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

Exhibit 1 - Notice of Proposed Rule Change *

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The Notice section of this Form 19b-4 must comply with the guidelines for publication in the Federal Register as well as any requirements for electronic filing as published by the Commission (if applicable). The Office of the Federal Register (OFR) offers guidance on Federal Register publication requirements in the Federal Register Document Drafting Handbook, October 1998 Revision. For example, all references to the federal securities laws must include the corresponding cite to the United States Code in a footnote. All references to SEC rules must include the corresponding cite to the Code of Federal Regulations in a footnote. All references to Securities Exchange Act Releases must include the release number, release date, Federal Register cite, Federal Register date, and corresponding file number (e.g., SR-[SRO]-xx-xx). A material failure to comply with these guidelines will result in the proposed rule change being deemed not properly filed. See also Rule 0-3 under the Act (17 CFR 240.0-3)

Exhibit 1A - Notice of Proposed Rule Change, Security-Based Swap Submission, or Advanced Notice by Clearing Agencies *

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Exhibit 2- Notices, Written Comments, Transcripts, Other Communications

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Copies of notices, written comments, transcripts, other communications. If such documents cannot be filed electronically in accordance with Instruction F , they shall be filed in accordance with Instruction G .

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Exhibit 3 - Form, Report, or Questionnaire

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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.

Exhibit 4 - Marked Copies

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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.

Exhibit 5 - Proposed Rule Text

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The self-regulatory organization may choose to attach as Exhibit 5 proposed changes to rule text in place of providing it in Item I and which may otherwise be more easily readable if provided separately from Form 19b-4. Exhibit 5 shall be considered part of the proposed rule change

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If the self-regulatory organization is amending only part of the text of a lengthy proposed rule change, it may, with the Commission's permission, file only those portions of the text of the proposed rule change in which changes are being made if the filing (i.e. partial amendment) is clearly understandable on its face. Such partial amendment shall be clearly identified and marked to show deletions and additions.

1. <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")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² is filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission") a proposal to amend Listing Rules 5815 and 5820 to modify the deadline to submit the required fee for a hearing request and to remove obsolete language.

A notice of the proposed rule change for publication in the <u>Federal Register</u> is attached as Exhibit 1.

The text of the proposed rule change is attached as Exhibit 5.

- (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:

¹⁵ U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

Arnold Golub Vice President Deputy General Counsel Nasdaq, Inc. 301-978-8075

or

Kerry Regan
Paralegal
Office of General Counsel
Nasdaq, Inc.
301-978-8428

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 align the deadline to request a hearing contained in Rule 5815(a)(1) with the deadline to submit the hearing fee in Rule 5815(a)(3) so that both requirements are seven calendar days. Under the current rule, a company must request a hearing within seven calendar days of a Staff Delisting Determination, Public Reprimand Letter, or written denial of an initial listing application, but is allowed 15 calendar days to submit the required hearing fee. The extended period to submit the hearing fee was adopted originally to allow time for companies to mail checks for the payment. However, technology has become more efficient, and companies now can easily and inexpensively submit the required payment by wire or other electronic means, so there is no longer a need to wait for checks to be mailed and received. As such, Nasdaq proposes to modify the rule to require payment of the required \$20,000 hearing fee within seven calendar days of the Staff Delisting Determination, Public Reprimand Letter, or written denial of an initial listing application to reflect the

ease and speed with which payments may be made by wire or other electronic means.

The change also will avoid circumstances where a company benefits from remaining listed for an additional eight calendar days after a hearing request is made due to a Staff Delisting Determination if the required fee is not ever submitted.³

The proposed rule change would also remove from Rules 5815(a)(3) and 5820(a) obsolete language that describes the fees applicable for hearings before a Hearings Panel and appeals to the Listing Council requested before February 10, 2023.

The proposed rule change will become operative for Staff Delisting

Determinations, Public Reprimand Letters, or written denials of an initial listing

application issued after March 1, 2024. This will help assure that all affected companies

have timely notification of the change in the deadline to submit the fee.

b. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,⁴ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,⁵ 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 shortening the current 15-day deadline for the hearing fee payments to align with the seven-day window for a company to request a hearing. This change reflects the ease and speed with

Rule 5815(a)(2) provides that if a company fails to timely request a hearing to review a Delisting Determination, the Hearings Department will take action to suspend trading of the securities and follow procedures to delist the securities. Delisting will also commence if a timely hearing request is made but the required fee is not paid timely.

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

which payments may be made by wire or other electronic means. This also will avoid circumstances where a company benefits from remaining listed for an additional eight calendar days after a hearing request is made for review of a Staff Delisting Determination if the required fee is not ever submitted.⁶ The proposed change to eliminate obsolete language from the rules will have no substantive impact but will enhance the readability of the Exchange's rulebook.

4. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act because the proposal does not have a competitive impact. The proposal merely aligns the time to request a hearing with the time to pay the required fee, with both being seven calendar days, and improves the readability of the Exchange's rulebook by removing obsolete language that is no longer applicable. Each of these changes will affect all listed companies in the same manner and will have no impact on intramarket competition. In addition, the proposed rule change relates only to Nasdaq's review process and will have no impact on intermarket competition because other markets are free to structure their review processes as they see fit.

- 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.

⁶ See footnote 3, supra.

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)⁷ of the Act and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder⁸ 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 believes that the proposal does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest, and does not impose any significant burden on competition because companies will remain subject to the same deadline to request a hearing and can easily make payments by wire or other electronic means within the proposed time frame. The proposed change to eliminate obsolete language from the rules does not make any substantive changes to the existing rules.

Furthermore, Rule $19b-4(f)(6)(iii)^9$ requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file a proposed rule change under that subsection at least five business days prior to the date of filing, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The Exchange has provided such notice.

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

^{8 17} CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

⁹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or 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 or of the Commission</u>
- 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-2024-004)

January , 2024

Self-Regulatory Organizations; The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Amend Listing Rules 5815 and 5820 to Modify the Deadline to Submit the Required Fee for a Hearing Request and to Remove Obsolete Language

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 January 30, 2024, 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 amend Listing Rules 5815 and 5820 to modify the deadline to submit the required fee for a hearing request and to remove obsolete language.

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

¹⁵ U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 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 align the deadline to request a hearing contained in Rule 5815(a)(1) with the deadline to submit the hearing fee in Rule 5815(a)(3) so that both requirements are seven calendar days. Under the current rule, a company must request a hearing within seven calendar days of a Staff Delisting Determination, Public Reprimand Letter, or written denial of an initial listing application, but is allowed 15 calendar days to submit the required hearing fee. The extended period to submit the hearing fee was adopted originally to allow time for companies to mail checks for the payment. However, technology has become more efficient, and companies now can easily and inexpensively submit the required payment by wire or other electronic means, so there is no longer a need to wait for checks to be mailed and received. As such, Nasdag proposes to modify the rule to require payment of the required \$20,000 hearing fee within seven calendar days of the Staff Delisting Determination, Public Reprimand Letter, or written denial of an initial listing application to reflect the ease and speed with which payments may be made by wire or other electronic means. The change also will avoid circumstances where a company benefits from remaining

listed for an additional eight calendar days after a hearing request is made due to a Staff
Delisting Determination if the required fee is not ever submitted.³

The proposed rule change would also remove from Rules 5815(a)(3) and 5820(a) obsolete language that describes the fees applicable for hearings before a Hearings Panel and appeals to the Listing Council requested before February 10, 2023.

The proposed rule change will become operative for Staff Delisting

Determinations, Public Reprimand Letters, or written denials of an initial listing

application issued after March 1, 2024. This will help assure that all affected companies have timely notification of the change in the deadline to submit the fee.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,⁴ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,⁵ 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 shortening the current 15-day deadline for the hearing fee payments to align with the seven-day window for a company to request a hearing. This change reflects the ease and speed with which payments may be made by wire or other electronic means. This also will avoid circumstances where a company benefits from remaining listed for an additional eight

Rule 5815(a)(2) provides that if a company fails to timely request a hearing to review a Delisting Determination, the Hearings Department will take action to suspend trading of the securities and follow procedures to delist the securities. Delisting will also commence if a timely hearing request is made but the required fee is not paid timely.

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

calendar days after a hearing request is made for review of a Staff Delisting

Determination if the required fee is not ever submitted.⁶ The proposed change to
eliminate obsolete language from the rules will have no substantive impact but will
enhance the readability of the Exchange's rulebook.

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 because the proposal does not have a competitive impact. The proposal merely aligns the time to request a hearing with the time to pay the required fee, with both being seven calendar days, and improves the readability of the Exchange's rulebook by removing obsolete language that is no longer applicable. Each of these changes will affect all listed companies in the same manner and will have no impact on intramarket competition. In addition, the proposed rule change relates only to Nasdaq's review process and will have no impact on intermarket competition because other markets are free to structure their review processes as they see fit.

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,

See footnote 3, supra.

or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, it has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act⁷ and subparagraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.⁸

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 necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or 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
 (https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml); or
- Send an email to <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include file number
 SR-NASDAQ-2024-004 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.

¹⁵ U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

^{8 17} CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

All submissions should refer to file number SR-NASDAQ-2024-004. This file number should be included on the subject line if email is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's internet website (https://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 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. Do not include personal identifiable information in submissions; you should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. We may redact in part or withhold entirely from publication submitted material that is obscene or subject to copyright protection. All submissions should refer to file number SR-NASDAQ-2024-004 and should be submitted on or before [INSERT DATE 21 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority. 9

^{9 17} CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

Sherry R. Haywood,

Assistant Secretary.

EXHIBIT 5

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

THE NASDAQ STOCK MARKET LLC RULES

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5815. Review of Staff Determinations by Hearings Panel

When a Company receives a Staff Delisting Determination or a Public Reprimand Letter issued by the Listing Qualifications Department, or when its application for initial listing is denied, it may request in writing that the Hearings Panel review the matter in a written or an oral hearing. This section sets forth the procedures for requesting a hearing before a Hearings Panel, describes the Hearings Panel and the possible outcomes of a hearing, and sets forth Hearings Panel procedures.

(a) Procedures for Requesting and Preparing for a Hearing

- (1) (2) No change.
- (3) Fees

Within [15]7 calendar days of the date of the Staff Delisting Determination, Public Reprimand Letter, or written denial of an initial listing application, the Company must submit a hearing fee of \$20,000. [However, if the hearing request relates to a Staff Delisting Determination dated on or before February 10, 2023, the Company must submit a hearing fee of \$10,000.]However, if the Staff Delisting Determination, Public Reprimand Letter, or written denial of an initial listing application is dated on or before March 1, 2024, the Company must submit the hearing fee within 15 calendar days of the date of the Staff Delisting Determination, Public Reprimand Letter, or written denial of an initial listing application.

- (4) (6) No change.
- (b) (d) No change.

5820. Appeal to the Nasdaq Listing and Hearing Review Council

A Company may appeal a Panel Decision to the Listing Council. The Listing Council may also call for review a Panel Decision on its own initiative. This Rule 5820 describes the procedures applicable to appeals and calls for review.

(a) Procedure for Requesting Appeal

A Company may appeal any Panel Decision to the Listing Council by submitting a written request for appeal and a fee of \$15,000 to the Nasdaq Office of Appeals and Review within 15 calendar days of the date of the Panel Decision. [However, if the appeal relates to a Panel Decision dated on or before February 10, 2023, the applicable fee is \$10,000.]An appeal will not operate as a stay of the Panel Decision. Upon receipt of the appeal request and the applicable fee, the Nasdaq Office of Appeals and Review will acknowledge the Company's request and provide deadlines for the Company to provide written submissions.

(b) - (e) No change.

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