Representative: Christopher Mohr; Comments Due: December 24, 2024.

# III. Summary Proceeding(s)

None. See Section II for public proceedings.

This Notice will be published in the **Federal Register**.

#### Erica A. Barker.

Secretary.

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#### POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. CP2025-3; Order No. 8352]

# **Inbound Parcel Post (at UPU Rates)**

**AGENCY:** Postal Regulatory Commission. **ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission is recognizing a recent Postal Service filing of a change in rates not of general applicability for Inbound Parcel Post (at Universal Postal Union rates) to be effective January 1, 2025. This document informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

**DATES:** Comments are due: December 23, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically via the Commission's Filing Online system at http://www.prc.gov. Those who cannot submit comments electronically should contact the person identified in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section by telephone for advice on filing alternatives.

# FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David A. Trissell, General Counsel, at 202–789–6820.

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# I. Introduction

On December 13, 2024, the Postal Service filed notice announcing its intention to change rates not of general applicability for Inbound Parcel Post (at Universal Postal Union (UPU) Rates) effective January 1, 2025.<sup>1</sup>

# II. Contents of Filing

With the Notice, the Postal Service filed: a redacted copy of Governors' Decision No. 19-1, a redacted copy of the UPU International Bureau (IB) Circular 146 (dated September 23, 2024, as replaced September 25, 2024) that contains the new rates, a copy of the certification required under 39 CFR 3035.105(c)(2), redacted Postal Service data used to justify any bonus payments, and a copy of the Postal Service's submission to the UPU in support of an inflation-linked adjustment. Notice at 3; see id. Attachments 2-6. The Postal Service also filed redacted Excel versions of financial workpapers. Notice at 3.

Additionally, the Postal Service filed an unredacted copy of Governors' Decision No. 19–1, an unredacted copy of the UPU IB Circular 146, unredacted Postal Service data used to justify any bonus payments under seal, and unredacted Excel versions of financial workpapers. *Id.* at 4. The Postal Service filed an application for non-public treatment of materials filed under seal. *Id.* at 4; *id.* Attachment 1.

The Postal Service states that it has provided supporting documentation as required by Order No. 2102 and Order No. 2310.<sup>2</sup> In addition, the Postal Service states that it provided citations and copies of relevant UPU IB Circulars and updates to inflation-linked adjustments as required by Order No. 4933.<sup>3</sup>

# **III. Commission Action**

The Commission establishes Docket No. CP2025–3 for consideration of matters raised by the Notice.

The Commission invites comments on whether the Postal Service's filing is consistent with 39 U.S.C. 3632 and 3633 and 39 CFR part 3035. Comments are due no later than December 23, 2024. The public portions of the filing can be accessed via the Commission's website (http://www.prc.gov).

The Commission appoints Katalin K. Clendenin to serve as Public Representative in this docket.

# IV. Ordering Paragraphs

It is ordered:

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. CP2025–3 for consideration of the matters raised by the Postal Service's Notice.

- 2. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Katalin K. Clendenin is appointed to serve as an officer of the Commission to represent the interests of the general public in this proceeding (Public Representative).
- 3. Comments are due no later than December 23, 2024.
- 4. The Secretary shall arrange for publication of this Order in the **Federal Register**.

By the Commission.

# Erica A. Barker,

Secretary.

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# **POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION**

[Docket Nos. MC2025-818 and K2025-818; MC2025-819 and K2025-819; MC2025-820 and K2025-820; MC2025-821 and K2025-821; MC2025-822 and K2025-822; MC2025-823 and K2025-823; MC2025-824 and K2025-824; MC2025-825 and K2025-826; MC2025-826 and K2025-827; MC2025-827 and K2025-828; MC2025-828 and K2025-829; MC2025-829 and K2025-830; MC2025-830 and K2025-831; MC2025-831 and K2025-832; MC2025-832 and K2025-833; MC2025-833 and K2025-834; MC2025-834 and K2025-835; MC2025-835 and K2025-836; MC2025-836 and K2025-837; MC2025-837 and K2025-838; MC2025-838 and K2025-839; MC2025-839 and K2025-840; MC2025-840 and K2025-841; MC2025-841 and K2025-842; MC2025-842 and K2025-843; MC2025-843 and K2025-844; MC2025-844 and K2025-845; MC2025-846 and K2025-847]

#### **New Postal Products**

**AGENCY:** Postal Regulatory Commission. **ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission is noticing a recent Postal Service filing for the Commission's consideration concerning a negotiated service agreement. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

**DATES:** Comments are due: December 23, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically via the Commission's Filing Online system at <a href="http://www.prc.gov">http://www.prc.gov</a>. Those who cannot submit comments electronically should contact the person identified in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section by telephone for advice on filing alternatives.

# **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David A. Trissell, General Counsel, at 202–789–6820.

# SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Notice of the United States Postal Service of Filing Changes in Rates Not of General Applicability for Inbound Parcel Post (at UPU Rates), and Notice of Filing Non-Public Materials Under Seal, December 13, 2024, at 1 (Notice).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Notice at 4–8. See Docket No. CP2014–52, Order Accepting Price Changes for Inbound Air Parcel Post (at UPU Rates), June 26, 2014, at 6, 7 (Order No. 2102); Docket No. CP2015–24, Order Accepting Changes in Rates for Inbound Parcel Post (at UPU Rates), December 29, 2014, at 4 (Order No. 2310).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Notice at 8. See Docket No. CP2019–43, Order Acknowledging Changes in Prices for Inbound Parcel Post (at UPU Rates), December 19, 2018, at 5 (Order No. 4933).

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#### I. Introduction

Pursuant to 39 CFR 3041.405, the Commission gives notice that the Postal Service filed request(s) for the Commission to consider matters related to Competitive negotiated service agreement(s). The request(s) may propose the addition of a negotiated service agreement from the Competitive product list or the modification of an existing product currently appearing on the Competitive product list.

The public portions of the Postal Service's request(s) can be accessed via the Commission's website (http://www.prc.gov). Non-public portions of the Postal Service's request(s), if any, can be accessed through compliance with the requirements of 39 CFR 3011.301.

Section II identifies the docket number(s) associated with each Postal Service request, if any, that will be reviewed in a public proceeding as defined by 39 CFR 3010.101(p), the title of each such request, the request's acceptance date, and the authority cited by the Postal Service for each request. For each such request, the Commission appoints an officer of the Commission to represent the interests of the general public in the proceeding, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505 and 39 CFR 3000.114 (Public Representative). Section II also establishes comment deadline(s) pertaining to each such request.

The Commission invites comments on whether the Postal Service's request(s) identified in Section II, if any, are consistent with the policies of title 39. Applicable statutory and regulatory requirements include 39 U.S.C. 3632, 39 U.S.C. 3633, 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR part 3035, and 39 CFR part 3041. Comment deadline(s) for each such request, if any, appear in Section II.

Section III identifies the docket number(s) associated with each Postal Service request, if any, to add a standardized distinct product to the Competitive product list or to amend a standardized distinct product, the title of each such request, the request's acceptance date, and the authority cited by the Postal Service for each request. Standardized distinct products are negotiated service agreements that are variations of one or more Competitive products, and for which financial models, minimum rates, and classification criteria have undergone advance Commission review. See 39 CFR 3041.110(n); 39 CFR 3041.205(a). Such requests are reviewed in summary proceedings pursuant to 39 CFR 3041.325(c)(2) and 39 CFR 3041.505(f)(1). Pursuant to 39 CFR 3041.405(c)–(d), the Commission does not appoint a Public Representative or request public comment in proceedings to review such requests.

# II. Public Proceeding(s)

- 1. Docket No(s).: MC2025–818 and K2025–818; Filing Title: USPS Request to Add Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 534 to the Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; Filing Acceptance Date: December 13, 2024; Filing Authority: 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.310; Public Representative: Almaroof Agoro; Comments Due: December 23, 2024.
- 2. Docket No(s).: MC2025–819 and K2025–819; Filing Title: USPS Request to Add Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 1060 to the Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; Filing Acceptance Date: December 13, 2024; Filing Authority: 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.310; Public Representative: Jennaca Upperman; Comments Due: December 23, 2024.
- 3. Docket No(s).: MC2025–820 and K2025–820; Filing Title: USPS Request to Add Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 1061 to the Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; Filing Acceptance Date: December 13, 2024; Filing Authority: 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.310; Public Representative: Jennaca Upperman; Comments Due: December 23, 2024.
- 4. Docket No(s).: MC2025–821 and K2025–821; Filing Title: USPS Request to Add Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 1062 to the Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; Filing Acceptance Date: December 13, 2024; Filing Authority: 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.310; Public Representative: Jennaca Upperman; Comments Due: December 23, 2024.
- 5. Docket No(s).: MC2025–822 and K2025–822; Filing Title: USPS Request to Add Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 1063 to the Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; Filing Acceptance Date: December 13, 2024; Filing

- Authority: 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.310; Public Representative: Jennaca Upperman; Comments Due: December 23, 2024.
- 6. Docket No(s).: MC2025–823 and K2025–823; Filing Title: USPS Request to Add Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 1064 to the Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; Filing Acceptance Date: December 13, 2024; Filing Authority: 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.310; Public Representative: Jennaca Upperman; Comments Due: December 23, 2024.
- 7. Docket No(s).: MC2025–824 and K2025–824; Filing Title: USPS Request to Add Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 535 to the Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; Filing Acceptance Date: December 13, 2024; Filing Authority: 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.310; Public Representative: Almaroof Agoro; Comments Due: December 23, 2024.
- 8. Docket No(s).: MC2025–825 and K2025–826; Filing Title: USPS Request to Add Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 1065 to the Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; Filing Acceptance Date: December 13, 2024; Filing Authority: 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.310; Public Representative: Jennaca Upperman; Comments Due: December 23, 2024.
- 9. Docket No(s).: MC2025–826 and K2025–827; Filing Title: USPS Request to Add Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 1066 to the Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; Filing Acceptance Date: December 13, 2024; Filing Authority: 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.310; Public Representative: Elsie Lee-Robbins; Comments Due: December 23, 2024.
- 10. Docket No(s).: MC2025–827 and K2025–828; Filing Title: USPS Request to Add Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 1067 to the Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; Filing Acceptance Date: December 13, 2024; Filing Authority: 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.310; Public Representative: Elsie Lee-Robbins; Comments Due: December 23, 2024.
- 11. Docket No(s).: MC2025–828 and K2025–829; Filing Title: USPS Request to Add Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 1068 to the Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Docket No. RM2018–3, Order Adopting Final Rules Relating to Non-Public Information, June 27, 2018, Attachment A at 19–22 (Order No. 4679).

Materials Under Seal; Filing Acceptance Date: December 13, 2024; Filing Authority: 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.310; Public Representative: Elsie Lee-Robbins; Comments Due: December 23, 2024.

12. Docket No(s).: MC2025–829 and K2025–830; Filing Title: USPS Request to Add Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 1069 to the Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; Filing Acceptance Date: December 13, 2024; Filing Authority: 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.310; Public Representative: Elsie Lee-Robbins; Comments Due: December 23, 2024.

13. Docket No(s).: MC2025–830 and K2025–831; Filing Title: USPS Request to Add Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 1070 to the Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; Filing Acceptance Date: December 13, 2024; Filing Authority: 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.310; Public Representative: Elsie Lee-Robbins; Comments Due: December 23, 2024.

14. Docket No(s).: MC2025–831 and K2025–832; Filing Title: USPS Request to Add Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 1071 to the Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; Filing Acceptance Date: December 13, 2024; Filing Authority: 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.310; Public Representative: Elsie Lee-Robbins; Comments Due: December 23, 2024.

15. Docket No(s).: MC2025–832 and K2025–833; Filing Title: USPS Request to Add Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 1072 to the Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; Filing Acceptance Date: December 13, 2024; Filing Authority: 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.310; Public Representative: Christopher Mohr; Comments Due: December 23, 2024.

16. Docket No(s).: MC2025–833 and K2025–834; Filing Title: USPS Request to Add Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 536 to the Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; Filing Acceptance Date: December 13, 2024; Filing Authority: 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.310; Public Representative: Almaroof Agoro; Comments Due: December 23, 2024.

17. Docket No(s).: MC2025–834 and K2025–835; Filing Title: USPS Request to Add Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 537 to the

Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; Filing Acceptance Date: December 13, 2024; Filing Authority: 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.310; Public Representative: Almaroof Agoro; Comments Due: December 23, 2024.

18. Docket No(s).: MC2025–835 and K2025–836; Filing Title: USPS Request to Add Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 538 to the Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; Filing Acceptance Date: December 13, 2024; Filing Authority: 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.310; Public Representative: Samuel Robinson; Comments Due: December 23, 2024.

19. Docket No(s).: MC2025–836 and K2025–837; Filing Title: USPS Request to Add Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 1073 to the Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; Filing Acceptance Date: December 13, 2024; Filing Authority: 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.310; Public Representative: Christopher Mohr; Comments Due: December 23, 2024.

20. Docket No(s).: MC2025–837 and K2025–838; Filing Title: USPS Request to Add Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 1074 to the Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; Filing Acceptance Date: December 13, 2024; Filing Authority: 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.310; Public Representative: Christopher Mohr; Comments Due: December 23, 2024.

21. Docket No(s).: MC2025–838 and K2025–839; Filing Title: USPS Request to Add Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 1075 to the Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; Filing Acceptance Date: December 13, 2024; Filing Authority: 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.310; Public Representative: Christopher Mohr; Comments Due: December 23, 2024.

22. Docket No(s).: MC2025–839 and K2025–840; Filing Title: USPS Request to Add Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 1076 to the Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; Filing Acceptance Date: December 13, 2024; Filing Authority: 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.310; Public Representative: Almaroof Agoro; Comments Due: December 23, 2024.

23. Docket No(s).: MC2025–840 and K2025–841; Filing Title: USPS Request to Add Priority Mail & USPS Ground

Advantage Contract 539 to the Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; Filing Acceptance Date: December 13, 2024; Filing Authority: 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.310; Public Representative: Samuel Robinson; Comments Due: December 23, 2024.

24. Docket No(s).: MC2025–841 and K2025–842; Filing Title: USPS Request to Add Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 1077 to the Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; Filing Acceptance Date: December 13, 2024; Filing Authority: 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.310; Public Representative: Christopher Mohr; Comments Due: December 23, 2024.

25. Docket No(s).: MC2025–842 and K2025–843; Filing Title: USPS Request to Add Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 1078 to the Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; Filing Acceptance Date: December 13, 2024; Filing Authority: 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.310; Public Representative: Almaroof Agoro; Comments Due: December 23, 2024.

26. Docket No(s).: MC2025–843 and K2025–844; Filing Title: USPS Request to Add Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 540 to the Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; Filing Acceptance Date: December 13, 2024; Filing Authority: 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.310; Public Representative: Samuel Robinson; Comments Due: December 23, 2024.

27. Docket No(s).: MC2025–844 and K2025–845; Filing Title: USPS Request to Add Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 541 to the Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; Filing Acceptance Date: December 13, 2024; Filing Authority: 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.310; Public Representative: Maxine Bradley; Comments Due: December 23, 2024.

28. Docket No(s).: MC2025–846 and K2025–847; Filing Title: USPS Request to Add Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 542 to the Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; Filing Acceptance Date: December 13, 2024; Filing Authority: 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.310; Public Representative: Maxine Bradley; Comments Due: December 23, 2024.

## III. Summary Proceeding(s)

None. *See* Section II for public proceedings.

This Notice will be published in the **Federal Register**.

Erica A. Barker,

Secretary.

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–101930; File No. SR–BX–2024–057]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Nasdaq BX, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Amend the Exchange's Anti-Internalization Functionality in Equity 4, Rule 4757

December 16, 2024.

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 December 4, 2024, 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 amend the Exchange's anti-internalization functionality in Equity 4, Rule 4757.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's website at https://listingcenter.nasdaq.com/rulebook/nasdaq/rules, 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 Exchange proposes to amend Equity 4, Rule 4757(a)(A)(3) to offer increased functionality as it relates to anti-internalization. The Exchange's proposal is identical to the changes adopted in SR-NASDAQ-2024-064 with the exception of technical differences in the numbering convention.<sup>3</sup> Specifically, the Exchange proposes to (i) allow participants that directly submit orders to the System as Members on the Exchange and submit orders to the System through Sponsored Access 4 as a Sponsored Participant, to direct that quotes/orders entered into the System directly as a Member not execute against quotes/orders submitted as a Sponsored Participant; (ii) specify when anti-internalization will activate; (iii) introduce an anti-internalization strategy that uses the strategy of the removing order; and (v) make other clarifying changes.

# Affiliate Anti-Internalization

Currently, Equity 4, Rule 4757(a)(A)(3) provides that market participants may direct that quotes/ orders entered into the System not execute against either quotes/orders entered under the same MPID ("MPID Level AIO") or quotes/orders entered across MPIDs under Common Ownership ("Organization Level AIQ").5 In addition, market participants using the OUCH order entry protocol may assign to orders entered through a specific order entry port a unique group identification modifier that will prevent quotes/orders with such modifier from executing against each other. Antiinternalization or self-match prevention functionality assists participants in reducing trading costs from unwanted executions potentially resulting from the interaction of executable buy and sell trading interest from the same firm.

The Exchange proposes to enhance its current self-match prevention functionality to allow participants that

demonstrate (i) membership on the Exchange through which they directly submit orders to the System and (ii) participation as a Sponsored Participant whereby they submit orders to the System through Sponsored Access, to direct that quotes/orders entered into the System directly as a Member not execute against quotes/orders submitted as a Sponsored Participant ("Affiliate Level AIQ").6 The proposed enhancement would be in addition to the other levels of self-match prevention offered today. Under the proposed rule change, the anti-internalization functionality would continue to be an optional feature. If a firm chooses to take advantage of self-match prevention, the firm would need to opt-in to the self-match prevention functionality, as is the case today.

The purpose of this proposed change is to extend self-match prevention functionality to prevent transactions between a firm's orders submitted directly to the System and through Sponsored Access. There are situations where an individual firm would choose to submit orders to the Exchange through different mechanisms. For instance, a firm may employ different trading strategies across different trading desks and choose to send orders for one strategy to the Exchange through a direct connection while the other strategy is sent through Sponsored Access. The proposed functionality would serve as an additional tool that participants may enable in order to assist with compliance with the various securities laws relating to potentially manipulative trading activity such as wash sales 7 and self-trades.8 Additionally, the proposed functionality would provide firms an additional solution to manage order flow by preventing undesirable executions where the firm submits orders in

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

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 101520 (November 6, 2024), 89 FR 89677 (November 13, 2024) (Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of File No. SR–NASDAQ–2024–064).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See General 2, Section 22(a). Sponsored Access shall mean an arrangement whereby a member permits its customers to enter orders into the System that bypass the member's trading system and are routed directly to the Exchange, including routing through a service bureau or other third party technology provider.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>For purposes of Equity 4, Rule 4757, the term "Common Ownership" shall mean participants under 75% common ownership or control.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>The Exchange will require firms requesting to use Affiliate Level AIQ to complete an affidavit stating: (i) it is currently a Member of the Exchange that submits orders directly to the System, and (ii) it also submits orders to the System through a Sponsored Access arrangement.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> A "wash sale" is generally defined as a trade involving no change in beneficial ownership that is intended to produce the false appearance of trading and is strictly prohibited under both the federal securities laws and FINRA rules. *See, e.g.,* 15 U.S.C. 78i(a)(1); FINRA Rule 6140(b) ("Other Trading Practices").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Self-trades are "transactions in a security resulting from the unintentional interaction of orders originating from the same firm that involve no change in beneficial ownership of the security." FINRA requires members to have policies and procedures in place that are reasonably designed to review trading activity for, and prevent, a pattern or practice of self-trades resulting from orders originating from a single algorithm or trading desk, or related algorithms or trading desks. See FINRA Rule 5210, Supplementary Material .02.