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NASDAQ Stock Market Rules

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Options Rules

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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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The term “**Common Ownership**” shall mean Participants under 75% common ownership or control. Common Ownership shall apply to all pricing in Chapter XV, Section 2 for which a volume threshold or volume percentage is required to obtain the pricing.

(a) – (c) No change.

The term “**Appointed MM**” is a NOM Market Maker who has been appointed by an Order Flow Provider (“OFP”) for purposes of qualifying as an Affiliated Entity. An OFP is a Participant, other than a NOM Market Maker, that submits orders, as agent or principal, to the Exchange.

The term “**Appointed OFP**” is an OFP who has been appointed by a NOM Market Maker for purposes of qualifying as an Affiliated Entity.

The term “**Affiliated Entity**” is a relationship between an Appointed MM and an Appointed OFP for purposes of aggregating eligible volume for pricing in Chapter XV, Sections 2(1) and 2(6) for which a volume threshold or volume percentage is required to qualify for higher rebates or lower fees. NOM Market Makers and OFPs are required to send an email to the Exchange to appoint their counterpart, at least 3 business days prior to the last day of the month to qualify for the next month. The Exchange will acknowledge receipt of the emails and specify the date the Affiliated Entity is eligible for applicable pricing in Chapter XV, Sections 2(1) and 2(6). Each Affiliated Entity relationship will commence on the 1st of a month and may not be terminated prior to the end of any month. An Affiliated Entity relationship will terminate after a one (1) year period, unless either party terminates earlier in writing by sending an email to the Exchange at least 3 business days prior to the last day of the month to terminate for the next month. Affiliated Entity relationships must be renewed annually. Participants under Common Ownership may not qualify as a counterparty comprising an Affiliated Entity.

Each Participant may qualify for only one (1) Affiliated Entity relationship at any given time.

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