

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Remove Obsolete Text From Options Regulatory Fee Rule

October 3, 2017.

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 September 25, 2017, The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC (“Nasdaq” or “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC” or “Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III, below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to remove obsolete rule text from Chapter XV, Section 5, entitled “NASDAQ Options Regulatory Fee.”

The text of the proposed rule change is set forth below. Proposed deletions are enclosed in [brackets].

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NASDAQ Stock Market Rules

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Options Rules

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Chapter XV Options Pricing

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Sec. 5 NASDAQ Options Regulatory Fee

NOM Participants will be assessed an Options Regulatory Fee of [\$0.0021 per contract side.

Effective August 1, 2017, the ORF shall be [\$0.0027 per contract side.

The Options Regulatory Fee (“ORF”) is assessed by NOM to each NOM Participant for options transactions cleared by OCC in the Customer range where: (1) The execution occurs on NOM or (2) the execution occurs on another exchange and is cleared by a NOM Participant. The ORF is collected by OCC on behalf of NOM from (1) NOM clearing members for all Customer

transactions they clear or (2) non-members for all Customer transactions they clear that were executed on NOM. NOM uses reports from OCC when assessing and collecting ORF. The Exchange will notify Participants via an Options Trader Alert of any change in the amount of the fee at least 30 calendar days prior to the effective date of the change.

NOM Participants who do not transact an equities business on the NASDAQ Stock Market LLC in a calendar year will receive a refund of the fees specified in Rule 7003(b) upon written notification to the Exchange along with documentation evidencing that no equities business was conducted on The NASDAQ Stock Market for that calendar year. The Exchange will accept refund requests up until sixty (60) days after the end of the calendar year.

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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 Exchange recently amended its Options Regulatory Fee or “ORF” at Chapter XV, Section 5.³ At that time the rule text reflected the current fee and the proposed amendment which took effect on August 1, 2017. For clarity and ease of reference, the Exchange proposes to remove the outdated reference to the prior ORF.

This rule change is non-substantive and merely serves to update the rule text.

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 removing obsolete rule text.

The Exchange proposes to remove outdated references to ORF prior to August 1, 2017. The Exchange believes this rule change will provide clarity and ease of reference when Participants review the ORF rule.

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The proposed change is a non-substantive amendment to remove obsolete rule text.

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

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, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, it has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act⁶ and subparagraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b–4 thereunder.⁷

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

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

⁷ 17 CFR 240.19b–4(f)(6). In addition, Rule 19b–4(f)(6) requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The Exchange has satisfied this requirement.

³ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 81344 (August 8, 2017), 82 FR 37955 (August 14, 2017) (SR–NASDAQ–2017–68).

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

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 email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-NASDAQ-2017-099 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Brent J. Fields, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NASDAQ-2017-099. 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 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 Web site viewing and printing in the Commission’s Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NASDAQ-2017-099 and should be submitted on or before October 31, 2017.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁸

Robert W. Errett, Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-81804; File No. SR-BX-2017-040]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; NASDAQ BX, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Remove Obsolete Text From Options Regulatory Fee Rule

October 3, 2017.

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 September 25, 2017, NASDAQ BX, Inc. (“BX” 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 remove obsolete rule text from Chapter XV, Section 5, entitled “BX Options Regulatory Fee.”

The text of the proposed rule change is set forth below. Proposed deletions are enclosed in [brackets].

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Rules of NASDAQ BX

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Options Rules

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Chapter XV Options Pricing

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Sec. 5 BX Options Regulatory Fee

BX Participants will be assessed an Options Regulatory Fee of [\$0.0004 per contract side.

Effective August 1, 2017, the ORF shall be]\$0.0005 per contract side.

The Options Regulatory Fee (“ORF”) is assessed by BX to each BX Participant

⁸ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

for options transactions cleared by OCC in the Customer range where: (1) The execution occurs on BX or (2) the execution occurs on another exchange and is cleared by a BX Participant. The ORF is collected by OCC on behalf of BX from (1) BX clearing members for all Customer transactions they clear or (2) non-members for all Customer transactions they clear that were executed on BX. BX uses reports from OCC when assessing and collecting ORF. The Exchange will notify Participants via an Options Trader Alert of any change in the amount of the fee at least 30 calendar days prior to the effective date of the change.

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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 Exchange recently amended its Options Regulatory Fee or “ORF” at Chapter XV, Section 5.³ At that time the rule text reflected the current fee and the proposed amendment which took effect on August 1, 2017. For clarity and ease of reference, the Exchange proposes to remove the outdated reference to the prior ORF.

This rule change is non-substantive and merely serves to update the rule text.

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

³ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 81341 (August 14, 2017), 82 FR 37946 (August 8, 2017) (SR-BX-2017-032).

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).