## **Chapter XV Options Pricing**

NASDAQ Options Market Participants may be subject to the Charges for Membership, Services and Equipment in the Rule 7000 Series as well as the fees in this Chapter XV. For purposes of assessing fees and paying rebates, the following references should serve as guidance.

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## Sec. 2 NASDAQ Options Market—Fees and Rebates

The following charges shall apply to the use of the order execution and routing services of the NASDAQ Options Market for all securities.

(1) Fees for Execution of Contracts on the NASDAQ Options Market

|                                  | Fees                 | and Rebates (p            | er execu            | ited contract)             |                        |                     |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
|                                  | Customer             | Professional              | Firm                | Non-NOM<br>Market<br>Maker | NOM<br>Market<br>Maker | Broker-<br>Dealer   |
| <b>Penny Pilot Opti</b>          | ons:                 |                           |                     |                            |                        |                     |
| Rebate to Add<br>Liquidity       | ***                  | ***                       | \$0.10 <sup>2</sup> | \$0.10 <sup>2</sup>        | #                      | \$0.10 <sup>2</sup> |
| Fee for<br>Removing<br>Liquidity | \$0.47               | \$0.49 <sup>d</sup>       | \$0.49 <sup>d</sup> | \$0.49 <sup>d</sup>        | \$0.48                 | \$0.49 <sup>d</sup> |
| <b>Non-Penny Pilot</b>           | <b>Options</b> (incl | uding NDX <sup>1</sup> ): |                     |                            |                        |                     |
| Fee for Adding Liquidity         | N/A                  | \$0.45                    | \$0.45 <sup>2</sup> | \$0.45 2                   | \$0.35                 | \$0.45 <sup>2</sup> |
| Fee for<br>Removing<br>Liquidity | \$0.85               | \$0.89                    | \$0.89              | \$0.89                     | \$0.89                 | \$0.89              |
| Rebate to Add<br>Liquidity       | \$0.84 <sup>3</sup>  | N/A                       | N/A                 | N/A                        | N/A                    |                     |
| SOX, HGX and                     | OSX:                 |                           |                     |                            |                        |                     |
| Fee for Adding Liquidity         | \$0.40               | \$0.89                    | \$0.89              | \$0.89                     | \$0.40                 | \$0.89              |
| Fee for<br>Removing<br>Liquidity | \$0.40               | \$0.89                    | \$0.89              | \$0.89                     | \$0.40                 | \$0.89              |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>For transactions in NDX, a surcharge of \$0.15 per contract will be added to the Fee for Adding Liquidity and the Fee for Removing Liquidity in Non-Penny Pilot Options, except for a Customer who will not be assessed a surcharge.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>A Participant that adds Firm, Non-NOM Market Maker or Broker-Dealer liquidity in Penny

Pilot Options and/or Non-Penny Pilot Options of 15,000 contracts per day or more in a given month will receive a Rebate to Add Liquidity in Penny Pilot Options of \$0.20 per contract and will pay a Fee for Adding Liquidity in Non-Penny Pilot Options of \$0.36 per contract.

<sup>3</sup> A Participant that qualifies for Penny Pilot Options Customer or Professional Rebate to Add Liquidity Tiers 7 or 8 in a given month will receive an additional \$0.01 per contract Non-Penny Pilot Options Customer Rebate to Add Liquidity for each transaction which adds liquidity in Non-Penny Pilot Options in that month.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> The Customer and Professional Rebate to Add Liquidity in Penny Pilot Options will be paid as noted below. To determine the applicable percentage of total industry customer equity and ETF option average daily volume, the Participant's Penny Pilot and Non-Penny Pilot Customer and/or Professional volume that adds liquidity will be included.

| Mon        | thly Volume  | Rebate to Add<br>Liquidity |
|------------|--|----------------------------|
| Tier<br>1  | Participant adds Customer and/or Professional liquidity in Penny Pilot Options and/or Non-Penny Pilot Options of up to $0.20\%$ of total industry customer equity and ETF option average daily volume ("ADV") contracts per day in a month   | \$0.25                     |
| Tier<br>2  | Participant adds Customer and/or Professional liquidity in Penny Pilot Options and/or Non-Penny Pilot Options above 0.20% to 0.30% of total industry customer equity and ETF option ADV contracts per day in a month   | \$0.42                     |
| Tier<br>3  | Participant adds Customer and/or Professional liquidity in Penny Pilot Options and/or Non-Penny Pilot Options above 0.30% to 0.40% of total industry customer equity and ETF option ADV contracts per day in a month   | \$0.43                     |
| Tier<br>4  | Participant adds Customer and/or Professional liquidity in Penny Pilot Options and/or Non-Penny Pilot Options above 0.40% or more of total industry customer equity and ETF option ADV contracts per day in a month  | \$0.45                     |
| Tier 5 a   | Participant adds (1) Customer and/or Professional liquidity in Penny Pilot Options and/or Non-Penny Pilot Options of 25,000 or more contracts per day in a month, (2) the Participant has certified for the Investor Support Program set forth in Rule 7014, and (3) the Participant executed at least one order on NASDAQ's equity market | \$0.45                     |
| Tier 6 b,c | Participant has Total Volume of 100,000 or more contracts per day in a month, of which 25,000 or more contracts per day in a month must be Customer and/or Professional liquidity in Penny Pilot Options   | \$0.45                     |

Tier Participant has Total Volume of 150,000 or more contracts per day in a month, of which 50,000 or more contracts per day in a month must be Customer and/or Professional liquidity in Penny Pilot Options
Tier Participant adds Customer and/or Professional liquidity in Penny Pilot Options and/or Non-Penny Pilot Options of 0.75% or more of national customer volume in multiply-listed equity and ETF options classes in a month.

<sup>a</sup>For purposes of Tier 5, the Exchange will allow a NOM Participant to qualify for the rebate if a NASDAQ member under Common Ownership with the NOM Participant has certified for the Investor Support Program and executed at least one order on NASDAQ's equity market.

<sup>b</sup>For purposes of Tiers 6, 7 and 8, "Total Volume" shall be defined as Customer, Professional, Firm, Broker-Dealer, Non-NOM Market Maker and NOM Market Maker volume in Penny Pilot Options and/or Non-Penny Pilot Options which either adds or removes liquidity on NOM.

<sup>c</sup>For purposes of Tiers 6, 7 and 8, the Exchange will allow NOM Participants under Common Ownership to aggregate their volume to qualify for the rebate.

<sup>d</sup>Participants that qualify for Customer or Professional Rebate to Add Liquidity Tiers 7 or 8 in a given month will be assessed a Professional, Firm, Non-NOM Market Maker or Broker-Dealer Fee for Removing Liquidity in Penny Pilot Options of \$0.48 per contract.

# The NOM Market Maker Rebate to Add Liquidity in Penny Pilot Options will be paid as noted below.

| Monthly<br>Volume |   | Rebate to Add<br>Liquidity |
|-------------------|---|----------------------------|
| Tier 1            | Participant adds NOM Market Maker liquidity<br>in Penny Pilot Options and/or Non-Penny Pilot<br>Options of up to 29,999 contracts per day in a<br>month     | \$0.25                     |
| Tier 2            | Participant adds NOM Market Maker liquidity<br>in Penny Pilot Options and/or Non-Penny Pilot<br>Options of 30,000 to 59,999 contracts per day in<br>a month | \$0.30                     |
| Tier 3            | Participant adds NOM Market Maker liquidity in Penny Pilot Options and/or Non-Penny Pilot Options of 60,000 to [7]69,999 contracts per day                  | \$0.32                     |

## in a month

**Tier 4** Participant adds NOM Market Maker liquidity in Penny Pilot Options and/or Non-Penny Pilot Options of [8]70,000 or more contracts per day in a month

\$0.32 or \$0.38 in the following symbols BAC, GLD, IWM, QQQ and VXX or \$0.40 in SPY

\$0.40

Tier 5 Participant adds NOM Market Maker liquidity in Penny Pilot Options and/or Non-Penny Pilot Options of 40,000 or more contracts per day in a month and qualifies for the Tier 7 or Tier 8 Customer and/or Professional Rebate to Add Liquidity in Penny Pilot Options.

(2) – (4) No Change

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