

connection with a distress termination filing, and

- A plan administrator or plan sponsor must disclose information it has submitted to PBGC in connection with a PBGC-initiated termination.

PBGC is also required to disclose the administrative record relating to a PBGC-initiated termination upon request by an affected party. The above provisions are applicable to terminations initiated on or after August 17, 2006. The applicable regulatory provisions can be found at 29 CFR 4041.51 and 4042.5.

This collection of information was most recently approved by OMB under control number 1212-0065. PBGC is requesting that OMB approve the collection of information for three years, without change. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

On September 7, 2017 (82 FR 42366), PBGC published a notice informing the public that it intended to request OMB approval and soliciting public comment. No comments were received.

Based on information for calendar years 2014–2016, PBGC estimates that approximately 75 plans will terminate as distress or PBGC-initiated terminations each year. A survey conducted by PBGC of nine plans found that two of the nine plans surveyed received requests for termination information. Based on the foregoing, PBGC estimates that two participants or other affected parties of every nine distress terminations or PBGC-initiated terminations filed will annually make

requests for termination information, or 2% of 75 (approximately 17 per year).

Based on information derived from the survey of nine plans, PBGC estimates that the hour burden for plan administrators and sponsors will be about 20 hours, with the aggregate, annual burden estimated to be 340 hours (17 plans\*20 hours). The dollar equivalent of the hour burden is estimated to be \$25,500 (340 hours\*\$75 per hour) based on an assumed blended hourly rate of \$75 for administrative, clerical, and supervisory time per hour for the staff of plan administrators and sponsors.

PBGC expects that all the work will be performed in-house by the staff of plan administrators and sponsors PBGC expects costs to be recovered from affected parties because plan administrators and plan sponsors may charge a reasonable fee for non-electronic disclosure. Therefore, the annual cost to the plan administrators and sponsors is estimated to be \$0.

Issued in Washington, DC.

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**OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT**

**Excepted Service**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice identifies Schedule A, B, and C appointing authorities applicable to a single agency that were established or revoked from July 1, 2017 to July 31, 2017.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Senior Executive Resources Services, Senior Executive Service and Performance Management, Employee Services, (202) 606-2246.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with 5 CFR 213.103, Schedule A, B, and C appointing authorities available for use by all agencies are codified in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). Schedule A, B, and C appointing authorities applicable to a single agency are not codified in the CFR, but the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) publishes a notice of agency-specific authorities established or revoked each month in the **Federal Register** at [www.gpo.gov/fdsys/](http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/). OPM also publishes an annual notice of the consolidated listing of all Schedule A, B, and C appointing authorities, current as of June 30, in the **Federal Register**.

**Schedule A**

No schedule A authorities to report during July 2017.

**Schedule B**

No schedule B authorities to report during July 2017.

**Schedule C**

The following Schedule C appointing authorities were approved during July 2017.

Agency name	Organization name	Position title	Authorization No.	Effective date	
Department of Agriculture .....	Office of Communications .....	Press Secretary .....	DA170169	07/21/2017	
	Office of the Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics.	Chief of Staff .....	DA170170	07/31/2017	
Broadcasting Board of Governors	Broadcasting Board of Governors	Senior Advisor .....	IB170005	07/11/2017	
Department of Commerce .....	Office of the Chief of Staff .....	Scheduler .....	DC170146	07/05/2017	
Commodity Futures Trading Commission.	Office of the Chief Economist .....	Chief Economist .....	CT170011	07/07/2017	
Department of Defense .....	Washington Headquarters Services.	Staff Assistant .....	DD170185	07/05/2017	
		Defense Fellow .....	DD170194	07/14/2017	
	Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Asian and Pacific Security Affairs).	Special Assistant (Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Central Asia).	DD170189	07/05/2017	
		Special Assistant .....	DD170168	07/06/2017	
	Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Special Operations/ Low Intensity Conflict).	Special Assistant (Stability and Humanitarian Affairs).	DD170191	07/07/2017	
		Special Assistant .....	DD170201	07/21/2017	
	Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy).	Special Assistant (East Asia) .....	DD170202	07/21/2017	
		Special Assistant (Cyber) .....	DD170198	07/31/2017	
	Department of the Army .....	Office Deputy Under Secretary of Army.	Personal and Confidential Assistant.	DW170025	07/06/2017

Agency name	Organization name	Position title	Authorization No.	Effective date	
Department of Education .....	Office of Communications and Outreach.	Special Assistant .....	DB170118	07/05/2017	
	Office of the Secretary .....	Confidential Assistant .....	DB170120	07/07/2017	
		Special Assistant .....	DB170125	07/18/2017	
	Office of Legislation and Congressional Affairs.	Confidential Assistant .....	DB170126	07/21/2017	
Department of Energy .....	Office of Career Technical and Adult Education.	Special Assistant .....	DB170127	07/21/2017	
	Office of Public Affairs .....	Deputy Press Secretary .....	DE170184	07/18/2017	
		Special Advisor .....	DE170179	07/21/2017	
		Scheduler .....	DE170185	07/21/2017	
Office of Scheduling and Advance	Special Assistant .....	DE170198	07/26/2017		
	Office of Technology Transition ....	Chief of Staff .....	DE170183	07/31/2017	
	Office of Advanced Research Projects Agency—Energy.	Senior Advisor and Chief of Staff ..	DE170187	07/31/2017	
		Office of the Administrator .....	Senior Advisor for Water and Cross-Cutting Initiatives.	EP170073	07/05/2017
Environmental Protection Agency ..	Office of the Administrator .....	Director of Scheduling and Advance.	EP170074	07/05/2017	
		Special Assistant for Scheduling and Advance.	EP170075	07/13/2017	
		Special Assistant .....	EP170076	07/13/2017	
	Office of the Associate Administrator for Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations.	Special Assistant for Congressional Relations.	EP170063	07/06/2017	
Export-Import Bank .....	Office of the Chairman .....	Special Assistant .....	EP170078	07/13/2017	
		Financial Advisor .....	EB170015	07/21/2017	
		Senior Advisor .....	EB170019	07/21/2017	
General Services Administration ....	Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs.	Advisor .....	EB170005	07/25/2017	
		Communications Advisor .....	GS170044	07/31/2017	
		Office of the Secretary .....	Policy Advisor for Public Health and Science.	DH170288	07/05/2017
		Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health.	Director of Communications .....	DH170282	07/07/2017
Department of Health and Human Services.	Office of Communications, Administration for Children and Families.	Senior Director, Communications and Media.	DH170289	07/07/2017	
		Office of Indian Health Service .....	Senior Advisor, Indian Health Service.	DH170299	07/20/2017
	Office of the General Counsel .....	Advisor and Legal Counsel .....	DH170300	07/28/2017	
	Office of the Administrator .....	Senior Advisor (Substance Abuse)	DH170301	07/28/2017	
Department of Homeland Security	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Financial Resources.	Senior Advisor .....	DH170298	07/31/2017	
		Office of the Secretary .....	Executive Director, Homeland Security Advisory Council and Campaigns.	DM170247	07/27/2017
	Office of the Executive Secretariat	Briefing Book Coordinator .....	DM170249	07/27/2017	
		Confidential Assistant .....	DM170236	07/31/2017	
Department of Housing and Urban Development.	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Intergovernmental Affairs.	Confidential Assistant .....	DM170239	07/31/2017	
		Senior Advisor (3) .....	DM170240	07/31/2017	
	Office of Housing .....	Senior Advisor .....	DU170148	07/05/2017	
		Special Policy Advisor .....	DU170152	07/28/2017	
Department of the Interior .....	Secretary's Immediate Office .....	Senior Advisor .....	DU170132	07/11/2017	
		Advisor .....	DU170153	07/19/2017	
		Press Secretary .....	DU170150	07/27/2017	
		Deputy Director of Communications.	DI170087	07/06/2017	
Department of Justice .....	Bureau of Land Management .....	Advisor .....	DI170092	07/06/2017	
		Counselor .....	DI170086	07/14/2017	
	Office of Assistant Secretary—Land and Minerals Management.	Senior Advisor .....	DI170097	07/06/2017	
		Advisor (2) .....	DI170100	07/21/2017	
Department of Labor .....	Office of the Associate Attorney General.	Advisor .....	DI170105	07/31/2017	
		Counsel .....	DI170106	07/31/2017	
	Office of Civil Rights Division .....	Deputy Director of Communications.	DJ170129	07/06/2017	
		Counsel (3) .....	DJ170130	07/07/2017	
Department of the Interior .....	Secretary's Immediate Office .....	Advisor .....	DJ170128	07/17/2017	
		Press Secretary .....	DJ170153	07/21/2017	
		Deputy Director of Communications.	DJ170152	07/31/2017	
		Advisor .....	DJ170152	07/31/2017	
Department of Justice .....	Office of Antitrust Division .....	Staff Assistant .....	DL170070	07/13/2017	
		Special Assistant .....	DL170075	07/21/2017	

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National Endowment for the Humanities.	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy.	Special Assistant .....	DL170073	07/21/2017
	Office of the Chairman .....	White House Liaison and Chairman's Strategic Scheduler.	NH170004	07/07/2017
Office of Management and Budget	Office of the Director .....	Advisor .....	BO170081	07/10/2017
	Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs.	Confidential Assistant .....	BO170083 .....	07/21/2017
Office of the United States Trade Representative.	Office of Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Liaison.	Deputy Assistant United States Trade Representative for Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Engagement.	TN170016	07/10/2017
	Office of Congressional Affairs .....	Senior Director for Congressional Affairs.	TN170017	07/31/2017
Presidents Commission on White House Fellowships.	President's Commission on White House Fellowships.	Associate Director .....	WH170010	07/07/2017
Department of State .....	Office of the United States. Global Aids Coordinator.	Chief of Staff & Chief Policy Officer.	DS170182	07/07/2017
	Office of the Under Secretary for Management.	Advisor .....	DS170181	07/14/2017
	Office of Policy Planning .....	Special Advisor .....	DS170186	07/21/2017
	Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs.	Special Advisor .....	DS170183	07/14/2017
Department of Transportation .....	Office of the Administrator .....	Special Assistant .....	DS170149	07/31/2017
		Director of Governmental Affairs ...	DT170120	07/07/2017
Department of the Treasury .....	Office of the Assistant Secretary (Public Affairs).	Special Assistant .....	DT170126	07/31/2017
		Senior Advisor .....	DY170141	07/14/2017
United States International Trade Commission.	Office of the Secretary .....	Advance Representative .....	DY170142	07/14/2017
	Office of Commissioner Broadbent	Confidential Assistant .....	TC170001	07/21/2017
Department of Veterans Affairs .....	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Legislative Affairs.	Special Assistant .....	DV170063	07/07/2017

The following Schedule C appointing authorities were revoked during July 2017.

Agency name	Organization name	Title	Request No.	Date vacated
Commodity Futures Trading Commission.	Office of the Chief Economist .....	Chief Economist .....	CT140001 .....	07/22/2017
Consumer Product Safety Commission.	Office of Commissioners .....	Special Assistant .....	PS140009 .....	07/08/2017
Department of Education .....	Office of the Secretary .....	Special Assistant .....	DB170095 .....	07/22/2017
Department of Energy .....	Office of the Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy.	Senior Advisor and Chief of Staff ..	DE170095 .....	07/22/2017
Department of Health and Human Services.	Office of the Secretary .....	Advisor .....	DH170239 .....	07/30/2017
Environmental Protection Agency ..	Office of the Administrator .....	Director of Scheduling and Advance.	EP170055 .....	07/15/2017
	Office of the Associate Administrator for Policy.	Senior Deputy Associate Administrator for Policy.	EP170050 .....	07/15/2017
General Services Administration ....	Office of Public Building Service ...	Senior Advisor to the Public Buildings Services Commissioner.	GS170029 .....	07/07/2017
National Endowment for the Arts ...	Office of the Chairman .....	Press Secretary .....	NA160002 .....	07/05/2017
	Office of Congressional Affairs .....	Director of Congressional Affairs ...	NH150002 .....	07/31/2017

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 3301 and 3302; E.O. 10577, 3 CFR, 1954–1958 Comp., p. 218.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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### Self-Regulatory Organizations; The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Amend Rule 7018

November 14, 2017.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”),<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on November 1, 2017, 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 amend the Exchange’s transaction fees at Rule 7018 to: (i) Change the volume threshold needed to qualify for one of the credits for displayed quotes and orders that provide liquidity on the Exchange; and (ii) add a new credit for both providing liquidity to, and removing liquidity from, the Exchange.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s Web site at <http://nasdaq.cchwallstreet.com/>, at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission’s Public Reference Room.

#### II. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, the Exchange included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these

statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

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

##### 1. Purpose

The purpose of the proposed rule change is to (i) change the volume threshold needed to qualify for one of the credits for displayed quotes and orders that provide liquidity on the Exchange; and (ii) add a new credit for displayed quotes and orders that provide liquidity to, and remove liquidity from, the Exchange.

Rule 7018 sets forth the fees and credits for use of the order execution and routing services of Nasdaq for securities priced at \$1 or more. Rule 7018(a)(1) sets forth the fees and credits for the execution and routing of orders in Nasdaq-listed securities; Rule 7018(a)(2) sets forth the fees and credits for the execution and routing of securities listed on the New York Stock Exchange LLC (“NYSE”), and Rule 7018(a)(3) sets forth the fees and credits for the execution and routing of securities listed on exchanges other than Nasdaq and NYSE (“Tape B Securities”).

Currently, Nasdaq pays a credit of \$0.0029 per share executed for securities listed on Nasdaq, NYSE and Tape B Securities when the member adds liquidity in all securities through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs that represents more than 0.45% of Consolidated Volume during the month.<sup>3</sup> Nasdaq now proposes to change this requirement so that the member must add liquidity in all securities through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs that represents more than 0.60% of Consolidated Volume during the month for securities listed on Nasdaq, NYSE and Tape B Securities. Nasdaq is therefore amending the relevant language in Rule 7018(a)(1), (a)(2) and

<sup>3</sup> Rule 7018(a) defines Consolidated Volume to mean “the total consolidated volume reported to all consolidated transaction reporting plans by all exchanges and trade reporting facilities during a month in equity securities, excluding executed orders with a size of less than one round lot. For purposes of calculating Consolidated Volume and the extent of a member’s trading activity the date of the annual reconstitution of the Russell Investments Indexes shall be excluded from both total Consolidated Volume and the member’s trading activity.”

(a)(3) to reflect this change. The amount of the credit remains unchanged.

Nasdaq is making this change because it believes the new volume requirement is more closely aligned to the amount of the credit. This increase is also reflective of the Exchange’s desire to provide incentives to attract order flow to the Exchange in return for significant market-improving behavior. By modestly increasing the volume of liquidity that a member must add during the month in order to qualify for the corresponding credit, this change will help ensure that members are providing significant market-improving behavior in return for credits.

Nasdaq is also proposing to add a new credit for securities that are listed on Nasdaq, NYSE and Tape B Securities. Specifically, the member will qualify for a rebate of \$0.0029 per share executed if the member (i) removes liquidity in all securities through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs that represents more than 0.70% of Consolidated Volume during the month, and (ii) adds liquidity in all securities through one or more of its Nasdaq Market Center MPIDs that represents more than 0.50% of Total Consolidated Volume during the month. Nasdaq is therefore amending the relevant language in Rule 7018(a)(1), (a)(2) and (a)(3) to reflect this change. Nasdaq is adding this rebate to incentivize members to both add and remove liquidity on the Exchange in Nasdaq and NYSE-listed securities and Tape B securities, and to provide members with another way in which they may qualify for a rebate.

##### 2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,<sup>4</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Sections 6(b)(4) and 6(b)(5) of the Act,<sup>5</sup> 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, and is not designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

The Exchange believes that changing the requirement that members add liquidity that represents more than 0.45% of Consolidated Volume to require members to add liquidity that represents more than 0.60% of Consolidated Volume during the month in order to qualify for the \$0.0029 credit is reasonable. The Exchange notes that it is not changing the amount of the

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

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

<sup>4</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>5</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4) and (5).