

transaction, including the consideration to be paid or received, are reasonable and fair and do not involve overreaching on the part of any person concerned, and the proposed transaction is consistent with the policies of the registered investment company and the general purposes of the Act. Section 12(d)(1)(f) of the Act provides that the Commission may exempt any person, security, or transaction, or any class or classes of persons, securities or transactions, from any provision of section 12(d)(1) if the exemption is consistent with the public interest and the protection of investors.

7. Applicants submit that for the reasons stated in the Reference Order: (1) With respect to the relief requested pursuant to section 6(c) of the Act, the relief is appropriate, in the public interest and consistent with the protection of investors and the purposes fairly intended by the policy and provisions of the Act; (2) with respect to the relief request pursuant to section 17(b) of the Act, the proposed transactions are reasonable and fair and do not involve overreaching on the part of any person concerned, are consistent with the policies of each registered investment company concerned and consistent with the general purposes of the Act; and (3) with respect to the relief requested pursuant to section 12(d)(1)(f) of the Act, the relief is consistent with the public interest and the protection of investors.

By the Division of Investment Management, pursuant to delegated authority.

**Robert W. Errett**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-75659; File No. SR-NYSE-2015-27]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; New York Stock Exchange LLC; Designation of a Longer Period for Commission Action on a Proposed Rule Change Amending the Eighth Amended and Restated Operating Agreement of the Exchange To Establish a Regulatory Oversight Committee as a Committee of the Board of Directors of the Exchange and Make Certain Conforming Amendments to Exchange Rules

August 11, 2015.

On June 12, 2015, New York Stock Exchange LLC ("NYSE" or the

"Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission"), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1)<sup>1</sup> of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act")<sup>2</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>3</sup> a proposed rule change to amend the Eighth Amended and Restated Operating Agreement of the Exchange to establish a Regulatory Oversight Committee as a Committee of the Board of Directors of the Exchange and make certain conforming amendments to Exchange Rules. The proposed rule change was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on June 30, 2015.<sup>4</sup> The Commission has received no comment letters on the proposed rule change.

Section 19(b)(2) of the Act<sup>5</sup> provides that, within 45 days of the publication of notice of the filing of a proposed rule change, or within such longer period up to 90 days as the Commission may designate if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission shall either approve the proposed rule change, disapprove the proposed rule change, or institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved. The Commission is extending this 45-day time period. The Commission finds that it is appropriate to designate a longer period within which to take action on the proposed rule change so that it has sufficient time to consider the proposed rule change.

Accordingly, the Commission, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,<sup>6</sup> designates September 28, 2015, as the date by which the Commission shall either approve or disapprove or institute proceedings to determine whether to disapprove the proposed rule change (File Number SR-NYSE-2015-27).

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>7</sup>

**Brent J. Fields,**

*Secretary.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[SEC File No. 270-101, OMB Control No. 3235-0082]

### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

*Upon Written Request Copies Available From:* Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of FOIA Services, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549-2736.

*Extension:* Form 11-K.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") is soliciting comments on the collection of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management Budget for extension and approval.

Form 11-K (17 CFR 249.311) is the annual report designed for use by employee stock purchase, savings and similar plans to comply with the reporting requirements under Section 15(d) of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") (15 U.S.C. 78o(d)). Section 15(d) establishes a periodic reporting obligation for every issuer of a class of securities registered under the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act") (15 U.S.C. 77a *et seq.*). Form 11-K provides employees of an issuer with financial information so that they can assess the performance of the investment vehicle or stock plan. Form 11-K takes approximately 30 burden hours per response and is filed by 1,761 respondents for total of 52,830 burden hours.

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether this proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden imposed by the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collections of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

Please direct your written comments to Pamela Dyson, Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Remi Pavlik-Simon,

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

<sup>2</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78a.

<sup>3</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

<sup>4</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 75288 (June 24, 2015), 80 FR 37316.

<sup>5</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

<sup>6</sup> *Id.*

<sup>7</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(31).

100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549; or send an email to: [PRA\\_Mailbox@sec.gov](mailto:PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov).

August 11, 2015.

**Brent J. Fields,**  
Secretary.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-75661; File No. SR-NASDAQ-2015-094]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Modify NASDAQ Rule 7051 Fees Relating to Pricing for Direct Circuit Connections

August 11, 2015.

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 August 5, 2015, The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC (“NASDAQ” or the “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) a 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 the Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

NASDAQ is proposing to amend Rule 7051 to extend the waiver of installation fees assessed for Direct Circuit Connection to NASDAQ, and to waive ongoing monthly fees for direct connectivity to the Chicago, IL data center, for a limited time.

The text of the proposed rule change is available at <http://nasdaq.cchwallstreet.com>, at NASDAQ’s principal office, 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, NASDAQ 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 those 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 parts of such statements.

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

##### 1. Purpose

NASDAQ is proposing to amend Rule 7051 entitled “Direct Connectivity to Nasdaq” to extend the waiver of installation fees for Direct Circuit Connection to Nasdaq (10Gb), Direct Circuit Connection to Nasdaq (supports up to 1Gb), and Direct Circuit Connection to Nasdaq (1Gb Ultra). The Exchange is also proposing to waive the related ongoing monthly fees assessed for these direct connectivity options to the Exchange’s new Chicago, IL data center.<sup>3</sup> The Direct Circuit Connection options under Rule 7051 provide market participants with three optional means by which they may connect to NASDAQ.<sup>4</sup> The three Direct Circuit Connections are differentiated by the total capacity of the fiber connection (represented in Gigabytes or “Gb”) and the type of switch used. A switch is a type of network hardware that acts as the “gatekeeper” for all clients’ orders sent to the System<sup>5</sup> and orders them in sequence for entry into the System for execution. The 1Gb “Ultra” fiber connection offering uses lower latency<sup>6</sup> switches than the 1Gb fiber connection offering.<sup>7</sup>

The Exchange assesses separate installation and ongoing monthly fees for subscription to each option. For 1Gb connectivity, the Exchange assesses an installation fee of \$1,500 and ongoing monthly fees of \$2,500. For 10Gb connectivity, the Exchange charges an installation fee of \$1,500 and ongoing monthly fees of \$7,500. For 1Gb Ultra, the Exchange charges an installation fee of \$1,500 and ongoing monthly fees of \$2,500.

<sup>3</sup> Direct connectivity is offered through data centers in Carteret, NJ, Secaucus, NJ, Ashburn, VA, and Chicago, IL.

<sup>4</sup> The Exchange notes that there are several additional means by which market participants may connect to the Exchange, such as through the colocation facility or third parties.

<sup>5</sup> As defined in Rule 4701(a).

<sup>6</sup> The term “latency” for the purposes of this rule filing means a measure of the time it takes for an order to enter into a switch and then exit for entry into the System.

<sup>7</sup> Each of NASDAQ’s connection offerings use different switches, but the switches are of uniform type within each offering (i.e., all 1G connectivity options currently use the same switches). As a consequence, all client subscribers to a particular connectivity option receive the same latency in terms of the capabilities of their switches.

NASDAQ is relocating its Disaster Recovery (“DR”) location for the U.S. equities and options markets from Ashburn, VA to its new Chicago, IL data center beginning in August 2015 with completion of the move expected on November 9, 2015. NASDAQ has invested and installed new equipment in this data center for client connectivity and for the infrastructure of Exchange systems. NASDAQ has chosen Chicago as the location of its new DR data center as many other exchanges are using this same location for a DR or primary location and, as a result, many of our market participants have a presence or connection at this location, thus making it easier and less expensive for many market participants to connect to NASDAQ’s DR location. In anticipation of the move and to facilitate transfer of connectivity from Ashburn, VA to Chicago, IL, the Exchange waived the installation fees for the months of April through July, 2015, for all three connectivity options so that both new subscriptions and customers transferring from one connectivity option to another during that time would not be assessed the installation fee.<sup>8</sup> The Exchange notes that the waiver allows members to move from one offering to another, or to move the location of their connectivity from one direct connectivity access point to another, with no penalty in the form of an installation fee. The Exchange is proposing to extend the waiver through November 9, 2015. To further facilitate use of the upgraded facility, the Exchange is also proposing to waive ongoing monthly fees for all three Direct Circuit Connectivity options for connectivity to the Chicago, IL data center. Waiver of the ongoing monthly fees will provide incentive to market participants to move their DR connectivity to Chicago, IL and test this connectivity prior to completion of the transfer of the DR functionality, and will also allow market participants that wish to connect to the Chicago, IL data center to do so smoothly with no penalty in the form of overlapping monthly direct connectivity fees.

##### 2. Statutory Basis

NASDAQ believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 6 of the Act,<sup>9</sup> in general, and with Sections 6(b)(4) and 6(b)(5) of the Act,<sup>10</sup> in particular, in that it provides for the equitable allocation

<sup>8</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 74680 (April 8, 2015), 80 FR 20035 (April 14, 2015) (SR-NASDAQ-2015-029).

<sup>9</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f.

<sup>10</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4) and (5).

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

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