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Brent J. Fields Secretary U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission 100 F Street, NE Washington, DC 20549-1090

Re: Amendment No. 3 (SR-NASDAQ-2016-126)

Dear Mr. Fields:

The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC filed the above-referenced filing on October 7, 2016.

Sincerely,

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Partial Amendment No. 3 to SR-NASDAQ-2016-126

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 ("Proposal") to adopt paragraph (d) and Commentary .12 to Exchange Rule 4770 to describe changes to system functionality necessary to implement the Regulation NMS Plan to Implement a Tick Size Pilot Program ("Plan"). The Exchange also proposed amendments to Rule 4770(a) and (c) to clarify how the Trade-at exception may be satisfied. The SEC published the Proposal in the Federal Register for notice and comment on September 20, 2016. The comment period expired on October 4, 2016. On September 29, 2016 and October 4, 2016, Nasdaq filed Partial Amendments No. 1 and No. 2, respectively, to clarify aspects of the Proposal.

Nasdaq is filing this Partial Amendment No. 3 to amend a statement in its proposed rule change concerning the hours during which the Trade-at prohibition shall be in effect. Although the Plan only requires that the Trade-at prohibition shall apply during Regular Trading Hours, ⁴ Nasdaq proposed to apply Trade-at during the Pre-Market Hours and Post-Market Hours trading sessions, ⁵ in addition to the Regular Market Hours sessions. In the Proposal, Nasdaq stated that applying the same process and requirements in Test Group Three Pilot Securities across the various market sessions will simplify processing of Orders by the Exchange, avoiding market participant confusion that may be caused by applying only some of the Plan requirements and not others during the different market sessions.

 <u>See</u> Securities Exchange Act Release No. 74892 (May 6, 2015), 80 FR 27513 (May 13, 2015) ("Approval Order").

See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 78837 (September 14, 2016), 81 FR 64544 (September 20, 2016) (SR-NASDAQ-2016-126).

^{3 &}lt;u>Id.</u>

See Section I.(LL) of the Plan. Regular Trading Hours is defined by the Plan as having the same meaning as Rule 600(b)(64) of Regulation NMS. See Section I.(CC) of the Plan.

As used in this proposal, the term "Market Hours" means the period of time beginning at 9:30 a.m. ET and ending at 4:00 p.m. ET (or such earlier time as may be designated by Nasdaq on a day when Nasdaq closes early). The term "Pre-Market Hours" means the period of time beginning at 4:00 a.m. ET and ending immediately prior to the commencement of Market Hours. The term "Post-Market Hours" means the period of time beginning immediately after the end of Market Hours and ending at 8:00 p.m. ET. See Rule 4701(g).

Nasdaq has since determined that the Trade-at prohibition will be more efficiently implemented if it is applied during the Regular Market Hours sessions only. Nasdaq therefore proposes to remove the relevant language from its filing.⁶

The Exchange believes that this amendment is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act, 7 in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act, 8 in particular, in that it is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, 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 Exchange submitted its initial Proposal to make changes to its handling of Order Types and Order Attributes necessary to implement the requirements of the Plan. Nasdaq believes that this change will facilitate the implementation of the Trade-at prohibition, and notes that, with this change, Nasdaq's implementation of the Trade-at prohibition is still consistent with the requirements of Trade-at as set forth in the Plan.

The references occur on page 9 of the Form 19b-4, and pages 40-41 of the Exhibit 1. There is no change to the rule text.

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).