Notice of proposed change pursuant to the Payment, Clearing, and Settlement Act of 2010

Section 806(e)(1) *
Section 806(e)(2) *

Security-Based Swap Submission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
Section 3C(b)(2) *

Exhibit 2 Sent As Paper Document
Exhibit 3 Sent As Paper Document

has duly caused this filing to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Global Chief Legal & Policy Officer

07/25/2019

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

has duly caused this filing to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Global Chief Legal & Policy Officer

EDWARD S. KNIGHT

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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 * | 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) |
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| Exhibit 1A- Notice of Proposed Rule Change, Security-Based Swap Submission, or Advance Notice by Clearing Agencies * | 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, security-based swap submission, or advance notice being deemed not properly filed. See also Rule 0-3 under the Act (17 CFR 240.0-3) |
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| Exhibit 2 - Notices, Written Comments, Transcripts, Other Communications | 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 | 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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| Exhibit 4 - Marked Copies | 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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| Exhibit 5 - Proposed Rule Text | 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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| Partial Amendment | 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. |
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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 Equity 7, Section 3(a), as described further below.

While these amendments are effective upon filing, the Exchange has designated the proposed amendments to be operative on August 1, 2019.

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”) on September 26, 2018. 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:

T. Sean Bennett  
Principal Associate General Counsel  
Nasdaq, Inc.  
(301) 978-8499

or

Sun Kim


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

   a. **Purpose**

   The purpose of the proposed rule change is to adopt revised pricing for the recently adopted SCAR routing strategy. In sum, SCAR is a routing option under which orders check the System for available shares and simultaneously route to the other equity markets operated by Nasdaq, Inc., Nasdaq BX, Inc. (“BX”) and The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC (“Nasdaq”).

   The Exchange proposes to adopt revised credits for SCAR orders in securities listed on Nasdaq (“Tape C”), NYSE (“Tape A”), and on exchanges other than Nasdaq and NYSE (“Tape B”) (collectively, “Tapes”), which execute on BX. BX recently

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4. The term “System” shall mean the automated system for order execution and trade reporting owned and operated by the Exchange. See Rule 3301(a).

5. If shares remain unexecuted after routing, they are posted on the Exchange’s book or cancelled. Once on the book, should the order subsequently be locked or crossed by another market center, the System will not route the order to the locking or crossing market center. See Rule 3315(a)(1)(A)(x).

6. The Exchange currently provides pricing for execution on BX using SCAR that is better than a market participant would otherwise receive for removing liquidity from BX if it did not meet certain volume thresholds that would qualify them for a better rate (such as a liquidity removal credit), which is $0.0003 per share executed for orders in any Tape securities priced at $1 or more per share that access liquidity on the Exchange. See BX Equity 7, Section 118(a). Thus, the Exchange’s current fees are more reflective of the pricing a market participant would receive if it provided certain levels of volume. The Exchange is proposing to adjust the credit provided for BX executions to reflect recent changes to the
updated its fee schedule whereby it generally increased the credits provided for orders that access liquidity, and the Exchange is proposing to adjust its fee schedule relating to SCAR to increase credits provided for SCAR executions occurring on BX Tapes A and C securities and to decrease the credit provided for SCAR executions occurring on BX Tape B securities. Currently in securities priced at $1 or more per share, the Exchange provides a credit of $0.0015 per share for SCAR orders in Tapes A and C securities executed at BX, and a credit of $0.0026 per share for SCAR orders in Tape B securities executed at Nasdaq BX. The Exchange is proposing to provide a credit of $0.0025 per share executed for SCAR orders executed on BX in the securities of any of the Tapes priced at $1 or more per share, which will align the credits with recent changes to the BX fee schedule.

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 credits provided to BX members for removing liquidity. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 34-86447 (July 24, 2019) (SR-BX-2019-026) (awaiting publication in the Federal Register).

7 Id.

8 BX operates on the “taker-maker” model, whereby it generally pays credits to members that take liquidity and charges fees to members that provide liquidity.

9 See supra note 6.


11 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4) and (5).
other charges among members and issuers and other persons using any facility, and is not
designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

The Exchange believes that the pricing structure proposed above for SCAR is
reasonable, equitable, and not unfairly discriminatory because the new credits are
generally set at a level intended to incentivize members to use this new routing strategy.
The proposed $0.0025 per share executed credit for orders in any Tape securities priced
at $1 or more per share that route to, and execute on, BX using the SCAR routing
strategy is significantly higher than the current credit provided in such transactions in
securities of Tapes A and C, and is a modest decrease to the credit provided for
executions in such transactions in securities of Tape B. This is reflective of the
Exchange’s desire to increase incentives to members to use the routing strategy and its
assessment of the costs incurred in providing the routing strategy. Alignment of the
incentive for executions on BX will strike a balance between these factors. In this regard,
the Exchange notes that if the order executed directly on BX as the home exchange, (i.e.,
without using SCAR) the member would be charged the standard transaction fee of
$0.0003 per share executed.\footnote{This fee would apply unless the member qualifies for a better rate (such as a
discounted fee or credit) by meeting certain volume thresholds. \textit{See} BX Equity 7,
Section 118(a).} As such, the proposed SCAR credit is set at a rate that
makes it more economical for members to use this routing strategy, especially for those
members that do not already add and/or remove volume on BX directly. Last, the
Exchange believes that the proposed pricing changes are equitable and not unfairly
discriminatory because they will apply uniformly to all members.
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. The Exchange 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 to remain competitive. Because competitors are free to modify their own fees in response, and because market participants may readily adjust their order routing practices, the Exchange believes that the degree to which fee changes in this market may impose any burden on competition is extremely limited.

In this instance, the proposed pricing for SCAR orders is intended to provide incentive to members to use the Exchange’s SCAR routing strategy, balanced against the need to recoup the Exchange’s costs associated with providing its completely optional routing services. Because the Exchange’s routing services are the subject of competition, including price competition, from other exchanges and broker-dealers that offer routing services, as well as the ability of members to use their own routing capabilities, it is likely that the Exchange will lose market share as a result of the changes if they are unattractive to market participants. Accordingly, the Exchange does not believe that the proposed changes will impair the ability of members or competing order execution venues to maintain their competitive standing in the financial markets.

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 by the self-regulatory organization 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.

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

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

   Not applicable.

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**


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5. Text of the proposed rule change.
Self-Regulatory Organizations; Nasdaq PHLX LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Amend SCAR Credits at Equity 7, Section 3(a)

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”)1, and Rule 19b-4 thereunder, notice is hereby given that on July 25, 2019, 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 amend SCAR credits at Equity 7, Section 3(a), as described further below. While these amendments are effective upon filing, the Exchange has designated the proposed amendments to be operative on August 1, 2019.

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

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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

1. Purpose

The purpose of the proposed rule change is to adopt revised pricing for the recently adopted SCAR routing strategy.3 In sum, SCAR is a routing option under which orders check the System4 for available shares and simultaneously route to the other equity markets operated by Nasdaq, Inc., Nasdaq BX, Inc. (“BX”) and The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC (“Nasdaq”).5

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and NYSE ("Tape B") (collectively, "Tapes"), which execute on BX. BX recently updated its fee schedule whereby it generally increased the credits provided for orders that access liquidity, and the Exchange is proposing to adjust its fee schedule relating to SCAR to increase credits provided for SCAR executions occurring on BX Tapes A and C securities and to decrease the credit provided for SCAR executions occurring on BX Tape B securities. Currently in securities priced at $1 or more per share, the Exchange provides a credit of $0.0015 per share for SCAR orders in Tapes A and C securities executed at BX, and a credit of $0.0026 per share for SCAR orders in Tape B securities executed at Nasdaq BX. The Exchange is proposing to provide a credit of $0.0025 per share executed for SCAR orders executed on BX in the securities of any of the Tapes priced at $1 or more per share, which will align the credits with recent changes to the BX fee schedule.

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The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,\(^{10}\) in general, and furthers the objectives of Sections 6(b)(4) and 6(b)(5) of the Act,\(^{11}\) 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.

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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.13

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:

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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-2019-27 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-2019-27. 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-2019-27 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.14

Eduardo A. Aleman  
Assistant Secretary

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Nasdaq PHLX Rules

EQUITY RULES

Equity 7 Pricing Schedule

Section 3 Nasdaq PSX Fees

Order Execution and Routing

(a) The following charges and credits shall apply to the use of the order execution and routing services of the Nasdaq PSX System by member organizations for all securities that it trades priced at $1 or more per share:

(1) No change.

(2) Fees for Routing of Orders in All Securities

Charge or credit to member organization entering SCAR order that executes in a venue other than the Nasdaq PSX System:

- Charge of $0.00295 per share for orders executed at Nasdaq
- Credit of $0.0025 per share for orders executed at Nasdaq BX in securities in Tapes A and C
- Credit of $0.0025 per share for orders executed at Nasdaq BX in Tape B securities

(b) No change.