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

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

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Exhibit Sent As Paper Document

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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.

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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 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 is filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC” or “Commission”) a proposal to amend Rule 1027, Discretionary Accounts, to conform it more closely to a comparable rule of the Chicago Board Options Exchange (“CBOE”) and to make minor corrections and clarifications.

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 the Board of Directors of the Exchange (the “Board”) on July 25, 2016. No other action is necessary for the filing of the rule change.

Questions and comments on the proposed rule change may be directed to:

Carla Behnfeldt
Associate General Counsel
Nasdaq, Inc.
(215) 496-5208

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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

a. Purpose

Rule 1027 generally imposes restrictions and various requirements on members³ and partners and employees of member organizations⁴ regarding the exercise of discretionary power with respect to trading in options in a customer's accounts. The Exchange proposes to amend Rule 1027 in a number of respects to eliminate redundant rule text, clarify certain rule text, and conform parts of the rule more closely to CBOE Rule 9.10, Discretionary Accounts⁵.

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Rule 1027(a)(i) is proposed to be amended to include index options, as their current exclusion from the rule is without a rational basis and was likely an oversight. References to Registered Options Principal “qualified persons” or “qualified individuals” in Rule 1027(a)(i) are proposed to be amended in order to refer only to “Registered Options Principals”, in order to eliminate needless ambiguity and lack of clarity as to who is a Registered Options Principal “qualified person” or “qualified individual.” Additionally, the last two sentences of Section (a)(i) currently provide that every discretionary order shall be identified as discretionary at the time of entry, and that discretionary accounts shall receive frequent review by a Registered Options Principal qualified person specifically delegated such responsibilities under Rule 1025, who is not exercising the discretionary authority. These sentences are largely duplicative of existing Rule 1027(a)(iii) and are therefore proposed to be deleted. The rule would be expanded to cover member organizations, to be more consistent with the comparable CBOE rule which applies to CBOE Trading Permit Holder (“TPH”) organizations. The revisions

consolidation of the member firm regulatory functions of NASD and NYSE Regulation, Inc. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 56146 (July 26, 2007).

proposed for Rules 1027(a)(i) would conform it more closely to CBOE Rule 9.10, Discretionary Accounts, section (a).⁶

The Exchange proposes to delete from Section (a)(iii) a reference to “Compliance Registered Option Principal”, a term which the Exchange no longer uses, and proposes to substitute the term “Registered Options Principal”. It also proposes to amend that section by adding language requiring the Registered Options Principal providing appropriate supervisory review to be specifically delegated such responsibilities under Rule 1025 and not be the Registered Options Principal exercising the discretionary review. These changes would conform Section (a)(iii) to the duplicative language deleted from Section (a)(i) as described above. The Exchange also proposes to delete the last sentence of Section (a)(iii), which provides that the provisions of paragraph (a) shall not apply to discretion as to the price at which or the time when an order given by a customer for the purchase or sale of a definite number of option contracts in a specified security or foreign currency shall be executed. This sentence is largely duplicative of existing language in Rule 1027(e), Discretion as to Time or Price Excepted. Rule 1027(e), however, is proposed to be amended by the addition of a reference to “foreign currency” which was present in the deleted sentence of Section (a)(iii).

The Exchange is proposing no changes to section (a)(iv) which extends the provisions of Rule 1027 to index warrants, as no changes are required.

Rule 1027(c) Prohibited Transactions

⁶ Rule 1027(a)(ii) deals with foreign currency options and has no counterpart in CBOE Rule 9.10(a). The Exchange is nevertheless proposing to revise Rule 1027(a)(ii) by expanding its scope to include member organizations for consistency with Rule 1027(a)(i) in terms of extent of coverage of the rule.

Currently, Rule 1027(c) prohibits members as well as partners, officers and employees of a member organization having discretionary power over a customer's account from, in the exercise of such discretion, executing or causing to be executed therein any purchases or sales of option contracts which are excessive in size or frequency in view of the financial resources in such account. The prohibition is proposed to be reworded, to conform Phlx Rule 1027(c) more closely to CBOE Rule 9.10, Discretionary Accounts, section (c). Additionally, the rule would be expanded to cover member organizations as well as members and partners and employees of member organizations.

Rule 1027(d) Record of Transactions

Rule 1027(d) currently requires a record to be made of every transaction in option contracts in respect to which a member or a partner, officer or employee of a member organization has exercised discretionary authority, clearly reflecting such fact and indicating the name of the customer, the designation and number of the option contracts, the premium and the date and time when such transaction was effected. The Exchange proposes to reword the rule so that it applies to option transactions for an account in respect to which a member or member organization or a partner, officer or employee of a member organization is vested with any discretionary authority, and to detail the required content of the record. The revision proposed for Rule 1027(d) would conform the rule more closely to CBOE Rule 9.10, Discretionary Accounts, section (b), which extends to CBOE TPH organizations, except that the Exchange proposes to retain the existing requirement that the transaction record clearly reflect that the member (or, as the rule is proposed to be amended, member organization) or a partner, officer or employee of a

member organization has exercised discretionary authority, as the Exchange believes this to be important information with respect to a transaction.

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b. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,⁷ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,⁸ in particular, in that it is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general to protect investors and the public interest. The amendment of the requirements associated with discretionary accounts should remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, by eliminating redundant rule text, clarifying certain rule text, and conforming parts of the rule more closely to CBOE Rule 9.10, Discretionary Accounts which should create greater regulatory parity among options exchanges regarding obligations toward customers’ discretionary accounts – reducing a source of potential regulatory arbitrage - and by creating more efficient regulatory compliance by members of both exchanges due to reduction of differences in wording and consequent potential

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

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for inadvertent regulatory noncompliance. The Exchange believes it is in the public interest for a more consistently worded regulatory policy and standard regarding discretionary accounts to be in effect across options exchanges, for the benefit of customers. The harmonized rules are designed to further the goal of harmonized examinations and enforcement of similar rules, thus reducing duplicative regulatory efforts, thus lowering regulatory cost passed on to member organizations and the general public.

3. 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.

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)

Not applicable.

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

The proposed rule change is based on the CBOE rules cited above.

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 Change for publication in the Federal Register.
5. Text of the proposed rule change.

EXHIBIT 1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
(Release No. _____ ; File No. SR-Phlx-2017-56)

July __, 2017

Self-Regulatory Organizations; NASDAQ PHLX LLC; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change to amend Rule 1027, Discretionary Accounts, to conform it more closely to a comparable rule of the Chicago Board Options Exchange (“CBOE”) and to make minor corrections and clarifications.

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 July 14, 2017, NASDAQ 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 proposes to a proposal to amend Rule 1027, Discretionary Accounts, to conform it more closely to a comparable rule of the Chicago Board Options Exchange (“CBOE”) and to make minor corrections and clarifications.

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

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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.

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

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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

Within 45 days of the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register or within such longer period (i) as the Commission may designate up to 90 days of such date

if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or (ii) as to which the Exchange consents, the Commission shall: (a) by order approve or disapprove such proposed rule change, or (b) institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be 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-2017-56 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-Phlx-2017-56. 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-2017-56 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.⁹

Eduardo A. Aleman
Assistant Secretary

⁹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

EXHIBIT 5

New text is underlined; deleted text is in brackets.

NASDAQ PHLX Rules**Options Rules**

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Rule 1027. Discretionary Accounts

(a) Authorization and Approval Required. The authorization of all discretionary options accounts and the approval of all discretionary options transactions shall be handled as follows:

(i) Stock, Index or Exchange-Traded Fund Share Options—No member or member organization and no partner or employee of a member organization shall exercise any discretionary power with respect to trading in stock, index or Exchange-Traded Fund Share options contracts in a customer's account unless such customer has given prior written authorization and the account has been accepted in writing by a Registered Options Principal. Each firm shall designate specific Registered Options Principals [qualified individuals] pursuant to Rule 1025 to review discretionary accounts. A Registered Options Principal [qualified person] specifically delegated such responsibilities under Rule 1025 (who is an individual other than the Registered Options Principal who accepted the account) shall review the acceptance of each discretionary account to determine that the Registered Options Principal accepting the account had a reasonable basis for believing that the customer was able to understand and bear the risks of the strategies or transactions proposed, and he shall maintain a record of the basis for his determination. [Every discretionary order shall be identified as discretionary at the time of entry. Discretionary accounts shall receive frequent review by a Registered Options Principal qualified person specifically delegated such responsibilities under Rule 1025, who is not exercising the discretionary authority.]

(ii) Foreign Currency Options—No member or member organization and no partner or employee of a member organization shall exercise any discretionary power with respect to trading in foreign currency options contracts in a customer's account unless such customer has given prior written authorization with respect to such trading and the account has been accepted in writing by a designated Foreign Currency Options Principal, who shall maintain a record of the basis for his determination that such customer was able to understand and bear the risks of the strategies or transactions proposed. Such designated Foreign Currency Options Principal must approve and initial each discretionary foreign currency options order on the day entered unless such order has already been approved and initialled by a Registered Options Principal, provided that in the case of approvals by Registered Options Principals who are not designated Foreign Currency Options Principals, such approvals shall be confirmed within a reasonable time by a designated Foreign Currency Options Principal.

(iii) General —Every discretionary order shall be identified as discretionary on the order at the time of entry. Discretionary accounts shall receive frequent appropriate supervisory review by the [Compliance] Registered Options Principal specifically delegated such responsibilities under Rule 1025, who is not exercising the discretionary authority. [The provisions of this paragraph (a) shall not apply to discretion as to the price at which or the time when an order given by a customer for the purchase or sale of a definite number of option contracts in a specified security or foreign currency shall be executed.]

(iv) No change.

(b) No change.

(c) Prohibited Transactions—No member or member organization and no partner, officer or employee of a member organization [having discretionary power over a customer's account shall, in the exercise of such discretion, execute or cause to be executed therein any purchases or sales of]shall effect with or for any customer's account in respect to which such member or member organization or partner, officer or employee of a member organization is vested with any discretionary power any transactions of purchase or sale of option contracts which are excessive in size or frequency in view of the financial resources and character of [in] such account.

(d) Record of Transactions—A record shall be made of every option transaction[in option contracts] for an account in respect to which a member or member organization or a partner, officer or employee of a member organization [has exercised] is vested with any discretionary authority, clearly reflecting such fact[and indicating the name of the customer, the designation and number of the option contracts, the premium and the date and time when such transaction was effected.] , such record to include the name of the customer, the designation, number of contracts and premium of the option contracts, and the date and time when such transaction took place and clearly reflecting the fact that discretionary authority was exercised.

(e) Discretion as to Time or Price Excepted—This Rule shall not apply to discretion as to the price at which or the time when an order given by a customer for the purchase or sale of a definite number of option contracts in a specified security or foreign currency shall be executed, except that the authority to exercise time and price discretion will be considered to be in effect only until the end of the business day on which the customer granted such discretion, absent a specific, written contrary indication signed and dated by the customer. This limitation shall not apply to time and price discretion exercised in an institutional account, as defined below, pursuant to valid Good-Till-Cancelled instructions issued on a "not held" basis. Any exercise of time and price discretion must be reflected on the order ticket. As used in this paragraph [(d)](e) the term "institutional account" shall mean the account of: (i) a bank, savings and loan association, insurance company, or registered investment company; (ii) an investment adviser registered either with the Securities and Exchange Commission under Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 or with a state securities commission (or any agency or office performing like functions); or (iii) any other entity (whether a natural person, corporation, partnership, trust or otherwise) with total assets of at least \$50 million.

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