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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.

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.

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.

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.
Partial Amendment No. 1 to SR-NASDAQ-2016-131

On October 13, 2016, The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC (“Nasdaq”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC” or “Commission”) a proposed rule change (“Proposal”) to amend rule 4120 to enhance the reopening auction process following a trading halt declared pursuant to the Plan to Address Extraordinary market Volatility Pursuant to Rule 608 of Regulation NMS under the Act (the “Limit Up-Limit Down Plan” or “Plan”). The Exchange also proposed to amend Rule 4753 (“Nasdaq Halt Cross”) to include the proposed new terms Auction Reference Prices and Auction Collars in the definition of Order Imbalance Indicator for purposes of the reopening process after Trading Pauses initiated under Rule 4120(a)(12), and to amend Rule 11890 (“Clearly Erroneous Transactions”) to provide that a member cannot request a review of an execution arising from a Halt Auction as a clearly erroneous execution.

Nasdaq is filing this Partial Amendment No. 1 to SR-NASDAQ-2016-131 to make two changes to the filing. First, Nasdaq is proposing to amend Rule 4120 to state that it is using the Auction Reference Price in determining whether a security subject to a Trading Pause is priced at $3 or more, which determines the method of calculating the Auction Collar prices. Second, Nasdaq is proposing to amend Rule 4754(b)(6), which concerns the processing of the Nasdaq Closing Cross, to conform the rule to the changes proposed to Rule 4120(a)(12)(H). Nasdaq is proposing the following specific changes to SR-NASDAQ-2016-131:

1) In the Form 19b-4 on page 11 of 41, footnote 21, and in Exhibit 1 on page 28 of 41, footnote 21, replace the entire footnote with the following text:

“The Exchange will use the Auction Reference Price to determine whether the security subject to a Trading Pause is priced $3 or less. The security will
continue to use the initial collar value during the reopening process until it emerges from the Trading Pause.”

2) In the Form 19b-4 on page 13 of 41 (end of the first full paragraph that begins with “The Exchange is also amending”), and in Exhibit 1 on page 31 of 41 (end of the carryover paragraph that begins with “The Exchange is also amending”), add a new sentence to read as follows:

“The Exchange is also making a conforming change to Rule 4754(b)(6) to make it clear that the rule applies to Trading Pauses in existence at 3:50.”

3) In Exhibit 5 on page 39 of 41: amend Rule 4120(c)(10)(A)(ii)a. and b., as provided in Exhibit 4 of this Partial Amendment 1.

4) In Exhibit 5 on page 40 of 41: amend Rule 4120(c)(10)(B)(i) and (ii), as provided in Exhibit 4 of this Partial Amendment 1.

5) In Exhibit 5 on page 41 of 41: insert amended Rule 4754(b)(6), as provided in Exhibit 4 of this Partial Amendment 1.

Nasdaq believes that SR-NASDAQ-2016-131, as amended, remains consistent with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and specifically with Section 6(b)(5). Partial Amendment No. 1 makes a technical amendment to conform Rule 4754(b)(6) with other changes proposed in the rule change. Partial Amendment No. 1 also changes how the Nasdaq will determine whether a security subject to a Trading Pause is $3 or less, and thus how the Auction Collar prices for that security are determined. The Exchange believes that using the Auction Reference Price instead of the prior day closing price is consistent with the Act because it is based on a price that is more reflective of the value of the security throughout the trading day instead of the static price originally proposed.
Exhibit 4 shows the changes proposed in this Partial Amendment No. 1 with the proposed changes in the original filing shown as if adopted. No changes to Rule 4754 were proposed in the original filing. Proposed additions in this Partial Amendment No. 1 appear underlined; proposed deletions appear in brackets.

The NASDAQ Stock Market Rules

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4120. Limit Up-Limit Down Plan and Trading Halts
(a) Authority to Initiate Trading Halts or Pauses

In circumstances in which Nasdaq deems it necessary to protect investors and the public interest, Nasdaq, pursuant to the procedures set forth in paragraph (c):

(1) – (11) No change.


(A) – (F) No change.

(G) If the Exchange is unable to reopen trading due to a systems or technology issue, it shall notify the Processor immediately.

(H) Re-opening of Trading following a Trading Pause. At the end of the Trading Pause, the Exchange shall re-open the security in a manner similar to the procedures set forth in Rule 4753, provided that following a Trading Pause that exists at or after 3:50 p.m. a stock shall re-open via a LULD Closing Cross pursuant to Rule 4754(b)(6). If a Trading Pause was initiated by another exchange, Nasdaq may resume trading following the Trading Pause upon receipt of the Price Bands from the Processor.

(b) No change.

(e) Procedure for Initiating and Terminating a Trading Halt

(1) – (6) No change.

(7)

(A) A trading halt or pause initiated under Rule 4120(a)(1), (4), (5), (6), (9), (10), or (11) shall be terminated when Nasdaq releases the security for trading. For any such security listed on Nasdaq, prior to terminating the halt or pause, there will be a 5-minute Display Only Period during which market participants may enter quotations and orders in that security in Nasdaq systems. In addition, in instances where a trading halt is in effect prior to the commencement of the Display Only Period, market participants may enter orders
in a security that is the subject of the trading halt on Nasdaq. Such orders will be accepted and entered into the system.

(B) – (C) No change.

(8) – (9) No change.

(10) A trading pause initiated under Rule 4120(a)(12) shall be terminated when Nasdaq releases the security for trading. For any such security listed on Nasdaq, prior to terminating the pause, there will be a 5-minute “Initial Display Only Period” during which market participants may enter quotations and orders in that security in Nasdaq systems.

(A) Nasdaq will:

(i) establish the “Auction Reference Price”, which is determined by:

   a. For a Limit Down triggered pause, the Lower Band price of the LULD Band in place at the time the trading pause was triggered; or

   b. For a Limit Up triggered pause, the Upper Band price of the LULD Band in place at the time the trading pause was triggered.

(ii) determine the upper and lower “Auction Collar” prices, which are determined by:

   a. For a Limit Down triggered pause, the lower Auction Collar price is derived by subtracting 5% of the Auction Reference Price, rounded to the nearest minimum price increment, or in the case of securities priced $3 or less, $0.15, from the Auction Reference Price, and the upper Auction Collar price is the Upper Band price of the LULD Band in place at the time the trading pause was triggered.

   b. For a Limit Up triggered pause, the upper Auction Collar price is derived by adding 5% of the Auction Reference Price, rounded to the nearest minimum price increment, or in the case of securities priced $3 or less, $0.15, from the Auction Reference Price, and the lower Auction Collar price is the Lower Band price of the LULD Band in place at the time the trading pause was triggered.

(B) At the conclusion of the Initial Display Only Period, the security will be released for trading unless, at the end of an Initial Display Only Period, Nasdaq detects an order imbalance in the security. In that case, Nasdaq will extend the Display Only Period for an additional 5-minute period (“Extended Display Only Period”), and the Auction Collar prices will be adjusted as follows:

(i) If the Display Only Period is extended because the calculated price at which the security would be released for trading is below the lower Auction Collar price
or all sell market orders would not be executed in the cross, then the new lower Auction Collar price is derived by subtracting 5% of the initial Auction Reference Price, which was rounded to the nearest minimum price increment, or in the case of securities with an initial Auction Reference Price[priced] of $3 or less, $0.15, from the previous lower Auction Collar price, and the upper Auction Collar price will not be changed.

(ii) If the Display Only Period is extended because the calculated price at which the security would be released for trading is above the upper Auction Collar price or all buy market orders would not be executed in the cross, then the new upper Auction Collar price is derived by adding 5% of the initial Auction Reference Price, which was rounded to the nearest minimum price increment, or in the case of securities with an initial Auction Reference Price[priced] of $3 or less, $0.15, to the previous upper Auction Collar price, and the lower Auction Collar price will not be changed.

(C) At the conclusion of the Extended Display Only Period, the security will be released for trading unless, at the end of the Extended Display Only Period, Nasdaq detects an order imbalance in the security. In that case, Nasdaq will further extend the Display Only Period, continuing to adjust the Auction Collar prices every five minutes in the manner described in paragraph (B) above until the security is released for trading. Nasdaq shall release the security for trading at the first point there is no order imbalance.

(D) Notwithstanding paragraphs (A) – (C) above, a TradingPause that exists at or after 3:50 p.m. in a stock shall re-open via a LULD Closing Cross pursuant to Rule 4754(b)(6).

(E) For purposes of Rule 4120(c)(10), upon completion of the cross calculation an order imbalance shall be established as follows:

   (i) the calculated price at which the security would be released for trading is above (below) the upper (lower) Auction Collar price calculated under paragraphs (A), (B), or (C) above; or

   (ii) all market orders would not be executed in the cross.

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4753. Nasdaq Halt Cross

(a) Definitions.

For the purposes of this rule the term:

   (1) – (2) No change.
"Order Imbalance Indicator" shall mean a message disseminated by electronic means containing information about Eligible Interest and the price at which such interest would execute at the time of dissemination. The Order Imbalance Indicator shall disseminate the following information:

(A) – (E) No change.

(F) For purposes of a Trading Pause initiated pursuant to Rule 4120(a)(12), “Order Imbalance Indicator” will include Auction Reference Prices and Auction Collars, as defined in Rule 4120(c)(10)(A).

(4) – (6) No change.

(b) – (c) No change.

4754. Nasdaq Closing Cross

(a) No change.

(b) Processing of Nasdaq Closing Cross. The Nasdaq Closing Cross will begin at 4:00:00 p.m. EST, and post-market hours trading will commence when the Nasdaq Closing Cross concludes.

(1) – (5) No change.

(6) LULD Closing Cross Following Limit-Up-Limit-Down Trading Pause. When a Trading Pause pursuant to Rule 4120(a)(12) [is triggered] exists at or after 3:50 p.m. and before 4:00 p.m., the stock shall resume trading via a modified NASDAQ Closing Cross (“LULD Closing Cross”). The LULD Closing Cross shall operate as defined in this rule with the following exceptions:

(A) – (D) No change.

(7) – (8) No change.

11890. Clearly Erroneous Transactions
The provisions of paragraphs (a)(2)(C), (c)(1), (b)(i), and (b)(ii) of this Rule, as amended on September 10, 2010, and the provisions of paragraphs (g) through (i), shall be in effect during a pilot period to coincide with the pilot period for the Limit Up-Limit Down Plan, including any extensions to the pilot period for the Plan. If the Plan is not either extended or approved as permanent, the prior versions of paragraphs (a)(2)(C), (c)(1), and (b) shall be in effect, and the provisions of paragraphs (g) through (i) shall be null and void.
(a) **Authority to Review Transactions Pursuant to Complaint of Market Participant**

(1) **Definition.**

For purposes of this rule, the terms of a transaction executed on Nasdaq are “clearly erroneous” when there is an obvious error in any term, such as price, number of shares or other unit of trading, or identification of the security. A transaction made in clearly erroneous error and cancelled by both parties or determined by Nasdaq to be clearly erroneous will be removed from the consolidated tape. Executions as a result of a Halt Auction under Rule 4120(c)(10) are not eligible for a request for review as clearly erroneous under this Rule.

(2) No change.

(b) – (i) No change.

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(A) – (F)  No change.

(G) If the Exchange is unable to reopen trading due to a systems or technology issue, it shall notify the Processor immediately. [Trading Pause. During Phase 1 of the Plan, a Trading Pause in Tier 1 NMS Stocks shall be subject to the requirements of the Plan and Rule 4753 and a Trading Pause in Tier 2 NMS Stocks shall be subject to the requirements set forth in paragraphs (a)(11) of this Rule. Once the Plan has been fully implemented and all NMS Stocks are subject to the Plan, a Trading Pause under the Plan shall be subject to paragraph (12) of this Rule only.]

(H) Re-opening of Trading following a Trading Pause. At the end of the Trading Pause, the Exchange shall re-open the security in a manner similar to the procedures set forth in Rule 4753, provided that following a Trading Pause that exists [is triggered] at or after 3:50 p.m. a stock shall re-open via a LULD Closing Cross pursuant to Rule 4754(b)(6). If a Trading Pause was initiated by another exchange, Nasdaq may resume trading following the Trading Pause upon receipt of the Price Bands from the Processor.

(b)  No change.

(c) Procedure for Initiating and Terminating a Trading Halt

(1) – (6)  No change.

(7)

(A) A trading halt or pause initiated under Rule 4120(a)(1), (4), (5), (6), (9), (10), or (11)[, or (12)(F)] shall be terminated when Nasdaq releases the security for trading. For any such security listed on Nasdaq, prior to terminating the halt or pause, there will be a 5-minute Display Only Period during which market participants may enter quotations and
orders in that security in Nasdaq systems. In addition, in instances where a trading halt is in effect prior to the commencement of the Display Only Period, market participants may enter orders in a security that is the subject of the trading halt on Nasdaq. Such orders will be accepted and entered into the system.

(B) – (C) No change.

(8) – (9) No change.

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(B) At the conclusion of the Initial Display Only Period, the security will be released for trading unless, at the end of an Initial Display Only Period, Nasdaq detects an order imbalance in the security. In that case, Nasdaq will extend the Display Only Period for an additional 5-minute period (“Extended Display Only Period”), and the Auction Collar prices will be adjusted as follows:
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lower Auction Collar price, and the upper Auction Collar price will not be
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(D) Notwithstanding paragraphs (A) – (C) above, a Trading Pause that exists at or
after 3:50 p.m. in a stock shall re-open via a LULD Closing Cross pursuant to Rule
4754(b)(6).

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(F) For purposes of a Trading Pause initiated pursuant to Rule 4120(a)(12), “Order Imbalance Indicator” will include Auction Reference Prices and Auction Collars, as defined in Rule 4120(c)(10)(A).

(4) – (6) No change.

(b) – (c) No change.

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(2) No change.

(b) – (i) No change.

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