

practices that are unfair to investors or hinder the functioning of a free and open market, even though those practices may not be illegal or violate a specific rule or regulation. Because of the regulatory importance of accurate information input into the Nasdaq Markets, Nasdaq believes rules that directly address members' obligation to provide accurate information are warranted. The proposed rules make clear members' obligation to input accurate information into the Nasdaq Markets, and that failure to do so would be considered a violation of Nasdaq rules.

Nasdaq notes that FINRA has rules that require the accurate entry of certain trade information into its systems. For example, FINRA Rule 7330(d) requires FINRA members to report to the OTC Reporting Facility certain specific trade-related information. A failure to provide such information represents a violation of FINRA Rules, and may result in disciplinary action. FINRA has substantially similar requirements for other trade reporting systems it operates.⁵

2. Statutory Basis

Nasdaq believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 6 of the Act,⁶ in general, and with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,⁷ in particular, in that 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 amendments proposed herein will serve to promote the accuracy of information input into the Nasdaq Markets. Accurate information is necessary for the efficient and fair operation of the Nasdaq Markets, and will assist Nasdaq in surveilling the markets for fraudulent activity.

B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

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. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

This the foregoing proposed rule change does not: (i) significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) become operative for 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, it has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act⁸ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.⁹

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission may summarily abrogate such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

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 (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an e-mail to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-NASDAQ-2009-014 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

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

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NASDAQ-2009-014. 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

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). The Exchange also provided the Commission with written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change, along with a brief description and text of the proposed rule change, at least five business days prior to the date of filing the proposed rule change as required by Rule 19b-4(f)(6).

only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet Web site (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). 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 inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Nasdaq. 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-2009-014 and should be submitted on or before April 7, 2009.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁰

Florence E. Harmon,
Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-59549; File No. SR-NASDAQ-2009-021]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change by the NASDAQ Stock Market LLC Regarding a Clerical Change to Nasdaq Rules

March 10, 2009.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act"),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on March 4, 2009, The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC ("Nasdaq") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by Nasdaq. Nasdaq proposes to

¹⁰ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

⁵ See FINRA Rules 7230A and 7230B.

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f.

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

make a clerical correction to the Nasdaq rulebook under Rule 19b-4(f)(3) under the Act,³ which renders the proposal effective upon filing with the Commission. 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 Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

Nasdaq proposes to make clerical corrections to Nasdaq Rule 7050.

Nasdaq proposes to implement the proposed rule change immediately.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on Nasdaq's Web site (<http://www.complinet.com/nasdaq>), at Nasdaq's principal office, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

The text of the proposed rule change is below. Proposed new language is underlined; proposed deletions are in [brackets].⁴

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7050. NASDAQ Options Market

The following charges shall apply to the use of the order execution and routing services of the NASDAQ Options Market [by members] for all securities [that it trades].

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

Except as specified below, the charge to member entering order that executes in the NASDAQ Options Market.	\$0.45 per executed contract.
For a pilot period ending July 31, 2009, charge for members or non-members entering order via the Options Intermarket Linkage that executes in the Nasdaq Options Market.	\$0.45 per executed contract.
Charge to members entering orders in options on QQQQ, SPY, DIA, IWM, AAPL BAC, C, GS, JPM, RIMM, XLE, XLF, and XOM with an account type "Customer" that executes and remove liquidity entered by another member.	No fee.
Credit to member providing liquidity through the NASDAQ Options Market	\$0.30 per executed contract.
Credit to member providing liquidity using price-improving orders through the NASDAQ Options Market.	\$0.35 per executed contract.

(2)–(4) No change.

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

In its filing with the Commission, the self-regulatory organization 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 and is set forth in sections A, B, and C below.

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

1. Purpose

Nasdaq proposes to make clerical corrections to Nasdaq Rule 7050. Nasdaq proposes to modify the prefatory language of Rule 7050 to eliminate the phrases "by members" and "that it trades" to reflect the fact that Rule 7050 contains fees applicable to non-members and to options that Nasdaq routes but does not trade. These changes had previously been proposed by Nasdaq, but were not reflected in subsequent Nasdaq filings.⁵

2. Statutory Basis

Nasdaq believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 6 of the Act,⁶ in general, and with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,⁷ in particular, in that 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 makes a minor clerical change to an existing Nasdaq rule.

B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

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. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act⁸ and Rule 19b-4(f)(3) thereunder,⁹ Nasdaq has designated this proposal as one that is concerned solely with the administration of the self-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 may summarily abrogate such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

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 (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an e-mail to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File

³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(3).

⁴ Changes are marked to the rules of The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC as set forth in SR-NASDAQ-2009-008. The proposed changes will be reflected in the NASDAQ Online manual found at <http://nasdaq.complinet.com>.

⁵ See Exchange Act Release No. 58298, 73 FR 46695 (Aug. 11, 2008) (SR-NASDAQ-2008-055); Exchange Act Release No. 58081, 73 FR 39755 (July 10, 2008) (SR-NASDAQ-2008-058).

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f.

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(3).

Number SR–NASDAQ–2009–021 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

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

All submissions should refer to File Number SR–NASDAQ–2009–021. 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 Web site (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). 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 inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of the filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the self-regulatory organization. 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–2009–021 and should be submitted on or before April 7, 2009.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.³

Florence E. Harmon,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–59557; File No. SR–NASDAQ–2009–017]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Modify the Processing of Orders on the NASDAQ Options Market

March 11, 2009.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”),¹ and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on March 6, 2009, 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 prepared by Nasdaq. Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act³ and Rule 19b–4(f)(5) thereunder,⁴ Nasdaq has designated this proposal as one effecting a change in an existing order-entry or trading system of a self-regulatory organization. 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 Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

Nasdaq is filing a proposed rule change to offer the “WAIT” order modifier for use with orders entered into the NASDAQ Options Market (“NOM”). This modifier is designed to enhance compliance with the Order Exposure requirement set forth at Chapter VII, Section 12 of the NOM Rules.

The text of the proposed rule change is available from Nasdaq's Web site at <http://cchwallstreet.com/nasdaqomx/> at Nasdaq's principal office, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

Proposed new language is italicized; proposed deletions are in brackets.⁵

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Chapter VI, Trading Systems

Sec. 1. Definitions

The following definitions apply to Chapter VI for the trading of options listed on NOM.

- (a)–(f) No Change.
- (g)

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b–4(f)(5).

⁵ Changes are marked to the rule text that appears in the electronic manual of Nasdaq found at <http://www.complinet.com/nasdaq>.

- (1)–(4) No Change.

(5) “WAIT” shall mean for orders so designated, that upon entry into the System, the order is held for one second without processing for potential display and/or execution. After one second, the order is processed for potential display and/or execution in accordance with all order entry instructions as determined by the entering party.

- (h) No Change.

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Sec. 6. Acceptance of Quotes and Orders

All bids or offers made and accepted on NOM in accordance with the NOM Rules shall constitute binding contracts, subject to applicable requirements of the Rules of the Exchange and the Rules of the Clearing Corporation.

(a) General—A System order is an order that is entered into the System for display and/or execution as appropriate. Such orders are executable against marketable contra-side orders in the System.

(1) All System Orders shall indicate limit price and whether they are a call or put and buy or sell. Systems Orders can be designated as Immediate or Cancel (“IOC”), Good-till-Cancelled (“GTC”), Day (“DAY”), [or] WAIT or Expire Time (“EXPR”).

- (2) No change.

- (b) No change.

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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. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item III below, and is set forth in Sections A, B, and C below.

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

1. Purpose

On February 19, 2009, the Securities Exchange Commission approved Nasdaq's proposal to reduce the Order Exposure requirement set forth at Chapter VII, Section 12 of the NOM Rules from three seconds to one second.⁶ Chapter VII, Section 12 prohibits Options Participants from executing as principal orders they

⁶ See Exchange Act Release No. 59421 (Feb. 19, 2009) (accelerated approval of SR–Nasdaq–2009–005).

³ 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).