or more shares through midpoint orders during the month adds 8 million shares of non-displayed liquidity \$0.0022 per share executed for midpoint orders if the member provides an average daily volume of 6 million or more shares through midpoint orders during the month \$0.0020 per share executed for midpoint orders if the member provides an average daily volume of 3 million or

more shares through midpoint orders during the month \$0.0018 per share executed for midpoint orders if the member provides an average daily volume of 1 million or more shares through midpoint orders during the month \$0.0014 per share executed for all other midpoint orders \$0.0010 per share executed for other non-displayed orders if the member provides 0.03% or more of Consolidated Volume during the month through midpoint orders or other nondisplayed orders No charge or credit for other nondisplayed orders

Credit for Supplemental Orders:

0.0018 per share executed for Supplemental Orders entered through a Nasdaq Market Center MPID through which the member provides an average daily volume during the month of more than 1 million shares of liquidity via Supplemental Orders \$0.0015 per share executed for other

Supplemental Orders

Credit for displayed Designated Retail Orders:*

\$0.0034 per share executed

Order that is routed to NYSEAmex or NYSEArca and then routed to another venue for execution:

\$0.0030 per share executed

Charge for LIST order that executes in an exchange's closing process:

\$0.0005 per share executed in the NYSEArca closing process \$0.00095 per share executed in the NYSEAmex closing process

Charge for LIST order that executes in an exchange's opening or re-opening process:

\$0.0005 per share executed in the NYSEArca opening or re-opening process
\$0.0005 per share executed in the NYSEAmex opening or re-opening process

(b) – **(m)** No change.

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