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Description

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Amend Exchange Rule 510 to Extend the Penny Pilot Program until June 30, 2019.

Contact Information

Provide the name, telephone number, and e-mail address of the person on the staff of the self-regulatory organization prepared to respond to questions and comments on the action.

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Signature

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

has duly caused this filing to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

(Title *) Assistant Vice President and Associate Counsel

Date 02/19/2019
 By Dimitriy Kotov (Name *)

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The self-regulatory organization must provide all required information, presented in a clear and comprehensible manner, to enable the public to provide meaningful comment on the proposal and for the Commission to determine whether the proposal is consistent with the Act and applicable rules and regulations under the Act.

Exhibit 1 - Notice of Proposed Rule Change *

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The Notice section of this Form 19b-4 must comply with the guidelines for publication in the Federal Register as well as any requirements for electronic filing as published by the Commission (if applicable). The Office of the Federal Register (OFR) offers guidance on Federal Register publication requirements in the Federal Register Document Drafting Handbook, October 1998 Revision. For example, all references to the federal securities laws must include the corresponding cite to the United States Code in a footnote. All references to SEC rules must include the corresponding cite to the Code of Federal Regulations in a footnote. All references to Securities Exchange Act Releases must include the release number, release date, Federal Register cite, Federal Register date, and corresponding file number (e.g., SR-[SRO]-xx-xx). A material failure to comply with these guidelines will result in the proposed rule change being deemed not properly filed. See also Rule 0-3 under the Act (17 CFR 240.0-3)

Exhibit 1A- Notice of Proposed Rule Change, Security-Based Swap Submission, or Advance Notice by Clearing Agencies *

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Exhibit 2 - Notices, Written Comments, Transcripts, Other Communications

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Exhibit Sent As Paper Document

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Exhibit 3 - Form, Report, or Questionnaire

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Copies of any form, report, or questionnaire that the self-regulatory organization proposes to use to help implement or operate the proposed rule change, or that is referred to by the proposed rule change.

Exhibit 4 - Marked Copies

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The full text shall be marked, in any convenient manner, to indicate additions to and deletions from the immediately preceding filing. The purpose of Exhibit 4 is to permit the staff to identify immediately the changes made from the text of the rule with which it has been working.

Exhibit 5 - Proposed Rule Text

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The self-regulatory organization may choose to attach as Exhibit 5 proposed changes to rule text in place of providing it in Item I and which may otherwise be more easily readable if provided separately from Form 19b-4. Exhibit 5 shall be considered part of the proposed rule change.

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If the self-regulatory organization is amending only part of the text of a lengthy proposed rule change, it may, with the Commission's permission, file only those portions of the text of the proposed rule change in which changes are being made if the filing (i.e. partial amendment) is clearly understandable on its face. Such partial amendment shall be clearly identified and marked to show deletions and additions.

1. Text of the Proposed Rule Change

(a) MIAX Emerald, LLC (“MIAX Emerald” or “Exchange”), pursuant to the provisions of Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”)¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² proposes to amend MIAX Emerald Rule 510, Minimum Price Variations and Minimum Trading Increments, Interpretations and Policies .01 to change the date on which the pilot program for the quoting and trading of certain options in pennies is scheduled to expire.

A notice of the proposed rule change for publication in the Federal Register is attached hereto as Exhibit 1, and the text of the proposed rule change is attached hereto as Exhibit 5.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) Not applicable.

2. Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization

The proposed rule change was approved by the Chief Executive Officer of the Exchange pursuant to authority delegated by the MIAX Emerald Board of Directors on January 31, 2019. Exchange staff will advise the Board of Directors of any action taken pursuant to delegated authority. No other action by the Exchange is necessary for the filing of the proposed rule change.

Questions and comments on the proposed rule change may be directed to Dimitriy Kotov, Assistant Vice President and Associate Counsel, (609) 897-8494.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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

a. Purpose

Background

MIAX Emerald plans to commence operations as a national securities exchange registered under Section 6 of the Act³ on March 1, 2019. As described more fully in MIAX Emerald's Form 1 application,⁴ the Exchange is an affiliate of Miami International Securities Exchange, LLC ("MIAX Options") and MIAX PEARL, LLC ("MIAX PEARL"). MIAX Emerald Rules, in their current form, were filed as Exhibit B to its Form 1 on August 16, 2018, and at that time, the above mentioned rules, were substantially similar to the rules of the MIAX Options exchange. In the time between when the Exchange filed its Form 1 and the time the Exchange received its approval order, MIAX Options made changes to its rule book. In order to ensure consistent operation of both MIAX Emerald and MIAX Options by having consistent rules, the Exchange proposes to amend MIAX Emerald Rule 510, as described below.

Proposal

Once operational, the Exchange will be a participant in an industry-wide pilot program that provides for the quoting and trading of certain option classes in penny increments (the "Penny Pilot Program" or "Program"). The Penny Pilot Program allows the quoting and trading of certain option classes in minimum increments of \$0.01 for all series in such option classes with a price of less than \$3.00; and in minimum increments of \$0.05 for all series in such option classes with a price of \$3.00 or higher. Options overlying the PowerShares QQQTM ("QQQ"),

³ 15 U.S.C. 78f.

⁴ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 84891 (December 20, 2018), 83 FR 67421 (December 28, 2018) (File No. 10-233) (order approving application of MIAX EMERALD, LLC for registration as a national securities exchange).

SPDR[®] S&P 500[®] ETF (“SPY”), and iShares[®] Russell 2000 ETF (“IWM”), however, are quoted and traded in minimum increments of \$0.01 for all series regardless of the price. The Penny Pilot Program was initiated at the then existing option exchanges in January 2007⁵ and currently includes more than 300 of the most active option classes. Rule 510, Interpretations and Policies .01, currently states that the Penny Pilot Program is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2018. The purpose of the proposed rule change is to modify the expiration date set forth in Rule 510, to match the most recent expiration date, as updated by the other options exchanges, including MIAX Options.⁶

In addition to changing the date on which the Penny Pilot Program will expire, which will be June 30, 2019, the Exchange proposes to make one additional change to the Rule. Currently, Interpretations and Policies .01, states that the Exchange will replace any Penny Pilot issues that have been delisted with the next most actively traded multiply listed option classes that are not yet included in the Penny Pilot Program, and that the replacement issues will be selected based on trading activity in the previous six months. Such option classes will be added to the Penny Pilot Program on the second trading day following July 1, 2018.⁷ However, this date has expired and although the Exchange intends to adhere to this practice for the duration of the Penny Pilot

⁵ See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 55154 (January 23, 2007), 72 FR 4743 (February 1, 2007) (SR-CBOE-2006-92); 55161 (January 24, 2007), 72 FR 4754 (February 1, 2007) (SR-ISE-2006-62); 54886 (December 6, 2006), 71 FR 74979 (December 13, 2006) (SR-Phlx-2006-74); 54590 (October 12, 2006), 71 FR 61525 (October 18, 2006) (SR-NYSEArca-2006-73); and 54741 (November 9, 2006), 71 FR 67176 (November 20, 2006) (SR-Amex-2006-106).

⁶ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 84864 (December 19, 2018), 83 FR 66778 (December 27, 2018) (SR-MIAX-2018-38) (extending the Penny Pilot Program from December 31, 2018 to June 30, 2019).

⁷ The month immediately preceding a replacement class’s addition to the Pilot Program (i.e., December) is not used for purposes of the six-month analysis. For example, a replacement added on the second trading day following January 1, 2019, will be identified based on trading activity from June 1, 2018, through November 30, 2018.

Program, the new date on which replacement issues may be added to the Penny Pilot Program would have been the second trading day following January 1, 2019, which has already passed. Therefore, the Exchange proposes to delete the sentence which currently states that “[t]he replacement classes may be added to the penny pilot on the second trading day following July 1, 2018,” and not replace the current date of July 1, 2018 with the date of January 1, 2019. The Exchange notes that this would create a difference between the rule text of MIAX Emerald and that of MIAX Options,⁸ however, in practice there would be no difference as the second trading day following January 1, 2019 has already passed.

b. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act⁹ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act¹⁰ 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 facilitating transactions in securities, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanisms of a free and open market and a national market system and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest.

In particular, the proposed rule change, which modifies the expiration date of the Penny Pilot Program set forth in Rule 510, to match the most recent expiration date, as updated by the other options exchanges, will allow the Exchange to participate in a program that has been viewed as beneficial to traders, investors and public customers and viewed as successful by the other options exchanges participating in it.

⁸ See supra note 6.

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

Additionally, the Exchange believes that although MIAX Emerald rules may, in certain instances, intentionally differ from MIAX Options rules, the proposed changes will promote uniformity with MIAX Options with respect to rules that are intended to be identical. The Exchange believes that it will reduce the potential for confusion by its members that are also members of MIAX Options with respect to rules that are intended to be identical.

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. Specifically, the Exchange believes that, by modifying the expiration date of the Penny Pilot Program to match the most recent expiration date, as updated by the other options exchanges, the proposed rule change will allow for analysis of the Penny Pilot Program and a determination of how the Program should be structured in the future. The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change, which harmonizes its rules with recent rule changes adopted by MIAX Options will reduce the regulatory burden placed on market participants engaged in trading activities across different markets. In doing so, the proposed rule change will also serve to promote regulatory clarity and consistency, thereby reducing burdens on the marketplace, facilitating investor protection, and fostering a competitive environment.

5. 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.

6. Extension of Time Period for Commission Action

Not applicable.

7. **Basis for Summary Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3) or for Accelerated Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(2)**

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act¹¹ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)¹² thereunder, the Exchange has designated this proposal as one that effects a change that: (i) does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) does not impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) by its terms, does not become operative for 30 days after the date of the filing, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest.

The Exchange believes that modifying the expiration date of the Penny Pilot Program so that MIAX Emerald can commence operations with the correct expiration date and ensure that the Program remains in place without interruption, enables public customers and other market participants to express their true prices to buy and sell options and results in additional flexibility when making investment decisions, which can help promote a fair and orderly options market. The proposal is simply an update to the date on which the Penny Pilot Program expires and this expiration date is in place for all U.S. options exchanges, and thus raises no new regulatory or substantive issues. Accordingly, the Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is non-controversial and is therefore eligible for immediately effective treatment under the Commission's current procedures for processing rule filings.

Rule 19b-4(f)(6) requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The Exchange has satisfied this requirement. Furthermore, a proposed rule change filed pursuant to

¹¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹² 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

Rule 19b-4(f)(6) under the Act¹³ normally does not become operative for 30 days after the date of its filing. However, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)¹⁴ permits the Commission to designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. As described above, the Exchange's proposed rule changes are based on substantively identical rules of MIAX Options. Accordingly, because the proposed rule changes are based on the recently amended rules of another Self-Regulatory Organization and thus do not introduce any new regulatory issues, the Exchange has filed this rule filing as non-controversial under Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act¹⁵ and paragraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.¹⁶

The Exchange respectfully requests that the Commission waive the 30-day operative delay pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act¹⁷ and paragraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.¹⁸ Waiver of this requirement, specified in Rule 19b-4(f)(6),¹⁹ will allow the Exchange to commence operations as a national exchange with rules substantively identical to the rules of MIAX Options. Based on the foregoing, the Exchange believes that its proposal should become immediately effective and requests that the Commission waive the 30-day pre-operative waiting period contained in Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) under the Act.²⁰ Waiver of this requirement is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest for the reasons described above.

¹³Id.¹⁴

17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

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17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

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15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

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17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

¹⁹Id.²⁰

17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend 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.

8. Proposed Rule Change Based on Rules of Another Self-Regulatory Organization or of the Commission

The proposed rule change is based on MIAX Options Rule 510, which was recently amended by MIAX Options in a manner consistent with the changes proposed in this rule change proposal.²¹

9. Security-Based Swap Submissions Filed Pursuant to Section 3C of the Act

Not applicable.

10. Advance Notices Filed Pursuant to Section 806(e) of the Payment, Clearing and Settlement Supervision Act

Not applicable.

11. Exhibits

1. Notice of proposed rule for publication in the Federal Register.

5. Text of proposed rule change.

²¹ See supra note 6.

EXHIBIT 1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
(Release No. 34- ; File No. SR-EMERALD-2019-06)

February __, 2019

Self-Regulatory Organizations: Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change by MIAX Emerald, LLC to Amend Exchange Rule 510, Minimum Price Variations and Minimum Trading Increments

Pursuant to the provisions of 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 February 19, 2019, MIAX Emerald, LLC (“MIAX Emerald” or “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 Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange is filing a proposal to amend Exchange Rule 510, Minimum Price Variations and Minimum Trading Increments, Interpretations and Policies .01 to change the date on which the pilot program for the quoting and trading of certain options in pennies is scheduled to expire.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s website at <http://www.miaxoptions.com/rule-filings/emerald> at MIAX Emerald’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.

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 Exchange 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. The Exchange 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

Background

MIAX Emerald plans to commence operations as a national securities exchange registered under Section 6 of the Act³ on March 1, 2019. As described more fully in MIAX Emerald's Form 1 application,⁴ the Exchange is an affiliate of Miami International Securities Exchange, LLC ("MIAX Options") and MIAX PEARL, LLC ("MIAX PEARL"). MIAX Emerald Rules, in their current form, were filed as Exhibit B to its Form 1 on August 16, 2018, and at that time, the above mentioned rules, were substantially similar to the rules of the MIAX Options exchange. In the time between when the Exchange filed its Form 1 and the time the Exchange received its approval order, MIAX Options made changes to its rule book. In order to ensure consistent operation of both MIAX Emerald and MIAX Options by having consistent rules, the Exchange proposes to amend MIAX Emerald Rule 510, as described below.

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Once operational, the Exchange will be a participant in an industry-wide pilot program that provides for the quoting and trading of certain option classes in penny increments (the “Penny Pilot Program” or “Program”). The Penny Pilot Program allows the quoting and trading of certain option classes in minimum increments of \$0.01 for all series in such option classes with a price of less than \$3.00; and in minimum increments of \$0.05 for all series in such option classes with a price of \$3.00 or higher. Options overlying the PowerShares QQQ™ (“QQQ”), SPDR® S&P 500® ETF (“SPY”), and iShares® Russell 2000 ETF (“IWM”), however, are quoted and traded in minimum increments of \$0.01 for all series regardless of the price. The Penny Pilot Program was initiated at the then existing option exchanges in January 2007⁵ and currently includes more than 300 of the most active option classes. Rule 510, Interpretations and Policies .01, currently states that the Penny Pilot Program is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2018. The purpose of the proposed rule change is to modify the expiration date set forth in Rule 510, to match the most recent expiration date, as updated by the other options exchanges, including MIAX Options.⁶

In addition to changing the date on which the Penny Pilot Program will expire, which will be June 30, 2019, the Exchange proposes to make one additional change to the Rule. Currently, Interpretations and Policies .01, states that the Exchange will replace any Penny Pilot issues that have been delisted with the next most actively traded multiply listed option classes that are not

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yet included in the Penny Pilot Program, and that the replacement issues will be selected based on trading activity in the previous six months. Such option classes will be added to the Penny Pilot Program on the second trading day following July 1, 2018.⁷ However, this date has expired and although the Exchange intends to adhere to this practice for the duration of the Penny Pilot Program, the new date on which replacement issues may be added to the Penny Pilot Program would have been the second trading day following January 1, 2019, which has already passed. Therefore, the Exchange proposes to delete the sentence which currently states that “[t]he replacement classes may be added to the penny pilot on the second trading day following July 1, 2018,” and not replace the current date of July 1, 2018 with the date of January 1, 2019. The Exchange notes that this would create a difference between the rule text of MIAX Emerald and that of MIAX Options,⁸ however, in practice there would be no difference as the second trading day following January 1, 2019 has already passed.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act⁹ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act¹⁰ 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 facilitating transactions in securities, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanisms of a

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⁸ See *supra* note 6.

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

free and open market and a national market system and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest.

In particular, the proposed rule change, which modifies the expiration date of the Penny Pilot Program set forth in Rule 510, to match the most recent expiration date, as updated by the other options exchanges, will allow the Exchange to participate in a program that has been viewed as beneficial to traders, investors and public customers and viewed as successful by the other options exchanges participating in it.

Additionally, the Exchange believes that although MIAX Emerald rules may, in certain instances, intentionally differ from MIAX Options rules, the proposed changes will promote uniformity with MIAX Options with respect to rules that are intended to be identical. The Exchange believes that it will reduce the potential for confusion by its members that are also members of MIAX Options with respect to rules that are intended to be identical.

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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

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 after the date of the filing, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, it has become effective pursuant to 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act¹¹ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)¹² thereunder.

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend 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. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule should be approved or disapproved.

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:

¹¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹² 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). In addition, Rule 19b-4(f)(6) requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The Exchange has satisfied this requirement.

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](mailto:to-rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR-EMERALD-2019-06 on the subject line.

Paper comments:

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Brent J. Fields, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-EMERALD-2019-06. 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 website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of the 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 available publicly.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-EMERALD-2019-06 and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from publication in the Federal Register]. For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹³

Brent J. Fields
Secretary

¹³ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

EXHIBIT 5

New text is underlined;
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MIAX Emerald, LLC

Rule 510. Minimum Price Variations and Minimum Trading Increments

(a) - (b) No change.

Interpretations and Policies:

.01 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Rule 510, the Exchange will operate a pilot program, scheduled to expire on [December 31, 2018] June 30, 2019, to permit options classes to be quoted and traded in increments as low as \$.01. The Exchange will specify which options trade in such pilot, and in what increments, in Listings Alerts distributed to Members and posted on the Exchange's website. The Exchange may replace any pilot classes that have been delisted with the next most actively traded multiply listed options classes that are not yet included in the pilot program, based on trading activity in the previous six months. [The replacement classes may be added to the penny pilot on the second trading day following July 1, 2018.]

.02-.03 No change.
