PRESIDIO TRUST

Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: The Presidio Trust.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with §103(c)(6) of the Presidio Trust Act, 16 U.S.C. 460bb appendix, and in accordance with the Presidio Trust’s bylaws, notice is hereby given that a public meeting of the Presidio Trust Board of Directors will be held commencing 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 23, 2017, at the Officers’ Club, 50 Moraga Avenue, Presidio of San Francisco, California. The Presidio Trust was created by Congress in 1996 to manage approximately eighty percent of the former U.S. Army base known as the Presidio, in San Francisco, California, as a national site.

The purposes of this meeting are to take action on the minutes of previous Board meetings; to provide the Chairperson’s report; to receive reports from Board members; to provide the Chief Executive Officer’s report; to discuss the Presidio Trust’s proposed goals for the next five years and to gather public input on those priorities and ways to achieve them; to receive a recommendation from the Presidio Institute Advisory Council on the use of Fort Scott; and to receive public comment.

Individuals requiring special accommodation at this meeting, such as needing a sign language interpreter, should contact Mollie Matul at 415.561.5300 prior to March 16, 2017.

DATES AND TIME: The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 23, 2017.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Officers’ Club, 50 Moraga Avenue, Presidio of San Francisco.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy Koch, General Counsel, the Presidio Trust, 103 Montgomery Street, P.O. Box 29052, San Francisco, California 94129–0052, Telephone: 415.561.5300.


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General Counsel.

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

The purpose of the proposed rule change is to harmonize the billing practices for subscription to Nasdaq ports and other services provided under Rules 7015 and 7016(b) with those of the Nasdaq’s Options Market (“NOM”) by no longer applying a prorated fee for subscriptions that are effective other than the first of any given month. The Exchange does not prorate NOM connectivity subscriptions; thus, Options Participants are assessed a full month’s fee for a connectivity subscription if they direct the Exchange to make the subscribed connectivity live on any day of the month, including the last day thereof.

The Exchange notes that the NASDAQ PHLX does not prorate port connectivity under both [sic] its equity and options rules.

The Exchange proposes to amend the Exchange’s port-related fees at Rules 7015 and 7016(b) to eliminate prorated billing.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s Web site at http://nasdaq.cchwallstreet.com, at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission’s Public Reference Room.


Kathleen M. McGettigan,
Acting Director.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION


Self-Regulatory Organizations; The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Amend the Exchange’s Port-Related Fees at Rules 7015 and 7016(b) To Eliminate Prorated Billing


Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”), and Rule 19b–4 thereunder, notice is hereby given that on February 9, 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 amend the Exchange’s port-related fees at Rules 7015 and 7016(b) to eliminate prorated billing.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s Web site at http://nasdaq.cchwallstreet.com, at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission’s Public Reference Room.


Currently, connectivity on Nasdaq’s equity market under Rules 7015 and 7016(b) is prorated based on the day that it is activated, with the Nasdaq Member⁹ only fee liable for the remaining days of the partial month. The Exchange has found that prorating billing has resulted in complexity and increased costs associated with the billing process. As a consequence, the Exchange is harmonizing the billing process with that of the Exchange’s Options market and is not permitting prorated billing effective February 1, 2017.

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 Sections 6(b)(4) and 6(b)(5) of the Act,¹¹ 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, and is not designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

The Exchange believes that elimination of prorated fees under Rules 7015 and 7016(b) is reasonable because it will reduce complexity and costs associated with the billing process, and will harmonize it with the process applied to Options Participants. As noted above, Members are currently able to choose when they want a new connectivity subscription to become effective and thus make the determination of when they wish to become fee liable. Members will continue to choose when they become fee liable under the proposed change, but now the Exchange will assess the full month’s fee regardless of when the port is subscribed. Thus, Members must weigh whether subscription to a service covered by the rules for less than a full month is worth the full monthly fee.

The Exchange believes that elimination of prorated fees under Rules 7015 and 7016(b) is an equitable allocation and is not unfairly discriminatory because it will apply to all new subscribers to the port-related services under Rules 7015 and 7016(b), who are free to choose the date on which their subscription becomes active and thus fee liable. Moreover, the Exchange believes the proposed change is an equitable allocation and is not unfairly discriminatory because it will harmonize the billing process with that of NOM. Thus, the Exchange will apply the same process to both its Options Participants and Equities Members.

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, although eliminating prorated fees for subscriptions under the rules may result in an increase in fees for new subscriptions to the extent a Member determines to subscribe to a service under Rules 7015 or 7016(b) on a day other than the first day of a given month, the Exchange notes that it is doing so to both simplify the process and harmonize it with the process applied to the Exchange’s Options Participants. Moreover, Members may choose the day on which such services become effective and may therefore choose the first day of a month, which would result in no fee increase. Last, the proposed change does not impose a burden on competition because the Exchange’s services are completely voluntary and subject to extensive competition both from other exchanges and from off-exchange venues. In sum, if the changes proposed herein are unattractive to market participants, it is likely that the Exchange will lose market share as a result. Accordingly, the Exchange does not believe that the proposed changes will impair the ability of members or competing order execution venues to maintain their competitive standing in the financial markets.

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.

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

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act.¹² 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);
- Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR–NASDAQ–2017–017 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

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

All submissions should refer to File Number SR–NASDAQ–2017–017. This file number should be included on the subject line if email 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

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⁹ As defined by Rule 9120(b).
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Public Law 94–409, that the Securities and Exchange Commission will hold a closed meeting on Thursday, March 2, 2017 at 11 a.m.

Commissioners, Counsel to the Commissioners, the Secretary to the Commission, and recording secretaries will attend the closed meeting. Certain staff members who have an interest in the matters also may be present.

The General Counsel of the Commission, or her designee, has certified that, in her opinion, one or more of the exemptions set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(3), (5), (7), (9)(B) and (10) and 17 CFR 200.402(a)(3), (a)(5), (a)(7), (a)(9)(ii) and (a)(10), permit consideration of the scheduled matter at the closed meeting.

Acting Chairman Piwowar, as duty officer, voted to consider the items listed for the closed meeting in closed session.

The subject matter of the closed meeting will be:

Institution and settlement of injunctive actions; Institution and settlement of administrative proceedings; Adjudicatory matters; Resolution of litigation claims; and Other matters relating to enforcement proceedings.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting items.

For further information and to ascertain what, if any, matters have been added, deleted or postponed; please contact Brent J. Fields from the Office of the Secretary at (202) 551–5400.


Brent J. Fields, Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Self-Regulatory Organizations;
International Securities Exchange, LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Amend Rule 715 and Rule 721


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 13, 2017, the International Securities Exchange, LLC (“ISE” or “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC” or “Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II 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 amend Rule 715 (Types of Orders) and Rule 721 (Crossing Orders) to codify its Qualified Contingent Cross (“QCC”) with Stock Order functionality.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s Web site at www.ise.com, at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission’s Public Reference Room.

2 See Proposed Rule 715(i).

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

The purpose of the proposed rule change is to codify functionality currently offered to members—i.e., QCC with Stock Orders. The QCC with Stock Order is a piece of functionality that facilitates the execution of stock component of qualified contingent trades. In particular, a QCC with Stock Order is a QCC Order entered with a stock component to be communicated to a designated broker-dealer for execution. QCC with Stock Orders assist members in maintaining compliance with Exchange rules regarding the execution of the stock component of qualified contingent trades, and help maintain an audit trail for surveillance of members for compliance with such rules.

Currently, although the Exchange has rules on QCC Orders, those rules do not specify how the stock component of such transactions is to be executed. In particular, those rules do not describe how this process may be facilitated by the Exchange electronically communicating the stock component to a designated broker-dealer for execution on the behalf of the member. The proposed rule change will increase the transparency of this process to the benefit of members and other market participants that execute QCC Orders on the Exchange, including those that use the QCC with Stock Order functionality described in this filing.

A QCC Order is comprised of an originating order to buy or sell at least 1000 contracts that is identified as being part of a qualified contingent trade,4

4 See Rule 715(i). A “qualified contingent trade” is a transaction consisting of two or more component orders, executed as agent or principal, where: (a) At least one component is an NMS Stock, as defined in Rule 600 of Regulation NMS under the

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