

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.

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.¹⁸

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:

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-BX-2019-016 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-BX-2019-016. 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 website (<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 a.m. and 3 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. Persons submitting comments are cautioned that we do not redact or edit personal identifying information from comment submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-BX-2019-016 and should be submitted on or before July 1, 2019.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁹

Eduardo A. Aleman,
Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-86022; File No. SR-NASDAQ-2019-047]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Relocate the Options Rules Under Chapter IV, Securities Traded on NOM

June 4, 2019.

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 May 28, 2019, The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC

¹⁹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

("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 relocate The Nasdaq Options Market LLC ("NOM") Rules at Chapter IV (Securities Traded on NOM) under the Options 4 title in the Exchange's rulebook's ("Rulebook") shell structure.³

The proposal also amends the rules as relocated to conform primarily to the equivalent options rules in the Nasdaq ISE, LLC ("ISE") rulebook, as well as in one instance to the equivalent options rule in the Nasdaq PHLX LLC ("Phlx") rulebook.

The proposal also amends Section 1 of Chapter I of the NOM Rules to add several definitions. Finally, as a clean-up item, the proposal deletes Nasdaq Rule 5712 Alpha Index-Linked Securities because it is obsolete and the Exchange has never listed a product under this rule.

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.

³ In 2017, the Exchange added a shell structure to its Rulebook with the purpose of improving efficiency and readability and to align its rules closer to those of its five sister exchanges, Nasdaq BX, Inc.; Nasdaq PHLX LLC; Nasdaq ISE, LLC; Nasdaq GEMX, LLC; and Nasdaq MRX, LLC ("Affiliated Exchanges"). See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 82175 (November 29, 2017), 82 FR 57494 (December 5, 2017) (SR-NASDAQ-2017-125).

¹⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

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

1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to relocate the rule text in Chapter IV (Securities Traded on NOM) to the Options 4 title in the Rulebook's shell structure. For ease of reference and the purposes of this filing, the relocated rules are herein described as the "Options Listing Rules."

The relocation of the Options Listing Rules is part of the Exchange's continued effort to promote efficiency and the conformity of its processes with those of the Affiliated Exchanges,⁴ and its goal of harmonizing and uniformizing its rules.

This proposed change is of a non-substantive nature. Moreover, the relocation of the Options Listing Rules will facilitate the use of the Rulebook by Members⁵ of the Exchange, who are members of other Affiliated Exchanges; other market participants; and the public in general. The relocated rules will be amended to reflect the equivalent options rules in the ISE rulebook, but the changes are of a non-substantive nature.

The overarching goal is to align the NOM rules with those of the ISE. The Exchange is proposing to amend the rules for NOM, most notably the rule text in the Options Listing Rules concerning securities traded on NOM, but also adding several definitions to Section 1 of Chapter I.

The vast majority of the changes are technical changes and made throughout the Options Listing Rules. These minor changes are designed to conform the NOM rules to the equivalent ISE rules, as well as to increase the clarity of the rules. This includes some reorganization and renumbering within the Options Listing Rules' subsections to ensure they remain consistent.

The proposed changes that do not fit within the description above are listed below, beginning with changes to Chapter I General Provisions and followed by global changes to the Options Listing Rules. The changes are then broken down by section within the Options Listing Rules.

Proposed Changes to Chapter I

The Exchange is proposing to add definitions to "Section 1 Definitions". Specifically, the terms "class" "series" and "underlying security" will be added to Section 1(a) as (72), (73), and (74),

respectively.⁶ The Exchange believes that using the definitions for these terms as defined in the By-Laws of The Options Clearing Corporation ("OCC") uniformly across Nasdaq, Inc.'s exchanges will help to align them. Providing uniform, clear and precise definitions for these terms will provide consistency, lessen potential confusion and add clarity for market participants.

Section 1 of Chapter I also will be amended to change "NOM" to "the Exchange".

Proposed Changes to the Options Listing Rules

Global Changes

As described above, the current Options Listing Rules will be amended throughout to change "NOM" to "the Exchange". This proposed change will add consistency throughout the chapter. "Nasdaq Regulation" also will be changed to "the Exchange" throughout the Options Listing Rules to update the appropriate references. Additionally, there are a number of minor changes made throughout the chapter to increase the clarity of the language, as well as renumbering within the section to ensure it remains consistent.

Proposed Changes to Section 1 Designation of Securities

This section will be amended to clarify that the options contracts that are designated by reference to the issuer of the underlying security can also be designated by reference to the name of the underlying foreign currency. Additionally, it can be referenced by not only the expiration month, but also by the expiration date.

Proposed Changes to Section 2 Rights and Obligations of Holders and Writers

This section will be amended to clarify that option contracts of any class of options dealt in on the Exchange are subject to the provisions of Options 4 and as set forth in the rules of the Clearing Corporation. This change clarifies the rights and obligations of holders and writers of option contracts.

Proposed Changes to Section 3 Criteria for Underlying Securities

Section 3(i) of the Options Listing Rules is being replaced and updated by incorporating the ISE version of the Exchange-Traded Fund ("ETF") option listing rule.⁷ Most of the changes in Section 3 of the Options Listing Rules simply result from reorganization

within the section done to mirror the ISE rule and for greater clarity.

Section 3(k)(ii) of the Options Listing Rules will be amended to delete the language stating that Nasdaq will "employ the same procedures to qualify underlying securities pursuant to this subsection (k) as it employs in qualifying underlying securities pursuant to other subsections of this Section 3." This deleted language is unnecessary since it is redundant given that each of the other subsections in Section 3 have procedures to qualify underlying securities plus it is also not reflected in the ISE rule version being adopted for this section.

Section 3(m) will be deleted since the definition of "Partnership Unit" is a remnant from the legacy Nasdaq ETF listing rule and is unnecessary since it has never been used. It also is not reflected in the ISE rule version being adopted for this section.

Proposed Changes to Section 4 Withdrawal of Approval of Underlying Securities

Section 4(a) of the Options Listing Rules will be amended to add flexibility for the Exchange to choose whether to decline new additional series of options on the underlying security previously approved.⁸ Currently, this section restricts this, but flexibility is being added to give greater discretion about adding series and an exception also will be added that opening transactions by market makers executed to accommodate closing transactions of other market participants may be permitted. This will provide the public with greater protection since it will allow the Exchange to now decline new additional series of options on the underlying security previously approved that may not be in the best interests of the public.

Section 4(h)(ii) of the Options Listing Rules will be amended to change for options covering Exchange-Traded Fund Shares approved pursuant to Section 3(i)(iv)(2) of Options 4, following the initial twelve-month period beginning upon the commencement of trading in the Exchange-Traded Fund Shares on a national securities exchange and are defined as NMS stock under Rule 600 of Regulation NMS, that there were fewer than 50 record and/or beneficial holders of such Exchange-Traded Fund Shares for 30 or more consecutive trading days rather than as it is currently stated for 30 consecutive days. It is only on trading days that the information regarding 50 record and/or beneficial

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ As defined by Exchange Rule 0120(i).

⁶ See OCC By-Laws Article I—Definitions C.(11); S.(12); and U.(3), respectively.

⁷ See ISE Rule 502(h).

⁸ See ISE Rule 503(a).

holders can be ascertained. Also, the change is consistent with the ISE rule.⁹

Proposed Changes to Section 6 Series of Options Contracts Open for Trading

Section 6(a) of the Options Listing Rules will be amended to add to note that exercise-price setting parameters adopted as part of the Options Listing Procedures Plan will be included in Supplementary Material .02 Select Provisions of Options Listing Procedures Plan.

In order to mirror the equivalent ISE rules,¹⁰ Section 6(d)iv of the Options Listing Rules will be amended to incorporate, in large part, former Supplementary Material .03 within Section 6 itself. Also, Section 6(d)v of the Options Listing Rules will be relocated to .10 of the Supplementary Material to Section 6 of the Options Listing Rules.¹¹

Supplementary Material .01(a) and (b) to Section 6 will detail the \$1 Strike Price Interval Program and will replace .01 and .02 of the Supplementary Material to Section 6. Select Provisions of Options Listing Procedures Plan (“OLPP”) will be added as Supplementary Material .02 to Section 6.

Supplementary Material .03 and .04 will detail the Short Term Option Series Program¹² and the Quarterly Options Series Program,¹³ respectively, and each will be consistent with the equivalent ISE rule.

.05 of the Supplementary Material to Section 6 will be amended to cover the intervals between strike prices for Mini-Nasdaq 100 Index options series and will be consistent with the equivalent ISE rule.¹⁴

The first sentence of .06 Range Limitations for New Option Series of the Options Listing Rules has been deleted since it is covered in .02 of the Supplementary Material to Section 6, but the definition of OLPP has been moved to Section 6(a).

The introductory paragraph to .02 of the Supplementary Material to Section 6 of the Options Listing Rules details that the quote mitigation strategy and is codified in the OLPP. Subsection (a) states that the exercise price of each options series listed by the Exchange is fixed at a price per share that is

reasonably close to the price of the underlying equity security, ETF or Trust Issued Receipt at or about the time the Exchange determines to list such series. Subsection (a)(ii) says that for new expiration months, the daily high and low of all prices reported by all national securities exchanges on the day the Exchange determines its preliminary notification of a new series. The amended language will say that the price of the underlying security is measured by, for new expiration months, the daily high and low of all prices reported by all national securities exchanges on the day the Exchange determines its preliminary notification of a new series rather than on the day the Exchange determines to list a new series. This change also mirrors the language in the ISE rules.¹⁵

Subsection (c) will be added to the Supplementary Material to Section 6 of the Options Listing Rules to make clear that subsection (a) of the Supplementary Material to Section 6 of the Options Listing Rules will not permit the listing of series that are otherwise prohibited by the rules of the Exchange or the OLPP. Additionally, to the extent the rules of the Exchange permit the listing of new series that are otherwise prohibited by the provisions of the OLPP, the provisions of the OLPP will govern. These changes are consistent with the ISE rules.¹⁶

Supplementary Material .16 U.S. Dollar-Settled Foreign Currency Options (formerly Supplementary Material .09) will be amended to reflect the language of the equivalent Phlx Rule since ISE does not have U.S. Dollar-Settled Foreign Currency Options.¹⁷ Also, the references to the continuity rules here (formerly Supplementary Material .09(C)) and in Section 8. Long-Term Options Contracts have been deleted since quoting obligations for long term options has recently been updated and addressed in Phlx Rule 1081 and in NOM Chapter VII Section 6.

The Exchange is also proposing to delete Nasdaq Rule 5712. Alpha Index-Linked Securities.¹⁸ This rule was adopted in 2012, but no product has ever been listed under it and the Exchange now considers it obsolete. The Exchange proposes to remove Nasdaq Rule 5712 from its rulebook and lessen any potential confusion for market participants.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,¹⁹ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,²⁰ 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 Exchange believes that the relocation of its Options Listing Rules is a non-substantive change and is consistent with similar filings by the Exchange for the relocation of its rules.²¹ As noted above, the relocation of the Options Listing Rules is part of the Exchange’s continued effort to promote efficiency and the structural conformity of its processes with those of the Affiliated Exchanges,²² and its goal of harmonizing and uniformizing its rules. Additionally, the relocation of the Options Listing Rules will facilitate the use of the Rulebook by Members²³ of the Exchange, who are members of other Affiliated Exchanges; other market participants; and the public in general.

The majority of the changes are also consistent with the ISE rulebook and the overarching goal is to align the NOM rules with those of the ISE. These changes include the change to subsection (a)(ii) of the Supplementary Material to Section 6 to say that the price of the underlying security is measured by, for new expiration months, the daily high and low of all prices reported by all national securities exchanges on the day the Exchange determines its preliminary notification of a new series rather than on the day the Exchange determines to list a new series.

Another such change is amending the Options Listing Rules to change for options covering Exchange-Traded Fund Shares approved pursuant to Section 3(i)(iv)(2) of Options 4, following the initial twelve-month period beginning upon the commencement of trading in the Exchange-Traded Fund Shares on a national securities exchange and are defined as NMS stock under Rule 600 of Regulation NMS, that there were fewer than 50 record and/or beneficial holders of such Exchange-Traded Fund Shares for 30 or more consecutive trading days rather than as it is currently stated for 30 consecutive days. It is only on trading days that the information

⁹ See ISE Rule 503(h)(2).

¹⁰ See ISE Rule 504(g).

¹¹ See ISE Supplementary Material .09 to Rule 504.

¹² See ISE Supplementary Material .02 to Rule 504.

¹³ See ISE Supplementary Material .03 to Rule 504.

¹⁴ See ISE Supplementary Material .04 to Rule 504.

¹⁵ See ISE Rule 504A(b)(i)(2).

¹⁶ See ISE Rule 504A(b)(v) and (vi).

¹⁷ See Phlx Rule 1012(a)(iii).

¹⁸ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 67617 (August 8, 2012), 82 FR 57494 (August 14, 2012) (SR-NASDAQ-2012-068).

¹⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

²⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

²¹ See footnote 3.

²² *Id.*

²³ As defined by Exchange Rule 0120(i).

regarding 50 record and/or beneficial holders can be ascertained. This change serves 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 Exchange believes that amending Section 4(a) of the Options Listing Rules to add flexibility for the Exchange to choose whether to decline new additional series of options on the underlying security previously approved will serve 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 since it will allow the Exchange to now decline new additional series of options on the underlying security previously approved that may not be in the best interests of the public.

The Exchange believe that adding definitions for the terms “class”, “series”, and “underlying security” to the NOM rulebook from the OCC By-Laws will help 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 through providing uniform, clear and precise definitions for these terms and increase consistency, lessen potential confusion and add clarity for market participants.²⁴

The Exchange also believes that the elimination of Nasdaq Rule 5712 Alpha Index-Linked Securities is not a material change because it is obsolete and the Exchange has never listed a product under this rule.

As a result, the Exchange believes that the changes included in this filing serve 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 since the changes are intended to organize the Rulebook in a way that it will ease the Members’, market participants’, and the general public’s navigation and reading of the rules.

With respect to the proposed technical corrections to the rules, the Exchange believes that these changes are consistent with the Act because they will prevent investor confusion that may be caused by including in the Rules incorrect rule citations and defunct rule text.

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 does not impose a burden on competition because, as previously stated, it (i) is of a non-substantive nature, (ii) is intended to harmonize the structure of the Exchange’s rules with those of its Affiliated Exchanges, and (iii) is intended to organize the Rulebook in a way that it will ease the Members’, market participants’, and the general public’s navigation and reading of the rules.

Consequently, the Exchange does not believe that the proposed changes implicate competition at all.

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 Act²⁵ and subparagraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.²⁶

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.

²⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

²⁶ 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.

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-2019-047 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-NASDAQ-2019-047. 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 website (<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. Persons submitting comments are cautioned that we do not redact or edit personal identifying information from comment submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NASDAQ-2019-047, and should be submitted on or before July 1, 2019.

²⁴ See footnote 6.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.²⁷

Eduardo A. Aleman,
Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 13, 2019.

PLACE: The meeting will be held at the Commission's headquarters, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549.

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.

In the event that the time, date, or location of this meeting changes, an announcement of the change, along with the new time, date, and/or place of the meeting will be posted on the Commission's website at <https://www.sec.gov>.

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.

The subject matters of the closed meeting will consist of the following topics:

Institution and settlement of injunctive actions;

Institution and settlement of administrative proceedings;

Resolution of litigation claims; and

Other matters relating to enforcement proceedings.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting agenda items that may consist of adjudicatory, examination, litigation, or regulatory matters.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: For further information, please contact Vanessa A. Countryman from the Office of the Secretary at (202) 551-5400.

Dated: June 6, 2019.

Vanessa A. Countryman,
Acting Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-86026; File No. SR-NASDAQ-2019-045]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Amend Equity 7, Section 118(a)

June 4, 2019.

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 May 22, 2019, 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 Equity 7, Section 118(a), as described further below.

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 adopt pricing for the recently adopted SCAR routing strategy,³ which will be implemented on May 13, 2019.⁴ In sum, SCAR is a routing option under which orders check the System⁵ for available shares and simultaneously route to the other equity markets operated by Nasdaq, Inc., the Nasdaq BX Equities Market ("BX") and Nasdaq PSX ("PSX" and together with BX and the Exchange, the "Nasdaq Affiliated Exchanges").⁶

The Exchange initially filed the proposed pricing changes on May 13, 2019 (SR-NASDAQ-2019-038). On May 22, 2019, the Exchange withdrew that filing and submitted this filing.

The Exchange now proposes to adopt the following pricing 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 and PSX:⁷

- SCAR orders executed on BX will be provided a credit of \$0.0015 per share in Tape A and Tape C securities priced at \$1 or more per share.
- SCAR orders executed on BX will be provided a credit of \$0.0026 per share in Tape B securities priced at \$1 or more per share.⁸
- SCAR orders executed on PSX will be assessed a charge of \$0.0029 per

³ See Nasdaq Rule 4758(a)(1)(A)(xv). See also Securities Exchange Act Release No. 85372 (March 20, 2019), 84 FR 11357 (March 26, 2019) (SR-NASDAQ-2019-013).

⁴ See Equity Trader Alert #2019-29.

⁵ The term "System" shall mean the automated system for order execution and trade reporting owned and operated by the Exchange. See Rule 4701(a).

⁶ 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 4758(a)(1)(A)(xv).

⁷ Orders using the SCAR routing option that execute on the Exchange would be subject to the Exchange's standard fees and rebates. Currently, members that do not meet certain volume thresholds that would qualify them for a discounted charge or credit are assessed a standard transaction fee of \$0.0030 per share for orders in any Tape securities priced at \$1 or more per share that execute on the Exchange. See Equity 7, Section 118(a).

⁸ The Exchange is proposing to provide a higher credit for SCAR orders executed on BX in Tape B securities priced at \$1 or more than such orders in securities in Tape A and Tape C to coordinate with BX pricing. BX similarly gives higher credits for orders that access liquidity on BX in Tape B securities priced at \$1 or more per share than such orders in securities in Tape A and Tape C. See BX Equity 7, Section 118(a).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

²⁷ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).