Notice of proposed change pursuant to the Payment, Clearing, and Settlement Act of 2010

Section 806(e)(1) *
Section 806(e)(2) *

Security-Based Swap Submission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Section 3C(b)(2) *

Exhibit 2 Sent As Paper Document
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has duly caused this filing to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Executive Vice President and General Counsel

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The self-regulatory organization must provide all required information, presented in a clear and comprehensible manner, to enable the public to provide meaningful comment on the proposal and for the Commission to determine whether the proposal is consistent with the Act and applicable rules and regulations under the Act.

The Notice section of this Form 19b-4 must comply with the guidelines for publication 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).

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.

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.
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 extend the implementation date of its functionality relating to Post-Only Orders and Orders with Midpoint Pegging, and its Trade-Now functionality.

   The Exchange requests that the Commission waive the 30-day operative delay period contained in Exchange Act Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii).\(^3\)

   A notice of the proposed rule change for publication in the Federal Register is attached as **Exhibit 1**. There is no rule text for this proposed rule change.

   (b) Not applicable.

   (c) Not applicable.

2. **Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization**

   The proposed rule change was approved by senior management of the Exchange pursuant to authority delegated by the Board of Directors of The NASDAQ Stock Market (the “Board”) on August 15, 2016. 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:

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

   a. **Purpose**

   Nasdaq is filing this proposal to extend the implementation date of its functionality relating to Post-Only Orders and Orders with Midpoint Pegging, and its Trade-Now functionality. The functionality relating to Post-Only Orders and Orders with Midpoint Pegging was approved by the SEC on November 10, 2016,\(^4\) and the Trade-Now functionality was submitted on an immediately effective basis on November 8, 2016.\(^5\)

   Under the new Post-Only functionality, the behavior of Post-Only orders would be altered when the adjusted price of such orders lock or cross a non-displayed price on the Exchange’s Book. Specifically, if the adjusted price of the Post-Only Order would lock or cross a non-displayed price on the Exchange’s Book, the Post-Only order would be posted in the same manner as a Price to Comply Order. However, the Post-Only Order would execute if (i) it is priced below $1.00 and the value of price improvement associated with executing against an Order on the Nasdaq Book (as measured against the original limit price of the Order) equals or exceeds the sum of fees charged for such execution and the value of any rebate that would be provided if the Order posted to the Nasdaq Book and subsequently provided liquidity, or (ii) it is priced at $1.00 or more and

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the value of price improvement associated with executing against an Order on the Nasdaq Book (as measured against the original limit price of the Order) equals or exceeds $0.01 per share.\(^6\)

Additionally, if the Post-Only Order would not lock or cross a Protected Quotation but would lock or cross a Non-Displayed Order on the Exchange’s Book, the Post-Only Order would be posted, ranked, and displayed at its limit price. The Post-Only Order would execute if (i) it is priced below $1.00 and the value of price improvement associated with executing against an Order on the Nasdaq Book equals or exceeds the sum of fees charged for such execution and the value of any rebate that would be provided if the Order posted to the Nasdaq Book and subsequently provided liquidity, or (ii) it is priced at $1.00 or more and the value of price improvement associated with executing against an Order on the Nasdaq Book equals or exceeds $0.01 per share.\(^7\)

Nasdaq also proposed to change its Midpoint Peg Post-Only Order, so that, if the NBBO is crossed, any existing Midpoint Peg Post-Only Order would be cancelled and any new Midpoint Peg Post-Only Order would be rejected. Similarly, if the Inside Bid and Inside Offer are crossed, any existing Order with Midpoint Pegging would be rejected and any new Order with Midpoint Pegging would be cancelled.\(^8\)

Under Nasdaq’s Trade-Now functionality, participants could enter an instruction to have a locked resting buy (sell) order execute against the locking sell (buy) order. Nasdaq proposed to offer the functionality on its OUCH, RASH, FLITE and FIX protocols. Depending on the protocol used by the participant to access the Nasdaq

\(^6\) See Post-Only Approval Order, supra note 4.
\(^7\) Id.
\(^8\) Id.
system, the participant could either specify that the order execute against locking interest automatically, or the participant would be required to send a Trade Now instruction to the Exchange once the order has become locked. Nasdaq proposed to offer the Trade Now instruction for all orders that may be sent to the continuous Nasdaq book, and did not offer the instruction for orders that do not execute on the continuous book.9

Nasdaq initially proposed to implement the new Post-Only, Midpoint Pegging and Trade-Now functionality on November 21, 2016.10 However, following testing, Nasdaq has decided to delay the implementation of these new functionalities to provide additional time for systems testing. The new functionality shall be implemented no later than March 31, 2017. Nasdaq will announce the new implementation date by an Equity Trader Alert, which shall be issued prior to the implementation date.

b. **Statutory Basis**

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,11 in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,12 in particular, in that it is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general to protect investors and the public interest. The purpose of this proposal is to inform the SEC and market participants of the new implementation date for the Post-Only, Midpoint Pegging, and Trade Now functionalities. The functionalities themselves were previously proposed in rule filings that were submitted to

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10 See Equity Trader Alert #2016-291.
the SEC, and this proposal does not change the substance of those functionalities.\textsuperscript{13}

Nasdaq is delaying the implementation date of these functionalities to provide for further systems testing prior to implementing these functionalities.

4. **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. As noted above, the purpose of this proposal is to extend the implementation date for Post-Only, Midpoint Pegging and Trade-Now functionalities so that Nasdaq may perform additional systems testing prior to implementing these functionalities.

5. **Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received from Members, Participants, or Others**

   No written comments were either solicited or received.

6. **Extension of Time Period for Commission Action**

   Not applicable.

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

   The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii)\textsuperscript{14} of the Act and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder\textsuperscript{15} in that it effects a change that: (i) does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) does not impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) by its terms, does not become operative for 30 days after the date of the filing, or such shorter time as the

\textsuperscript{13} Nasdaq notes that the Trade-Now functionality was submitted to the SEC as an immediately effective filing, while the Post-Only and Midpoint Pegging functionalities were the subject of an SEC approval order. See supra notes 4 and 5.


\textsuperscript{15} 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).
Commission may designate if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest.

Nasdaq does not believe that this proposal significantly affects the protection of investors or the public interest, or impose any significant burden on competition. As noted above, the purpose of this proposal is to inform the SEC and market participants of the new implementation date of no later than March 31, 2017 for the Post-Only, Midpoint Pegging, and Trade Now functionalities. The functionalities themselves were previously proposed in rule filings that were submitted to the SEC, and this proposal does not change the substance of those functionalities. Nasdaq is delaying the implementation date of these functionalities to no later than March 31, 2017 to provide for further systems testing prior to implementing these functionalities.

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

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is: (i) necessary or appropriate in the public interest; (ii) for the protection of investors; or (iii) otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule should be approved or disapproved.

A proposed rule change filed under Rule 19b-4(f)(6) normally does not become operative prior to 30 days after the date of filing. Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii), however, permits
the Commission to designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Exchange previously announced that it would implement these functionalities on November 21, 2016. The Exchange requests that the Commission waive the 30-day operative delay contained in Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) so that the new implementation date of no later than March 31, 2017 will be effective and operative upon filing, which will clarify the status of the Post-Only, Midpoint Pegging, and Trade-Now functionalities to market participants.

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**

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 February 3, 2017, The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC ("Nasdaq" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III, below, which Items have been prepared by 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**

The Exchange proposes to extend the implementation date of its functionality relating to Post-Only Orders and Orders with Midpoint Pegging, and its Trade-Now functionality.

There is no rule text for this proposed rule change.

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

In its filing with the Commission, the Exchange included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

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

1. Purpose

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2. **Statutory Basis**

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,10 in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,11 in particular, in that it is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national

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Nasdaq is delaying the implementation date of these functionalities to provide for further systems testing prior to implementing these functionalities.

\textbf{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. As noted above, the purpose of this proposal is to extend the implementation date for Post-Only, Midpoint Pegging and Trade-Now functionalities so that Nasdaq may perform additional systems testing prior to implementing these functionalities.

\textbf{C. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received from Members, Participants, or Others}

No written comments were either solicited or received.

\textbf{III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action}

Because the foregoing proposed rule change does not: (i) significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) become operative for 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, it has become effective pursuant

\textsuperscript{12} Nasdaq notes that the Trade-Now functionality was submitted to the SEC as an immediately effective filing, while the Post-Only and Midpoint Pegging functionalities were the subject of an SEC approval order. See supra notes 3 and 4.
to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act\textsuperscript{13} and subparagraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.\textsuperscript{14}

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.

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. Please include File Number SR-NASDAQ-2017-013 on the subject line.


\textsuperscript{14} 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). In addition, Rule 19b-4(f)(6) requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The Exchange has satisfied this requirement.
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-2017-013. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission’s Internet Web site (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml).

Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission’s Public Reference Room, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NASDAQ-2017-013 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.\textsuperscript{15}

Robert W. Errett  
Deputy Secretary

\textsuperscript{15} 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).