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Description
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Amend Options 7, Section 2

Contact Information
Provide the name, telephone number, and e-mail address of the person on the staff of the self-regulatory organization prepared to respond to questions and comments on the action.

First Name * Angela Last Name * Dunn
Title * Principal Associate General Counsel
E-mail * Angela.dunn@nasdaq.com
Telephone * (215) 496-5692 Fax

Signature
Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange of 1934, The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC has duty caused this filing to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Date 05/01/2023 (Title *)
By John Zecca EVP and Chief Legal Officer

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Copies of any form, report, or questionnaire that the self-regulatory organization proposes to use to help implement or operate the proposed rule change, or that is referred to by the proposed rule change.

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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.

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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 amend The Nasdaq Options Market LLC (“NOM”) Pricing Schedule at Options 7, Section 2.

   A notice of the proposed rule change for publication in the Federal Register is attached as Exhibit 1. The text of the proposed rule change is attached as Exhibit 5.

   (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 (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:

   Angela Saccomandi Dunn  
   Principal Associate General Counsel  
   Nasdaq, Inc.  
   215-496-5692

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

   a. **Purpose**

   The Exchange proposes to amend NOM’s Pricing Schedule at Options 7, Section 2(1), “Nasdaq Options Market - Fees and Rebates.” Specifically, the Exchange proposes to amend note 2 within Options 7, Section 2(1).

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and Non-Penny Symbols:

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Participants that add 1.30% of Customer, Professional, Firm, Broker-Dealer or Non-NOM Market Maker liquidity in Penny Symbols and/or Non-Penny Symbols of total industry customer equity and ETF option ADV contracts per day in a month will be subject to the following pricing applicable to executions: a $0.48 per contract Penny Symbols Fee for Removing Liquidity when the Participant is (i) both the buyer and the seller or (ii) the Participant removes liquidity from another Participant under Common Ownership.

Participants that add 1.50% of Customer, Professional, Firm, Broker-Dealer or Non-NOM Market Maker liquidity in Penny Symbols and/or Non-Penny Symbols of total industry customer equity and ETF option ADV contracts per day in a month and meet or exceed the cap for The Nasdaq Stock Market Opening Cross during the

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\(^3\) The term “Non-NOM Market Maker” or (“O”) is a registered market maker on another options exchange that is not a NOM Market Maker. A Non-NOM Market Maker must append the proper Non-NOM Market Maker designation to orders routed to NOM. See Options 7, Section 1(a).

\(^4\) The term “NOM Market Maker” or (“M”) is a Participant that has registered as a Market Maker on NOM pursuant to Options 2, Section 1, and must also remain in good standing pursuant to Options 2, Section 9. In order to receive NOM Market Maker pricing in all securities, the Participant must be registered as a NOM Market Maker in at least one security. See Options 7, Section 1(a).
month will be subject to the following pricing applicable to executions less than 10,000 contracts: a $0.32 per contract Penny Symbols Fee for Removing Liquidity when the Participant is (i) both the buyer and seller or (ii) the Participant removes liquidity from another Participant under Common Ownership.

Participants that add 1.75% of Customer, Professional, Firm, Broker-Dealer or Non-NOM Market Maker liquidity in Penny Symbols and/or Non-Penny Symbols of total industry customer equity and ETF option ADV contracts per day in a month will be subject to the following pricing applicable to executions less than 10,000 contracts: a $0.32 per contract Penny Symbols Fee for Removing Liquidity when the Participant is (i) both the buyer and seller or (ii) the Participant removes liquidity from another Participant under Common Ownership.

At this time, the Exchange proposes to amend note 2 within NOM Options 7, Section 2(1) to increase the $0.32 per contract NOM Market Maker and Non-NOM Market Maker Penny Symbol and Non-Penny Symbol Fees to Remove Liquidity to $0.38 per contract for executions less than 10,000 contracts when the Participant is (i) both the buyer and seller or (ii) the Participant removes liquidity from another Participant under Common Ownership. In order to receive the lower NOM Market Maker and Non-NOM Market Maker Penny Symbol and Non-Penny Symbol Fees to Remove Liquidity of $0.38 per contract, Participants would continue to either: (1) add 1.50% of Customer, Professional, Firm, Broker-

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5 The term “Customer” or (“C”) applies to any transaction that is identified by a Participant for clearing in the Customer range at The Options Clearing Corporation (“OCC”) which is not for the account of broker or dealer or for the account of a “Professional” (as that term is defined in Options 1, Section 1(a)(47)). See Options 7, Section 1(a).

6 The term “Professional” or (“P”) means any person or entity that (i) is not a broker or dealer in securities, and (ii) places more than 390 orders in listed options per day on average during a calendar month for its own beneficial account(s) pursuant to Options 1, Section 1(a)(47). All Professional orders shall be appropriately marked by Participants. See Options 7, Section 1(a).
Dealer or Non-NOM Market Maker liquidity in Penny Symbols and/or Non-Penny Symbols of total industry customer equity and ETF option ADV contracts per day in a month and meet or exceed the cap for The Nasdaq Stock Market Opening Cross during the month; or (2) add 1.75% of Customer, Professional, Firm, Broker-Dealer or Non-NOM Market Maker liquidity in Penny Symbols and/or Non-Penny Symbols of total industry customer equity and ETF option ADV contracts per day in a month. The $0.38 per contract fee is in comparison to the $0.50 per contract Penny Symbol Fee to Remove Liquidity for NOM Market Makers and Non-NOM Market Makers and the $1.10 per contract Non-Penny Symbol Fee to Remove Liquidity for NOM Market Makers and Non-NOM Market Makers. Customers and Professionals would continue to pay a $0.49 per contract Penny Symbols Fee to Remove Liquidity and an $0.85 per contract Non-Penny Symbol Fee to Remove Liquidity. Broker-Dealers and Firms would continue to pay a $0.50 per contract Penny Symbols Fee to Remove Liquidity and an $1.10 per contract Non-Penny Symbol Fee to Remove Liquidity. Despite the increase to the Penny Symbol and Non-Penny Symbol Fees to Remove Liquidity for NOM Market Makers and Non-NOM Market Makers, the Exchange believes the incentive offered in note 2 within NOM Options 7, Section 2(1) will continue to incentivize NOM Participants to direct liquidity to NOM for an opportunity to pay lower NOM Market Makers and

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7 The term “Firm” applies to any transaction that is identified by a member or member organization for clearing in the Firm range at OCC. See Options 7, Section 1(a).

8 The term “Broker-Dealer” or (“B”) applies to any transaction which is not subject to any of the other transaction fees applicable within a particular category. See Options 7, Section 1(a).
Non-NOM Market Makers Penny Symbol or Non-Penny Symbol Fees to Remove Liquidity.

b. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act, in general, and furthers the objectives of Sections 6(b)(4) and 6(b)(5) of the Act, 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 proposed changes to its Pricing Schedule are reasonable in several respects. As a threshold matter, the Exchange is subject to significant competitive forces in the market for options transaction services that constrain its pricing determinations in that market. The fact that this market is competitive has long been recognized by the courts. In NetCoalition v. Securities and Exchange Commission ("NetCoalition"), the D.C. Circuit stated, "[n]o one disputes that competition for order flow is ‘fierce.’ … As the SEC explained, ‘[i]n the U.S. national market system, buyers and sellers of securities, and the broker-dealers that act as their order-routing agents, have a wide range of choices of where to route orders for execution’; [and] ‘no exchange can afford to take its market share percentages for granted’ because ‘no exchange possesses a monopoly, regulatory or

10  15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4) and (5).
11  NetCoalition v. SEC, 615 F.3d 525 (D.C. Cir. 2010).
otherwise, in the execution of order flow from broker dealers’….**12

Numerous indicia demonstrate the competitive nature of this market. For example, clear substitutes to the Exchange exist in the market for options transaction services. The Exchange is only one of sixteen options exchanges to which market participants may direct their order flow. Within this environment, market participants can freely and often do shift their order flow among the Exchange and competing venues in response to changes in their respective pricing schedules. Within the foregoing context, the proposal represents a reasonable attempt by the Exchange to attract additional order flow to the Exchange and increase its market share relative to its competitors.

The Exchange’s proposal to amend note 2 within NOM Options 7, Section 2(1) to increase the $0.32 per contract NOM Market Maker and Non-NOM Market Maker Penny Symbol and Non-Penny Symbol Fees to Remove Liquidity to $0.38 per contract for executions less than 10,000 contracts when the Participant is (i) both the buyer and seller or (ii) the Participant removes liquidity from another Participant under Common Ownership and they meet the requisite order flow requirements13 is reasonable because despite the increase to the NOM Market

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12 Id. at 539 (quoting Securities Exchange Act Release No. 59039 (December 2, 2008), 73 FR 74770, 74782-83 (December 9, 2008) (SR-NYSEArca-2006-21)).

13 In order to receive the lower fee of $0.38 per contract proposed in note 2 of Options 7, Section 2(1), Participants would continue to either: (1) add 1.50% of Customer, Professional, Firm, Broker-Dealer or Non-NOM Market Maker liquidity in Penny Symbols and/or Non-Penny Symbols of total industry customer equity and ETF option ADV contracts per day in a month and meet or exceed the cap for The Nasdaq Stock Market Opening Cross during the month; or (2) add 1.75% of Customer, Professional, Firm, Broker-Dealer or Non-NOM Market Maker liquidity in Penny Symbols
Maker and Non-NOM Market Maker Penny Symbol and Non-Penny Symbol Fees to Remove Liquidity, the Exchange believes the incentive offered in note 2 within NOM Options 7, Section 2(1) will continue to incentivize NOM Participants to direct liquidity to NOM for an opportunity to pay lower NOM Market Maker and Non-NOM Market Maker Penny Symbol and Non-Penny Symbol Fees to Remove Liquidity. Participants would continue to be offered an opportunity to lower NOM Market Maker and Non-NOM Market Maker Penny Symbol and Non-Penny Symbol Fees to Remove Liquidity, thereby attracting order flow to the Exchange to the benefit of all other market participants.

The Exchange’s proposal to amend note 2 within NOM Options 7, Section 2(1) to increase the $0.32 per contract NOM Market Maker and Non-NOM Market Maker Penny Symbol and Non-Penny Symbol Fees to Remove Liquidity to $0.38 per contract for executions less than 10,000 contracts when the Participant is (i) both the buyer and seller or (ii) the Participant removes liquidity from another Participant under Common Ownership and they meet the requisite order flow requirements is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because the Exchange will uniformly pay the lower Non-NOM Marker Maker or NOM Market Maker Penny Symbol or Non-Penny Symbol Fees for Removing Liquidity to all qualifying NOM Participants. Offering these discounts to NOM Market Makers is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because NOM Market Makers have obligations to the market and regulatory requirements which do not apply to other market

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participants. A NOM Market Maker has the obligation, for example, to make continuous markets, engage in a course of dealings reasonably calculated to contribute to the maintenance of a fair and orderly market, and not make bids or offers or enter into transactions that are inconsistent with a course of dealings. The proposed differentiation as between NOM Market Makers and other market participants recognizes the differing contributions of NOM Market Makers. For the above reasons, the Exchange believes that NOM Market Makers are entitled to discounted fees, provided they qualify for the discount. The Exchange believes it is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory to offer the fee discount to Non-NOM Market Makers because the Exchange is offering Participants flexibility in the manner in which they are submitting their orders. Non-NOM Market Makers have obligations on other exchanges to qualify as a market maker. Also, the Exchange believes that market makers not registered on NOM will be encouraged to send orders to NOM as an away market maker (Non-NOM Market Maker) with this incentive. Because the incentive is being offered to both market makers registered on NOM and those not registered on NOM, the Exchange believes that the proposal is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because it encourages market makers to direct liquidity to NOM to the benefit of all Participants. This proposal recognizes the overall contributions made by market makers to a listed options market.

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

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14 See NOM Options 2, Sections 4 and 5.
purposes of the Act.

Inter-market Competition

The proposal does not impose an undue burden on inter-market competition. The Exchange believes its proposal remains competitive with other options markets and will offer market participants with another choice of where to transact options. 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 and rebates to remain competitive with other exchanges. Because competitors are free adjust their order routing practices, the Exchange believes that the degree to which pricing changes in this market may impose any burden on competition is extremely limited.

Intra-market Competition

The proposed amendments do not impose an undue burden on intra-market competition. In terms of intra-market competition, the Exchange does not believe that its proposals will place any category of market participant at a competitive disadvantage. The Exchange’s proposal to amend note 2 within NOM Options 7, Section 2(1) to increase the $0.32 per contract NOM Market Maker and Non-NOM Market Maker Penny Symbol and Non-Penny Symbol Fees to Remove Liquidity to $0.38 per contract for executions less than 10,000 contracts when the Participant is (i) both the buyer and seller or (ii) the Participant removes liquidity from another Participant under Common Ownership and they meet the requisite order flow
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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)**

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

8. **Proposed Rule Change Based on Rules of Another Self-Regulatory
Organization or of the Commission**

The proposed rule change is not based on the rules of another self-regulatory
organization or of the Commission.

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.

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11. Exhibits

1. Notice of proposed rule for publication in the Federal Register.

5. Applicable portion of the Exchange’s Pricing Schedule.
Self-Regulatory Organizations; The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Amend Options 7, Section 2

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 May 1, 2023, 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 Nasdaq Options Market LLC (“NOM”) Pricing Schedule at Options 7, Section 2.


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

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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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### Fees to Remove Liquidity in Penny and Non-Penny Symbols

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Currently, the Non-NOM Market Makers\(^3\) and NOM Market Makers\(^4\) who remove liquidity in Penny Symbols and Non-Penny Symbols are subject to note 2 within NOM Options 7, Section 2(1), which provides,

Participants that add 1.30% of Customer, Professional, Firm, Broker-Dealer or Non-NOM Market Maker liquidity in Penny Symbols and/or Non-Penny Symbols of total industry customer equity and ETF option ADV contracts per day in a month will be subject to the following pricing applicable to executions: a $0.48 per contract Penny Symbols Fee for Removing Liquidity when the Participant is (i) both the buyer and the seller or (ii) the Participant removes liquidity from another Participant under Common Ownership.

Participants that add 1.50% of Customer, Professional, Firm, Broker-Dealer or Non-NOM Market Maker liquidity in Penny Symbols and/or Non-Penny Symbols of total industry customer equity and ETF option

\(^3\) The term “Non-NOM Market Maker” or (“O”) is a registered market maker on another options exchange that is not a NOM Market Maker. A Non-NOM Market Maker must append the proper Non-NOM Market Maker designation to orders routed to NOM. See Options 7, Section 1(a).

\(^4\) The term “NOM Market Maker” or (“M”) is a Participant that has registered as a Market Maker on NOM pursuant to Options 2, Section 1, and must also remain in good standing pursuant to Options 2, Section 9. In order to receive NOM Market Maker pricing in all securities, the Participant must be registered as a NOM Market Maker in at least one security. See Options 7, Section 1(a).
ADV contracts per day in a month and meet or exceed the cap for The Nasdaq Stock Market Opening Cross during the month will be subject to the following pricing applicable to executions less than 10,000 contracts: a $0.32 per contract Penny Symbols Fee for Removing Liquidity when the Participant is (i) both the buyer and seller or (ii) the Participant removes liquidity from another Participant under Common Ownership.

Participants that add 1.75% of Customer, Professional, Firm, Broker-Dealer or Non-NOM Market Maker liquidity in Penny Symbols and/or Non-Penny Symbols of total industry customer equity and ETF option ADV contracts per day in a month will be subject to the following pricing applicable to executions less than 10,000 contracts: a $0.32 per contract Penny Symbols Fee for Removing Liquidity when the Participant is (i) both the buyer and seller or (ii) the Participant removes liquidity from another Participant under Common Ownership.

At this time, the Exchange proposes to amend note 2 within NOM Options 7, Section 2(1) to increase the $0.32 per contract NOM Market Maker and Non-NOM Market Maker Penny Symbol and Non-Penny Symbol Fees to Remove Liquidity to $0.38 per contract for executions less than 10,000 contracts when the Participant is (i) both the buyer and seller or (ii) the Participant removes liquidity from another Participant under Common Ownership. In order to receive the lower NOM Market Maker and Non-NOM Market Maker Penny Symbol and Non-Penny Symbol Fees to Remove Liquidity of $0.38 per contract, Participants would continue to either: (1) add 1.50% of Customer, Professional, Firm, Broker-Dealer or Non-NOM Market Maker liquidity in Penny

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5 The term “Customer” or (“C”) applies to any transaction that is identified by a Participant for clearing in the Customer range at The Options Clearing Corporation (“OCC”) which is not for the account of broker or dealer or for the account of a “Professional” (as that term is defined in Options 1, Section 1(a)(47)). See Options 7, Section 1(a).

6 The term “Professional” or (“P”) means any person or entity that (i) is not a broker or dealer in securities, and (ii) places more than 390 orders in listed options per day on average during a calendar month for its own beneficial account(s) pursuant to Options 1, Section 1(a)(47). All Professional orders shall be appropriately marked by Participants. See Options 7, Section 1(a).
Symbols and/or Non-Penny Symbols of total industry customer equity and ETF option ADV contracts per day in a month and meet or exceed the cap for The Nasdaq Stock Market Opening Cross during the month; or (2) add 1.75% of Customer, Professional, Firm, Broker-Dealer or Non-NOM Market Maker liquidity in Penny Symbols and/or Non-Penny Symbols of total industry customer equity and ETF option ADV contracts per day in a month. The $0.38 per contract fee is in comparison to the $0.50 per contract Penny Symbol Fee to Remove Liquidity for NOM Market Makers and Non-NOM Market Makers and the $1.10 per contract Non-Penny Symbol Fee to Remove Liquidity for NOM Market Makers and Non-NOM Market Makers. Customers and Professionals would continue to pay a $0.49 per contract Penny Symbols Fee to Remove Liquidity and an $0.85 per contract Non-Penny Symbol Fee to Remove Liquidity. Broker-Dealers and Firms would continue to pay a $0.50 per contract Penny Symbols Fee to Remove Liquidity and an $1.10 per contract Non-Penny Symbol Fee to Remove Liquidity.

Despite the increase to the Penny Symbol and Non-Penny Symbol Fees to Remove Liquidity for NOM Market Makers and Non-NOM Market Makers, the Exchange believes the incentive offered in note 2 within NOM Options 7, Section 2(1) will continue to incentivize NOM Participants to direct liquidity to NOM for an opportunity to pay lower NOM Market Makers and Non-NOM Market Makers Penny Symbol or Non-Penny Symbol Fees to Remove Liquidity.

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7 The term “Firm” applies to any transaction that is identified by a member or member organization for clearing in the Firm range at OCC. See Options 7, Section 1(a).

8 The term “Broker-Dealer” or (“B”) applies to any transaction which is not subject to any of the other transaction fees applicable within a particular category. See Options 7, Section 1(a).
2. **Statutory Basis**

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,9 in general, and furthers the objectives of Sections 6(b)(4) and 6(b)(5) of the Act,10 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 proposed changes to its Pricing Schedule are reasonable in several respects. As a threshold matter, the Exchange is subject to significant competitive forces in the market for options transaction services that constrain its pricing determinations in that market. The fact that this market is competitive has long been recognized by the courts. In *NetCoalition v. Securities and Exchange Commission*11 (“NetCoalition”), the D.C. Circuit stated, “[n]o one disputes that competition for order flow is ‘fierce.’ … As the SEC explained, ‘[i]n the U.S. national market system, buyers and sellers of securities, and the broker-dealers that act as their order-routing agents, have a wide range of choices of where to route orders for execution’; [and] ‘no exchange can afford to take its market share percentages for granted’ because ‘no exchange possesses a monopoly, regulatory or otherwise, in the execution of order flow from broker dealers’….”12

Numerous indicia demonstrate the competitive nature of this market. For example, clear substitutes to the Exchange exist in the market for options transaction services. The Exchange is only one of sixteen options exchanges to which market

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10 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4) and (5).

11 *NetCoalition v. SEC*, 615 F.3d 525 (D.C. Cir. 2010).

12 Id. at 539 (quoting Securities Exchange Act Release No. 59039 (December 2, 2008), 73 FR 74770, 74782-83 (December 9, 2008) (SR-NYSEArca-2006-21)).
participants may direct their order flow. Within this environment, market participants can freely and often do shift their order flow among the Exchange and competing venues in response to changes in their respective pricing schedules. Within the foregoing context, the proposal represents a reasonable attempt by the Exchange to attract additional order flow to the Exchange and increase its market share relative to its competitors.

The Exchange’s proposal to amend note 2 within NOM Options 7, Section 2(1) to increase the $0.32 per contract NOM Market Maker and Non-NOM Market Maker Penny Symbol and Non-Penny Symbol Fees to Remove Liquidity to $0.38 per contract for executions less than 10,000 contracts when the Participant is (i) both the buyer and seller or (ii) the Participant removes liquidity from another Participant under Common Ownership and they meet the requisite order flow requirements13 is reasonable because despite the increase to the NOM Market Maker and Non-NOM Market Maker Penny Symbol and Non-Penny Symbol Fees to Remove Liquidity, the Exchange believes the incentive offered in note 2 within NOM Options 7, Section 2(1) will continue to incentivize NOM Participants to direct liquidity to NOM for an opportunity to pay lower NOM Market Maker and Non-NOM Market Maker Penny Symbol and Non-Penny Symbol Fees to Remove Liquidity. Participants would continue to be offered an

13 In order to receive the lower fee of $0.38 per contract proposed in note 2 of Options 7, Section 2(1), Participants would continue to either: (1) add 1.50% of Customer, Professional, Firm, Broker-Dealer or Non-NOM Market Maker liquidity in Penny Symbols and/or Non-Penny Symbols of total industry customer equity and ETF option ADV contracts per day in a month and meet or exceed the cap for The Nasdaq Stock Market Opening Cross during the month; or (2) add 1.75% of Customer, Professional, Firm, Broker-Dealer or Non-NOM Market Maker liquidity in Penny Symbols and/or Non-Penny Symbols of total industry customer equity and ETF option ADV contracts per day in a month.
opportunity to lower NOM Market Maker and Non-NOM Market Maker Penny Symbol and Non-Penny Symbol Fees to Remove Liquidity, thereby attracting order flow to the Exchange to the benefit of all other market participants.

The Exchange’s proposal to amend note 2 within NOM Options 7, Section 2(1) to increase the $0.32 per contract NOM Market Maker and Non-NOM Market Maker Penny Symbol and Non-Penny Symbol Fees to Remove Liquidity to $0.38 per contract for executions less than 10,000 contracts when the Participant is (i) both the buyer and seller or (ii) the Participant removes liquidity from another Participant under Common Ownership and they meet the requisite order flow requirements is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because the Exchange will uniformly pay the lower Non-NOM Market Maker or NOM Market Maker Penny Symbol or Non-Penny Symbol Fees for Removing Liquidity to all qualifying NOM Participants. Offering these discounts to NOM Market Makers is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because NOM Market Makers have obligations to the market and regulatory requirements which do not apply to other market participants.\(^\text{14}\) A NOM Market Maker has the obligation, for example, to make continuous markets, engage in a course of dealings reasonably calculated to contribute to the maintenance of a fair and orderly market, and not make bids or offers or enter into transactions that are inconsistent with a course of dealings. The proposed differentiation as between NOM Market Makers and other market participants recognizes the differing contributions of NOM Market Makers. For the above reasons, the Exchange believes that NOM Market Makers are entitled to discounted fees, provided they qualify for the discount. The Exchange believes it is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory to

\(^{14}\) See NOM Options 2, Sections 4 and 5.
offer the fee discount to Non-NOM Market Makers because the Exchange is offering
Participants flexibility in the manner in which they are submitting their orders. Non-
NOM Market Makers have obligations on other exchanges to qualify as a market maker.
Also, the Exchange believes that market makers not registered on NOM will be
encouraged to send orders to NOM as an away market maker (Non-NOM Market Maker)
with this incentive. Because the incentive is being offered to both market makers
registered on NOM and those not registered on NOM, the Exchange believes that the
proposal is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because it encourages market
makers to direct liquidity to NOM to the benefit of all Participants. This proposal
recognizes the overall contributions made by market makers to a listed options market.

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.

Inter-market Competition

The proposal does not impose an undue burden on inter-market competition. The
Exchange believes its proposal remains competitive with other options markets and will
offer market participants with another choice of where to transact options. 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 and rebates to remain
competitive with other exchanges. Because competitors are free adjust their order
routing practices, the Exchange believes that the degree to which pricing changes in this
market may impose any burden on competition is extremely limited.

Intra-market Competition

The proposed amendments do not impose an undue burden on intra-market competition. In terms of intra-market competition, the Exchange does not believe that its proposals will place any category of market participant at a competitive disadvantage. The Exchange’s proposal to amend note 2 within NOM Options 7, Section 2(1) to increase the $0.32 per contract NOM Market Maker and Non-NOM Market Maker Penny Symbol and Non-Penny Symbol Fees to Remove Liquidity to $0.38 per contract for executions less than 10,000 contracts when the Participant is (i) both the buyer and seller or (ii) the Participant removes liquidity from another Participant under Common Ownership and they meet the requisite order flow requirements does not impose an undue burden on competition because the Exchange will uniformly pay the lower Non-NOM Marker Maker or NOM Market Maker Penny Symbol or Non-Penny Symbol Fees for Removing Liquidity to all qualifying NOM Participants. Offering these discounts to NOM Market Makers does not impose an undue burden on competition because NOM Market Makers have obligations to the market and regulatory requirements which do not apply to other market participants. A NOM Market Maker has the obligation, for example, to make continuous markets, engage in a course of dealings reasonably calculated to contribute to the maintenance of a fair and orderly market, and not make bids or offers or enter into transactions that are inconsistent with a course of dealings. The proposed differentiation as between NOM Market Makers and other market participants recognizes the differing contributions of NOM Market Makers. For the

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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.\textsuperscript{16}

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-2023-011 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-2023-011. 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

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-2023-011 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.17

J. Matthew DeLesDernier
Assistant Secretary

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### The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC Rules

#### Options Rules

#### Options 7 Pricing Schedule

#### Section 2 Nasdaq Options Market - Fees and Rebates

The following charges shall apply to the use of the order execution and routing services of The Nasdaq Options Market for all securities.

1. Fees and Rebates for Execution of Contracts on The Nasdaq Options Market

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2. Fees and Rebates to Add Liquidity in Non-Penny Symbols

| **Customer** 9,10,12     | ($0.80) |
| **Professional** 9,10,12 | ($0.80) |
Fees to Remove Liquidity in Penny and Non-Penny Symbols

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*Orders executed in the Opening Cross per Options 3, Section 8 are not subject to Options 7, Section 2(1) pricing, instead, these orders are subject to the pricing within Options 7, Section 2(2).

1 The Customer and Professional Rebate to Add Liquidity in Penny Symbols will be paid per the highest tier achieved below. To determine the applicable percentage of total industry customer equity and ETF option average daily volume, unless otherwise stated, the Participant's Penny Symbol and Non-Penny Symbol Customer and/or Professional volume that adds liquidity will be included.

Monthly Volume

Tier 1  
Participant adds Customer, Professional, Firm, Non-NOM Market Maker and/or Broker-Dealer liquidity in Penny Symbols and/or Non-Penny Symbols of up to 0.10% of total industry customer equity and ETF option average daily volume (“ADV”) contracts per day in a month

Tier 2  
Participant adds Customer, Professional, Firm, Non-NOM Market Maker and/or Broker-Dealer liquidity in Penny Symbols and/or Non-Penny Symbols above 0.10% of total industry customer equity and ETF option ADV contracts per day in a month

Tier 3  
Participant: (a) adds Customer, Professional, Firm, Non-NOM Market Maker and/or
Broker-Dealer liquidity in Penny Symbols and/or Non-Penny Symbols above 0.20% of total industry customer equity and ETF option ADV contracts per day in a month; or (b) adds Customer and/or Professional liquidity in Penny Symbols and/or Non-Penny Symbols above 0.05% of total industry customer equity and ETF option ADV contracts per day in a month and qualifies for MARS

**Tier 4**
Participant adds Customer, Professional, Firm, Non-NOM Market Maker and/or Broker-Dealer liquidity in Penny Symbols and/or Non-Penny Symbols above 0.30% of total industry customer equity and ETF option ADV contracts per day in a month

**Tier 5**
Participant adds Customer, Professional, Firm, Non-NOM Market Maker and/or Broker-Dealer liquidity in Penny Symbols and/or Non-Penny Symbols above 0.40% of total industry customer equity and ETF option ADV contracts per day in a month

**Tier 6**
Participant adds Customer, Professional, Firm, Non-NOM Market Maker and/or Broker-Dealer liquidity in Penny Symbols and/or Non-Penny Symbols above 0.70% or more of total industry customer equity and ETF option ADV contracts per day in a month, or Participant: (1) adds Customer and/or Professional liquidity in Penny Symbols and/or Non-Penny Symbols of 0.10% or more of total industry customer equity and ETF option ADV contracts per day in a month, and (2) has added liquidity in all securities through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs that represent 1.00% or more of Consolidated Volume in a month or qualifies for MARS (defined below)

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