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#### 1. <u>Text of the Proposed Rule Change</u>

(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 temporarily waive certain port-related fees at Equity 7, Section 115 and Equity 7, Section 130, as described further below.

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. <u>Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization</u>

The proposed rule change was approved by senior management of the Exchange pursuant to authority delegated by the Board of Directors (the "Board"). 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:

Katie Hopkins Associate General Counsel Nasdaq, Inc. 301-232-4067

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

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

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

a. <u>Purpose</u>

The purpose of the proposed rule change is to amend Equity 7, Section 115 and Equity 7, Section 130 to provide a temporary fee waiver for newly added OUCH order entry ports (production and Nasdaq Testing Facility "NTF" environments) with the updated version of the OUCH Order entry protocol,<sup>3</sup> referred to as "OUCH 5.0." The Exchange has proposed<sup>4</sup> to introduce this new upgraded version of the OUCH Order entry protocol that will enable the Exchange to make functional enhancements and improvements to specific Order Types<sup>5</sup> and Order Attributes.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The OUCH Order entry protocol is a proprietary protocol that allows subscribers to quickly enter orders into the System and receive executions. OUCH accepts limit Orders from members, and if there are matching Orders, they will execute. Non-matching Orders are added to the Limit Order Book, a database of available limit Orders, where they are matched in price-time priority. OUCH only provides a method for members to send Orders and receive status updates on those Orders. <u>See https://www.nasdaqtrader.com/Trader.aspx?id=OUCH</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> <u>See</u> Securities Exchange Act Release No. 95768 (September 14, 2022), 87 FR 57534 (September 20, 2022).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> An "Order Type" is a standardized set of instructions associated with an Order that define how it will behave with respect to pricing, execution, and/or posting to the Exchange Book when submitted to Nasdaq. See Equity 1, Section 1(a)(7).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> An "Order Attribute" is a further set of variable instructions that may be associated with an Order to further define how it will behave with respect to pricing, execution, and/or posting to the Exchange Book when submitted to the Exchange. <u>See id</u>.

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#### Temporary Fee Waiver Pursuant to Equity 7, Section 115

First, the Exchange proposes to amend Equity 7, Section 115 to provide a 30-day waiver of the OUCH production port fee for up to five<sup>7</sup> newly added OUCH ports with the updated version of the OUCH Order entry protocol, OUCH 5.0. The fee waiver would be offered for a three-month period, beginning on the date when OUCH 5.0 first becomes available on the Exchange, which such date the Exchange shall announce in a Equity Trader Alert. At the end of the three-month period, users would no longer be eligible for the waiver. A user may only receive the 30-day waiver once per port (up to a maximum of five ports) within the three-month window. The Exchange proposes to offer this temporary waiver to encourage new, prospective customers to adopt and returning customers to migrate to the updated version of the OUCH Order entry protocol.

#### **Temporary Fee Waiver Pursuant to Equity 7, Section 130**

Second, the Exchange proposes to amend Equity 7, Section 130 to provide a 30day waiver of the \$300 NTF fee in Section 130(d)(1)(B) for up to five<sup>8</sup> newly added OUCH NTF ports with the updated version of the OUCH Order entry protocol, OUCH 5.0. This fee waiver would also be offered for a three-month period, beginning on a date specified by the Exchange in an Equity Trader Alert. At the end of the three-month period, users would no longer be eligible for the waiver. A user may only receive the 30day waiver once per port (up to a maximum of five ports) within the three-month window. The NTF provides subscribers with a virtual System test environment that

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> The fee waiver is limited to a maximum of five OUCH production ports per Web Central Registration Depository ("CRD") membership.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> The fee waiver is limited to a maximum of five OUCH NTF ports per CRD membership.

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closely approximates the production environment on which they may test their automated systems that integrate with the Exchange. For example, the NTF provides subscribers a virtual System environment for testing upcoming releases and product enhancements, as well as testing firm software prior to implementation. The Exchange proposes to offer this temporary waiver to encourage customers to test the updated version of the OUCH Order entry protocol free of charge.

#### b. <u>Statutory Basis</u>

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,<sup>9</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Sections 6(b)(4) and 6(b)(5) of the Act,<sup>10</sup> 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's proposed changes to its fee schedule are reasonable in several respects. As a threshold matter, the Exchange is subject to significant competitive forces in the market for equity securities transaction services that constrain its pricing determinations in that market. The Commission and the courts have repeatedly expressed their preference for competition over regulatory intervention in determining prices, products, and services in the securities markets. In Regulation NMS, while adopting a series of steps to improve the current market model, the Commission highlighted the importance of market forces in determining prices and SRO revenues and, also, recognized that current regulation of the market system "has been remarkably successful

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

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in promoting market competition in its broader forms that are most important to investors and listed companies."<sup>11</sup>

The Exchange believes that it is reasonable to provide temporary fee waivers for up to five newly added OUCH order entry ports (production and Nasdaq Testing Facility "NTF" environments) with the updated version of the OUCH Order entry protocol, OUCH 5.0. The Exchange believes it is important to provide users an opportunity to test OUCH 5.0 free of charge. The temporary fee waivers would encourage users to test and adopt the enhanced OUCH Order entry protocol.

The Exchange believes that the proposed temporary fee waivers are an equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges and not unfairly discriminatory because the Exchange will apply the same temporary fee waivers to all similarly situated members. The waivers will reduce fees for and benefit all users that add OUCH 5.0 order entry ports (production and NTF environments) within the three-month window.

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

#### Intramarket Competition

The Exchange does not believe that its proposal will place any category of Exchange participants at a competitive disadvantage. The proposed change to temporarily waive fees for newly added OUCH 5.0 order entry ports (production and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Securities Exchange Act Release No. 51808 (June 9, 2005), 70 FR 37496, 37499 (June 29, 2005) ("Regulation NMS Adopting Release").

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NTF environments) will apply uniformly to all similarly situated participants. The temporary fee waivers are available to all users and would enable users to test the OUCH enhancements at no cost.

#### Intermarket Competition

The Exchange believes that the proposed temporary fee waivers will not impose a burden on competition because the Exchange's execution services are completely voluntary and subject to extensive competition both from the other live exchanges and from off-exchange venues, which include alternative trading systems that trade national market system stock.

The proposed fee waivers are reflective of this competition because, as a threshold issue, the Exchange is a relatively small market so its ability to burden intermarket competition is limited. In this regard, even the largest U.S. equities exchange by volume only has 17-18% market share, which in most markets could hardly be categorized as having enough market power to burden competition. The proposed fee waivers would facilitate adoption of enhancements to the Exchange's System and Order entry protocols, which is pro-competitive because the enhancements bolster the efficiency, functionality, and overall attractiveness of the Exchange in an absolute sense and relative to its peers. Accordingly, the Exchange does not believe that the proposed change will impair the ability of members, participants, or competing order execution venues to maintain their competitive standing in the financial markets.

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

No written comments were either solicited or received.

# <u>Extension of Time Period for Commission Action</u> Not applicable.

## 7. <u>Basis for Summary Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3) or for Accelerated</u> <u>Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(2)</u>

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act,<sup>12</sup> the Exchange has designated this proposal as establishing or changing a due, fee, or other charge imposed by the selfregulatory organization on any person, whether or not the person is a member of the selfregulatory organization, which renders the proposed rule change effective upon filing.

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

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

The proposal is similar to SR-Phlx-2022-037.

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

Not applicable.

<sup>12</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

# 11. <u>Exhibits</u>

- 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-2022-054)

October \_\_, 2022

Self-Regulatory Organizations; The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Temporarily Waive Certain Port-Related Fees at Equity 7, Section 115 and Equity 7, Section 130

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 October 11, 2022, 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</u> <u>Proposed Rule Change</u>

The Exchange proposes to temporarily waive certain port-related fees at Equity 7,

Section 115 and Equity 7, Section 130, as described further below.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's Website at <u>https://listingcenter.nasdaq.com/rulebook/nasdaq/rules</u>, at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

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

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

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

In its filing with the Commission, 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 purpose of the proposed rule change is to amend Equity 7, Section 115 and Equity 7, Section 130 to provide a temporary fee waiver for newly added OUCH order entry ports (production and Nasdaq Testing Facility "NTF" environments) with the updated version of the OUCH Order entry protocol,<sup>3</sup> referred to as "OUCH 5.0." The Exchange has proposed<sup>4</sup> to introduce this new upgraded version of the OUCH Order entry protocol that will enable the Exchange to make functional enhancements and improvements to specific Order Types<sup>5</sup> and Order Attributes.<sup>6</sup>

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

#### Intramarket Competition

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temporarily waive fees for newly added OUCH 5.0 order entry ports (production and NTF environments) will apply uniformly to all similarly situated participants. The temporary fee waivers are available to all users and would enable users to test the OUCH enhancements at no cost.

#### Intermarket Competition

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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. 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.<sup>12</sup>

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 (<u>http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml);</u> or
- Send an e-mail to <u>rule-comments@sec.gov.</u> Please include File Number SR-NASDAQ-2022-054 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.

<sup>12</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

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All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NASDAQ-2022-054. 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-2022-054 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.<sup>13</sup>

J. Matthew DeLesDernier Assistant Secretary

<sup>13</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

## **EXHIBIT 5**

Deleted text is [bracketed]. New text is <u>underlined</u>.

## The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC Rules

**Equity Rules** 

**Equity 7: Pricing Schedule** 

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#### Section 115. Ports and Services†

The charges under this section are assessed by Nasdaq for connectivity to services and the following systems operated by Nasdaq or FINRA: the Nasdaq Market Center, FINRA Trade Reporting and Compliance Engine (TRACE), the FINRA/Nasdaq Trade Reporting Facility, and the FINRA OTC Reporting Facility (ORF). The following fees are not applicable to The Nasdaq Options Market LLC. For related options fees for Ports and other Services refer to Options 7, Section 3 of the Options Rules.

(a) - (f) No change.

(g) Other Port Fees

(1) No change.

(2) Other Ports	Price
OUCH	$575/port/month^{1}$
OUCH Backup	No charge
RASH	\$575/port/month
Multicast TotalView-ITCH (software-based)	\$1,000/port/month
Multicast TotalView-ITCH (software- and	\$2,500/port/month
hardware-based)	
TCP ITCH data feed	\$750/port/month
DROP	\$550/port/month
Trading Ports used in Test Mode	\$100/port/month
Data Retransmission Port	No charge
Disaster recovery port (OUCH, RASH, and DROP)	\$25/port/month

Disaster recovery port (all other ports) No charge

<sup>1</sup>Temporary 30-Day Fee Waiver for OUCH 5.0 Ports. The Exchange shall offer users a 30-day waiver of the OUCH port fee for up to five newly added OUCH ports with the updated version of the OUCH Order entry protocol, referred to as "OUCH 5.0." This fee waiver shall be offered for a three-month period, beginning on the date when OUCH 5.0 first becomes available on the Exchange, which such date the Exchange shall announce in an Equity Trader Alert.

(3) No change.

(h) - (j) No change.

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## Section 130. Other Services

(a) - (c) No change.

(d) Nasdaq Testing Facilities

Nasdaq operates two test environments. One is located in Ashburn, Virginia and the other in Carteret, New Jersey. Unless otherwise noted, reference to the "Nasdaq Testing Facility" or "NTF" applies to both environments.

(1) The following fees are assessed for access to the Nasdaq Testing Facility:

(A) No change.

(B) Subscribers that conduct tests of all Nasdaq access protocol connections not included in paragraph (A) above or of market data vendor feeds through the Nasdaq Testing Facility shall pay \$300 per port, per month.<sup>1</sup>

(C) No change.

(2) - (7) No change.

<sup>1</sup>Temporary 30-Day Fee Waiver for OUCH 5.0 NTF Ports. The Exchange shall offer subscribers a 30-day waiver of the \$300 NTF fee in this paragraph (d)(1)(B) of Section 130 for up to five newly added OUCH NTF ports with the updated version of the OUCH Order entry protocol, referred to as "OUCH 5.0." This fee waiver shall be offered for a three-month period, beginning on a date to be specified by the Exchange in an Equity Trader Alert.

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