

companies and initial public offerings and securities regulation involving smaller public companies. Members of the public may attend the forum without charge. The Commissioner remarks and panel discussions will be webcast from the SEC's Web site. Doors will open at 8:30 a.m. Visitors will be subject to security checks.

For further information, please contact the Office of the Secretary at (202) 551-5400.

Dated: November 10, 2011.

Elizabeth M. Murphy,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Public Law 94-409, that the Securities and Exchange Commission will hold a Closed Meeting on Thursday, November 17, 2011 at 2 p.m.

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), (7), (9)(B) and (10) and 17 CFR 200.402(a)(3), (5), (7), (9)(ii) and (10) permit consideration of the

scheduled matters at the Closed Meeting.

Commissioner Walter, as duty officer, voted to consider the items listed for the Closed Meeting in a closed session.

The subject matter of the Closed Meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 17, 2011 will be: Institution and settlement of injunctive actions; Institution and settlement of administrative proceedings; An adjudicatory matter; and Other matters relating to enforcement proceedings.

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

For further information and to ascertain what, if any, matters have been added, deleted or postponed, please contact:

The Office of the Secretary at (202) 551-5400.

Dated: November 10, 2011.

Elizabeth M. Murphy,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-65711; File No. SR-NASDAQ-2011-148]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Relating to Routing Fees to C2

November 8, 2011.

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 November 1, 2011, 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 modify Rule 7050 governing pricing for NASDAQ members using the NASDAQ Options Market ("NOM"), NASDAQ's facility for executing and routing standardized equity and index options.

The text of the proposed rule change is set forth below. Proposed new text is in *italics* and deleted text is in [brackets].

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7050. NASDAQ Options Market

The following charges shall apply to the use of the order execution and routing services of the NASDAQ Options Market for all securities.

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(4) Fees for routing contracts to markets other than the NASDAQ Options Market shall be assessed as provided below. The current fees and a historical record of applicable fees shall be posted on the NasdaqTrader.com Web site.

Exchange	Customer	Firm	MM	Professional
BATS	\$0.36	\$0.55	\$0.55	\$0.36
BOX	\$0.06	\$0.55	\$0.55	\$0.06
CBOE	\$0.06	\$0.55	\$0.55	\$0.26
CBOE orders greater than 99 contracts in NDX, MNX ETFs, ETNs & HOLDRs	\$0.24	\$0.55	\$0.55	\$0.26
C2	\$0.31	\$0.55	\$0.55	\$0.46
ISE	\$0.06	\$0.55	\$0.55	\$0.24
ISE Select Symbols*	\$0.18	\$0.55	\$0.55	\$0.34
NYSE Arca Penny Pilot	\$0.50	\$0.55	\$0.55	\$0.50
NYSE Arca Non Penny Pilot	\$0.06	\$0.55	\$0.55	\$0.06
NYSE AMEX	\$0.06	\$0.55	\$0.55	\$0.26
PHLX (for all options other than PHLX Select Symbols)	\$0.06	\$0.55	\$0.55	\$0.26
PHLX Select Symbols**	\$0.30	\$0.55	\$0.55	\$0.46

* These fees are applicable to orders routed to ISE that are subject to Rebates and Fees for Adding and Removing Liquidity in Select Symbols. See ISE's Schedule of Fees for the complete list of symbols that are subject to these fees.

** These fees are applicable to orders routed to PHLX that are subject to Rebates and Fees for Adding and Removing Liquidity in Select Symbols. See PHLX's Fee Schedule for the complete list of symbols that are subject to these fees.

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The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's Web site

at <http://www.nasdaq.cchwallstreet.com>, at the principal office of the

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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 the Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

NASDAQ is proposing to modify Rule 7050 governing fees assessed for option orders entered into NOM but routed to and executed on away markets ("Routing Fees"). Specifically, NASDAQ is proposing to amend Customer and Professional Routing Fees for orders routed to the C2 Options Exchange, Inc. ("C2").

The Exchange currently assesses the following Routing Fees to route orders to C2: A Customer is assessed \$0.31 per contract; a Firm is assessed \$0.55 per contract; a Market Maker is assessed \$0.55 per contract; and a Professional is assessed \$0.46 per contract. The Exchange is proposing to amend the Customer Routing Fee to C2 from \$0.31 per contract to \$0.50 per contract and the Professional Routing Fee from \$.33 [sic] to \$.45 [sic] per contract. The other C2 Routing Fees for Firms and Market Makers would remain the same.

C2 recently amended its Fees Schedule to increase its public customer taker fee from \$.25 per contract to \$.44 per contract and to increase its professional taker fee from \$.33 per contract to \$.45 per contract.³ The Exchange is proposing to amend its Customer and Professional Routing Fees to C2 to account for this increase. In addition, NASDAQ Options Services LLC ("NOS"), a member of the Exchange, is the Exchange's exclusive order router. Each time NOS routes to away markets NOS is charged a \$0.06 clearing fee and, in the case of certain exchanges, a transaction fee is also charged in certain symbols, which are passed through to the Exchange. The

Exchange is proposing this amendment in order to recoup Customer⁴ and Professional⁵ clearing and transaction charges incurred by the Exchange when orders are routed to C2.

2. Statutory Basis

NASDAQ believes that the proposed rule changes are consistent with the provisions of Section 6 of the Act,⁶ in general, and with Section 6(b)(4) of the Act,⁷ 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 or system which NASDAQ operates or controls.

The Exchange believes that these fees are reasonable because they seek to recoup costs that are incurred by the Exchange when routing Customer and Professional orders to C2 on behalf of its members. Each destination market's transaction charge varies and there is a standard clearing charge for each transaction incurred by the Exchange. The Exchange believes that the proposed Routing Fees will enable the Exchange to recover the public customer and professional transaction fees assessed by C2, plus clearing fees for the execution of Customer and Professional orders. The Exchange also believes that the proposed Routing Fees are equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because they will be uniformly applied to all Customers and Professionals.

NASDAQ is one of nine options market in the national market system for standardized options. Joining NASDAQ and electing to trade options is entirely voluntary. Under these circumstances, NASDAQ's fees must be competitive and low in order for NASDAQ to attract order flow, execute orders, and grow as a market. NASDAQ thus believes that its fees are fair and reasonable and consistent with the Exchange Act.

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.

⁴ The Exchange is proposing to recoup the \$.44 per contract public customer transaction fee for orders routed to C2 along with the \$0.06 clearing fee which is incurred by the Exchange, as explained above. See C2 Fees Schedule.

⁵ The Exchange is proposing to recoup the \$.45 per contract professional transaction fee for orders routed to C2 along with the \$0.06 clearing fee which is incurred by the Exchange, as explained above. See C2 Fees Schedule.

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f.

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

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 Act⁸ and paragraph (f)(2) of Rule 19b-4⁹ thereunder. 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.

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-2011-148 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Elizabeth M. Murphy, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NASDAQ-2011-148. 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

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

⁹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

³ See SR-C2-2011-032.

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 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; 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–2011–148 and should be submitted on or before December 6, 2011.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁰

Kevin M. O'Neill,
Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–65717; File No. SR–NASDAQ–2011–150]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Modify NASDAQ's Investor Support Program, Offer an Additional Liquidity Provider Credit Through a Pre-Market Investor Program, and Make Other Changes to Pricing for Members Using the NASDAQ Market Center

November 9, 2011.

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 November 1, 2011, The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC ("NASDAQ") 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 NASDAQ. 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

NASDAQ proposes to modify its Investor Support Program, offer an additional liquidity provider credit through a pre-market investor program, and make other changes to pricing for NASDAQ members using the NASDAQ Market Center. NASDAQ will implement the proposed change on November 1, 2011. The text of the proposed rule change is available at <http://nasdaq.cchwallstreet.com/>, at NASDAQ's principal office, 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, NASDAQ 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. NASDAQ 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 the Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

The Investor Support Program

The Exchange is proposing changes to the credit provisions of Rule 7014 to modify the structure of its Investor Support Program. The ISP enables NASDAQ members to earn a monthly fee credit for providing additional liquidity to NASDAQ and increasing the NASDAQ-traded volume of what are generally considered to be retail and institutional investor orders in exchange-traded securities ("targeted liquidity").³ The goal of the ISP is to incentivize members to provide such

targeted liquidity to the NASDAQ Market Center.⁴ The Exchange noted in the ISP Filing that maintaining and increasing the proportion of orders in exchange-listed securities executed on a registered exchange (rather than relying on any of the available off-exchange execution methods) would help raise investors' confidence in the fairness of their transactions and would benefit all investors by deepening NASDAQ's liquidity pool, supporting the quality of price discovery, promoting market transparency and improving investor protection.

The Exchange now proposes modifications to the ISP designed to broaden participation by members with targeted liquidity and create a clearer incentive structure. First, NASDAQ is modifying the definition of "Baseline Participation Ratio" to allow a greater number of members to participate in the program. In general terms, the Baseline Participation Ratio is the ratio of shares of liquidity provided by the member in NASDAQ for the month of August 2010 to the total consolidated volume for that month. To the extent that a member's participation in NASDAQ exceeds its Baseline Participation Ratio (*i.e.*, to the extent that the member increases its participation in NASDAQ above August 2010 levels), the member may be eligible for the program.⁵ The current definition of Baseline Participation Ratio is "with respect to a member, such member's Participation Ratio"⁶ for the

⁴ The Commission has recently expressed its concern that a significant percentage of the orders of individual investors are executed at over the counter ("OTC") markets, that is, at off-exchange markets; and that a significant percentage of the orders of institutional investors are executed in dark pools. Securities Exchange Act Release No. 61358 (January 14, 2010), 75 FR 3594 (January 21, 2010) (Concept Release on Equity Market Structure, "Concept Release"). In the Concept Release, the Commission has recognized the strong policy preference under the Act in favor of price transparency and displayed markets. The Commission published the Concept Release to invite public comment on a wide range of market structure issues, including high frequency trading and un-displayed, or "dark," liquidity. *See also* Mary L. Schapiro, *Strengthening Our Equity Market Structure* (Speech at the Economic Club of New York, Sept. 7, 2010) ("Schapiro Speech," available on the Commission Web site) (comments of Commission Chairman on what she viewed as a troubling trend of reduced participation in the equity markets by individual investors, and that nearly 30 percent of volume in U.S.-listed equities is executed in venues that do not display their liquidity or make it generally available to the public).

⁵ As discussed below, the ISP is being modified such that participation must equal or exceed past levels.

⁶ The term "Participation Ratio" is defined as: "for a given member in a given month, the ratio of (A) The number of shares of liquidity provided in orders entered by the member through any of its Nasdaq ports and executed in the Nasdaq Market Center during such month to (B) the Consolidated

¹⁰ 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

³ For a detailed description of the Investor Support Program as originally implemented, *see* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 63270 (November 8, 2010), 75 FR 69489 (November 12, 2010) (NASDAQ–2010–141) (notice of filing and immediate effectiveness) (the "ISP Filing"). *See also* Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 63414 (December 2, 2010), 75 FR 76505 (December 8, 2010) (NASDAQ–2010–153) (notice of filing and immediate effectiveness); 63628 (January 3, 2011), 76 FR 1201 (January 7, 2011) (NASDAQ–2010–154) (notice of filing and immediate effectiveness); 63891 (February 11, 2011), 76 FR 9384 (February 17, 2011) (NASDAQ–2011–022) (notice of filing and immediate effectiveness); and 64050 (March 8, 2011), 76 FR 13694 (March 14, 2011) (SR–NASDAQ–2011–034).