

Agency name	Organization name	Position title	Authorization No.	Effective date
DEPARTMENT OF STATE .....	Office of Field Operations .....	Regional Administrator for Region X.	SB170045	11/22/2017
		Regional Administrator, Region VIII	SB180004	11/22/2017
		Regional Administrator, Region VII	SB180005	11/22/2017
		Regional Administrator V .....	SB180007	11/22/2017
	Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs .....	Deputy Assistant Secretary .....	DS170205	11/07/2017
		Office of Policy Planning .....	DS180003	11/16/2017
		Bureau of Legislative Affairs .....	DS180004	11/16/2017
DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY.	Bureau of Arms Control, Verification, and Compliance. Assistant Secretary (Public Affairs)	Special Assistant .....	DS180006	11/16/2017
		Press Assistant .....	DY170178	11/14/2017

The following Schedule C appointing authorities were revoked during November 2017.

Agency name	Organization name	Position title	Request No.	Date vacated
COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION.	Office of the Chairperson .....	Public Affairs Specialist (Speechwriter).	CT170001	11/11/2017
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE ...	Office of Public Affairs .....	Administrative Assistant .....	CT140009	11/25/2017
	Office of Business Liaison .....	Special Assistant .....	DC170082	11/11/2017
	Office of the Chief of Staff .....	Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff.	DC170124	11/25/2017
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY .....	Office of the Secretary .....	Confidential Assistant .....	DC170126	11/25/2017
	Office of the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board.	Deputy Director, Office of Secretarial Boards and Councils.	DE170142	11/11/2017
	Office of Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.	Senior Advisor for External Affairs	DE170119	11/14/2017
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.	Office of the Secretary .....	Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff.	DH170112	11/02/2017
	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health.	Associate Director for Policy .....	DH170094	11/11/2017
	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs.	Special Advisor .....	DH170088	11/11/2017
	Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs.	Special Assistant .....	DH170199	11/21/2017
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE .....	Office of Health Reform .....	Senior Policy Advisor .....	DH170141	11/26/2017
	Office of Environment and Natural Resources Division.	Special Assistant and Counsel .....	DJ170106	11/25/2017
DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY.	Department of the Treasury .....	Deputy Executive Secretary .....	DY170105	11/12/2017
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.	Immediate Office of the Administrator.	Director of Governmental, International and Public Affairs.	DT170085	11/25/2017
	Office of the Secretary .....	White House Liaison .....	DT170048	11/25/2017

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 3301 and 3302; E.O. 10577, 3 CFR, 1954–1958 Comp., p. 218.

Office of Personnel Management.

**Kathleen M. McGettigan,**

*Acting Director.*

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**STATUS:** This meeting will be closed to the public.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

Commissioners, Counsel to the Commissioners, the Secretary to the Commission, and recording secretaries will attend the closed meeting. Certain staff members who have an interest in the matters also may be present.

The General Counsel of the Commission, or his designee, has certified that, in his opinion, one or more of the exemptions set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(3), (5), (6), (7), (8), 9(B) and (10) and 17 CFR 200.402(a)(3), (a)(5), (a)(6), (a)(7), (a)(8), (a)(9)(ii) and (a)(10), permit consideration of the scheduled matters at the closed meeting.

Commissioner Stein, as duty officer, voted to consider the items listed for the closed meeting in closed session.

The subject matters of the closed meeting will be:

Institution and settlement of injunctive actions;

Institution and settlement of administrative proceedings; and

Other matters relating to enforcement proceedings.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting items.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** For further information and to ascertain what, if any, matters have been added, deleted or postponed; please contact

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Sunshine Act Meetings**

**TIME AND DATE:** 1:45 p.m. on Thursday, March 15, 2018.

**PLACE:** Closed Commission Hearing Room 10800.

Brent J. Fields from the Office of the Secretary at (202) 551-5400.

Dated: March 8, 2018.

**Brent J. Fields,**  
Secretary.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-82822; File No. SR-NASDAQ-2018-017]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Amend the Exchange's Transaction Fees at Rule 7014 To Eliminate the Small Cap Incentive Program and the Limit Up Limit Down Pricing Program

March 7, 2018.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on February 26, 2018, The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC ("Nasdaq" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("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 the Exchange's transaction fees at Rule 7014 to eliminate the Small Cap Incentive Program and the Limit Up Limit Down Pricing Program, as described below.

While these amendments are effective upon filing, the Exchange has designated the proposed amendments to be operative on March 1, 2018.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's website at <http://nasdaq.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

##### 1. Purpose

The purpose of the proposed rule change is to amend Rule 7014 of the Exchange's Rules to eliminate the Small Cap Incentive Program ("SCIP") and the Limit Up Limit Down ("LULD") Pricing Program.

##### SCIP Program

The SCIP is a rebate program that presently applies to Exchange market makers ("Nasdaq Market Makers") registered in Nasdaq-listed companies with a market capitalization ("cap") of less than \$100 million. Under the program, Nasdaq Market Makers registered in a designated SCIP symbol receive an additional displayed liquidity rebate of \$0.0005 per share executed for executions at or above \$1.00 ("SCIP Rebate") if their percent of time at the NBBO is above 50% for the month ("NBBO Test"). The SCIP Rebate is in addition to all other applicable displayed rebates. For shares executed below \$1.00, Nasdaq Market Makers are subject to the following rates: (i) The rebate to add liquidity is 0.10% of the total dollar volume; and (ii) the fee to remove liquidity is 0.25% of the total dollar volume.

The Exchange established the SCIP to encourage Nasdaq Market Makers to improve market quality for Nasdaq-listed companies with market caps of under \$100 million. Although the program has had some limited success, it has not been effective to the extent intended when introduced. Accordingly, the Exchange no longer believes that the operation of the SCIP is an appropriate allocation of its limited resources and it proposes to eliminate the program.

##### LULD Pricing Program

The LULD program is a rebate program designed to provide incentives to market participants to provide liquidity during periods of extraordinary volatility in a select group of NMS Stocks chosen by the Exchange ("LULD Liquidity Symbols").

Specifically, for LULD Liquidity Symbol securities priced \$1 or more, the

Exchange offers an incentive in the form of a \$0.0010 per share executed rebate to Nasdaq Market Makers that enter displayed orders to buy (other than Designated Retail Orders, as defined in Rule 7018) when the LULD Liquidity Symbol security enters a Limit State based on an NBO that equals the lower price band and does not cross the NBB ("Limit Down Limit State"). To be eligible, the Nasdaq Market Maker must be registered as a market maker for the LULD Liquidity Symbol.

Similarly, for LULD Liquidity Symbol securities priced \$1 or more, the Exchange provides a \$0.0010 per share executed rebate to Nasdaq Market Makers that enter displayed orders to buy (other than Designated Retail Orders, as defined in Rule 7018) when the LULD Liquidity Symbol security enters a Straddle State based on an NBB that is below the lower price band ("Limit Down Straddle State").

Finally, the Exchange provides an incentive to all market participants that enter Orders in an LULD Liquidity Symbol during a Trading Pause and receive an execution of that Order. The Exchange provides a \$0.0005 per share executed rebate, which is provided upon execution of the eligible Order in the reopening process at the conclusion of the Trading Pause.

The Exchange intended for the LULD Pricing Program to improve market quality by promoting liquidity and price discovery for LULD Liquidity Symbols that have triggered Limit Up/Limit Down processes. Subsequent to the introduction of the LULD Pricing Program, certain enhancements to the LULD Plan have been implemented which reduced LULD pauses and supported a more orderly resumption of securities subject to LULD pauses. Therefore, the LULD Pricing Program is no longer needed and the Exchange proposes to eliminate it.

##### 2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,<sup>3</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Sections 6(b)(4) and 6(b)(5) of the Act,<sup>4</sup> 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.

The Exchange believes that its proposals to eliminate the SCIP and the LULD Pricing Program are reasonable

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

<sup>3</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>4</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4) and (5).