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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION


Self-Regulatory Organizations; New York Stock Exchange LLC; Notice of Filing of Amendment No. 3 to Proposed Rule Change Amending the Co-Location Services Offered by the Exchange To Add Certain Access and Connectivity Fees

December 22, 2016.

On July 29, 2016, the New York Stock Exchange LLC (“NYSE” or the “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”)1 and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,2 a proposed rule change to amend the co-location services offered by the Exchange to: (1) Provide additional information regarding the access to various trading and execution services; connectivity to market data feeds and testing and certification feeds; connectivity to Third Party Systems; and connectivity to DTCC to: (2) Users using data center local area networks; and (2) establish fees relating to a User’s access to various trading and execution services; connectivity to market data feeds and testing and certification feeds; connectivity to DTCC; and other services. The proposed rule change was published for comment in the Federal Register on August 17, 2016.3 The Exchange filed Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change on August 16, 2016.4 Amendment No. 1

4 Amendment No. 1 (i) amended the third party data feed MSCI from 20 Gigabite (“Gb”) to 25 Gb and amended the price from $2,000 to $1,200; (ii) clarified the costs associated with providing a greater amount of bandwidth for Premium NYSE Data Products for a particular market as compared to the bandwidth requirements for the included Data Products for that same market; (iii) provided further details on Premium NYSE Data Products, including their composition, product release dates, and further detail on the reasonableness of their applicable fees; (iv) added an explanation for the varying fee differences for the same Gb usage for third party data feeds, DTCC, and Virtual Control Circuit.
was published for comment in the Federal Register on September 26, 2016.5 The Commission received one comment in response to the proposed rule change, as modified by Amendment No. 1 and the Exchange responded.6 On October 4, 2016, the Commission extended the time period within which to approve the proposed rule change, disapprove the proposed rule change, or institute proceedings to determine whether to approve or disapprove the proposed rule change to November 15, 2016.7

On November 2, 2016, the Exchange filed Amendment No. 2 to the proposed rule change.8 On November 21, 2016, the Commission instituted proceedings to determine whether to approve or disapprove the proposed rule change, as modified by Amendment Nos. 1 and 2.9

In response to the Order Instituting Proceedings, the Commission received additional comment letters regarding the proposed rule change.10 On December 9, 2016, the Exchange filed Amendment No. 3 to the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by Exchange. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on Amendment No. 3 to the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Amendment

The Exchange proposes to amend the co-location services offered by the Exchange to establish fees relating to Users’ access to third party trading and execution services; connectivity to third party data feeds and testing and certification fees; access to clearing; and other services. In addition, this proposed rule change reflects changes to the Exchange’s Price List related to these co-location services. This Amendment No. 3 supersedes the original filing and Amendments 1 and 2 in their entirety.11 The proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s Web site at www.nyse.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 self-regulatory organization 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 those 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 parts of such statements.

6 See letter to Brent J. Fields, Secretary, Commission, from John Ramsay, Chief Market Policy Officer, Investors Exchange LLC (IEX), dated September 9, 2016. On September 23, 2016, the NYSE submitted a response to the IEX letter.
10 See letter to Brent J. Fields, Commission, from Adam C. Cooper, Senior Managing Director and Chief Legal Officer, Citadel Securities, dated December 12, 2016; letter to Brent J. Fields, Commission, from Joe Wald, Chief Executive Officer, Clearpool Group, dated December 21, 2016; letter to Brent J. Fields, Secretary, Commission, from John Ramsay, Chief Market Policy Officer, Investors Exchange LLC (IEX), dated December 21, 2016. All comments received by the Commission on the proposed rule change are available on the Commission’s Web site at: https://www.sec.gov/评论s/sr-nyse-2016-45/nyse201645.shtml.
11 The Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) has issued an order instituting proceedings to determine whether to approve or disapprove the proposed rule change, as modified by amendments 1 and 2. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 79316 (November 15, 2016), 81 FR 83303 (November 21, 2016) (SR–NYSE–2016–45) (the “November 15 Order”). In its filing, as amended by amendments 1 and 2, the Exchange proposed adding to the Price List (a) a more detailed description of the connectivity to certain market data products (the “Included Data Products”) that Users receive with connections to the local area networks available in the data center; and (b) connectivity fees for connecting to other market data products of the Exchange and its affiliates, NYSE MKT LLC and NYSE Arca, Inc. (the “Premium NYSE Data Products”). In the November 15 Order, the Commission cites language from the proposed rule change: The Exchange also stated that the expectation of co-location was that normally Users would expect reduced latencies in . . . receiving market data from the Exchange by being colocated. Therefore, as the Exchange states in Amendment No. 2, both Included Data Products and Premium NYSE Data Products are ‘directly related to the purpose of co-location.’ Id., at 83307. It goes on to say that, if Included Data Products and Premium NYSE Data Products are ‘integral to co-located Users for trading on the Exchange,’’ it was questionable whether obtaining the information from another source is a viable alternative. Id. The Exchange disputes with the Commission’s description of Included Data Products and Premium NYSE Data Products as ‘integral to Users for trading on the Exchange.’ The Exchange disagrees with the purpose of co-location is not the same as being integral for trading. A User is not required to receive either Included Data Products or Premium NYSE Data Products in order to trade on the Exchange.
14 Information flows over existing network connections in two formats: “unicast” format, which is a format that allows one-to-one communication, similar to a phone line, in which information is sent to and from the Exchange; and “multicast” format, which is a format in which information is sent one-way from the Exchange to multiple recipients at once, like a radio broadcast.
access and connectivity options are available to a User. As alternatives to using the Access and Connectivity provided by the Exchange, a User may access or connect to such services and products through another User or through a connection to an Exchange access center outside the data center, third party access center, or third party vendor. The User may make such connection through a third party telecommunication provider, third party wireless network, the Exchange’s Secure Financial Transaction Infrastructure (“SFTI”) network, or a combination thereof. Similarly, the Exchange provides VCCs as a convenience to Users. Use of a VCC is completely voluntary. As an alternative to an Exchange-provided VCC, a User may connect to another User through a fiber connection (“cross connect”).

Connectivity

Connectivity to Third Party Systems

The Exchange proposes to revise the Price List to provide that Users may obtain connectivity to Third Party Systems of multiple third party markets and other content service providers for a fee. Users connect to Third Party Systems over the internet protocol (“IP”) network, a local area network available in the data center. The Exchange selects what connectivity to Third Party Systems to offer in the data center based on User demand. In order to obtain access to a Third Party System, a User enters into an agreement with the relevant third party content service provider, pursuant to which the third party content service provider charges the User for access to the Third Party System. The Exchange then establishes a unicast connection between the User and the relevant third party content service provider over the IP network. The Exchange charges the User for the connectivity to the Third Party System. A User only receives, and is only charged for, access to Third Party Systems for which it enters into agreements with the third party content service provider.

With the exception of the Intercontinental Exchange (“ICE”) feed,¹⁷ the Exchange has no ownership interest in the Third Party Systems. Establishing a User’s access to a Third Party System does not give the Exchange any right to use the Third Party Systems. Connectivity to a Third Party System does not provide access or order entry to the Exchange’s execution system, and a User’s connection to a Third Party System is not through the Exchange’s execution system.¹⁸ The Exchange charges a monthly recurring fee for connectivity to a Third Party System. Specifically, when a User requests access to a Third Party System, it identifies the applicable third party market or other content service provider and what bandwidth connection it requires.

The monthly recurring fee the Exchange charges Users for unicast connectivity to each Third Party System varies by the bandwidth of the connection, as follows:

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<th>Bandwidth of connection to third party system</th>
<th>Monthly recurring fee per connection to third party system</th>
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<td>1 Mb ......................................</td>
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<td>100 Mb ...................................</td>
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The Exchange provides connectivity to the following Third Party Systems:

- Americas Trading Group (ATG)
- BATS
- Boston Options Exchange (BOX)
- Chicago Board Options Exchange (CBOE)
- Credit Suisse
- International Securities Exchange (ISE)
- Nasdaq
- National Stock Exchange
- NYFIX Marketplace

In addition to the connectivity fees, the Exchange proposes to add language to its Price List stating the following:

Pricing for access to the execution systems of third party markets and other service providers (Third Party Systems) is for connectivity only. Connectivity to Third Party Systems is subject to any technical provisioning requirements and authorization from the provider of the data feed.

Exchange has an indirect interest in the ICE feeds. The ICE feeds include both market data and trading and clearing services, but the Exchange includes it as a Third Party Data Feed. In order for a User to receive an ICE feed, ICE must provide authorization for the User to receive both data and trading and clearing services.

¹⁶ See id., at 7889.
¹⁷ ICE is owned by the Exchange’s ultimate parent, Intercontinental Exchange, Inc., and so the ICE and the Global OTC alternative trading system are both owned by the Exchange’s ultimate parent, Intercontinental Exchange, Inc., and so the Exchange has an indirect interest in the ICE and Global OTC feeds. The NYSE Global Index feed includes index and exchange traded product valuations data, with data drawn from the Exchange, the Affiliate SROs, and third party exchanges. Because it includes third party data, the NYSE Global Index feed is considered a Third Party Data Feed. As with all Third Party Data Feeds, the Exchange charges its co-location customers for connectivity to third party data. For instance, Nasdaq charges its co-location customers monthly fees of $1,500 and $4,000 for connectivity to BATS Y and BATS, respectively, and of $2,500 for connectivity to ECN or EDG.

¹⁸ See IP Network Release, supra note 8, at 7889 (“The IP network also provides Users with access to away market data products.”). Users can connect to Global OTC and NYSE Global Index over the IP network or the Liquidity Center Network (“LCN”), a local area network available in the data center.

¹⁹ The Exchange notes that charging Users a monthly fee for connectivity to Third Party Data Feeds is consistent with the monthly fee Nasdaq charges its co-location customers for connectivity to third party data. For instance, Nasdaq charges its co-location customers monthly fees of $1,500 and $4,000 for connectivity to BATS Y and BATS, respectively, and of $2,500 for connectivity to ECN or EDG.

In order to connect to a Third Party Data Feed, a User enters into a contract with the relevant third party market or other content service provider, pursuant to which the content service provider charges the User for the Third Party Data Feed. The Exchange receives the Third Party Data Feed over its fiber optic network and, after the data provider and User enter into the contract and the Exchange receives authorization from the data provider, the Exchange re-transmits the data to the User over the User’s IP connection. The Exchange charges the User for the connectivity to the Third Party Data Feed. The User only receives, and is only charged for, connectivity to the Third Party Data Feeds for which it enters into contracts.

With the exception of the ICE, Global OTC and NYSE Global Index feeds, connectivit

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²⁰ See Nasdaq Stock Market Rule 7034.

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the Exchange has no affiliation with the sellers of the Third Party Data Feeds. It has no right to use the Third Party Data Feeds other than as a redistributor of the data. The Third Party Data Feeds do not provide access or order entry to the Exchange’s execution system. With the exception of the ICE feeds, the Third Party Data Feeds do not provide access or order entry to the execution systems of the third party generating the feed. The Exchange receives Third Party Data Feeds via arms-length agreements and it has no inherent advantage over any other distributor of such data.

The Exchange charges a monthly recurring fee for connectivity to each Third Party Data Feed. The monthly recurring fee is per Third Party Data Feed, with the exception that the monthly recurring feed for SuperFeed and MSCI varies by the bandwidth of the connection. Depending on its needs and bandwidth, a User may opt to receive all or some of the feeds or services included in a Third Party Data Feed. The following table shows the feeds that connectivity to each Third Party Data Feed provides, together with the applicable monthly recurring fee.

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<tr>
<th>Third party data feed</th>
<th>Monthly recurring connectivity fee per third party data feed</th>
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<tr>
<td>NYSE Global Index</td>
<td>100</td>
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<tr>
<td>OTC Markets Group</td>
<td>1,000</td>
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<td>SR Labs—SuperFeed ≤500 Mb</td>
<td>250</td>
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<td>SR Labs—SuperFeed ≤1.25 Gb</td>
<td>800</td>
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<td>SR Labs—SuperFeed &gt;1.25 Gb</td>
<td>1,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>TMX Group</td>
<td>2,500</td>
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In addition to the above connectivity fees, the Exchange proposes to add the following language to its Price List:

Pricing for data feeds from third party markets and other content service providers (Third Party Data Feeds) is for connectivity only. Connectivity to Third Party Data Feeds is subject to any technical provisioning requirements and authorization from the provider of the data feed. Connectivity to Third Party Data Feeds is over the IP network, with the exception that Users can connect to Global OT&C and NYSE Global Index over the IP network or LCN. Market data fees are charged independently by the relevant third party market or content service provider. The Exchange is not the exclusive method to connect to Third Party Data Feeds. Third Party Data Feed providers may charge redistribution fees, such as Nasdaq’s Extranet Access Fees and OTC Markets Group’s Access Fees. When the Exchange receives a redistribution fee, it passes through the charge to the User, without change to the fee. The fee is labeled as a pass-through of a redistribution fee on the User’s invoice. The Exchange proposes to add language to the Price List accordingly.

The Exchange provides third party markets or content providers that are also Users connectivity to their own Third Party Data Feeds. The Exchange does not charge Users that are third party markets or content providers for connectivity to their own feeds, as in the Exchange’s experience such parties generally receive their own fees for purposes of diagnostics and testing. The Exchange offers Users connectivity to third party certification and testing feeds. The Exchange offers Users connectivity to third party certification and testing feeds. Certification fees are used to certify that a User conforms to any of the relevant content service provider’s requirements for accessing Third Party Systems or receiving Third Party Data, while testing feeds provide Users an environment in which to conduct tests with non-live data. Such feeds, which are solely used for certification testing and do not carry live production data, are available over the IP network.

The Exchange proposes to revise the Price List to include connectivity to third party certification and testing feeds. The Exchange charges a connectivity fee of $100 per month per feed.

The Exchange proposes to add the following connectivity fees and language to its Price List:

Connectivity to third party certification and testing fees—$100 monthly recurring fee per feed.

The Exchange provides connectivity to third party testing and certification feeds provided by third party markets and other content service providers. Pricing for third party testing and certification fees is for connectivity only. Connectivity to third party testing and certification feeds is subject to any technical provisioning requirements and authorization from the provider of the data feed. Connectivity to third party testing and certification fees is over the IP network. Any applicable fees are charged independently by the relevant third party market or content service provider. The Exchange is not the exclusive method to connect to third party testing and certification feeds.

Connectivity to DTCC

The Exchange provides Users connectivity to DTCC for clearing, fund transfer, insurance, and settlement services. The Exchange proposes to revise the Price List to include connectivity to DTCC. The Exchange charges a connectivity fee of $500 per month for connections to DTCC of 5 Mb and $2,500 for connections of 50 Mb. Connectivity to DTCC is available over the IP network.

In order to connect to DTCC, a User enters into a contract with DTCC, pursuant to which DTCC charges the User for the services provided. The Exchange receives the DTCC feed over

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22 Unlike other Third Party Data Feeds, the ICE feeds include both market data and trading and clearing services. In order to receive the ICE feeds, a User must receive authorization from ICE to receive both market data and trading and clearing services.


24 For example, a User that trades on a third party exchange may wish to test the exchange’s upcoming releases and product releases or may wish to test a new algorithm in a testing environment prior to making it live.

25 Such connectivity to DTCC is distinct from the access to shared data services for clearing and settlement services that a User receives when it purchases access to the LCN or IP network. The shared data services allow Users and other entities with access to the Trading Systems to post files for settlement and clearing services to access.
its fiber optic network and, after DTCC and the User enter into the services contract and the Exchange receives authorization from DTCC, the Exchange provides connectivity to DTCC to the User over the User’s IP network port. The Exchange charges the User for the connectivity to DTCC.

Connectivity to DTCC does not provide access or order entry to the Exchange’s execution system, and a User’s connection to DTCC is not through the Exchange’s execution system.

The Exchange proposes to add the following connectivity fees and language to its Price List:

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<th>Type of Service</th>
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<th>Amount of Charge</th>
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<td>Virtual Control Circuit between two Users</td>
<td>1 Mb</td>
<td>$200 monthly charge.</td>
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<td>3 Mb</td>
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<td>100 Mb</td>
<td>2,500 monthly charge.</td>
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26 As is currently the case, Users that receive co-location services from the Exchange will not receive any means of access to the Exchange’s trading and execution systems that is separate from, or superior to, that of other Users. In this regard, all orders sent to the Exchange enter the Exchange’s trading and execution systems through the same order gateway, regardless of whether the sender is co-located in the data center or not. In addition, co-located Users do not receive any market data or data service product that is not available to all Users, although Users that receive co-location services normally would expect reduced latencies in sending orders to, and receiving market data from, the Exchange.

27 See SR-NYSE-2013–59, supra note 6 at 51766. The Affiliate SROs have also submitted substantially the same proposed rule change to propose the changes described herein. See SR–NYSEMKT–2016–63 and SR-NYSEArca–2016–89.


aware of any problems that Users would have in complying with the proposed change.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act, in general, and furthers the objectives of Sections 6(b)(5) of the Act, in particular, because it is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in regulating, clearing, settling, processing information with respect to, and facilitating transactions in securities, to remove impediments to, and perfect the mechanisms of, a free and open market and a national market system and, in general, protect investors and the public interest because it is not designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

The Exchange believes that the proposed changes remove impediments to, and perfect the mechanisms of, a free and open market and a national market system and, in general, protect investors and the public interest because, by offering Access and Connectivity, the Exchange gives each User additional options. Providing Access and Connectivity helps each User tailor its data center operations to the requirements of its business operations by allowing it to select the form and latency of access and connectivity that best suits its needs. The Exchange provides Access and Connectivity as conveniences to Users. Use of Access or Connectivity is completely voluntary, and each User has several other access and connectivity options available to it. As alternatives to using the Access and Connectivity provided by the Exchange, a User may access or connect to such services and products through another User or through a connection to an Exchange access center outside the data center, third party access center, or third party vendor. The User may make such connection through a third party telecommunication provider, third party wireless network, the SFTI network, or a combination thereof.

The Exchange believes that providing access to Third Party Systems and connectivity to Third Party Data Feeds, third party testing and certification feeds and DTCC, as well as revising the Price List to describe such services, would remove impediments to, and perfect the mechanisms of, a free and open market and a national market system and, in general, protect investors and the public interest because the proposed changes would make the descriptions of market participants’ access and connectivity options and the related fees more accessible and
transparent, thereby providing market participants with clarity as to what options for connectivity are available to them and what the related costs are. Including a description of the access to Third Party Systems and connectivity to Third Party Data Feeds that Users receive is consistent with Nasdaq’s Rule 7034, which includes similar information.\footnote{See Nasdaq Stock Market Rule 7034—Market Data Connectivity (“Pricing is for connectivity only and is similar to connectivity fees imposed by other vendors. The fees are generally based on the amount of bandwidth needed to accommodate a particular feed. Nasdaq is not the exclusive method to get market data connectivity. Market data fees are charged independently by the Nasdaq Stock Market and other exchanges.”).}

In addition, the Exchange believes that providing connectivity to third party testing and certification feeds removes impediments to, and perfects the mechanisms of, a free and open market and a national market system and, in general, protects investors and the public interest because such feeds provide Users an environment in which to conduct tests with non-live data, including testing for upcoming releases and product enhancements or the User’s own software development, and allow Users to certify conformance to any applicable technical requirements. Similarly, the Exchange believes that providing connectivity to DTCC removes impediments to, and perfects the mechanisms of, a free and open market and a national market system and, in general, protects investors and the public interest because it provides efficient connection to clearing, fund transfer, insurance, and settlement services.

The Exchange believes that providing Users with VCCs removes impediments to, and perfects the mechanisms of, a free and open market and a national market system because VCCs provide each User with an additional option for connectivity to another User, helping it tailor its data center operations to the requirements of its business operations by allowing it to select the form of connectivity that best suits its needs. The Exchange provides VCCs as a convenience to Users. Use of a VCC is completely voluntary. As an alternative to an Exchange-provided VCC, a User may connect to another User through a cross connect.

The Exchange also believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)(4) of the Act,\footnote{15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).} in particular, because it provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among its members, issuers and other persons using its facilities and does not unfairly discriminate between customers, issuers, brokers or dealers.

The Exchange believes that the proposed fees changes are consistent with Section 6(b)(4) of the Act for multiple reasons. The Exchange operates in a highly competitive market in which exchanges offer co-location services as a means to facilitate the trading and other market activities of those market participants who believe that co-location enhances the efficiency of their operations. Accordingly, fees charged for co-location services are constrained by the active competition for the order flow of, and other business from, such market participants. If a particular exchange charges excessive fees for co-location services, affected market participants will opt to terminate their co-location arrangements with that exchange, and adopt a possible range of alternative strategies, including placing their servers in a physically proximate location outside the exchange’s data center (which could be a competing exchange infrastructure) or pursuing strategies less dependent upon the lower exchange-to-participant latency associated with co-location. Accordingly, the exchange charging excessive fees would stand to lose not only co-location revenues but also the liquidity of the formerly co-located trading firms, which could have additional follow-on effects on the market share and revenue of the affected exchange.

The Exchange believes that the services and fees proposed herein are equitable, allocated and not unfairly discriminatory because, in addition to the services being completely voluntary, they are available to all Users on an equal basis (i.e., the same products and services are available to all Users). All Users that voluntarily select to receive access to Third Party Data Feeds, connectivity to Third Party Systems, third party testing and certification feeds and DTCC, the Exchange must maintain multiple connections to each Third Party Data Feed, Third Party System, and DTCC, allowing the Exchange to provide resilient and redundant feeds. In addition, in order to provide connectivity to Third Party Data Feeds, Third Party Systems, third party testing and certification feeds and DTCC, the Exchange must maintain multiple connections to each Third Party Data Feed, Third Party System, and DTCC, allowing the Exchange to provide resilient and redundant connections; adapt to any changes made by the relevant third party to cover any applicable fees (other than redistribution fees) charged by the relevant third party, such as port fees.

The Exchange believes that charging separate connectivity fees for Third Party Data Feeds and access to Third Party Systems, third party testing and certification fees and connectivity to DTCC is reasonable and not unfairly discriminatory because, in the Exchange’s experience, not all Users connect to Third Party Data Feeds, Third Party Systems, third party testing and certification fees or DTCC. By
charging only those Users that receive such connectivity, only the Users that directly benefit from it support its cost. In addition, Users are not required to use any of their bandwidth to connect to Third Party Data Feeds, third party testing and certification fees or DTCC, or to access Third Party Systems, unless they wish to do so.

The Exchange believes the fees for connectivity to Third Party Data Feeds are reasonable because they allow the Exchange to defray or cover the costs associated with offering Users connectivity to Third Party Data Feeds while providing Users the convenience of receiving such Third Party Data Feeds within co-location, helping them tailor their data center operations to the requirements of their business operations by allowing them to select the form and latency of connectivity that best suits their needs. The Exchange believes that its proposed changes for connectivity to Third Party Data Feeds are similar to the connectivity fees Nasdaq imposes on its co-location customers. For instance, Nasdaq charges its co-location customers monthly fees of $1,500 and $4,000 for connectivity to BATS Y and BATS, respectively, and of $2,500 for connectivity to EDGA or EDGX.32

The Exchange believes that its connectivity fees for access to Third Party Systems are reasonable because they allow the Exchange to defray or cover the costs associated with offering such access while providing Users the convenience of being able to access such Third Party Systems, helping them tailor their data center operations to the requirements of their business operations by allowing them to select the form and latency of connectivity that best suits their needs. Similarly, the Exchange believes that its fees for connectivity to DTCC are reasonable because they allow the Exchange to defray or cover the costs associated with offering such access while providing Users the benefit of an efficient connection to clearing, fund transfer, insurance, and settlement services.

The monthly recurring fees the Exchange charges Users for connectivity to Third Party Systems, the MSCI and SuperFeed Third Party Data Feeds, and DTCC, as well as for VCCs between Users, vary by the bandwidth of the connection. The Exchange also believes such fees are reasonable because the monthly recurring fee varies by the bandwidth of the connection, and so is generally proportional to the bandwidth required. The Exchange notes that some of the monthly recurring fees for connectivity to SuperFeed and DTCC differ from the fees for the other connections of the same bandwidth. The Exchange believes that such difference in pricing is reasonable, equitably allocated and not unfairly discriminatory because, although the bandwidth may be the same, the competitive considerations and the costs the Exchange incurs in providing such connections and VCCs may differ.

The Exchange also believes that its connectivity fees for access to third party testing and certification feeds are reasonable because they allow the Exchange to defray or cover the costs associated with offering such access while providing Users the benefit of having an environment in which to conduct tests with non-live data, including testing for upcoming releases and product enhancements or the User’s own software development, and to certify conformance to any applicable technical requirements.

The Exchange believes that it is reasonable that redistribution fees charged by providers of Third Party Data Feeds are passed through to the User, without change to the fee. If not passed through, the cost of the re-distribution fees would be factored into the proposed fees for connectivity to Third Party Data Feeds. The Exchange believes that passing through the fees makes them more transparent to the User, allowing the User to better assess the cost of the connectivity to a Third Party Data Feed by seeing the individual components of the cost, i.e. the Exchange’s fee and the redistribution fee.

The Exchange believes that it is reasonable that it does not charge third party markets or content providers for connectivity to their own Third Party Data Feeds, as in the Exchange’s experience such parties generally receive their own fees for purposes of diagnostics and testing. The Exchange believes that it removes impediments to, and perfects the mechanisms of, a free and open market and a national market system and, in general, protects investors and the public interest to facilitate such diagnostics and testing.

Finally, the Exchange also believes that its fees for VCCs between two Users are reasonable because they allow the Exchange to defray or cover the costs associated with offering such VCCs while providing Users the benefit of an additional option for connectivity to another User, helping them tailor their data center operations to the requirements of their business operations by allowing them to select the form of connectivity that best suits their needs. As an alternative to an Exchange-provided VCC, a User may connect to another User through a cross connect.

For the reasons above, the proposed changes do not unfairly discriminate between or among market participants that are otherwise capable of satisfying any applicable co-location fees, requirements, terms and conditions established from time to time by the Exchange.

For these reasons, the Exchange believes that the proposal is consistent with the Act.

B. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement on Burden on Competition

In accordance with Section 6(b)(8) of the Act,33 the Exchange believes that the proposed rule change will not impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act because, in addition to the proposed services being completely voluntary, they are available to all Users on an equal basis (i.e. the same products and services are available to all Users).

The Exchange believes that providing Users with access to Third Party Systems and connectivity to Third Party Data Feeds, third party testing and certification feeds, and DTCC does not impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act because such Access and Connectivity satisfies User demand for access and connectivity options, and each User has several other access and connectivity options available to it. As alternatives to using the Access and Connectivity provided by the Exchange, a User may access or connect to such services and products through another User or through a connection to an Exchange access center outside the data center, third party access center, or third party vendor. The User may make such connection through a third party telecommunication provider, third party wireless network, the SFTI network, or a combination thereof. Users that opt to use Access or Connectivity would not receive access or connectivity that is not available to all Users, as all market participants that contract with the relevant market or content provider may receive access or connectivity. In this way, the proposed changes would enhance competition by helping Users tailor their Access and Connectivity to the needs of their business operations by allowing them to select the form and latency of access and connectivity that best suits their needs.

Similarly, the Exchange believes that providing VCCs between Users does not

32 See Nasdaq Stock Market Rule 7034.

impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in
furtherance of the purposes of the Act because providing VCCs satisfies User
demand for an alternative to cross-connects.

The Exchange believes that revising the Price List to provide a more detailed
description of the Access and Connectivity available to Users would make such descriptions more accessible and transparent, thereby providing
market participants with clarity as to what Access and Connectivity is available to them and what the related
costs are, thereby enhancing
competition by ensuring that all Users
have access to the same information
regarding Access and Connectivity.

Finally, the Exchange operates in a
highly competitive market in which
exchanges offer co-location services as a
means to facilitate the trading and other market activities of those market
participants who believe that co-
location enhances the efficiency of their
operations. Accordingly, fees charged
for co-location services are constrained
by the active competition for the order
flow of, and other business from, such
market participants. If a particular
exchange charges excessive fees for co-
location services, affected market
participants will opt to terminate their
colocation arrangements with that
exchange, and adopt a possible range of
alternative strategies, including placing
their servers in a physically proximate
location outside the exchange’s data
center (which could be a competing
exchange), or pursuing strategies less
dependent upon the lower exchange-to-
participant latency associated with co-
location. Accordingly, the exchange
charging excessive fees would stand to
lose not only co-location revenues but
also the liquidity of the formerly co-
located trading firms, which could have
additional follow-on effects on the
market share and revenue of the affected
exchange. For the reasons described
above, the Exchange believes that the
proposed rule change reflects this
competitive environment.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization’s
Statement on Comments on the
Proposed Rule Change Received From
Members, Participants, or Others

No written comments were solicited
or received with respect to the proposed
rule change.

III. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to
submit written data, views and
arguments concerning the foregoing,
including whether the proposed rule
change, as amended by Amendment
Nos. 1, 2, and 3 is consistent with the
Exchange 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 No. SR–
NYSE–2016–45 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

• Send paper comments in triplicate
to Brent J. Fields, Secretary, Securities
and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street
NE., Washington, DC 20549–1090.

All submissions should refer to File No.
SR–NYSE–2016–45. 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 such
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 No. SR–NYSE–
2016–45, and should be submitted on or

For the Commission, by the Division of
Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated
authority. 34

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Self-Regulatory Organizations;
NASDAQ PHLX LLC; Notice of Filing of
Proposed Rule Change, as Modified by
Amendment No. 1 Thereto, To Permit
Phlx To Accept Inbound Options
Orders Routed by Nasdaq Execution
Services LLC

December 22, 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 December
9, 2016, NASDAQ PHLX LLC (“Phlx” or
the “Exchange”) filed with the
Securities and Exchange Commission
(“Commission”) the proposed rule
change. On December 20, 2016, the
Exchange filed Amendment No. 1 to the
proposed rule change, which amended
and replaced the original filing in its
entirety. The proposed rule change, as
modified by Amendment No. 1, is
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,
as modified by Amendment No. 1
thereto, from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization’s
Statement of the Terms of Substance of
the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to permit
Phlx to accept inbound options orders
routed by Nasdaq Execution Services
LLC (“NES”) from the International
Securities Exchange, LLC (“ISE”) ISE
Gemini, LLC (“ISE Gemini”) and ISE
Mercury, LLC (“ISE Mercury”) (collectively “ISE Exchanges”).

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.
