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Provide a brief description of the action (limit 250 characters, required when Initial is checked \*).

Amend the MIAX Options Fee Schedule.

**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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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.

Date 08/25/2014      (Title \*)  
 By Brian O'Neill      Vice President and Senior Counsel  
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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.

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**1. Text of the Proposed Rule Change**

(a) Miami International Securities Exchange, LLC (“MIAX” or “Exchange”), pursuant to the provisions of Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”)<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> proposes to amend its Fee Schedule.

A notice of the proposed rule change for publication in the Federal Register is attached hereto as Exhibit 1, and a copy of the applicable section of the proposed Fee Schedule 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 senior management of the Exchange pursuant to authority delegated by the MIAX Board of Directors on December 12, 2013. 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 Brian O’Neill, Vice President and Senior Counsel, at 609-897-1434.

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

The Exchange proposes to amend its Fee Schedule to: (i) amend the MIAX Market Maker sliding scale to change the volume threshold calculations from aggregate numbers to percentages of total national Market Maker volume; (ii) increase the transaction fees for MIAX

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

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

Market Makers, Public Customers that are not a Priority Customer, Non-MIAX Market Makers, Non-Member Broker-Dealers, and Firms by \$0.02 per contract; and (iii) provide for additional incentives for achieving certain Priority Customer Rebate Program volume tiers. The proposed changes are based on the similar fees of another competing options exchange.<sup>3</sup>

### Volume Tiers

The Exchange proposes to amend the MIAX Market Maker sliding scale to change the volume threshold calculations from aggregate numbers to percentages of total national Market Maker volume of any options classes with traded volume on MIAX during the calendar month. The Exchange notes that the sliding fee scale for MIAX Market Makers structured on contract volume thresholds is based on the substantially similar fees of the CBOE.<sup>4</sup> By amending the volume tier calculations, the sliding scale will more closely align with that of CBOE, which also currently uses a substantially similar volume threshold calculation based on percentages of total national Market Maker volume of any options classes that trade on the exchange during the calendar month. The Market Maker sliding scale will continue to apply to MIAX Market Maker (RMM, LMM, DLMM, PLMM, DPLMM) transaction fees in all products except mini-options. MIAX Market Makers will continue to be assessed a \$0.02 per executed contract fee for transactions in mini-options.

The Exchange believes the proposed sliding scale is objective in that the fee reductions are based solely on reaching stated volume thresholds. The specific volume thresholds of the

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<sup>3</sup> See NASDAQ OMX PHLX LLC Pricing Schedule, Section II. See also Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 71716 (March 13, 2014), 79 FR 71716 (March 19, 2014) (SR-PHLX-2014-14); 72395 (June 16, 2014), 79 FR 35391 (SR-PHLX-2014-38).

<sup>4</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 55193 (January 30, 2007), 72 FR 5476 (February 6, 2007) (SR-CBOE-2006-111); 58321 (August 6, 2008), 73 FR 46955 (SR-CBOE-2008-78); 71295 (January 14, 2014), 79 FR 3443 (January 21, 2014) (SR-CBOE-2013-129).

tiers were set based upon business determinations and an analysis of current volume levels. The specific volume thresholds and rates were set in order to encourage MIAX Market Makers to reach for higher tiers. The Exchange believes that the proposed changes to the tiered fee schedule may incent firms to display their orders on the Exchange and increase the volume of contracts traded here.

#### Options Transaction Fees

The Exchange proposes to increase the transaction fees for MIAX Market Makers, Public Customers that are not a Priority Customer, Non-MIAX Market Makers, Non-Member Broker-Dealers, and Firms by \$0.02 per contract. Specifically, the Exchange proposes to increase transaction fees for each of the volume tiers for MIAX Market Makers by \$0.02. The Exchange will also increase the transaction fees for Public Customers that are not a Priority Customer and Firms from \$0.25 to \$0.27 per contract. Further, the Exchange will increase the transaction fees for Non-MIAX Market Makers and Non-Member Broker-Dealers from \$0.45 to \$0.47. The Exchange believes that these fee increases will permit the Exchange to incentivize market participants by offering other incentives to lower prices as described herein.

#### Priority Customer Rebate Incentives

The Exchange proposes to offer MIAX Market Makers, Public Customers that are not a Priority Customer, Non-MIAX Market Makers, Non-Member Broker-Dealers, and Firms the opportunity to reduce transaction fees by \$0.02 per contract in standard options if the Member or its affiliates of at least 75% common ownership between the firms as reflected on each firm's Form BD, Schedule A, qualifies in a given month for Priority Customer Rebate Program volume tiers 3, 4, or 5 in the Fee Schedule.<sup>5</sup> Specifically, any Member or its affiliates of at least 75%

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<sup>5</sup> See MIAX Options Fee Schedule, Section 1)a)iii).

common ownership between the firms as reflected on each firm's Form BD, Schedule A, that qualifies for Priority Customer Rebate Program volume tiers 3, 4, or 5 and is a MIAX Market Maker will be assessed \$0.15 per contract for tier 1, \$0.10 per contract for tier 2, \$0.05 per contract for tier 3, and \$0.03 per contract for tier 4 for transactions in standard options in lieu of the applicable transaction fees in the Market Maker sliding scale. In addition, any Member or its affiliates of at least 75% common ownership between the firms as reflected on each firm's Form BD, Schedule A, that qualifies for Priority Customer Rebate Program volume tiers 3, 4, or 5 and is a Public Customers that are not a Priority Customer or Firm will be assessed \$0.25 per contract for standard options. Further, any Member or its affiliates of at least 75% common ownership between the firms as reflected on each firm's Form BD, Schedule A, that qualifies for Priority Customer Rebate Program volume tiers 3, 4, or 5 and is a Non-MIAX Market Makers or Non-Member Broker-Dealers will be assessed \$0.45 per contract for standard options.

The Exchange believes that these incentives will encourage MIAX Market Makers, Public Customers that are not a Priority Customer, Non-MIAX Market Makers, Non-Member Broker-Dealers, and Firms to transact a greater number of orders on the Exchange.

The Exchange proposes to implement the new transaction fees beginning September 1, 2014.

b. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal to amend its fee schedule is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act<sup>6</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(4) of the Act<sup>7</sup> in particular, in that it is an equitable allocation of reasonable fees and other charges among Exchange members.

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<sup>6</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>7</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

The proposed changes to the volume calculations for the sliding scale are reasonable, equitable, and not unfairly discriminatory. The proposed volume discount fee structure is not discriminatory in that all MIAX Market Makers are eligible to submit (or not submit) liquidity, and may do so at their discretion in the daily volumes they choose during the course of the billing period. All similarly situated MIAX Market Makers are subject to the same fee structure, and access to the Exchange is offered on terms that are not unfairly discriminatory. Volume based discounts have been widely adopted by options and equities markets, and are equitable because they are open to all MIAX Market Makers on an equal basis and provide discounts that are reasonably related to the value of an exchange's market quality associated with higher volumes. The proposed fee levels and volume thresholds are reasonably designed to be comparable to those of other options exchanges employing similar fee programs, and also to attract additional liquidity and order flow to the Exchange.

The Exchange's proposal to increase the transaction fees for MIAX Market Makers, Public Customers that are not a Priority Customer, Non-MIAX Market Makers, Non-Member Broker-Dealers, and Firms is reasonable because the Exchange's fees will remain competitive with fees at other options exchanges.<sup>8</sup> The Exchange's proposal to increase the transaction fees for MIAX Market Makers, Public Customers that are not a Priority Customer, Non-MIAX Market Makers, Non-Member Broker-Dealers, and Firms is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because the increase applies equally to all such market participants. The Exchange does not assess Priority Customers transactions fees because Priority Customer order flow enhances liquidity on the Exchange for the benefit of all market participants. Priority Customer liquidity benefits all market participants by providing more trading opportunities,

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<sup>8</sup> See NASDAQ OMX PHLX LLC Pricing Schedule, Section II; NASDAQ Options Market LLC's Pricing Schedule, Chapter XV.

which attracts Market Makers and other market participants. An increase in the activity of these market participants in turn facilitates tighter spreads, which may cause an additional corresponding increase in order flow from other market participants. Market Makers are assessed lower transaction fees as compared to Public Customers that are not a Priority Customer, Non-MIAX Market Makers, Non-Member Broker-Dealers, and Firms because they have obligations to the market and regulatory requirements, which normally do not apply to other market participants.<sup>9</sup> They have obligations to make continuous markets, engage in a course of dealings reasonably calculated to contribute to the maintenance of a fair and orderly market, and not make bids or offers or enter into transactions that are inconsistent with a course of dealings. In addition, charging non-members higher transaction fees is a common practice amongst exchanges because Members are subject to other fees and dues associated with their membership to the Exchange that do not apply to non-members. The proposed differentiation as between Priority Customers, Market Makers, and other market participants recognizes the differing contributions made to the liquidity and trading environment on the Exchange by these market participants.

The Exchange's proposal to offer MIAX Market Makers, Public Customers that are not a Priority Customer, Non-MIAX Market Makers, Non-Member Broker-Dealers, and Firms the opportunity to reduce transaction fees by \$0.02 per contract in standard options, provided certain criteria are met, is reasonable because the Exchange desires to offer all such market participants an opportunity to lower their transaction fees. The Exchange's proposal to offer MIAX Market Makers, Public Customers that are not a Priority Customer, Non-MIAX Market Makers, Non-Member Broker-Dealers, and Firms the opportunity to reduce transaction fees by \$0.02 per

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<sup>9</sup> See Exchange Rules 603 and 604.



contract in standard options, provided certain criteria are met, is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because the Exchange will offer all market participants, excluding Priority Customers, a means to reduce transaction fees by qualifying for volume tiers in the Priority Customer Rebate Program. The Exchange believes that offering all such market participants the opportunity to lower transaction fees by incentivizing them to transact Priority Customer order flow in turn benefits all market participants.

The Exchange believes that the proposal to allow the aggregation of trading activity of separate Members or its affiliates for purposes of the fee reduction is fair, equitable and not unreasonably discriminatory. The Exchange believes the proposed rule change is reasonable because it would allow aggregation of the trading activity of separate Members or its affiliates for purposes of the fee reduction only in very narrow circumstances, namely, where the firm is an affiliate, as defined herein. Furthermore, other exchanges, as well as MIAX, have rules that permit the aggregation of the trading activity of affiliated entities for the purposes of calculating and assessing certain fees. The Exchange believes that offering all such market participants the opportunity to lower transaction fees by incentivizing them to transact Priority Customer order flow in turn benefits all market participants.

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

MIAX 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. The proposal is similar to the transaction fees found on other options exchanges; therefore, the Exchange believes the proposal is consistent with robust competition by increasing the intermarket competition for order flow from market participants. To the extent that there is additional competitive burden on market participants without Priority Customer order flow, the Exchange

believes that this is appropriate because the proposal should incent Members to direct additional order flow to the Exchange and thus provide additional liquidity that enhances the quality of its markets and increases the volume of contracts traded here. To the extent that this purpose is achieved, all the Exchange's market participants should benefit from the improved market liquidity. Enhanced market quality and increased transaction volume that results from the anticipated increase in order flow directed to the Exchange will benefit all market participants and improve competition on the Exchange. The Exchange notes that it operates in a highly competitive market in which market participants can readily favor competing venues if they deem fee levels at a particular venue to be excessive. In such an environment, the Exchange must continually adjust its fees to remain competitive with other exchanges and to attract order flow. The Exchange believes that the proposal reflects this 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)(ii) of the Act,<sup>10</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(2) thereunder<sup>11</sup> the Exchange has designated this proposal as establishing or changing a due, fee, or other charge imposed on any person, whether or not the person is a member of the self-regulatory organization, which renders the proposed rule change effective upon filing.

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<sup>10</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

<sup>11</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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

The proposed rule change is based on the similar fees of NASDAQ OMX PHLX LLC.<sup>12</sup> However, the transaction fees for all market participants are set slightly lower than the corresponding transaction fees of PHLX. In contrast to PHLX, the Exchange proposes the same incentive to all market participants instead of a higher incentive for market participants that are not market makers or specialists. In addition, in contrast to PHLX, the Exchange does not at this time assess higher transaction fees for non-Penny Pilot options classes.

**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. Applicable Section of the MIAX Fee Schedule.

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<sup>12</sup> See NASDAQ OMX PHLX LLC Pricing Schedule, Section II. See also Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 71716 (March 13, 2014), 79 FR 71716 (March 19, 2014) (SR-PHLX-2014-14); 72395 (June 16, 2014), 79 FR 35391 (SR-PHLX-2014-38).

**EXHIBIT 1**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
(Release No. 34- ; File No. SR-MIAX-2014-46)

August \_\_, 2014

## Self-Regulatory Organizations: Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change by Miami International Securities Exchange LLC to Amend Its Fee Schedule

Pursuant to the provisions of 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 25, 2014, Miami International Securities Exchange LLC (“MIAX” 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 its Fee Schedule.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s website at [http://www.miaxoptions.com/filter/wotitle/rule\\_filing](http://www.miaxoptions.com/filter/wotitle/rule_filing), at MIAX’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, 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

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

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

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

The Exchange proposes to amend its Fee Schedule to: (i) amend the MIAX Market Maker sliding scale to change the volume threshold calculations from aggregate numbers to percentages of total national Market Maker volume; (ii) increase the transaction fees for MIAX Market Makers, Public Customers that are not a Priority Customer, Non-MIAX Market Makers, Non-Member Broker-Dealers, and Firms by \$0.02 per contract; and (iii) provide for additional incentives for achieving certain Priority Customer Rebate Program volume tiers. The proposed changes are based on the similar fees of another competing options exchange.<sup>3</sup>

Volume Tiers

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national Market Maker volume of any options classes that trade on the exchange during the calendar month. The Market Maker sliding scale will continue to apply to MIAX Market Maker (RMM, LMM, DLMM, PLMM, DPLMM) transaction fees in all products except mini-options. MIAX Market Makers will continue to be assessed a \$0.02 per executed contract fee for transactions in mini-options.

The Exchange believes the proposed sliding scale is objective in that the fee reductions are based solely on reaching stated volume thresholds. The specific volume thresholds of the tiers were set based upon business determinations and an analysis of current volume levels. The specific volume thresholds and rates were set in order to encourage MIAX Market Makers to reach for higher tiers. The Exchange believes that the proposed changes to the tiered fee schedule may incent firms to display their orders on the Exchange and increase the volume of contracts traded here.

#### Options Transaction Fees

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#### Priority Customer Rebate Incentives

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The Exchange believes that these incentives will encourage MIAX Market Makers, Public Customers that are not a Priority Customer, Non-MIAX Market Makers, Non-Member Broker-Dealers, and Firms to transact a greater number of orders on the Exchange.

The Exchange proposes to implement the new transaction fees beginning September 1, 2014.

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<sup>5</sup> See MIAX Options Fee Schedule, Section 1)a)iii).

## 2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal to amend its fee schedule is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act<sup>6</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(4) of the Act<sup>7</sup> in particular, in that it is an equitable allocation of reasonable fees and other charges among Exchange members.

The proposed changes to the volume calculations for the sliding scale are reasonable, equitable, and not unfairly discriminatory. The proposed volume discount fee structure is not discriminatory in that all MIAX Market Makers are eligible to submit (or not submit) liquidity, and may do so at their discretion in the daily volumes they choose during the course of the billing period. All similarly situated MIAX Market Makers are subject to the same fee structure, and access to the Exchange is offered on terms that are not unfairly discriminatory. Volume based discounts have been widely adopted by options and equities markets, and are equitable because they are open to all MIAX Market Makers on an equal basis and provide discounts that are reasonably related to the value of an exchange's market quality associated with higher volumes. The proposed fee levels and volume thresholds are reasonably designed to be comparable to those of other options exchanges employing similar fee programs, and also to attract additional liquidity and order flow to the Exchange.

The Exchange's proposal to increase the transaction fees for MIAX Market Makers, Public Customers that are not a Priority Customer, Non-MIAX Market Makers, Non-Member Broker-Dealers, and Firms is reasonable because the Exchange's fees will remain competitive with fees at other options exchanges.<sup>8</sup> The Exchange's proposal to increase the transaction fees

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<sup>6</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>7</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

<sup>8</sup> See NASDAQ OMX PHLX LLC Pricing Schedule, Section II; NASDAQ Options Market LLC's Pricing Schedule, Chapter XV.



for MIAX Market Makers, Public Customers that are not a Priority Customer, Non-MIAX Market Makers, Non-Member Broker-Dealers, and Firms is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because the increase applies equally to all such market participants. The Exchange does not assess Priority Customers transactions fees because Priority Customer order flow enhances liquidity on the Exchange for the benefit of all market participants. Priority Customer liquidity benefits all market participants by providing more trading opportunities, which attracts Market Makers and other market participants. An increase in the activity of these market participants in turn facilitates tighter spreads, which may cause an additional corresponding increase in order flow from other market participants. Market Makers are assessed lower transaction fees as compared to Public Customers that are not a Priority Customer, Non-MIAX Market Makers, Non-Member Broker-Dealers, and Firms because they have obligations to the market and regulatory requirements, which normally do not apply to other market participants.<sup>9</sup> They have obligations to make continuous markets, engage in a course of dealings reasonably calculated to contribute to the maintenance of a fair and orderly market, and not make bids or offers or enter into transactions that are inconsistent with a course of dealings. In addition, charging non-members higher transaction fees is a common practice amongst exchanges because Members are subject to other fees and dues associated with their membership to the Exchange that do not apply to non-members. The proposed differentiation as between Priority Customers, Market Makers, and other market participants recognizes the differing contributions made to the liquidity and trading environment on the Exchange by these market participants.

The Exchange's proposal to offer MIAX Market Makers, Public Customers that are not a Priority Customer, Non-MIAX Market Makers, Non-Member Broker-Dealers, and Firms the

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<sup>9</sup> See Exchange Rules 603 and 604.

opportunity to reduce transaction fees by \$0.02 per contract in standard options, provided certain criteria are met, is reasonable because the Exchange desires to offer all such market participants an opportunity to lower their transaction fees. The Exchange's proposal to offer MIAX Market Makers, Public Customers that are not a Priority Customer, Non-MIAX Market Makers, Non-Member Broker-Dealers, and Firms the opportunity to reduce transaction fees by \$0.02 per contract in standard options, provided certain criteria are met, is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because the Exchange will offer all market participants, excluding Priority Customers, a means to reduce transaction fees by qualifying for volume tiers in the Priority Customer Rebate Program. The Exchange believes that offering all such market participants the opportunity to lower transaction fees by incentivizing them to transact Priority Customer order flow in turn benefits all market participants.

The Exchange believes that the proposal to allow the aggregation of trading activity of separate Members or its affiliates for purposes of the fee reduction is fair, equitable and not unreasonably discriminatory. The Exchange believes the proposed rule change is reasonable because it would allow aggregation of the trading activity of separate Members or its affiliates for purposes of the fee reduction only in very narrow circumstances, namely, where the firm is an affiliate, as defined herein. Furthermore, other exchanges, as well as MIAX, have rules that permit the aggregation of the trading activity of affiliated entities for the purposes of calculating and assessing certain fees. The Exchange believes that offering all such market participants the opportunity to lower transaction fees by incentivizing them to transact Priority Customer order flow in turn benefits all market participants.

**B. 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 not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The proposal

is similar to the transaction fees found on other options exchanges; therefore, the Exchange believes the proposal is consistent with robust competition by increasing the intermarket competition for order flow from market participants. To the extent that there is additional competitive burden on market participants without Priority Customer order flow, the Exchange believes that this is appropriate because the proposal should incent Members to direct additional order flow to the Exchange and thus provide additional liquidity that enhances the quality of its markets and increases the volume of contracts traded here. To the extent that this purpose is achieved, all the Exchange's market participants should benefit from the improved market liquidity. Enhanced market quality and increased transaction volume that results from the anticipated increase in order flow directed to the Exchange will benefit all market participants and improve competition on the Exchange. The Exchange notes that it operates in a highly competitive market in which market participants can readily favor competing venues if they deem fee levels at a particular venue to be excessive. In such an environment, the Exchange must continually adjust its fees to remain competitive with other exchanges and to attract order flow. The Exchange believes that the proposal reflects this competitive environment.

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

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act.<sup>10</sup> 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

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<sup>10</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

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:

##### 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-MIAX-2014-46 on the subject line.

##### Paper comments:

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

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-MIAX-2014-46. 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-MIAX-2014-46 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.<sup>11</sup>

Kevin M. O'Neill  
Deputy Secretary

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<sup>11</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

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# MIAX Options Fee Schedule

## 1) Transaction Fees

### a) Exchange Fees

#### i) Market Maker Transaction Fees

#### Market Maker Sliding Scale

Origin	Tier	Contracts Per Month	Transaction Fee Per Contract
All MIAX Market Makers <sup>1</sup>	1	[1 – 1,000,000] <u>0.00% - 0.35%</u>	\$0. <u>[15]17</u>
	2	[1,000,001 – 2,000,000] <u>Above 0.35% - 0.75%</u>	\$0. <u>[10]12</u>
	3	[2,000,001 – 4,000,000] <u>Above 0.75% - 1.50%</u>	\$0. <u>[05]07</u>
	4	[4,000,001+] <u>Above 1.50%</u>	\$0. <u>[03]05</u>

Volume thresholds are based on the total national Market Maker volume of any options classes with traded volume on MIAX during the month. The Market Maker Sliding Scale applies to MIAX Market Maker (RMM, LMM, DLMM, PLMM, DPLMM) transaction fees in all products except mini-options. MIAX Market Makers will be assessed a \$0.02 per executed contract fee for transactions in mini-options. A MIAX Market Maker's standard per contract transaction fee shall be reduced to the fees shown on the sliding scale as the MIAX Market Maker reaches the volume thresholds shown on the sliding scale in a month. The Exchange will aggregate the trading activity of separate MIAX Market Maker firms for purposes of the sliding scale if there is at least 75% common ownership between the firms as reflected on each firm's Form BD, Schedule A. Any Member or its affiliates of at least 75% common ownership between the firms as reflected on each firm's Form BD, Schedule A, that qualifies for Priority Customer Rebate Program volume tiers 3, 4, or 5 will be assessed \$0.15 per contract for tier 1, \$0.10 per contract for tier 2, \$0.05 per contract for tier 3, and \$0.03 per contract for tier 4 for transactions in standard options.

<sup>1</sup> See MIAX Rule 100 for the definition of Registered Market Maker ("RMM"), Primary Lead Market Maker ("PLMM"), Lead Market Maker ("LMM"). Directed Order Lead Market Maker ("DLMM") and Directed Primary Lead Market Maker ("DPLMM") is a party to a transaction being allocated to the LMM or PLMM and is the result of an order that has been directed to the LMM or PLMM.

## ii) Other Market Participant Transaction Fees

Types of Other Market Participants	Standard Options Transaction Fee (per executed contract)	Mini Options Transaction Fee (per executed contract)	These fees will apply to all option classes traded on MIAX
Priority Customer <sup>2</sup>	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.000	There is no fee assessed to an Electronic Exchange Member (an "EEM," as defined in MIAX Rule 100) that enters an order that is executed for the account of a Priority Customer.
Public Customer that is Not a Priority Customer	\$ 0.[25]27 <sup>3</sup>	\$ 0.025	This fee is assessed to an EEM that enters an order that is executed for the account of a Public Customer. <sup>[3]4</sup> that does not meet the criteria for designation as a Priority Customer. This fee will also be charged to an EEM that enters an order for the account of a Public Customer that has elected to be treated as a Voluntary Professional. <sup>[4]5</sup>
Non-MIAX Market Maker	\$ 0.[45]47 <sup>6</sup>	\$ 0.045	This fee is assessed to an EEM that enters an order that is executed for the account of a non-MIAX market maker. A non-MIAX market maker is a market maker registered as such on another options exchange.
Non-Member Broker-Dealer	\$ 0.[45]47 <sup>7</sup>	\$ 0.045	This fee is assessed to an EEM that enters an order that (i) is executed for the account of a non-Member Broker-Dealer, and (ii) is identified by the EEM for clearing in the Options Clearing Corporation ("OCC") "customer" range. A non-Member Broker-Dealer is a broker-dealer that is not a

<sup>2</sup> The term "Priority Customer" means a person or entity that (i) is not a broker or dealer in securities, and (ii) does not place more than 390 orders in listed options per day on average during a calendar month for its own beneficial account(s). See Exchange Rule 100.

<sup>3</sup> Any Member or its affiliates of at least 75% common ownership between the firms as reflected on each firm's Form BD, Schedule A, that qualifies for Priority Customer Rebate Program volume tiers 3, 4, or 5 will be assessed \$0.25 per contract for standard options.

<sup>[3]4</sup> The term "Public Customer" means a person that is not a broker or dealer in securities. See Exchange Rule 100.

<sup>[4]5</sup> The term "Voluntary Professional" means any Public Customer that elects, in writing, to be treated in the same manner as a broker or dealer in securities for purposes of Rule 514, as well as the Exchange's schedule of fees. See Exchange Rule 100.

<sup>6</sup> Any Member or its affiliates of at least 75% common ownership between the firms as reflected on each firm's Form BD, Schedule A, that qualifies for Priority Customer Rebate Program volume tiers 3, 4, or 5 will be assessed \$0.45 per contract for standard options.

<sup>7</sup> Any Member or its affiliates of at least 75% common ownership between the firms as reflected on each firm's Form BD, Schedule A, that qualifies for Priority Customer Rebate Program volume tiers 3, 4, or 5 will be assessed \$0.45 per contract for standard options.

			member of the OCC, and that is not registered as a Member at MIAX or another options exchange.
<i>Firm</i>	<b>\$ 0.<del>25</del>27<sup>8</sup></b>	<b>\$ 0.025</b>	This fee is assessed to an EEM that enters an order that is executed for an account identified by the EEM for clearing in the OCC "Firm" range.

Firms are subject to a maximum fee of \$60,000 ("Monthly Firm Fee Cap"). Transaction fees resulting from participation in a PRIME Auction as a PRIME AOC Response, or rebates from the PRIME Break-up credit, will not count towards the Monthly Firm Fee Cap. Firm transaction fees for one billing month will not exceed the Monthly Firm Fee Cap per member organization when such Members are trading in their own proprietary account. Members must notify the Exchange in writing of all accounts in which the Member is not trading in its own proprietary account. The Exchange will not make adjustments to billing invoices where transactions are commingled in accounts which are not subject to the Monthly Firm Fee Cap. The Exchange will aggregate the trading activity of separate Members or its affiliates for purposes of the Monthly Firm Fee Cap if there is at least 75% common ownership between the firms as reflected on each firm's Form BD, Schedule A. Members must notify the Exchange in writing of the account(s) designated for purposes of trading in their proprietary account. The Exchange requires Members to segregate unaffiliated firm orders from that of its affiliates in order for the qualifying affiliated firm orders to be eligible for the Monthly Firm Fee Cap. The Exchange will not make adjustments to billing invoices where transactions are commingled in accounts which are not subject to the Monthly Firm Fee Cap. Mini-option contracts are not eligible for inclusion in the Monthly Firm Fee Cap. Firm Transactions trades in mini-options, however, will continue to be executed at the rate indicated above.

**ii) Priority Customer Rebate Program**

Origin	Tier	Percentage Thresholds of National Customer Volume in Multiply-Listed Options Classes Listed on MIAX (Monthly)	Per Contract Credit	Per Contract Credit in MIAX Select Symbols <sup>[5]9</sup>	Per Contract Credit for PRIME Agency Order
<i>Priority Customer</i>	1	0.00% - 0.35%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.10
	2	Above 0.35% - 0.45%	\$0.10	\$0.10	\$0.10
	3	Above 0.45% - 1.25%	\$0.15	\$0.20	\$0.10
	4	Above 1.25% - 2.00%	\$0.17	\$0.20	\$0.10
	5	Above 2.00%	\$0.18	\$0.20	\$0.10

<sup>8</sup> Any Member or its affiliates of at least 75% common ownership between the firms as reflected on each firm's Form BD, Schedule A, that qualifies for Priority Customer Rebate Program volume tiers 3, 4, or 5 will be assessed \$0.25 per contract for standard options.

<sup>[5]9</sup> The term "MIAX Select Symbols" means options overlying AA, AAL, AAPL, AIG, AMZN, AZN, BP, C, CBS, CLF, CMCSA, EBAY, EEM, EFA, EWJ, FB, FCX, FXI, GE, GILD, GLD, GM, GOOG, GOOGL, HTZ, INTC, IWM, IYR, JCP, JPM, KO, MO, MRK, NFLX, NOK, NQ, PBR, PCLN, PFE, PG, QCOM, QQQ, S, SIRI, SPY, SUNE, T, TSLA, USO, VALE, WAG, WFC, WMB, WY, XHB, XLE, XLF, XLP, XLU and XOM.



MIAX shall credit each Member the per contract amount resulting from each Priority Customer order transmitted by that Member which is executed electronically on the Exchange in all multiply-listed option classes (excluding mini-options, Priority Customer-to-Priority Customer Orders, PRIME AOC Responses, PRIME Contra-side Orders, PRIME Orders for which both the Agency and Contra-side Order are Priority Customers, and executions related to contracts that are routed to one or more exchanges in connection with the Options Order Protection and Locked/Crossed Market Plan referenced in MIAX Rule 1400), provided the Member meets certain percentage thresholds in a month as described in the Priority Customer Rebate Program table. For each Priority Customer order transmitted by that Member which is executed electronically on the Exchange in MIAX Select Symbols, MIAX shall credit each member at the separate per contract rate for MIAX Select Symbols. For each Priority Customer order submitted into the PRIME Auction as a PRIME Agency Order, MIAX shall credit each member at the separate per contract rate for PRIME Agency Orders; however, no rebates will be paid if the PRIME Agency Order executes against a Contra-side Order which is also a Priority Customer. This payment will be calculated from the first executed contract at the applicable threshold per contract credit with rebate payments made at the highest achieved volume tier for each contract traded in that month. The percentage thresholds are calculated based on the percentage of national customer volume in multiply-listed options classes listed on MIAX entered and executed over the course of the month (excluding Priority Customer-to-Priority Customer Orders, PRIME AOC Responses, PRIME Contra-side Orders, PRIME Orders for which both the Agency and Contra-side Order are Priority Customers). Volume will be recorded for and credits will be delivered to the Member Firm that submits the order to MIAX. MIAX will aggregate the contracts resulting from Priority Customer orders transmitted and executed electronically on MIAX from affiliated Members for purposes of the thresholds described in the Priority Customer Rebate Program table, provided there is at least 75% common ownership between the firms as reflected on each firm's Form BD, Schedule A. In the event of a MIAX System outage or other interruption of electronic trading on MIAX, the Exchange will adjust the national customer volume in multiply-listed options for the duration of the outage. A Member may request to receive its credit under the Priority Customer Rebate Program as a separate direct payment.

### iii) MIAX Price Improvement Mechanism ("PRIME") Fees

Types of Other Market Participants	PRIME Order		Responder to PRIME Auction		PRIME Break-up	
	Per Contract Fee for Agency Order	Per Contract Fee for Contra-side Order	Per Contract Fee for Penny Classes	Per Contract Fee for Non-Penny Classes	Per Contract Credit for Penny Classes	Per Contract Credit for Non-Penny Classes
<i>Priority Customer</i>	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.45	\$ 0.90	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.60
<i>Public Customer that is Not a Priority Customer</i>	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.45	\$ 0.90	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.60
<i>MIAX Market Maker</i>	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.45	\$ 0.90	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.60
<i>Non-MIAX Market Maker</i>	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.45	\$ 0.90	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.60
<i>Non-Member Broker-Dealer</i>	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.45	\$ 0.90	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.60
<i>Firm</i>	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.45	\$ 0.90	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.60

MIAX will apply the PRIME Break-up credit to the EEM that submitted the PRIME Order for contracts that are submitted to the PRIME Auction that trade with a PRIME AOC Response. The applicable fee for PRIME Orders will be applied to any contracts for which a credit is provided. Transaction fees in mini-options will be 1/10th of the standard per contract fee or rebate described in the table above for the PRIME Auction. MIAX will assess the standard transaction fees to a PRIME AOC Response if they execute against unrelated orders.

## b) Marketing Fee

MIAX will assess a Marketing Fee to all Market Makers for contracts, including mini options, they execute in their assigned classes when the contra-party to the execution is a Priority Customer. MIAX will not assess a Marketing Fee to Market Makers for contracts executed as a PRIME Agency Order, Contra-side Order, or a PRIME AOC Response in the PRIME Auction; unless, it executes against an unrelated order.

Members that are assigned as PLMMs and LMMs will have a Marketing Fee “pool” into which the Exchange will deposit the applicable per-contract Marketing Fee. For orders directed to PLMMs and certain qualifying LMMs, applicable Marketing Fees are allocated to the PLMM’s or LMM’s Marketing Fee “pool.” To qualify for a Marketing Fee allocation for an applicable month, an LMM must either: (i) have an appointment in the relevant option class at the time of being directed the order; or (ii) for the month preceding the applicable month (the “qualifying month”) have an appointment as an LMM for at least ten (10) trading days in a minimum of fifty percent (50%) of the option classes listed on the Exchange for the entire qualifying month. For non-directed orders and orders directed to non-qualifying LMMs, applicable Marketing Fees are allocated to the PLMM’s Marketing Fee “pool.” All Market Makers that participated in such transactions will pay the applicable Marketing Fee to the Exchange, which will allocate such funds to the Member that controls the distribution of the Marketing Fee “pool.” Each month the Member will submit written instructions to MIAX describing how MIAX is to distribute the Marketing Fees in the “pool” to Electronic Exchange Members identified by the Member.

Undispersed Marketing Fees will be reimbursed to Market Makers that contributed to the “pool” based upon their pro-rata portion of the entire amount of Marketing Fees collected on a three month rolling schedule.

Amount of Marketing Fee Assessed	Option Classes
<b>\$0.70</b> (per contract)	Transactions in Standard Option Classes that are not in the Penny Pilot Program
<b>\$0.25</b> (per contract)	Transactions in Standard Option Classes that are in the Penny Pilot Program (a List of those Standard Option Classes in the Penny Pilot Program is available on the MIAX Website)
<b>\$0.070</b> (per contract)	Transactions in Mini Options where the corresponding Standard Option is not in the Penny Pilot Program
<b>\$0.025</b> (per contract)	Transactions in Mini Options where the corresponding Standard Option is in the Penny Pilot Program (a List of those Standard Option Classes in the Penny Pilot Program is available on the MIAX Website)

### c) Fees and Rebates for Customer Orders Routed to Another Options Exchange

MIAX will assess a Routing Fee to market participants on all Public Customer orders routed to and executed on an away market that is equal to the amount charged by the away market to which such orders were routed and executed. MIAX will also pay any rebate offered by an away market. Such market participants will also be assessed a Fixed Fee Surcharge by MIAX, which is added to the fee charged, or netted against the rebate paid, by an away market.

#### Fixed Fee Surcharge

\$0.10 per contract in addition to the actual transaction fee assessed, or less the rebate paid, by the away exchange. The Fixed Fee Surcharge applies to both Mini and Standard Option contracts.

## 2) Regulatory Fees

### a) Sales Value Fee

**Current Fee Rate: Defined amount per \$1,000,000 of the aggregate dollar amount of covered sales.**

The Sales Value Fee<sup>[6]10</sup> is assessed by the Exchange to each Member for sales on the Exchange for which the Exchange is obligated to pay a fee to the SEC pursuant to Section 31 of the Exchange Act. The Sales Value Fee is equal to the Section 31 fee rate multiplied by the Member's aggregate dollar amount of covered sales resulting from options transactions occurring on the Exchange during any computational period. To the extent there may be any excess monies collected under this rule, the Exchange may retain those monies to help fund general operating expenses. The sales transactions to which the fee applies are sales of options (other than options on a security index) and the sales of securities resulting from the exercise of physical-delivery options.

Sales Value Fee	Per Executed Sell Contract side and Sales of Securities Resulting from the Exercise of Physical Delivery Options (per million dollars in notional value)
All Classes	Rate set annually and sometimes adjusted semi-annually by the SEC. See <a href="http://www.sec.gov/divisions/marketreg/sec31info.htm">http://www.sec.gov/divisions/marketreg/sec31info.htm</a> for the current rate

### b) Options Regulatory Fee

The per-contract Options Regulatory Fee ("ORF") is assessed by MIAX to each MIAX Member for all options transactions, including Mini Options, executed and cleared, or simply cleared by the Member that are cleared by OCC in the "customer" range, regardless of the exchange on which the transaction occurs. The ORF is collected indirectly from Members through their clearing firms by OCC on behalf of MIAX. The Exchange may only increase or decrease the Options Regulatory Fee semi-annually, and any such fee change will be effective on the first business day of February or August. The Exchange will notify participants via a Regulatory Circular of any change in the amount of the fee at least 30 calendar days prior to the effective date of the change.

Options Regulatory Fee (ORF)	Per Executed Contract side
All Classes	\$0.0040
All Classes as of April 1, 2014	\$0.0045

<sup>[6]10</sup> For a detailed description of the Sales Value Fee, see MIAX Rule 1207.

**c) Web CRD Fees**

The following fees will be collected and retained by FINRA through the Web Central Registration Depository (CRD<sup>SM</sup>) registration system for the registration of associated persons of Electronic Exchange Members and Market Maker organizations that are not also FINRA members:

**GENERAL REGISTRATION FEES:**

\$100.00	FINRA CRD Processing Fee <sup>[7]11</sup>
\$110.00	FINRA Disclosure Processing Fee <sup>[8]12</sup> (Form U4, Form U5, Form BD & amendments)
\$45.00	FINRA Annual System Processing Fee assessed only during Renewals

**FINRA Fingerprint Card Processing Fees:**

\$29.50	First card submission (electronic)
\$44.50	First card submission (hard copy)
\$15.00	Second card submission (electronic)
\$30.00	Second card submission (hard copy)
\$29.50	Third card submission (electronic)
\$44.50	Third card submission (hard copy)
\$30.00	FINRA Processing Fee for Fingerprint Results Submitted by Other SROs
\$00.00	MIAX Initial Registration Fee (Individual)
\$00.00	MIAX Annual Individual Renewal Fee
\$00.00	MIAX Transfer Fee
\$00.00	MIAX Termination Fee
\$00.00	MIAX Broker Dealer Registration Fee
\$00.00	MIAX Broker Dealer Renewal Fee

**Continuing Education Fees<sup>[9]13</sup>**

\$100.00	Continuing Education Fee for All Registrations except the Series 56
\$60.00	Continuing Education Fee for Series 56

**Qualification Examination Fee**

\$195.00	Series 56 Examination Fee
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<sup>[7]11</sup> For all Initial, Transfer, Relicense, and Dual Registration Form U4 filings. This fee is assessed when a non-FINRA firm (i.e., a firm that is not a member of FINRA) submits its first Initial, Transfer, Relicense, or Dual Registration Form U4 filing on behalf of a registered person.

<sup>[8]12</sup> For all registration, transfer, or termination filings with new or amended disclosure information or that require certification, as well as any amendment to disclosure information.

<sup>[9]13</sup> The session fee will be assessed to each individual who is required to complete the Regulatory Element of the Continuing Education Requirements pursuant to MIAX Rule 1304.

### 3) Membership Fees

#### a) Application for MIAX Membership (One-Time Fee)

Type of Membership	Application Fee
Electronic Exchange Member	\$2,500.00
Market Maker	\$3,000.00

#### b) Monthly Trading Permit Fee

MIAX will issue Trading Permits<sup>[10]14</sup> to Members that confer the ability to transact on MIAX.

Type of Trading Permit	Monthly MIAX Trading Permit Fee
Electronic Exchange Member	\$1,000.00
Market Maker (includes RMM, LMMM, PLMM)	\$4,000.00 for MM Assignment in up to 100 Classes \$5,500.00 for MM Assignment in up to 250 Classes \$7,000.00 for MM Assignment in all Classes listed on MIAX

For the calculation of the monthly MM Trading Permit Fees, the number of classes is defined as the greatest number of classes the MM was assigned to quote in on any given day within the calendar month. Members receiving Trading Permits during a particular calendar month will be assessed Trading Permit Fees according to the above schedule, except that the calculation of the Trading Permit fee for the first month in which the Trading Permit is issued will be pro-rated based on the number of trading days on which the Trading Permit was in effect divided by the total number of trading days in that month multiplied by the monthly rate.

<sup>[10]14</sup> For a complete description of MIAX Trading Permits, see MIAX Rule 200.

#### 4) Testing and Certification Fees

##### a) Member Application Programming Interface (API) Testing and Certification (One-Time Fee)

Type of Member	API Testing and Certification Fee
Electronic Exchange Member	\$1,000.00
Market Maker	\$2,500.00
Administrative Information Subscriber ("AIS") <sup>[11]15</sup>	\$1,000.00

##### b) Non-Member API Testing and Certification (One-Time Fee)

Non-Member	API Testing and Certification
Third Party Vendors <sup>[12]16</sup> and Service Bureaus <sup>[13]17</sup>	\$1,000.00
AIS	\$1,000.00

##### c) Member Network Testing and Certification Fee (One-Time Fee)

Member Network Connectivity Testing and Certification	1 Gigabit Per Firm	10 Gigabit Per Firm
Individual Firm	\$1,000.00	\$4,000.00

##### d) Non-Member Network Testing and Certification Fee (One-Time Fee)

Non-Member Network Connectivity Testing and Certification	1 Gigabit Per Connection	10 Gigabit Per Connection
Service Bureau/Extranet Provider <sup>[14]18</sup> – One Connection	\$1,000.00	\$4,000.00

<sup>[11]15</sup> An AIS is a non-Market Maker that connects with the MIAX System for purposes of receiving administrative information from the MIAX System.

<sup>[12]16</sup> Third Party Vendors are subscribers of MIAX's market and other data feeds, which they in turn use for redistribution purposes.

<sup>[13]17</sup> A Service Bureau is a technology provider that offers and supplies technology and technology services to a trading firm that does not have its own proprietary system.

<sup>[14]18</sup> An Extranet Provider is a technology provider that connects with MIAX systems and in turn provides such connectivity to MIAX participants that do not connect directly with MIAX.

## 5) System Connectivity Fees

### a) Monthly Member Network Connectivity Fee

Member Network Connectivity Per Month	1 Gigabit Per Connection	10 Gigabit Per Connection
Individual Firm	\$1,000.00	\$5,000.00

The Member Network Connectivity fee will be pro-rated for new Members based on the number of trading days on which the Member used the connectivity in its first month of trading on or receiving information by way of such connectivity with MIAX, divided by the total number of trading days in such month multiplied by the monthly rate.

### b) Monthly Non-Member Network Connectivity Fee

Non-Member Network Connectivity Per Month	1 Gigabit Per Connection	10 Gigabit Per Connection
Service Bureau/Extranet Provider	\$1,000.00	\$5,000.00
AIS	\$1,000.00	\$5,000.00

The non-Member Network Connectivity fee will be pro-rated for new non-Members connecting to the MIAX System based on the number of trading days on which the non-Member used the connectivity in its first month of trading on or (in the case of an AIS, receiving administrative information by way of such connectivity with MIAX, divided by the total number of trading days in such month multiplied by the monthly rate.

### c) Pass-Through of External Connectivity Fees

MIAX will assess External Connectivity fees to Members and non-Members that establish connections with MIAX through a third-party. Fees assessed to MIAX by third-party external vendors on behalf of a Member or non-Member connecting to MIAX (including cross-connects),<sup>[15]19</sup> will be passed through to the Member or non-Member. The External Connectivity fees passed through can include one-time set-up fees, monthly charges, and other fees charged to MIAX by a third-party for the benefit of a Member or non-Member.

<sup>[15] 19</sup> A "cross-connect" occurs when the affected third-party system is sited at the same data center where MIAX systems are sited, and the third-party connects to MIAX through the data center, rather than connecting directly to MIAX outside of the data center.

**d) Port Fees**

**i) FIX Port Fees**

MIAX will assess monthly Financial Information Exchange (“FIX”) Port<sup>[16]20</sup> Fees on Members based upon the number of FIX Ports used by the Member submitting orders to MIAX.

<b>FIX Port Fees</b>	<b>MIAX Monthly Port Fees</b> Includes Connectivity to the Primary, Secondary and Disaster Recovery Data Centers <sup>[17]21</sup>
1st FIX Port	\$250 per month
FIX Ports 2 through 5	\$150 per month per port
Additional FIX Ports over 5	\$50 per month per port

<sup>[16]20</sup> A FIX Port is an interface with MIAX systems that enables the Port user (typically an Electronic Exchange Member or a Market Maker) to submit orders electronically to MIAX.

<sup>[17]21</sup> MIAX has primary and secondary data centers and a disaster recovery center. Each port provides access to all three data centers for a single fee.



**ii) MEI Port Fees**

MIAX will assess monthly MIAX Express Interface (“MEI”)<sup>[18]22</sup> Port fees on Market Makers based upon the number of MIAX matching engines<sup>[19]23</sup> used by the Market Maker. MEI Port users will be allocated two (2) Full Service MEI Ports<sup>[20]24</sup> and two (2) Limited Service MEI Ports<sup>[21]25</sup> per matching engine to which they connect. An MEI Port provides a Market Maker with the connectivity necessary to submit electronic quotes to the MIAX System.

MEI Fees	MIAX Monthly MEI Fees Includes MEI Ports at the Primary, Secondary and Disaster Recovery Data Centers
Market Maker’s 1st Engine	\$1,000 per month for 2 full service ports and 2 limited service ports for first engine
Market Maker’s Engines 2 through 5	\$500 per month for 2 full service ports and 2 limited service ports for each engine
Market Maker’s Engines over 5	\$250 per month for 2 full service ports and 2 limited service ports for each engine
Additional Limited Service MEI Ports	\$10 per month per additional limited service port for each engine <sup>[22]26</sup>

<sup>[18]22</sup> MIAX Express Interface is a connection to MIAX systems that enables Market Makers to submit electronic quotes to MIAX.

<sup>[19]23</sup> A “matching engine” is a part of the MIAX electronic system that processes options quotes and trades on a symbol-by-symbol basis. Some matching engines will process option classes with multiple root symbols, and other matching engines will be dedicated to one single option root symbol (for example, options on SPY will be processed by one single matching engine that is dedicated only to SPY). A particular root symbol may only be assigned to a single designated matching engine. A particular root symbol may not be assigned to multiple matching engines.

<sup>[20]24</sup> Full Service MEI Ports provide Market Makers with the ability to send Market Maker quotes, eQuotes, and quote purge messages to the MIAX System. Full Service MEI Ports are also capable of receiving administrative information. Market Makers are limited to two Full Service MEI Ports per matching engine.

<sup>[21]25</sup> Limited Service MEI Ports provide Market Makers with the ability to send eQuotes and quote purge messages only, but not Market Maker Quotes, to the MIAX System. Limited Service MEI Ports are also capable of receiving administrative information. Market Makers initially receive two Limited Service MEI Ports per matching engine.

<sup>[22]26</sup> Market Makers are limited to two additional Limited Service MEI Ports per matching engine, for a total of four per matching engine.

**iii) Clearing Trade Drop Port Fees**

Description	Monthly Fee
Real-Time CTD Information	\$0.0030 per executed contract side

CTD provides Exchange members with real-time clearing trade updates. The updates include the member’s clearing trade messages on a low latency, real-time basis. The trade messages are routed to a member’s connection containing certain information. The information includes, among other things, the following: (i) trade date and time; (ii) symbol information; (iii) trade price/size information; (iv) member type (for example, and without limitation, Market Maker, Electronic Exchange Member, Broker-Dealer); and (v) Exchange Member Participant Identifier (“MPID”) for each side of the transaction, including clearing member MPID.

**iv) AIS Port<sup>[23]27</sup> Fees**

AIS Ports	AIS Monthly Port Fees
1 <sup>st</sup> Engine	\$1,000.00 per month for 2 ports for first engine
Engines 2 through 5	\$250.00 for 2 ports for each engine
Engines over 5	\$125.00 for 2 ports for each engine

**e) Electronic Exchange Member MPID Fees**

MIAX will assess monthly MIAX Member Participant Identifier (“MPID”) fees to Electronic Exchange Members (“EEMs”), based upon the number of MPIDs assigned to the particular EEM in a given month.

EEM MPID Fees	EEM Monthly MPID Fees
1st MPID per EEM	\$200 per month
2 <sup>nd</sup> through 5 <sup>th</sup> EEM MPID	\$100 per month for each MPID
Each Additional EEM MPID over 5	\$50 per month for each MPID

<sup>[23]27</sup> An AIS Port provides an AIS with the connectivity necessary to receive administrative information from the MIAX System.

**6) Market Data Fees – MIAX Top of Market (“ToM”)**

<b>Distributor Type</b>	<b>Monthly Fee</b>
Internal Distributor	\$1,000.00
External Distributor	\$1,500.00

MIAX assesses market data fees applicable to ToM on Internal and External Distributors. A Distributor of MIAX data is any entity that receives a feed or file of data either directly from MIAX or indirectly through another entity and then distributes it either internally (within that entity) or externally (outside that entity). All Distributors are required to execute a MIAX Distributor Agreement. Market Data Fees for ToM will be reduced for new Distributors for the first month during which they subscribe to ToM, based on the number of trading days that have been held during the month prior to the date on which they subscribe. Such new Distributors will be assessed a pro-rata percentage of the fees described above, which is the percentage of the number of trading days remaining in the affected calendar month as of the date on which they begin to receive the ToM feed, divided by the total number of trading days in the affected calendar month.