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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")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² proposes to amend the MIAX Options Fee Schedule.

A notice of the proposed rule change for publication in the <u>Federal Register</u> is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit 1</u>, and a copy of the applicable section of the proposed Fee Schedule is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit 5</u>.

- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Not applicable.

2. <u>Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization</u>

The proposed rule change was approved by senior management of the Exchange pursuant to authority delegated by the MIAX Board of Directors on December 11, 2014. 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 Richard S. Rudolph, Vice President and Senior Counsel, at 609-897-1484.

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

a. <u>Purpose</u>

The Exchange proposes to amend its Fee Schedule to adopt transaction fees for Qualified Contingent Cross ("QCC") transactions. A QCC Order is comprised of an order to buy or sell at least 1,000 contracts (or 10,000 mini-option contracts) that is identified as being part of a

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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qualified contingent trade, coupled with a contra side order to buy or sell an equal number of contracts. The Exchange is proposing to establish fees for QCC Orders to coincide with the acceptance of QCC Orders on the Exchange beginning August 1, 2015.

The proposed fees are based on the substantially similar fees of another competing options exchange.³

The Exchange proposes to establish a transaction fee for all non-Priority Customer⁴ QCC Orders of \$0.15 per contract side (Priority Customer orders will not be assessed a charge). In addition, the Exchange proposes to adopt a \$0.10 per contract credit for the initiating order side, regardless of origin code. The Exchange proposes to explicitly provide in the Fee Schedule that the credit will be paid to the Member that enters the order into the System, but will only be paid on the initiating side of the QCC transaction. However, no rebates will be paid for QCC transactions in which both the initiator and contra-side orders are Priority Customers.

Additionally, the Exchange proposes to state explicitly in the Fee Schedule that a QCC transaction is comprised of an 'initiating order' to buy (sell) at least 1,000 contracts or 10,000 mini-option contracts, coupled with a contra-side order to sell (buy) an equal number of contracts.⁵ The Exchange notes that with regard to order entry, the first order submitted into the system is marked as the initiating side and the second order is marked as the contra side

The purpose of these changes is to incentivize the sending of QCC Orders to the Exchange. The Exchange notes that other competing exchanges similarly provide rebates on

See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 75321 (June 29, 2015), 80 FR 38489 (July 6, 2015) (SR-CBOE-2015-059).

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 accounts(s). See Exchange Rule 100.

⁵ See Exchange Rule 516(j).

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QCC initiating orders.⁶ The Exchange also notes that QCC orders comprised of mini-contracts will be assessed QCC fees and afforded rebates equal to 10% of the fees and rebates applicable to QCC Orders comprised of standard option contracts. The Exchange is also proposing to amend Section 1(b) of the Fee Schedule to reflect that MIAX will not assess a Marketing Fee⁷ for contracts executed as a QCC, and will not assess the additional Posted Liquidity Marketing Fee⁸ to Market Makers for contracts executed as QCC Orders.

Finally, the Exchange proposes to provide that QCC Orders are excluded from: (i) the volume threshold calculations for the Market Maker Sliding Scale; (ii) and the rebates and volume calculations as part of the Priority Customer Rebate Program. The Exchange believes that excluding QCC Orders from these fees and rebates is appropriate, because QCC Orders from Market Makers and Priority Customers will be subject to the specific transaction fees as described above that are tailored specifically for encouraging market participants to transact QCC Orders on the Exchange. The Exchange does not believe that it is necessary at this time to extend the favorable volume fee rates nor the rebate program to QCC Orders.

The Exchange proposes to implement the proposed changes beginning August 1, 2015.

See Chicago Board Options Exchange, Fees Schedule; International Securities Exchange, LLC ("ISE") Schedule of Fees.

MIAX assesses 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. See Fee Schedule Section 1(b).

MIAX assesses an additional \$0.12 per contract Posted Liquidity Marketing Fee to all Market Makers for any standard options overlying EEM, GLD, IWM, QQQ, and SPY that Market Makers execute in their assigned class when the contra-party to the execution is a Priority Customer and the Priority Customer order was posted on the MIAX Book at the time of the execution. <u>Id</u>.

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b. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal to amend its fee schedule is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act⁹ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(4) of the Act¹⁰ in particular, in that it is an equitable allocation of reasonable fees and other charges among Exchange members.

The Exchange believes the proposed transaction fee for QCC Orders is reasonable because the proposed amount is in line with the amount assessed at other Exchanges for similar transactions. Additionally, the proposed fee would be charged to all non-Priority Customers alike. Assessing QCC rates to all market participants except Priority Customers is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because Priority Customer order flow enhances liquidity on the Exchange for the benefit of all market participants. Specifically, Priority Customer liquidity benefits all market participants by providing more trading opportunities, which attracts Market-Makers. 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. By exempting Priority Customer orders, the QCC transaction fees will not discourage the sending of Priority Customer orders.

The Exchange believes the proposed rebate for the initiating order side of a QCC transaction is reasonable because other competing exchanges also provide a rebate on the initiating order side. Additionally, the proposed credit amount is within the range of the rebate

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

See Chicago Board Options Exchange, Inc. Fees Schedule; International Securities Exchange, LLC ("ISE") Schedule of Fees.

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amounts at the other competing exchanges. 12 The Exchange believes the proposed credit is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because it applies to all Members that enter the initiating order (except for when both the initiator and contra-side orders are Priority Customers) and because it is intended to incentivize the sending of more QCC Orders to the Exchange. The Exchange believes it is reasonable, equitable and not unfairly discriminatory to not provide a rebate for the initiating order for QCC transactions for which both the initiator and the contraside orders are Priority Customers since Priority Customers are already incentivized by a reduced fee for submitting QCC Orders. The Exchange believes that the proposed exclusion of QCC Orders from the Market Maker Sliding Scale and the Priority Customer Rebate Program is reasonable because it enables QCC Orders from all market participants to be subject to only the specific transaction fees as described above that are tailored specifically for encouraging market participants to transact QCC Orders on the Exchange. The Exchange believes that the exclusion is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because it ensures all market participants, other than Priority Customers, to be subject to the same transaction fee for QCC Orders. While Priority Customers will benefit from a lower transaction fee rate for QCC Orders, excluding QCC Orders from the Priority Customer Rebate Program enables a more equitable and not unfairly discriminatory outcome.

The Exchange further believes that not assessing a Marketing Fee for contracts executed as a QCC, and not assessing the additional Posted Liquidity Marketing Fee to Market Makers for contracts executed as a QCC Order is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because such order types are originated from the same Member organization, thus obviating the purpose of the Marketing Fees. Finally, the Exchange believes that the proposed change to the Fee Schedule

See id.

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specifying that QCC Orders comprised of mini-contracts will be assessed QCC fees and afforded rebates equal to 10% of the fees and rebates applicable to QCC Orders comprised of standard option contracts is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because it clearly and transparently describes the fees applicable to QCC Orders involving mini-contracts for all MIAX participants.

4. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition</u>

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, because the proposed rule change applies to all Members. The Exchange believes this proposal will not cause an unnecessary burden on intermarket competition because the proposed changes will actually enhance the competiveness of the Exchange relative to other exchanges which offer comparable fees and rebates for QCC transactions. To the extent that the proposed changes make the Exchange a more attractive marketplace for market participants at other exchanges, such market participants are welcome to become market participants on the Exchange.

5. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received from Members, Participants, or Others</u>

No written comments were either solicited or received.

6. Extension of Time Period for Commission Action

Not applicable.

7. <u>Basis for Summary Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3) or for Accelerated Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(2)</u>

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act, ¹³ and Rule 19b-4(f)(2) thereunder ¹⁴ the Exchange has designated this proposal as establishing or changing a due, fee, or other charge

¹⁵ U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

¹⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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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.

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

The proposed fees are based on the substantially similar fees of the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Inc. ("CBOE"). ¹⁵ The proposed MIAX QCC fees are slightly distinguished from the CBOE fees because no rebates will be paid for QCC transactions in which both the initiator and contra-side orders are Priority Customers.

- 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 <u>Federal Register</u>.
- 5. Applicable section of the MIAX Fee Schedule.

See supra note 3.

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EXHIBIT 1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-; File No. SR-MIAX-2015-49)

July__, 2015

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")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on July 30, 2015, 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. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed</u>
Rule Change

The Exchange is filing a proposal to amend the MIAX Options 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, at MIAX's principal office, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

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

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

¹⁵ U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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

1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to amend its Fee Schedule to adopt transaction fees for Qualified Contingent Cross ("QCC") transactions. A QCC Order is comprised of an order to buy or sell at least 1,000 contracts (or 10,000 mini-option contracts) that is identified as being part of a qualified contingent trade, coupled with a contra side order to buy or sell an equal number of contracts. The Exchange is proposing to establish fees for QCC Orders to coincide with the acceptance of QCC Orders on the Exchange beginning August 1, 2015.

The proposed fees are based on the substantially similar fees of another competing options exchange.³

The Exchange proposes to establish a transaction fee for all non-Priority Customer⁴ QCC Orders of \$0.15 per contract side (Priority Customer orders will not be assessed a charge). In addition, the Exchange proposes to adopt a \$0.10 per contract credit for the initiating order side, regardless of origin code. The Exchange proposes to explicitly provide in the Fee Schedule that the credit will be paid to the Member that enters the order into the System, but will only be paid on the initiating side of the QCC transaction. However, no rebates will be paid for QCC transactions in which both the initiator and contra-side orders are Priority Customers.

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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 accounts(s). See Exchange Rule 100.

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Additionally, the Exchange proposes to state explicitly in the Fee Schedule that a QCC transaction is comprised of an 'initiating order' to buy (sell) at least 1,000 contracts or 10,000 mini-option contracts, coupled with a contra-side order to sell (buy) an equal number of contracts.⁵ The Exchange notes that with regard to order entry, the first order submitted into the system is marked as the initiating side and the second order is marked as the contra side

The purpose of these changes is to incentivize the sending of QCC Orders to the Exchange. The Exchange notes that other competing exchanges similarly provide rebates on QCC initiating orders.⁶ The Exchange also notes that QCC orders comprised of mini-contracts will be assessed QCC fees and afforded rebates equal to 10% of the fees and rebates applicable to QCC Orders comprised of standard option contracts. The Exchange is also proposing to amend Section 1(b) of the Fee Schedule to reflect that MIAX will not assess a Marketing Fee⁷ for contracts executed as a QCC, and will not assess the additional Posted Liquidity Marketing Fee⁸ to Market Makers for contracts executed as QCC Orders.

Finally, the Exchange proposes to provide that QCC Orders are excluded from: (i) the volume threshold calculations for the Market Maker Sliding Scale; (ii) and the rebates and volume calculations as part of the Priority Customer Rebate Program. The Exchange believes that excluding QCC Orders from these fees and rebates is appropriate, because QCC Orders from

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Market Makers and Priority Customers will be subject to the specific transaction fees as described above that are tailored specifically for encouraging market participants to transact QCC Orders on the Exchange. The Exchange does not believe that it is necessary at this time to extend the favorable volume fee rates nor the rebate program to QCC Orders.

The Exchange proposes to implement the proposed changes beginning August 1, 2015.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal to amend its fee schedule is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act⁹ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(4) of the Act¹⁰ in particular, in that it is an equitable allocation of reasonable fees and other charges among Exchange members.

The Exchange believes the proposed transaction fee for QCC Orders is reasonable because the proposed amount is in line with the amount assessed at other Exchanges for similar transactions. Additionally, the proposed fee would be charged to all non-Priority Customers alike. Assessing QCC rates to all market participants except Priority Customers is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because Priority Customer order flow enhances liquidity on the Exchange for the benefit of all market participants. Specifically, Priority Customer liquidity benefits all market participants by providing more trading opportunities, which attracts Market-Makers. 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. By exempting Priority Customer orders, the QCC transaction fees will not discourage the sending of Priority Customer orders.

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

¹⁵ U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

See Chicago Board Options Exchange, Inc. Fees Schedule; International Securities Exchange, LLC ("ISE") Schedule of Fees.

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The Exchange believes the proposed rebate for the initiating order side of a QCC transaction is reasonable because other competing exchanges also provide a rebate on the initiating order side. Additionally, the proposed credit amount is within the range of the rebate amounts at the other competing exchanges. 12 The Exchange believes the proposed credit is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because it applies to all Members that enter the initiating order (except for when both the initiator and contra-side orders are Priority Customers) and because it is intended to incentivize the sending of more QCC Orders to the Exchange. The Exchange believes it is reasonable, equitable and not unfairly discriminatory to not provide a rebate for the initiating order for QCC transactions for which both the initiator and the contraside orders are Priority Customers since Priority Customers are already incentivized by a reduced fee for submitting QCC Orders. The Exchange believes that the proposed exclusion of QCC Orders from the Market Maker Sliding Scale and the Priority Customer Rebate Program is reasonable because it enables QCC Orders from all market participants to be subject to only the specific transaction fees as described above that are tailored specifically for encouraging market participants to transact QCC Orders on the Exchange. The Exchange believes that the exclusion is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because it ensures all market participants, other than Priority Customers, to be subject to the same transaction fee for QCC Orders. While Priority Customers will benefit from a lower transaction fee rate for QCC Orders, excluding QCC Orders from the Priority Customer Rebate Program enables a more equitable and not unfairly discriminatory outcome.

The Exchange further believes that not assessing a Marketing Fee for contracts executed as a QCC, and not assessing the additional Posted Liquidity Marketing Fee to Market Makers for contracts executed as a QCC Order is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because such

See id.

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order types are originated from the same Member organization, thus obviating the purpose of the Marketing Fees. Finally, the Exchange believes that the proposed change to the Fee Schedule specifying that QCC orders comprised of mini-contracts will be assessed QCC fees and afforded rebates equal to 10% of the fees and rebates applicable to QCC Orders comprised of standard option contracts is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because it clearly and transparently describes the fees applicable to QCC Orders involving mini-contracts for all MIAX participants.

B. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition</u>

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, because the proposed rule change applies to all Members. The Exchange believes this proposal will not cause an unnecessary burden on intermarket competition because the proposed changes will actually enhance the competiveness of the Exchange relative to other exchanges which offer comparable fees and rebates for QCC transactions. To the extent that the proposed changes make the Exchange a more attractive marketplace for market participants at other exchanges, such market participants are welcome to become market participants on the Exchange.

C. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule</u>
<u>Change Received from Members, Participants, or Others</u>

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. 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

¹⁵ U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

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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 (h	http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml);
or	

□ Send an e-mail to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-MIAX-2015-49 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-MIAX-2015-49. 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

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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-2015-49 and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from publication in the <u>Federal Register</u>]. For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁴

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¹⁷ CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

Exhibit 5

New text is underlined; Deleted text is in [brackets]

MIAX Options Fee Schedule

1) Transaction Fees

a) Exchange Fees

i) Market Maker Transaction Fees

Market Maker Sliding Scale

Origin	Tier	Percentage Thresholds of National Market Maker Volume	Per Contract Fee for Penny Classes	Per Contract Fee for Non-Penny Classes
	1	0.00% - 0.05%	\$0.25	\$0.29
	2	Above 0.05% - 0.50%	\$0.19	\$0.23
All MIAX Market Makers ¹	3	Above 0.50% - 1.00%	\$0.12	\$0.16
	4	Above 1.00% - 1.50%	\$0.07	\$0.11
	5	Above 1.50%	\$0.05	\$0.09

Volume thresholds are based on the total national Market Maker volume of any options classes with traded volume on MIAX during the month (excluding QCC Orders). 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 \$0.23 per contract for

¹ <u>See</u> 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.

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tier 1, \$0.17 per contract for tier 2, \$0.10 per contract for tier 3, \$0.05 per contract for tier 4, and \$0.03 per contract for tier 5 for transactions in standard options in Penny Pilot Classes. 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 \$0.27 per contract for tier 1, \$0.21 per contract for tier 2, \$0.14 per contract for tier 3, \$0.09 per contract for tier 4, and \$0.07 per contract for tier 5 for transactions in standard options in non-Penny Pilot classes.

ii) No Change.

iii) 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 ¹³	Per Contract Credit for PRIME Agency Order
	1	0.00% - 0.40%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.10
Priority Customer	2	Above 0.40% - 0.75%	\$0.10	\$0.10	\$0.10
	3	Above 0.75% - 1.75%	\$0.15	\$0.20	\$0.10
	4	Above 1.75% - 2.40%	\$0.17	\$0.20	\$0.10
	5	Above 2.40%	\$0.18	\$0.20	\$0.10

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 QCC Orders, 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

The term "MIAX Select Symbols" means options overlying AA, AAL, AAPL, AIG, AMAT, AMD, AMZN, BA, BABA, BBRY, BIDU, BP, C, CAT, CBS, CELG, CLF, CVX, DAL, EBAY, EEM, FB, FCX, GE, GILD, GLD, GM, GOOGL, GPRO, HAL, HTZ, INTC, IWM, JCP, JNJ, JPM, KMI, KO, MO, MRK, NFLX, NOK, NQ, ORCL, PBR, PFE, PG, QCOM, QQQ, RIG, S, SPY, SUNE, T, TSLA, USO, VALE, VXX, WBA, WFC, WMB, WY, X, XHB, XLE, XLF, XLP, XOM, XOP and YHOO.

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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 QCC Orders, Priority Customerto-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. 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 credited an additional \$0.02 per contract for each Priority Customer order executed in the PRIME Auction as a PRIME Agency Order over a threshold of 1,500,000 contracts in a month (excluding QCC Orders, 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); volume will be recorded for and credits will be delivered to the Member Firm that submits the order to MIAX. 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.

iv) No Change.

v) QCC Fees

	QCC Order				
Types of Market Participants	Per Contract Fee for Initiator	Per Contract Fee for Contra-side	Per Contract Rebate for Initiator		
Priority Customer	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	\$ 0.10		
<u>Public Customer that is Not a</u> <u>Priority Customer</u>	<u>\$ 0.15</u>	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.10		
MIAX Market Maker	<u>\$ 0.15</u>	<u>\$ 0.15</u>	\$ 0.10		
Non-MIAX Market Maker	<u>\$ 0.15</u>	<u>\$ 0.15</u>	\$ 0.10		
Non-Member Broker-Dealer	<u>\$ 0.15</u>	<u>\$ 0.15</u>	<u>\$ 0.10</u>		
<u>Firm</u>	<u>\$ 0.15</u>	<u>\$ 0.15</u>	<u>\$ 0.10</u>		

Rebates will be delivered to the Member firm that enters the order into the MIAX system, but will only be paid on the initiating side of the QCC transaction. However, no rebates will be paid for QCC transactions for which both the initiator and contra-side orders are Priority Customers. A QCC transaction is comprised of an 'initiating order' to buy (sell) at least 1000 contracts or 10,000 mini-

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option contracts, coupled with a contra-side order to sell (buy) an equal number of contracts. QCC orders comprised of mini-contracts will be assessed QCC fees and afforded rebates equal to 10% of the fees and rebates applicable to QCC Orders comprised of standard option contracts.

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, Qualified Contingent Cross Order, or a PRIME AOC Response in the PRIME Auction; unless, it executes against an unrelated order.

MIAX will assess an additional \$0.12 per contract Posted Liquidity Marketing Fee to all Market Makers for any standard options overlying EEM, GLD, IWM, QQQ, and SPY that Market Makers execute in their assigned class when the contra-party to the execution is a Priority Customer and the Priority Customer order was posted on the MIAX Book at the time of the execution. MIAX will not assess the additional Posted Liquidity Marketing Fee to Market Makers for contracts executed as a PRIME Agency Order, Contra-side Order, Qualified Contingent Cross Order, or a PRIME AOC Response in the PRIME Auction. MIAX will also not assess the additional Posted Liquidity Marketing Fee to Market Makers for contracts executed pursuant to a Liquidity Refresh Pause, route timer, or during the Opening Process.

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 LMMs, applicable Marketing Fees are allocated to the PLMM's or LMM's Marketing Fee "pool." For non-directed orders, 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.

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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		
\$0.70 (per contract)	Transactions in Standard Option Classes that are not in the Penny Pilot Program		
\$0.25 ¹⁴ (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)		
\$0.070 (per contract)	Transactions in Mini Options where the corresponding Standard Option is not in the Penny Pilot Program		
\$0.025 (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) No change.

2)-6) No change.

As described in detail above, the Exchange will assess an additional \$0.12 per contract Posted Liquidity Marketing Fee to all Market Makers for any standard options overlying EEM, GLD, IWM, QQQ, and SPY that Market Makers execute in their assigned class when the contra-party to the execution is a Priority Customer and the Priority Customer order was posted on the MIAX Book at the time of the execution.