

market dominant rates are scheduled to become effective on January 4, 2010. *Id.*

The Postal Service urges the Commission to act promptly to add this product to the Market Dominant Product List to allow rates to be implemented under 39 CFR 3010.40. *Id.* at 9.

II. Notice of Filings

Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3622 and 3642, the Commission establishes Docket Nos. MC2010–12 and R2010–2 for consideration of the Request pertaining to the proposed Canada Post—United States Postal Service Contractual Bilateral Agreement product and the related Bilateral Agreement, respectively. In keeping with practice, these dockets are addressed on a consolidated basis for purposes of this order; however, future filings should be made in the specific docket in which issues being addressed pertain.

Interested persons may submit comments on whether the Postal Service's filings in the captioned dockets are consistent with the policies of 39 U.S.C. 3622 and 3642, 39 CFR part 3010.40, and 39 CFR 3020 subpart B. The due date for comments is December 9, 2009. The public portions of these filings can be accessed via the Commission's Web site <http://www.prc.gov>.

The Commission appoints Paul L. Harrington to serve as Public Representative in these dockets.

III. Ordering Paragraphs

It is ordered:

1. The Commission establishes Docket Nos. MC2010–12 and R2010–2 for consideration of the matters raised in each docket.

2. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Paul L. Harrington is appointed to serve as officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in these proceedings.

3. Comments by interested persons in these proceedings are due no later than December 9, 2009.

4. The Secretary shall arrange for publication of this order in the **Federal Register**.

By the Commission.

Judith M. Grady,
Acting Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #11941 and #11942]

North Carolina Disaster # NC–00022

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration .

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a notice of an Administrative declaration of a disaster for the State of North Carolina dated 12/02/2009.

Incident: Severe Nor'easter coupled with the remnants of Hurricane Ida.

Incident Period: 11/10/2009 through 11/15/2009.

Effective Date: 12/02/2009.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 02/01/2010.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: 09/02/2010.

ADDRESSES: Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, SW., Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that as a result of the Administrator's disaster declaration, applications for disaster loans may be filed at the address listed above or other locally announced locations.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

Primary Counties: Dare.

Contiguous Counties:

North Carolina: Currituck, Hyde, Tyrrell.

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
For Physical Damage:	
Homeowners With Credit Available Elsewhere	5.125
Homeowners Without Credit Available Elsewhere	2.562
Businesses With Credit Available Elsewhere	6.000
Businesses Without Credit Available Elsewhere	4.000
Non-Profit Organizations With Credit Available Elsewhere	3.625
Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.000
For Economic Injury:	
Businesses And Small Agricultural Cooperatives Without Credit Available Elsewhere	4.000
Non-Profit Organizations Without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.000

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 11941 6 and for economic injury is 11942 0.

The State which received an EIDL Declaration # is North Carolina.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers 59002 and 59008)

Dated: December 2, 2009.

Karen G. Mills,
Administrator.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–61085; File No. SR–NASDAQ–2009–101]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change to the Nasdaq Rule 4000 and 5000 Series To Correct Certain Citations to Renumbered Rules

December 1, 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 November 23, 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. Nasdaq has designated the proposed rule change as constituting a non-controversial rule change under Rule 19b–4(f)(6) 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 the Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

Nasdaq proposes to correct certain citations in the Rule 4000 and 5000 Series that currently cite to rules that have been renumbered.

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

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

³ 17 CFR 240.19b–4(f)(6).

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

1. Purpose

Nasdaq is proposing to update rule cross-references found in the Rule 4000 and 5000 Series, which are no longer accurate due to renumbering of the cited rules. On March 12, 2009, Nasdaq filed a proposed rule change to revise the rules relating to the qualification, listing, and delisting of companies listed on, or applying to list on, Nasdaq to improve the organization of the rules, eliminate redundancies and simplify the rule language.⁴ These rules (the "New Listing Rules") were operative April 13, 2009, and resulted in the relocation of Nasdaq's listing rules from the Rule 4000 Series to the Rule 5000 Series of the Nasdaq rulebook, without changing the substance of those rules. Nasdaq inadvertently failed to change certain cross-references in Rules 4120 and 7018 to reflect this move. Accordingly, Nasdaq is proposing to update the cross-references with accurate citations.

Nasdaq has also observed that a cross-reference to a FINRA rule found in Rule 5210(h) is no longer accurate due to FINRA renumbering prior NASD Rule 2810 as it was adopted into the FINRA consolidated rulebook. Rule 2810 was renumbered by FINRA to new Rule 2310 with no material changes.⁵ As a consequence, Nasdaq is proposing to update Rule 5210(h) with the correct citation to FINRA Rule 2310.

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 Sections 6(b)(5) of the

Act,⁷ in particular in that it 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 consistent with these provisions in that it will eliminate confusion about Nasdaq rules by updating inaccurate cross-references to rules that have been renumbered, without changing the substance of those rules.

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

Nasdaq does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

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

No written comments were either solicited or received.

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

Because 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)⁸ of the Act 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. Nasdaq believes that the proposed rule change does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest because it merely corrects cross-references to rules that have been renumbered. In

each instance, the cross-referenced rule was not materially changed.

Nasdaq requests that the Commission waive the 30-day pre-operative waiting period contained in Exchange Act Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii). Nasdaq requests this waiver so that the corrected citations can be immediately operative, eliminating any potential confusion caused by the currently invalid citations.

The Commission believes that waiving the 30-day operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest because it will eliminate confusion caused by the currently invalid citations.¹⁰ Application of the new rules should help foster consistency in the rulebook and promote clarity for market participants relying upon the rulebook. For these reasons, the Commission designates that the proposed rule change become immediately operative.

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-2009-101 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-2009-101. 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

⁴ Securities Exchange Act Release No. 59663 (March 31, 2009), 74 FR 15552 (April 6, 2009) (SR-NASDAQ-2009-018).

⁵ Securities Exchange Act Release No. 59987 (May 27, 2009), 74 FR 26902 (June 4, 2009).

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)(6).

¹⁰ For purposes only of waiving the 30-day operative delay, the Commission has considered the proposal's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

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 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 publicly available. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NASDAQ-2009-101 and should be submitted on or before December 29, 2009.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹¹

Florence E. Harmon,
Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-61083; File No. SR-FINRA-2009-084]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc.; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change To Adopt FINRA Rule 5330 (Adjustment of Orders) in the Consolidated FINRA Rulebook

December 1, 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 November 24, 2009, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA") (f/k/a National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. ("NASD")) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by FINRA. 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

FINRA is proposing to adopt NASD Rule 3220 (Adjustment of Open Orders) as a FINRA rule in the consolidated FINRA rulebook with several changes and to renumber NASD Rule 3220 as FINRA Rule 5330 in the consolidated FINRA rulebook.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on FINRA's Web site at <http://www.finra.org>, at the principal office of FINRA 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, FINRA 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 these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. FINRA has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

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

1. Purpose

As part of the process of developing a new consolidated rulebook ("Consolidated FINRA Rulebook"),³ FINRA is proposing to adopt NASD Rule 3220 (Adjustment of Open Orders) into the Consolidated FINRA Rulebook with several changes, which are described below.

NASD Rule 3220 sets forth the requirements a member has regarding an open order held by the member when the order involves a security that is subject to a dividend, payment, or distribution.⁴ Paragraph (a) of the rule

³ The current FINRA rulebook consists of (1) FINRA Rules; (2) NASD Rules; and (3) rules incorporated from NYSE ("Incorporated NYSE Rules") (together, the NASD Rules and Incorporated NYSE Rules are referred to as the "Transitional Rulebook"). While the NASD Rules generally apply to all FINRA members, the Incorporated NYSE Rules apply only to those members of FINRA that are also members of the NYSE ("Dual Members"). The FINRA Rules apply to all FINRA members, unless such rules have a more limited application by their terms. For more information about the rulebook consolidation process, see *Information Notice*, March 12, 2008 (Rulebook Consolidation Process).

⁴ For purposes of the rule, an "open order" is an order to buy or an open stop order to sell. These include, for example, "good 'til cancelled," "limit," and "stop limit" orders that remain in effect for a

sets forth how members are to adjust the terms of open orders, depending upon whether the dividend, payment, or distribution is in cash, stock, combined cash and stock, or determined by the stockholder. Under the rule, members are required to adjust open orders as follows:

- In the case of a cash dividend or distribution, the price of the open order is reduced by the dollar amount of the dividend or distribution and rounded down to the next lowest minimum quotation variation.
- In the case of a stock dividend or split, the price of the open order is reduced by rounding the dollar value of the dividend distribution or split to the next higher minimum quotation variation and subtracting that amount from the price of the order. The size of the order is increased by multiplying the size of the original order by the numerator of the ratio of the dividend or split, dividing the result by the denominator of the ratio of the dividend or split and then rounding the result to the next lower round lot.
- In the case of a dividend payable in either cash or securities at the option of the stockholder, the price of the open order is reduced by the dollar value of the cash or securities, whichever is greater, as determined by the formulas described above.

If the value of a distribution cannot be determined, paragraph (b) of the rule prohibits members from executing or permitting the execution of open orders without first reconfirming the order with the customer. Paragraph (c) requires members to cancel all open orders if a security is the subject of a reverse split. The rule also includes a list of order types to which it does not apply and a provision addressing the conversion of securities from fractional pricing to decimal pricing.

The proposed rule change includes substantive changes, as well as multiple wording and organizational changes, that conform much of the FINRA rule to the analogous Nasdaq and NYSE-Arca rules.⁵ The proposed rule change also updates certain provisions of the rule that refer to trading in fractional amounts (as opposed to decimals).

First, the proposed rule change provides that, after adjusting an open order in the case of a stock dividend or

definite or indefinite period of time until executed, cancelled, or expired. See NASD Rule 3220(d).

⁵ See Nasdaq Rule 4761; NYSE-Arca Rule 7.39. Although the NYSE has a rule regarding the adjustment of orders (NYSE Rule 118), the Transitional Rulebook does not include the provision. Consequently, NASD Rule 3220 is the only FINRA rule addressing the adjustment of orders.

¹¹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.