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

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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. Text of the Proposed Rule Change

(a) NASDAQ OMX PHLX LLC (“Phlx” or “Exchange”), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”)¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² in amending the Exchange’s Pricing Schedule proposes to: (i) amend certain Options Transactions Charges with respect to Section II related to Multiply Listed Options Fees;³ (ii) eliminate the Electronic Firm Fee Discount in Section II; and (iii) eliminate outdated rule text in Section II related to an expired rebate.

While the changes proposed herein are effective upon filing, the Exchange has designated that the amendments be operative on January 2, 2014.

A notice of the proposed rule change for publication in the Federal Register is attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and a copy of the applicable portion of the Exchange’s Pricing Schedule is attached hereto 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 of the Exchange on July 17, 2013. Exchange staff will advise the Board of Directors of any action taken pursuant to delegated authority. No other action by the Exchange is necessary for the filing of the

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² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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rule change.

Questions and comments on the proposed rule change may be directed to Angela Saccomandi Dunn, Associate General Counsel, at (215) 496-5692.

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

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*Section II – Multiply Listed Options Fees
Options Transaction Charges*

The Exchange currently offers Professionals,⁵ Broker-Dealers⁶ and Firms⁷ a discounted Options Transaction Charge with respect to electronic Complex Orders,⁸ in

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either Penny or Non-Penny Pilot Options of \$0.30 per contract. The Exchange is proposing to eliminate the discount with respect to Broker-Dealer and Firm Options Transaction Charges in Penny and Non-Penny Pilot Options. Professionals will continue to be offered the discount. The Exchange believes that eliminating the discount for Broker-Dealers and Firms will not impact trading activity on the Exchange as these market participants were not taking advantage of the discount.

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*Section II – Multiply Listed Options Fees
QCC Bonus*

the purpose of executing a particular investment strategy. Furthermore, a Complex Order can also be a stock-option order, which is an order to buy or sell a stated number of units of an underlying stock or exchange-traded fund (“ETF”) coupled with the purchase or sale of options contract(s). See Exchange Rule 1080, Commentary .08(a)(i).

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b. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 6 of the Act,¹³ in general, and with Section 6(b)(4) and 6(b)(5) of

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¹² The QCC Bonus is in addition to the maximum QCC Rebate of \$375,000 and does not count toward the maximum QCC Rebate of \$375,000.

¹³ 15 U.S.C. 78f.

the Act,¹⁴ 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 or system which the Exchange operates or controls, and is not designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

*Section II – Multiply Listed Options Fees
Options Transaction Charges*

The Exchange's proposal to eliminate the current electronic Complex Order discount with respect to Broker-Dealer and Firm Options Transaction Charges in Penny and Non-Penny Pilot Options is reasonable because these market participants are not taking advantage of the current discount by transacting electronic Complex Orders. The Exchange believes that eliminating such a discount for Broker-Dealers and Firms will not result in any change in the amount of Complex Orders transacted on the Exchange by these market participants.

The Exchange's proposal to eliminate the current electronic Complex Order discount with respect to Broker-Dealer and Firm Options Transaction Charges in Penny and Non-Penny Pilot Options is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because Professionals engage in trading activity similar to that conducted by Specialists or Market Makers. For example, Professionals continue to join bids and offers on the Exchange and thus compete for incoming order flow. For these reasons, the Exchange assesses Professionals Penny and Non-Penny Pilot Options Transaction Charges at a rate which is greater than fees assessed to a Specialist and Market Maker and less than fees assessed to Firms and Broker-Dealers. Specialists and Market Makers would be assessed lower

¹⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4) and (5).

electronic fees as compared to Professionals, because Specialists and Market Makers have burdensome quoting obligations¹⁵ to the market which do not apply to Professionals, Customers, Firms and Broker-Dealers. Customers are not assessed Options Transactions Charges in either Penny Pilot or non-Penny Pilot Options because Customer order flow brings liquidity to the market, which in turn benefits all market participants. Broker-Dealers and Firms today pay higher fees as compared to a Professional for electronic transactions and this is not changing.¹⁶ The Professional Options Transaction Charges in both Penny Pilot and Non-Penny Pilot Options for non-electronic transactions or floor transactions would remain unchanged. Also, the Professional fees are comparable with electronic Professional fees at other options exchanges.¹⁷

The Exchange believes that continuing to assess Professionals a higher electronic Options Transaction Charges in both Penny Pilot and Non-Penny Pilot Options of \$0.30 and \$0.60 per contract, respectively, as compared to a floor Options Transaction Charge in both Penny Pilot and Non-Penny Pilot Options of \$0.25 per contract is reasonable, equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because these fees recognize the distinction between the floor order entry model and the electronic model and the proposed fees

¹⁵ See Exchange Rule 1014 entitled “Obligations and Restrictions Applicable to Specialists and Registered Options Traders.”

¹⁶ Firms and Broker-Dealers are assessed a Penny Pilot Options Transaction Charge of \$0.45 per contract. Firms and Broker-Dealers are assessed a Non-Penny Pilot Options Transaction Charge of \$0.60 per contract.

¹⁷ CBOE assesses a Professional and Voluntary Professional a \$0.30 per contract electronic fee in Penny and Non-Penny Classes. See CBOE’s Fees Schedule. NYSE Amex assesses a tiered electronic Professional Customer rate starting at \$.32 per contract for electronic orders which take liquidity from 0 to 16,999 contracts. See NYSE AMEX Options Fee Schedule.

respond to competition along the same lines.¹⁸ Floor participants incur costs associated with accessing the floor, i.e. need for a floor broker, and other costs which are not born by electronic members. Today, the Exchange assesses different fees for electronic as compared to floor transactions for Firms, Broker-Dealers, Specialists and Market Makers in Section II of the Pricing Schedule.

*Section II – Multiply Listed Options Fees
Electronic Firm Fee Discount*

The Exchange's proposal to eliminate the Electronic Firm Fee Discount which is currently offered to Firms to reduce Options Transaction Charges in Penny Pilot and Non-Penny Pilot Options is reasonable because market participants were not taking advantage of the Electronic Firm Fee Discount.

The Exchange's proposal to eliminate the Electronic Firm Fee Discount which is currently offered to Firms to reduce Options Transaction Charges in Penny Pilot and Non-Penny Pilot Options is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because the Exchange will not offer such a discount to any market participant.

*Section II – Multiply Listed Options Fees
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The Exchange's proposal to remove rule text related to the QCC Bonus is reasonable because removing the outdated rule text will add clarity to the Pricing Schedule.

The Exchange's proposal to remove rule text related to the QCC Bonus is

¹⁸ A transaction resulting from an order that was electronically delivered utilizes Phlx XL II. See Exchange Rules 1014 and 1080. Electronically delivered orders do not include orders transacted on the Exchange floor. A transaction resulting from an order that is non-electronically-delivered is represented on the trading floor by a floor broker. See Exchange Rule 1063. All orders will be either electronically or non-electronically delivered.

equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because the QCC Bonus will no longer be in effect as of January 2, 2014 and therefore not available to any market participant.

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose an undue burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. Eliminating the electronic Complex Order discount with respect to Broker-Dealers and Firms for Options Transaction Charges in Penny and Non-Penny Pilot Options and not eliminating the discount for Professionals reflects the trading activity of these market participants. Professionals engage in trading activity similar to that conducted by Specialists or Market Makers such as joining bids and offers on the Exchange and competing for incoming order flow. This distinction is consistent with the current differentials that exist between these market participants with respect to the current Options Transaction Charges which are assessed to these participants.¹⁹ Further, Specialists and Market Makers would be assessed lower electronic fees as compared to Professionals, because Specialists and Market Makers have burdensome quoting obligations²⁰ to the market which do not apply to Professionals, Customers, Firms and Broker-Dealers. Customers are not assessed Options Transactions Charges in either Penny Pilot or Non-Penny Pilot Options because Customer order flow brings liquidity to the market, which in turn benefits all market participants.

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The QCC Bonus would be unavailable to all market participants. Also, removing unnecessary rule text from the Pricing Schedule adds clarity to the rule text.

The Exchange operates in a highly competitive market, comprised of twelve options exchanges, in which market participants can easily and readily direct order flow to competing venues if they deem fee levels at a particular venue to be excessive or rebates to be inadequate. Accordingly, the fees that are assessed and the rebates paid by the Exchange described in the above proposal are influenced by these robust market forces. Therefore these fees and rebates must remain competitive with fees charged and rebates paid by other venues and must continue to be reasonable and equitably allocated to those members that opt to direct orders to the Exchange rather than competing venues.

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,²¹ 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

²¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

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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.

11. Exhibits

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

5. Text of the Rule Change.

Exhibit 1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
(Release No. _____ ; File No. SR-Phlx-2013-124)

Self-Regulatory Organizations; NASDAQ OMX PHLX LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Relating to Multiply Listed Options Fees

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 December 19, 2013, NASDAQ OMX PHLX LLC (“Phlx” 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 in amending the Exchange’s Pricing Schedule proposes to: (i) amend certain Options Transactions Charges with respect to Section II related to Multiply Listed Options Fees;³ (ii) eliminate the Electronic Firm Fee Discount in Section II; and (iii) eliminate outdated rule text in Section II related to an expired rebate.

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

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

In its filing with the Commission, the Exchange included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

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¹³ 15 U.S.C. 78f.

¹⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4) and (5).

The Exchange's proposal to eliminate the current electronic Complex Order discount with respect to Broker-Dealer and Firm Options Transaction Charges in Penny and Non-Penny Pilot Options is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because Professionals engage in trading activity similar to that conducted by Specialists or Market Makers. For example, Professionals continue to join bids and offers on the Exchange and thus compete for incoming order flow. For these reasons, the Exchange assesses Professionals Penny and Non-Penny Pilot Options Transaction Charges at a rate which is greater than fees assessed to a Specialist and Market Maker and less than fees assessed to Firms and Broker-Dealers. Specialists and Market Makers would be assessed lower electronic fees as compared to Professionals, because Specialists and Market Makers have burdensome quoting obligations¹⁵ to the market which do not apply to Professionals, Customers, Firms and Broker-Dealers. Customers are not assessed Options Transactions Charges in either Penny Pilot or non-Penny Pilot Options because Customer order flow brings liquidity to the market, which in turn benefits all market participants. Broker-Dealers and Firms today pay higher fees as compared to a Professional for electronic transactions and this is not changing.¹⁶ The Professional Options Transaction Charges in both Penny Pilot and Non-Penny Pilot Options for non-electronic transactions or floor transactions would remain unchanged. Also, the

¹⁵ See Exchange Rule 1014 entitled "Obligations and Restrictions Applicable to Specialists and Registered Options Traders."

¹⁶ Firms and Broker-Dealers are assessed a Penny Pilot Options Transaction Charge of \$0.45 per contract. Firms and Broker-Dealers are assessed a Non-Penny Pilot Options Transaction Charge of \$0.60 per contract.

Professional fees are comparable with electronic Professional fees at other options exchanges.¹⁷

The Exchange believes that continuing to assess Professionals a higher electronic Options Transaction Charges in both Penny Pilot and Non-Penny Pilot Options of \$0.30 and \$0.60 per contract, respectively, as compared to a floor Options Transaction Charge in both Penny Pilot and Non-Penny Pilot Options of \$0.25 per contract is reasonable, equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because these fees recognize the distinction between the floor order entry model and the electronic model and the proposed fees respond to competition along the same lines.¹⁸ Floor participants incur costs associated with accessing the floor, i.e. need for a floor broker, and other costs which are not born by electronic members. Today, the Exchange assesses different fees for electronic as compared to floor transactions for Firms, Broker-Dealers, Specialists and Market Makers in Section II of the Pricing Schedule.

*Section II – Multiply Listed Options Fees
Electronic Firm Fee Discount*

The Exchange's proposal to eliminate the Electronic Firm Fee Discount which is currently offered to Firms to reduce Options Transaction Charges in Penny Pilot and

¹⁷ CBOE assesses a Professional and Voluntary Professional a \$0.30 per contract electronic fee in Penny and Non-Penny Classes. See CBOE's Fees Schedule. NYSE Amex assesses a tiered electronic Professional Customer rate starting at \$.32 per contract for electronic orders which take liquidity from 0 to 16,999 contracts. See NYSE AMEX Options Fee Schedule.

¹⁸ A transaction resulting from an order that was electronically delivered utilizes Phlx XL II. See Exchange Rules 1014 and 1080. Electronically delivered orders do not include orders transacted on the Exchange floor. A transaction resulting from an order that is non-electronically-delivered is represented on the trading floor by a floor broker. See Exchange Rule 1063. All orders will be either electronically or non-electronically delivered.

Non-Penny Pilot Options is reasonable because market participants were not taking advantage of the Electronic Firm Fee Discount.

The Exchange's proposal to eliminate the Electronic Firm Fee Discount which is currently offered to Firms to reduce Options Transaction Charges in Penny Pilot and Non-Penny Pilot Options is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because the Exchange will not offer such a discount to any market participant.

*Section II – Multiply Listed Options Fees
QCC Bonus*

The Exchange's proposal to remove rule text related to the QCC Bonus is reasonable because removing the outdated rule text will add clarity to the Pricing Schedule.

The Exchange's proposal to remove rule text related to the QCC Bonus is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because the QCC Bonus will no longer be in effect as of January 2, 2014 and therefore not available to any market participant.

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose an undue burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. Eliminating the electronic Complex Order discount with respect to Broker-Dealers and Firms for Options Transaction Charges in Penny and Non-Penny Pilot Options and not eliminating the discount for Professionals reflects the trading activity of these market participants. Professionals engage in trading activity similar to that conducted by Specialists or Market Makers such as joining bids and offers on the Exchange and competing for incoming order flow. This distinction is consistent with the current differentials that exist between these market participants with respect to the

current Options Transaction Charges which are assessed to these participants.¹⁹ Further, Specialists and Market Makers would be assessed lower electronic fees as compared to Professionals, because Specialists and Market Makers have burdensome quoting obligations²⁰ to the market which do not apply to Professionals, Customers, Firms and Broker-Dealers. Customers are not assessed Options Transactions Charges in either Penny Pilot or Non-Penny Pilot Options because Customer order flow brings liquidity to the market, which in turn benefits all market participants.

The QCC Bonus would be unavailable to all market participants. Also, removing unnecessary rule text from the Pricing Schedule adds clarity to the rule text.

The Exchange operates in a highly competitive market, comprised of twelve options exchanges, in which market participants can easily and readily direct order flow to competing venues if they deem fee levels at a particular venue to be excessive or rebates to be inadequate. Accordingly, the fees that are assessed and the rebates paid by the Exchange described in the above proposal are influenced by these robust market forces. Therefore these fees and rebates must remain competitive with fees charged and rebates paid by other venues and must continue to be reasonable and equitably allocated to those members that opt to direct orders to the Exchange rather than competing venues.

¹⁹ Professionals are assessed a Penny Pilot Options Transaction Charge of \$0.30 per contract and a Non-Penny Pilot Options Transaction Charge of \$0.60 per contract. Firms and Broker-Dealers are assessed a Penny Pilot Options Transaction Charge of \$0.45 per contract. Firms and Broker-Dealers are assessed a Non-Penny Pilot Options Transaction Charge of \$0.60 per contract.

²⁰ See Exchange Rule 1014 entitled “Obligations and Restrictions Applicable to Specialists and Registered Options Traders.”

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.²¹ 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 (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an e-mail to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-Phlx-2013-124 on the subject line.

Paper comments:

²¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

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

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-Phlx-2013-124. 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-Phlx-2013-124 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.²²

Kevin M. O'Neill
Deputy Secretary

²² 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

Cabinet Options	\$0.00	N/A	\$0.10	N/A	\$0.10	N/A	\$0.10	N/A	\$0.10
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- These fees are per contract.

⁹The following symbols will be assessed the fees in Section III for Singly Listed Options: SOX, HGX and OSX.

¹³Electronic Complex Orders will be assessed \$0.30 per contract.

- The Cabinet Fees above are not in addition to the Options Transaction Charges.

[• Firm electronic Options Transaction Charges in Penny Pilot and non-Penny Pilot Options will be reduced to \$0.20 per contract for a given month provided that a Firm has volume greater than 350,000 electronically-delivered contracts in a month ("Electronic Firm Fee Discount"). The Electronic Firm Fee Discount will apply per member organization when such members are trading in their own proprietary account.]

- QCC Transaction Fees for a Specialist, Market Maker, Professional, Firm and Broker-Dealer are \$0.20 per contract. QCC Transaction Fees apply to QCC Orders, as defined in Exchange Rule 1080(o), and Floor QCC Orders, as defined in 1064(e). A rebate, as specified in the below QCC Rebate Schedule, will be paid for all qualifying executed QCC Orders, as defined in Exchange Rule 1080(o) and Floor QCC Orders, as defined in 1064(e), except where the transaction is either: (i) Customer-to-Customer; or (ii) a dividend, merger, short stock interest or reversal or conversion strategy execution (as defined in Section II).

QCC Rebate Schedule

Tier	Threshold	Rebate per Contract
Tier 1	0 to 299,999 contracts in a month	\$0.00
Tier 2	300,000 to 499,999 contracts in a month	\$0.07
Tier 3	500,000 to 699,999 contracts in a month	\$0.08
Tier 4	700,000 to 999,999 contracts in a month	\$0.09
Tier 5	Over 1,000,000 contracts in a month	\$0.11

The maximum QCC Rebate to be paid in a given month will not exceed \$375,000. [During the month of December 2013, if the Threshold exceeds 1,750,000 contracts, the Exchange will pay an additional rebate of \$35,000 for that month ("QCC Bonus"). The QCC Bonus will only be offered in December 2013. The QCC Bonus will not count toward the maximum QCC Rebate.]

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