SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION


Self-Regulatory Organizations; The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Amend Commentary .14 to Rule 4770
(Compliance With Regulation NMS Plan To Implement a Tick Size Pilot)

November 8, 2016.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”), and Rule 19b–4 thereunder, notice is hereby given that on October 31, 2016, 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 and II, 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 Commentary .14 to Rule 4770 (Compliance with Regulation NMS Plan to Implement a Tick Size Pilot) to provide the SEC with notice of its efforts to re-program its systems to eliminate a re-pricing functionality for certain orders in Test Group Three securities in connection with the Regulation NMS Plan to Implement a Tick Size Pilot Program (“Plan” or “Pilot”).

The text of the proposed rule change is set forth below. Proposed new language is underlined; deleted text is in brackets.

The NASDAQ Stock Market Rules

4770. Compliance With Regulation NMS Plan To Implement a Tick Size Pilot

(a) through (d) No Change.

Commentary

.01–.13 No change.

.14 Until (October 31, 2016)[November 14, 2016]. the treatment of Price to Comply Orders, Price to Display Orders, Non-Displayed Orders, and Post-Only Orders that are entered through the OUCH or FLITE protocols in Test Group Three securities shall be as follows:

Following entry, and if market conditions allow, a Price to Comply Order in a Test Group Three Pilot Security will be adjusted repeatedly in accordance with changes to the NBBO until such time as the Price to Comply Order is able to be ranked and displayed at its original entered limit price.

Following entry, and if market conditions allow, a Non-Displayed Order in a Test Group Three Pilot Security will be adjusted repeatedly in accordance with changes to the NBBO until such time as the Price to Display Order is able to be ranked and displayed at its original entered limit price.

Following entry, and if market conditions allow, the Post-Only Order in a Test Group Three Pilot Security will be adjusted repeatedly in accordance with changes to the NBBO or the best price on the Nasdaq Book, as applicable until such time as the Post-Only Order is able to be ranked and displayed at its original entered limit price.

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

On September 7, 2016, the Nasdaq Stock Market LLC (“Nasdaq” or “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC” or “Commission”) a proposed rule change (“Proposed”) to adopt paragraph (d) and Commentary .12 to Exchange Rule 4770 to describe changes to system
functionality necessary to implement the Plan. The Exchange also proposed amendments to Rule 4770(a) and (c) to clarify how the Trade-at-exemption may be satisfied. The SEC published the Proposal in the Federal Register for notice and comment on September 20, 2016. Nasdaq subsequently filed three Partial Amendments to clarify aspects of the Proposal. The Commission approved the Proposal, as amended, on October 7, 2016. In SR–NASDAQ–2016–126, Nasdaq had initially proposed a re-pricing functionality for Price to Comply Orders, Non-Displayed Orders, and Post-Only Orders entered through the OUCH and FLITE protocols in Group Three securities. Nasdaq subsequently determined that it would not offer this re-pricing functionality for Price to Comply Orders, Non-Displayed Orders, and Post-Only Orders that are entered through the OUCH and FLITE protocols in Test Group Three Securities. As part of Partial Amendment No. 2 to SR–NASDAQ–2016–126, Nasdaq proposed to delete the relevant language from Rule 4770 related to this re-pricing functionality.

In that amendment, Nasdaq noted that this change would only impact the treatment of Price to Comply Orders, Non-Displayed Orders, and Post-Only orders that are submitted through the OUCH and FLITE protocols in Test Group Three Pilot Securities, as these types of Orders that are currently submitted to Nasdaq through the RASH, QIX or FIX protocols are already subject to this re-pricing functionality and will remain subject to this functionality under the Pilot. In the Amendment, Nasdaq further noted that its systems are currently programmed so that Price to Comply Orders, Non-Displayed Orders and Post-Only Orders entered through the OUCH and FLITE protocols in Test Group Three Securities may be adjusted repeatedly to reflect changes to the NBBO and/or the best price on the Nasdaq Book, as applicable until such time as the Price to Comply Order is able to be ranked and displayed at its original entered limit price. Three Securities may be adjusted repeatedly to reflect changes to the NBBO and/or the best price on the Nasdaq Book. Nasdaq stated that it is re-programming its systems to remove this functionality for Price to Comply Orders, Non-Displayed Orders and Post-Only Orders entered through the OUCH and FLITE protocols in Test Group Three Securities. In the Amendment, Nasdaq stated that it anticipated that this re-programming shall be complete on or before November 30, 2016. If it appeared that this functionality would remain operational by October 17, 2016, Nasdaq indicated that it would file a proposed rule change with the SEC and will provide notice to market participants sufficiently in advance of that date to provide effective notice. The rule change and the notice to market participants would describe the current operation of the Nasdaq systems in this regard, and the timing related to the re-programming.

On October 17, 2016, Nasdaq filed a proposal to extend the date by which it would complete the re-programming of its systems to eliminate the re-pricing functionality in Test Group Three securities for Price to Comply Orders, Price to Display Orders, Non-Displayed Orders, and Post-Only Orders that are entered through the OUCH or FLITE protocols. In that proposal, Nasdaq stated that it anticipated that this re-programming shall be complete on or before October 31, 2016.

At this time, Nasdaq is still determining how to modify its systems to eliminate the re-pricing functionality in Test Group Three Securities for Price to Comply Orders, Price to Display Orders, Non-Displayed Orders, and Post-Only Orders that are entered through the OUCH or FLITE protocols. Nasdaq is therefore submitting this proposal to extend the date by which the current re-pricing functionality will be eliminated. Nasdaq anticipates that the re-programming to eliminate the current re-pricing functionality shall be completed on or before November 14, 2016.

Therefore, the current treatment of Price to Comply Orders, Price to Display Orders, Non-Displayed Orders, and Post-Only Orders that are entered through the OUCH or FLITE protocols in Test Group Three Securities shall be as follows:

Following entry, and if market conditions allow, a Price to Comply Order in a Test Group Three Pilot Security will be adjusted repeatedly in accordance with changes to the NBBO until such time as the Price to Comply Order is able to be ranked and displayed at its original entered limit price. Following entry, and if market conditions allow, a Price to Display Order in a Test Group Three Pilot Security will be adjusted repeatedly in accordance with changes to the NBBO until such time as the Price to Display Order is able to be ranked and displayed at its original entered limit price. Following entry, and if market conditions allow, a Non-Displayed Order in a Test Group Three Pilot Security will be adjusted repeatedly in accordance with changes to the NBBO or the best price on the Nasdaq Book, as applicable until such time as the Post-Only Order is able to be ranked and displayed at its original entered limit price.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act, in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act, in particular, 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 purpose of this filing is to inform the SEC and market participants of the status of Nasdaq’s attempts to re-program its systems to remove the re-pricing functionality in Test Group Three securities for Price to Comply Orders, Price to Display Orders, Non-Displayed Orders, and Post-Only Orders that are entered through the OUCH or FLITE protocols, and the current treatment of such orders pending the removal of this functionality. This proposal is consistent with the Act because it provides the SEC and market participants with notice of Nasdaq’s efforts in this regard, and is being submitted in connection with the statements made by Nasdaq in SR–NASDAQ–2016–126 and SR–NASDAQ–126 (October 25, 2016) (SR–NASDAQ–2016–143).

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 Act and subparagraph (f)(6) of Rule 19–4 thereunder. 12

A proposed rule change filed under Rule 19b–4(f)(6) normally does not become operative prior to 30 days after the date of filing. Rule 19b–4(f)(6)(iii), however, permits the Commission to designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Exchange requests that the Commission waive the 30-day operative delay contained in Rule 19b–4(f)(6)(iii) so that this proposed change will be in operative as of October 31, 2016, the date that Test Group Three securities are fully implemented and are subject to the quoting and trading restrictions of the Plan and, therefore, the relevant language in Rule 4770.

The Commission believes that waiving the 30-day operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest because it will allow the Exchange to implement the proposed rules immediately thereby preventing delays in the implementation of the Plan. The Commission notes that the Pilot started implementation on October 3, 2016, Test Group Three securities were fully phased into the Pilot on October 31, 2016, and waiving the 30-day operative delay would ensure that the rules of the Exchange would be in place during implementation. Therefore, the Commission hereby waives the 30-day operative delay and designates the proposed rule change to be operative upon filing with the Commission. 14

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–NASDAQ–2016–151 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–2016–151. This file number should be included on the subject line if email is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission’s Internet Web site (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for Web site viewing and printing in the Commission’s Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR–NASDAQ–2016–151, and should be
It is anticipated that twenty respondents, consisting of nineteen national securities exchanges and one national securities association, will collectively respond approximately 2,184,303,485,488 times per year pursuant to Rule 602(a) at 18.22 microseconds per response, resulting in a total annual burden of approximately 11,640 hours. It is anticipated that no respondents will have a reporting burden pursuant to Rule 602(b). Thus, the aggregate third-party disclosure burden under Rule 602 is 11,640 hours annually which is comprised of 11,640 hours relating to Rule 602(a) and 0 hours relating to Rule 602(b).

Compliance with Rule 602 of Regulation NMS is mandatory and the information collected is made available to the public.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information under the PRA unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The public may view background documentation for this information collection at the following Web site: www.reginfo.gov. Comments should be directed to: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503, or by sending an email to: Shagufta.Ahmed@omb.eop.gov; and (ii) Pamela C. Dyson, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Remi Pavlik-Simon, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549, or by sending an email to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

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Brent J. Fields, Secretary.

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Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available

Extension:
Rule 602, SEC File No. 270–404, OMB Control No. 3235–0461.


Rule 602 of Regulation NMS, Dissemination of Quotations in NMS securities, contains two related collections. The first collection of information found in Rule 602(a). This third-party disclosure requirement obligates each national securities exchange and national securities association to make available to quotation vendors for dissemination to the public the best bid, best offer, and aggregate quotation size for each “subject security,” as defined under the Rule. The second collection of information is found in Rule 602(b). This disclosure requirement obligates any exchange member and over-the-counter (“OTC”) market maker that is a “responsible broker or dealer,” as defined under the Rule, to communicate to an exchange or association their best bids, best offers, and quotation sizes for subject securities.5

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Self-Regulatory Organizations;
Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated; Notice of Filing of a Proposed Rule Change in Connection With a Proposed Corporate Transaction Involving CBOE Holdings, Inc. and Bats Global Markets, Inc.

November 8, 2016.

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 4, 2016, Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated (“Exchange” or “CBOE”) 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 submits this rule filing in connection with a proposed corporate transaction (the “Transaction”) involving its ultimate parent company, CBOE Holdings, Inc. (“CBOE Holdings”), two wholly owned subsidiaries of CBOE Holdings, CBOE Corporation and CBOE V, LLC (“CBOE V”), and Bats Global Markets, Inc. (“BGM”). BGM is the ultimate parent company of Bats BZX Exchange, Inc. (“Bats BZX”), Bats BYX Exchange, Inc. (“Bats BYX”), Bats EDGX Exchange, Inc. (“Bats EDGX”), and Bats EDGA Exchange, Inc. (“Bats EDGA”) and, together with Bats BZX, Bats BYX, and Bats EDGX, the “Bats Exchanges”). Upon completion of the Transaction (the “Closing”), CBOE Holdings will become the ultimate parent of the Bats Exchanges.

On September 25, 2016, CBOE Holdings, CBOE Corporation, CBOE V, and BGM entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger, as it may be amended from time to time (the “Merger Agreement”). In connection with the Transaction, the Exchange seeks the Commission’s approval of a provision in the Merger Agreement regarding the composition of the CBOE Holdings Board of Directors (“CBOE Holdings Board”) upon the Closing. There are no

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1. Under Rule 602(b)(5), electronic communications networks (“ECNs”) have the option of opting out of this requirement for public dissemination, on behalf of customers that are OTC market makers or exchange market makers, the best-priced orders and the full size for such

orders entered by market makers on the ECN, to satisfy such market makers’ reporting obligation under Rule 602(b). Since this reporting requirement is an alternative method of meeting the market makers’ reporting obligation, and because it is directed to nine or fewer persons (ECNs), this collection of information is not subject to OMB review under the Paperwork Reduction Act (“PRA”).

2. For the reporting obligation under Rule 602(b), the respondents are exchange members and OTC market makers. The Commission believes that communication of quotations through an exchange’s electronic trading system effectively means that exchange members currently have no reporting burden under Rule 602(b) for these quotations. The Commission also believes that there are presently no OTC market makers that quote other than on an exchange.

