SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-64579; File No. SR-NASDAQ-2011-071)

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Regarding the Correction of an Inadvertent Error in NASDAQ Rule 7019(d)

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 May 20, 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 substantially prepared by NASDAQ. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of the Substance of the Proposed</u> Rule Change

NASDAQ proposes to make a correction to the definition of "Direct Access" in NASDAQ Rule 7019(d). NASDAQ proposes to implement the proposed rule change immediately.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on NASDAQ website

<a href="http://nasdaq.cchwallstreet.com">http://nasdaq.cchwallstreet.com</a>, at NASDAQ's principal office, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

II. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change</u>

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

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis</u> for, the Proposed Rule Change

#### 1. Purpose

NASDAQ proposes to make a correction to NASDAQ Rule 7019(d) of its Market Data Distributor Fees rule to correct an inadvertent error in the definition of "Direct Access" contained in a recent filing ("previous filing"). The previous filing intended to amend the fee schedule to correct an anomaly that effectively exempted certain customers residing within NASDAQ's co-location facility from paying a monthly fee for direct access to NASDAQ data, while customers that received data from an extranet and resided outside the co-location facility were assessed the fee. The previous filing also deleted outdated verbiage in the fee schedule in order to eliminate confusion regarding application of the fees. However, the rule language contained an inadvertent error that effectively still exempts certain co-located customers receiving NASDAQ data feeds from paying a direct access fee.

The definition should be corrected to make clear that the definition of "Direct Access" is also applicable to a telecommunications interface with NASDAQ for receiving NASDAQ data feeds (and not NASDAQ data) within the NASDAQ co-location facility as well. NASDAQ is making this change due to an inadvertent clerical error in the previous filing and is making no other changes to NASDAQ Rule 7019.

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Securities Exchange Act Release No. 63441 (December 6, 2010), 75 FR 77022, (December 10, 2010) (SR-NASDAQ-2010-152).

## 2. <u>Statutory Basis</u>

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 6 of the Act,<sup>4</sup> in general, and with Sections 6(b)(5) of the Act,<sup>5</sup> in particular. The proposal 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 mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. The proposed rule change is to correct an inadvertent error in the definition of "Direct Access" in NASDAQ Rule 7019(d) of its Market Data Distributor Fees rule.

## B. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition</u>

NASDAQ does not believe that the proposed rule change will result in any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act, as amended.

C. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received from Members, Participants, or Others</u>

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

III. <u>Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action</u>

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act<sup>6</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(3) thereunder, NASDAQ has designated this proposal as one that is concerned solely with the administration of the self-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(3).

regulatory organization. Accordingly, NASDAQ believes that its proposal should become immediately effective.

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 (<a href="http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml">http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml</a>); or
- Send an e-mail to <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include File Number SR-NASDAQ-2011-071 on the subject line.

## Paper comments:

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

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NASDAQ-2011-071. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail 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 website (<a href="http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml">http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml</a>). 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 website 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 Number SR-NASDAQ-2011-071 and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21]

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading & Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>8</sup>

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Deputy Secretary

days from publication in the Federal Register].

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<sup>8 17</sup> CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).