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#### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549 For complete Form 19b-4 instructions please refer to the EFFS website. The self-regulatory organization must provide all required information, presented in a Form 19b-4 Information \* clear and comprehensible manner, to enable the public to provide meaningful comment on the proposal and for the Commission to determine whether the proposal Remove 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 Exhibit 1 - Notice of Proposed Rule Change \* 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 Add Remove View 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) The Notice section of this Form 19b-4 must comply with the guidelines for publication **Exhibit 1A- Notice of Proposed Rule** in the Federal Register as well as any requirements for electronic filing as published Change, Security-Based Swap Submission, by the Commission (if applicable). The Office of the Federal Register (OFR) offers or Advance Notice by Clearing Agencies \* 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, security-based swap submission, or advance notice being deemed not properly filed. See also Rule 0-3 under the Act (17 CFR 240.0-3) Exhibit 2 - Notices, Written Comments, Copies of notices, written comments, transcripts, other communications. If such Transcripts, Other Communications documents cannot be filed electronically in accordance with Instruction F, they shall be filed in accordance with Instruction G. Remove View Add Exhibit Sent As Paper Document П Exhibit 3 - Form, Report, or Questionnaire 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 Add Remove View referred to by the proposed rule change. Exhibit Sent As Paper Document The full text shall be marked, in any convenient manner, to indicate additions to and **Exhibit 4 - Marked Copies** deletions from the immediately preceding filing. The purpose of Exhibit 4 is to permit Add Remove View the staff to identify immediately the changes made from the text of the rule with which it has been working. **Exhibit 5 - Proposed Rule Text** 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 Add Remove View of the proposed rule change. If the self-regulatory organization is amending only part of the text of a lengthy **Partial Amendment** 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")<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> is filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission") a proposal to delete the current rules on arbitration ("Current Arbitration Rules"), currently under the 10000 Series (Rules 10001 through 10102), and adopt the Nasdaq ISE, LLC ("ISE") rules on arbitration in Chapter 18 of the ISE's rulebook ("Proposed Arbitration Rules") into General 6 in the Exchange's rulebook's ("Rulebook") shell structure.<sup>3</sup>

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 of the Exchange (the "Board") on September 19, 2017. Exchange staff will advise the Board of any action taken

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

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

Recently, the Exchange added a shell structure to its Rulebook with the purpose of improving efficiency and readability and to align its rules closer to those of its five sister exchanges, Nasdaq BX, Inc.; Nasdaq PHLX LLC; Nasdaq ISE, LLC; Nasdaq GEMX, LLC; and Nasdaq MRX, LLC ("Affiliated Exchanges"). The shell structure currently contains eight (8) Chapters which, once complete, will apply a common set of rules to the Affiliated Exchanges. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 82175 (November 29, 2017), 82 FR 57494 (December 5, 2017) (SR-NASDAQ-2017-125).

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:

Stephen Matthews Principal Associate General Counsel Nasdaq, Inc. 301-978-8458

or

Alejandro Aguayo Senior Paralegal Nasdaq, Inc. 301-978-8417

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

The Exchange proposes to delete the rules on arbitration, currently under the 10000 Series (Rules 10001 through 10102), and adopt the ISE rules on arbitration in Chapter 18 of the ISE's rulebook into General 6 in the Exchange's Rulebook.

The Exchange adopted the Current Arbitration Rules to ensure a fair and efficient manner in which to handle any dispute, claim or controversy arising out of, or in connection with, the business of any Member of the Exchange. To help administer the process of dispute resolution, the Exchange and FINRA are parties to a Regulatory Contract, pursuant to which FINRA has agreed to perform certain functions and provide access to certain services, including: member regulation and registration; non-real time market surveillance; examinations and investigations; and dispute resolution. FINRA currently operates the largest securities dispute resolution forum in the United States<sup>4</sup>,

<sup>4 &</sup>lt;u>http://www.finra.org/arbitration-and-mediation.</u>

and has given the Exchange access to these services. Under the Current Arbitration Rules, Members and associated persons of a Member are subject to the FINRA Code of Arbitration Procedure.

Because the Affiliated Exchanges are also parties to similar Regulatory Contracts with FINRA that make their members and associated persons of such members subject to the FINRA Code of Arbitration Procedure, the Exchange believes it is pertinent that a common set of rules on arbitration be included in the General section of the Rulebook's shell. These rules will, pursuant to subsequent filings, then replace the existing arbitration rules for each of the Affiliated Exchanges.

As part of the process of harmonizing these rules, staff evaluated the corresponding rules on arbitration at each of the Affiliated Exchanges. Staff have determined that the Proposed Arbitration Rules are the easiest to read and the most accessible, and do not detract from, or omit, any of the substance of the Current Arbitration Rules.

Therefore, the Exchange will adopt the Proposed Arbitration Rules and place them under the "General 6 Arbitration" of the shell's "General Equity and Options Rules" section. As mentioned, these rules are already in place on ISE, and also apply to Nasdaq GEMX, LLC and Nasdaq MRX, LLC, which incorporate Chapter 18 of the ISE Rules by reference. Subsequently, the other Affiliated Exchanges plan to adopt these rules also.

The relocation and harmonization of the arbitration rules is part of the Exchange's continued effort to promote efficiency and conformity of its processes with those of its

Affiliated Exchanges.<sup>5</sup> The Exchange believes that the adoption and placement of the Proposed Arbitration Rules to their new location in the shell will facilitate the use of the Rulebook by Members<sup>6</sup> of the Exchange who are members of other Affiliated Exchanges. Moreover, the proposed changes are of a conforming nature and will not amend the substance of the adopted rules other than to update the language to that of the Proposed Arbitration Rules, and to make conforming cross-reference changes.

## b. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act, 7 in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act, 8 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, by promoting efficiency and conformity of the Exchange's processes with those of the Affiliated Exchanges and to make the Exchange's Rulebook easier to read and more accessible to its Members. The Exchange believes that the adoption and harmonization of the arbitration rules and cross-reference updates are of a non-substantive nature.

## 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

See footnote 3.

Exchange Rule 0120(i).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

Act. The proposed changes do not impose a burden on competition because, as previously stated, they are (i) of a non-substantive nature, (ii) intended to harmonize the Exchange's rules with those of its Affiliated Exchanges, and (iii) intended to organize the Rulebook in a way that it will ease the Members' navigation and reading of the rules across the Affiliated Exchanges.

- 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.
- 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>

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii)<sup>9</sup> of the Act and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder<sup>10</sup> 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 Commission may designate if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest.

The Exchange does not believe that the relocation and harmonization of the arbitration rules will significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest because the proposed changes are only intended to relocate and harmonize the rules and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

update their cross-references. Moreover, the Exchange does not believe that this proposal will impose any significant burden on competition because, as explained, the changes are non-substantive, are intended to align the Exchange's Rulebook to the Affiliated Exchanges' and generally seek to improve the organization and readability of the Exchange's rules.

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 requests that the Commission waive the five-day pre-filing requirement, as set forth in Rule 19b-4(f)(6).

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. <u>Proposed Rule Change Based on Rules of Another Self-Regulatory Organization</u> or of the Commission

The changes are based upon the ISE Arbitration Rules at Chapter 18 of the ISE rulebook.

- Security-Based Swap Submissions Filed Pursuant to Section 3C of the Act
   Not applicable.
- 10. Advance Notices Filed Pursuant to Section 806(e) of the Payment, Clearing and Settlement Supervision Act
   Not applicable.

## 11. Exhibits

- 1. 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. ; File No. SR-NASDAQ-2018-067)

August \_\_\_, 2018

Self-Regulatory Organizations; The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to delete and replace the current rules on arbitration.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"), <sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder, <sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on August 9, 2018, 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. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change</u>

The Exchange proposes to delete the current rules on arbitration ("Current Arbitration Rules"), currently under the 10000 Series (Rules 10001 through 10102), and adopt the Nasdaq ISE, LLC ("ISE") rules on arbitration in Chapter 18 of the ISE's rulebook ("Proposed Arbitration Rules") into General 6 in the Exchange's rulebook's ("Rulebook") shell structure.<sup>3</sup>

Recently, the Exchange added a shell structure to its Rulebook with the purpose of improving efficiency and readability and to align its rules closer to those of its five sister exchanges, Nasdaq BX, Inc.; Nasdaq PHLX LLC; Nasdaq ISE, LLC; Nasdaq GEMX, LLC; and Nasdaq MRX, LLC ("Affiliated Exchanges"). The

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

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

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's Website at <a href="http://nasdaq.cchwallstreet.com">http://nasdaq.cchwallstreet.com</a>, at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

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, 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. <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>

The Exchange proposes to delete the rules on arbitration, currently under the 10000 Series (Rules 10001 through 10102), and adopt the ISE rules on arbitration in Chapter 18 of the ISE's rulebook into General 6 in the Exchange's Rulebook.

The Exchange adopted the Current Arbitration Rules to ensure a fair and efficient manner in which to handle any dispute, claim or controversy arising out of, or in connection with, the business of any Member of the Exchange. To help administer the process of dispute resolution, the Exchange and FINRA are parties to a Regulatory Contract, pursuant to which FINRA has agreed to perform certain functions and provide

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access to certain services, including: member regulation and registration; non-real time market surveillance; examinations and investigations; and dispute resolution. FINRA currently operates the largest securities dispute resolution forum in the United States<sup>4</sup>, and has given the Exchange access to these services. Under the Current Arbitration Rules, Members and associated persons of a Member are subject to the FINRA Code of Arbitration Procedure.

Because the Affiliated Exchanges are also parties to similar Regulatory Contracts with FINRA that make their members and associated persons of such members subject to the FINRA Code of Arbitration Procedure, the Exchange believes it is pertinent that a common set of rules on arbitration be included in the General section of the Rulebook's shell. These rules will, pursuant to subsequent filings, then replace the existing arbitration rules for each of the Affiliated Exchanges.

As part of the process of harmonizing these rules, staff evaluated the corresponding rules on arbitration at each of the Affiliated Exchanges. Staff have determined that the Proposed Arbitration Rules are the easiest to read and the most accessible, and do not detract from, or omit, any of the substance of the Current Arbitration Rules.

Therefore, the Exchange will adopt the Proposed Arbitration Rules and place them under the "General 6 Arbitration" of the shell's "General Equity and Options Rules" section. As mentioned, these rules are already in place on ISE, and also apply to Nasdaq GEMX, LLC and Nasdaq MRX, LLC, which incorporate Chapter 18 of the ISE

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Rules by reference. Subsequently, the other Affiliated Exchanges plan to adopt these rules also.

The relocation and harmonization of the arbitration rules is part of the Exchange's continued effort to promote efficiency and conformity of its processes with those of its Affiliated Exchanges. The Exchange believes that the adoption and placement of the Proposed Arbitration Rules to their new location in the shell will facilitate the use of the Rulebook by Members of the Exchange who are members of other Affiliated Exchanges. Moreover, the proposed changes are of a conforming nature and will not amend the substance of the adopted rules other than to update the language to that of the Proposed Arbitration Rules, and to make conforming cross-reference changes.

## 2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,<sup>7</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,<sup>8</sup> 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, by promoting efficiency and conformity of the Exchange's processes with those of the Affiliated Exchanges and to make the Exchange's Rulebook easier to read and more accessible to

See footnote 3.

Exchange Rule 0120(i).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

its Members. The Exchange believes that the adoption and harmonization of the arbitration rules and cross-reference updates are of a non-substantive nature.

## 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. The proposed changes do not impose a burden on competition because, as previously stated, they are (i) of a non-substantive nature, (ii) intended to harmonize the Exchange's rules with those of its Affiliated Exchanges, and (iii) intended to organize the Rulebook in a way that it will ease the Members' navigation and reading of the rules across the Affiliated Exchanges.

C. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed</u> <u>Rule Change Received from Members, Participants, or Others</u>

No written comments were either solicited or received.

# III. <u>Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action</u>

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 to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act<sup>9</sup> and subparagraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder. <sup>10</sup>

<sup>9 15</sup> U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

<sup>17</sup> 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

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 <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include File Number SR-NASDAQ-2018-067 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-2018-067. 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-2018-067 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. <sup>11</sup>

Eduardo A. Aleman Assistant Secretary

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

**EXHIBIT 5** 

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The Nasdaq Stock Market Rules

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Code of Procedure (9000)

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9231. Appointment by the Chief Hearing Officer of Hearing Panel or Extended Hearing Panel or Replacement Hearing Officer

(a) – (b) No change

## (c) Extended Hearing Panel

Upon consideration of the complexity of the issues involved, the probable length of the hearing, or other factors that the Chief Hearing Officer deems material, the Chief Hearing Officer may determine that a matter shall be designated an Extended Hearing, and that such matter shall be considered by an Extended Hearing Panel. The Extended Hearing Panel shall be composed of a Hearing Officer and two Panelists, except as provided in Rule 9234(a), (c), (d), or (e). The Hearing Officer will serve as the chair of the Extended Hearing Panel. The Panelists shall be associated with a member of Nasdaq, or retired therefrom. The Chief Hearing Officer shall have discretion to compensate any or all Panelists of an Extended Hearing Panel at the rate then in effect for arbitrators appointed under [the Rule 10000 Series] General 6.

- (1) Except as provided in (2), the Chief Hearing Officer shall select as a Panelist a person who meets the criteria set forth in paragraph (b)(1).
- (2) If the complaint alleges at least one cause of action involving a violation of a statute or a rule described in Rule 9120(u), the Chief Hearing Officer may select as a Panelist a person who is currently a Special Panelist or a person who previously was a Special Panelist not earlier than four years before the date the complaint was served upon the Respondent who was the first served Respondent in the disciplinary proceeding for which the Hearing Panel or the Extended Hearing Panel is being appointed.

(d) - (e) No change

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9331. Appointment of Subcommittee or Extended Proceeding Committee

## (a) Appointment by Nasdaq Review Council

Following the filing of a notice of appeal pursuant to Rule 9311 or a notice of review pursuant to Rule 9312, the Nasdaq Review Council or the Review Subcommittee shall appoint a Subcommittee or an Extended Proceeding Committee to participate, subject to Rule 9345, in a disciplinary proceeding appealed or called for review.

## (1) Subcommittee

Except as provided in subparagraph (2), for each disciplinary proceeding appealed or called for review, the Nasdaq Review Council or the Review Subcommittee shall appoint a Subcommittee to participate, subject to Rule 9345, in the appeal or review. A Subcommittee shall be composed of two or more persons who shall be current or former members of the Nasdaq Review Council or former Directors.

## (2) Extended Proceeding Committee

Upon consideration of the volume and complexity of the certified record, or other factors the Nasdaq Review Council or the Review Subcommittee deems material, the Nasdaq Review Council or the Review Subcommittee may determine that a disciplinary proceeding appealed or called for review shall be designated an Extended Proceeding and shall appoint an Extended Proceeding Committee to participate, subject to Rule 9345, in the appeal or review. The Extended Proceeding Committee shall be composed of two or more persons who shall be current or former members of the Nasdaq Review Council or former Directors. The Review Subcommittee shall have discretion to compensate any or all Panelists of an Extended Proceeding Committee at the rate then in effect for arbitrators appointed under [the Rule 10000 Series]General 6.

## (b) No change

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#### [Code of Arbitration Procedure (10000)

## 10001. Nasdaq Regulatory Contract with FINRA

Nasdaq and FINRA are parties to the Regulatory Contract, pursuant to which FINRA has agreed to perform certain functions described in the Rule 10000 Series on behalf of Nasdaq. Nasdaq Rules that refer to the Nasdaq Regulation, Nasdaq Regulation staff, Nasdaq staff, and Nasdaq departments should be understood as also referring to FINRA staff and FINRA departments acting on behalf of Nasdaq pursuant to the Regulatory Contract.

Notwithstanding the fact that Nasdaq has entered into the Regulatory Contract with FINRA to perform some of Nasdaq's functions, Nasdaq shall retain ultimate legal responsibility for, and control of, such functions. In addition, Nasdaq has incorporated by

reference certain NASD rules. Nasdaq members shall comply with these rules and interpretations as if such rules and interpretations were part of Nasdaq's rules.

#### 10100. Jurisdiction

Every member or associated person of a Nasdaq member shall be subject to the NASD Code of Arbitration Procedure for Customer Disputes and the NASD Code of Arbitration Procedure for Industry Disputes, as may be in effect from time to time (collectively, the "NASD Code of Arbitration Procedure"), for every claim, dispute, or controversy arising out of or in connection with matters eligible for submission under Nasdaq Rule 10101. For the purposes of this Rule, each member or associated person of a Nasdaq member shall be subject to and shall abide by the NASD Code of Arbitration Procedure as if such member or associated person were a "member" or "associated person" of FINRA.

## IM-10100. Failure to Act Under Provisions of NASD Code of Arbitration Procedure

It may be deemed conduct inconsistent with just and equitable principles of trade and a violation of Rule 2110 for a member or a person associated with a member to:

- (a) fail to submit a dispute for arbitration under the NASD Code of Arbitration Procedure as required by that Code;
- (b) fail to comply with any injunctive order issued pursuant to the NASD Code of Arbitration Procedure;
- (c) fail to appear or to produce any document in his possession or control as directed pursuant to provisions of the NASD Code of Arbitration Procedure;
- (d) fail to honor an award, or comply with a written and executed settlement agreement, obtained in connection with an arbitration submitted for disposition pursuant to the procedures specified by FINRA, the New York, American, Boston, National, Chicago, or Philadelphia Stock Exchanges, NYSE Arca, the Chicago Board Options Exchange, the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, or pursuant to the rules applicable to the arbitration of disputes before the American Arbitration Association or other dispute resolution forum selected by the parties where timely motion has not been made to vacate or modify such award pursuant to applicable law; or
- (e) fail to comply with a written and executed settlement agreement, obtained in connection with a mediation submitted for disposition pursuant to the procedures specified by FINRA.

All awards shall be honored by a cash payment to the prevailing party of the exact dollar amount stated in the award. Awards may not be honored by crediting the prevailing party's account with the dollar amount of the award, unless authorized by the express

terms of the award or consented to in writing by the parties. Awards shall be honored upon receipt thereof, or within such other time period as may be prescribed by the award. Action by members requiring associated persons to waive the arbitration of disputes contrary to the provisions of the Code of Arbitration Procedure shall constitute conduct that is inconsistent with just and equitable principles of trade and a violation of Rule 2110.

## 10101. Matters Eligible for Submission

This Code of Arbitration Procedure is prescribed and adopted for the arbitration of any dispute, claim, or controversy arising out of or in connection with the business of any Nasdaq member, or arising out of the employment or termination of employment of associated person(s) with any member, with the exception of disputes involving the insurance business of any member which is also an insurance company:

- (a) between or among members;
- (b) between or among members and associated persons;
- (c) between or among members or associated persons and public customers, or others; and
- (d) between or among members, registered clearing agencies with which Nasdaq has entered into an agreement to utilize Nasdaq's arbitration facilities and procedures, and participants, pledgees, or other persons using the facilities of a registered clearing agency, as these terms are defined under the rules of such a registered clearing agency.

## 10102. Non-Waiver of Nasdaq Objects and Purposes

The submission of any matter to arbitration under the NASD Code of Arbitration Procedure shall in no way limit or preclude any right, action or determination by Nasdaq which it would otherwise be authorized to adopt, administer or enforce. If any matter comes to the attention of an arbitrator during and in connection with the arbitrator's participation in a proceeding, either from the record of the proceeding or from material or communications related to the proceeding, that the arbitrator has reason to believe may constitute a violation of Nasdaq's Rules or the federal securities laws, the arbitrator may initiate a referral of the matter to Nasdaq for disciplinary investigation; provided, however, that any such referral should only be initiated by an arbitrator after the matter before him has been settled or otherwise disposed of, or after an award finally disposing of the matter has been rendered pursuant to the NASD Code of Arbitration Procedure.]

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**General 6. Arbitration** 

## **Section 1. Arbitration**

## (a) General

(1) The Rule 12000 Series and Rule 13000 Series of the FINRA Manual (Code of Arbitration Procedures for Customer Disputes and Code of Arbitration Procedures for Industry Disputes) (the "FINRA Code of Arbitration"), as the same may be in effect from time to time, shall govern Exchange arbitrations except as may be specified otherwise in this Section. Definitions in the FINRA Code of Arbitration shall have the same meaning as that prescribed therein, and procedures contained in the FINRA Code of Arbitration shall have the same application as toward Exchange arbitrations.

## (b) Predispute Arbitration Agreements

(1) The requirements of FINRA Rule 2268 shall apply to predispute arbitration agreements between Members and their customers.

#### (c) Referrals

(1) If any matter comes to the attention of an arbitrator during and in connection with the arbitrator's participation in a proceeding, either from the record of the proceeding or from material or communications related to the proceeding, that the arbitrator has reason to believe may constitute a violation of the Exchange's Rules or the federal securities laws, the arbitrator may initiate a referral of the matter to the Exchange for disciplinary investigation; provided, however, that any such referral should only be initiated by an arbitrator after the matter before him has been settled or otherwise disposed of, or after an award finally disposing of the matter has been rendered pursuant to Rule 12904 or Rule 13904 (as applicable) of the FINRA Code of Arbitration.

## (d) Payment of Awards

(1) Any Member, or person associated with a Member, who fails to honor an award of arbitrators appointed in accordance with the Rules in this Section shall be subject to the Exchange's disciplinary proceedings.

## (e) Other Exchange Actions

(1) The submission of any matter to arbitration under this Chapter shall in no way limit or preclude any right, action or determination by the Exchange which it would otherwise be authorized to adopt, administer or enforce.

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