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

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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 (the "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. 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 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.

¹⁵ U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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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 increase the transaction fee rebate for Priority Customer³ orders submitted by Members that meet certain percentage thresholds of national customer volume in multiply-listed option classes listed on MIAX in the Priority Customer Rebate Program (the "Program").⁴

Priority Customer Rebate Program

Currently, the Exchange credits each Member the per contract amount resulting from each Priority Customer order transmitted by that Member that is executed electronically on the Exchange in all multiply-listed option classes (excluding Qualified Contingent Cross Orders,⁵

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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A Qualified Contingent Cross Order is comprised of an originating 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, as that term is defined in Interpretations and Policies .01 below, coupled with a contra-side order or orders totaling an equal number of contracts. A Qualified Contingent Cross Order is not valid during the opening rotation process described in Rule 503. See Exchange Rule 516(j).

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mini-options, ⁶ Priority Customer-to-Priority Customer Orders, PRIME Auction Or Cancel Responses, PRIME Contra-side Orders, PRIME Orders for which both the Agency and Contraside Order are Priority Customers, ⁷ 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 tiered percentage thresholds in a month as described in the Priority Customer Rebate Program table. ⁸ For each Priority Customer order transmitted by that Member and executed electronically on the Exchange, MIAX will continue to credit each member at the per contract rate for option classes that are not in MIAX Select Symbols (as defined below). For each Priority Customer order transmitted by that Member and executed electronically on the Exchange in MIAX Select Symbols (as defined below), MIAX will continue to credit each Member at the separate per contract rate for MIAX Select Symbols. ⁹ For each Priority Customer order submitted into the PRIME Auction as a PRIME Agency Order, MIAX will continue to credit each member at the

A mini-option is a series of option contracts with a 10 share deliverable on a stock, Exchange Traded Fund share, Trust Issued Receipt, or other Equity Index-Linked Security. See Exchange Rule 404, Interpretations and Policies .08.

The MIAX Price Improvement Mechanism ("PRIME") is a process by which a Member may electronically submit for execution ("Auction") an order it represents as agent ("Agency Order") against principal interest, and/or an Agency Order against solicited interest. For a complete description of PRIME and of PRIME order types and responses, see Exchange Rule 515A.

⁸ See Fee Schedule Section (1)(a)(iii).

^{See Securities Exchange Release Nos. 75631 (August 5, 2015), 80 FR 48382 (August 6, 2015) (SR-MIAX-2015-51); 74291 (February 18, 2015), 80 FR 9841 (February 24, 2015)(SR-MIAX-2015-09); 74288 (February 18, 2015), 80 FR 9837 (February 24, 2015) (SR-MIAX-2015-08); 71700 (March 12, 2014), 79 FR 15188 (March 18, 2014) (SR-MIAX-2014-13); 72356 (June 10, 2014), 79 FR 34384 (June 16, 2014) (SR-MIAX-2014-26); 72567 (July 8, 2014), 79 FR 40818 (July 14, 2014) (SR-MIAX-2014-34); 73328 (October 9, 2014), 79 FR 62230 (October 16, 2014) (SR-MIAX-2014-50).}

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separate per contract rate for PRIME Agency Orders.¹⁰ The volume thresholds are calculated based on the customer volume over the course of the month. Volume will be recorded for and credits will be delivered to the Member Firm that submits the order to the Exchange.

The amount of the rebate is calculated beginning with 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. For example, under the current Program, a Member that executes a number of Priority Customer contracts above 1.75% of the national customer volume in multiply-listed options during a particular calendar month currently receives a credit of \$0.17 for each Priority Customer contract (other than Select Symbols) executed during that month, even though there are lower incremental percentages for lower volume tiers leading up to the 1.75% volume threshold. In addition, all contracts (other than Select Symbols) traded in a particular month in excess of 1.75% of the national volume receive a supplemental rebate of \$0.03 per contract.

See Securities Exchange Release No. 72943 (August 28, 2014), 79 FR 52785 (September 4, 2014) (SR-MIAX-2014-45).

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The current Priority Customer Rebate Program table designates the following monthly volume tiers and corresponding per contract credits:

Percentage Thresholds of National Customer Volume in Multiply-Listed Options Classes Listed on MIAX (Monthly)	Per Contract Credit (Non-Select Symbols)	Per Contract Credit in MIAX Select Symbols	Per Contract Credit for PRIME Agency Order
Tier 1 0.00% - 0.50%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.10
Tier 2 Above 0.50% - 1.00%	\$0.10	\$0.10	\$0.10
Tier 3 Above 1.00% - 1.75% - 1.75%	\$0.15	\$0.20	\$0.10
Tier 4 Above 1.75%	\$0.17	\$0.20	\$0.10

The \$0.17 per contract credit described in Tier 4 is applied to each contract traded in non-Select Symbols in that month, beginning with the first contract executed in a particular month if the Tier 4 volume threshold is achieved. In addition to the \$0.17 rebate, a supplemental rebate of \$0.03 per contract is applied to contracts executed in excess of 1.75% of the monthly national volume in non-Select Symbols.

Proposal

The Exchange proposes to increase the per contract credit for transactions in non-Select Symbols for Tier 4. As stated above, all contracts (other than Select Symbols) traded in a particular month when the Tier 4 volume threshold of 1.75% of the national monthly customer volume is exceeded receive a credit of \$0.17 per contract for qualifying Priority Customer transactions on MIAX. The Exchange proposes to increase this per contract credit for Priority Customer transactions in non-Select Symbols in Tier 4 to \$0.21. Contracts executed in non-

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Select Symbols in excess of 1.75% of national monthly customer volume currently receive a supplemental rebate of \$0.03 per contract. The Exchange proposes to eliminate this additional \$0.03 rebate per contract.

The Exchange also proposes to increase the per contract credit for transactions in MIAX Select Symbols for tiers 3 and 4. Currently, the Exchange credits \$0.20 per contract for qualifying Priority Customer transactions in MIAX Select Symbols in tiers 3 and 4. The Exchange proposes to increase the per contract credit for transactions in MIAX Select Symbols to \$0.21 for the tier 3 and 4 volume thresholds.

Specifically, the new per contract credits will be as set forth in the following table:

Percentage Thresholds of National Customer Volume in Multiply-Listed Options Classes Listed on MIAX (Monthly)	Per Contract Credit (Non-Select Symbols)	Per Contract Credit in MIAX Select Symbols	Per Contract Credit for PRIME Agency Order
Tier 1 0.00% - 0.50%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.10
Tier 2 Above 0.50% - 1.00%	\$0.10	\$0.10	\$0.10
Tier 3 Above 1.00% - 1.75%	\$0.15	\$0.21	\$0.10
Tier 4 Above 1.75%	\$0.21	\$0.21	\$0.10

The Exchange believes that the proposed new monthly credits should provide incentives for Members to direct greater Priority Customer trade volume to the Exchange.

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MIAX Select Symbols

The proposed new monthly per contract credits will apply to MIAX Select Symbols,¹¹ with the per contract credit increasing for certain monthly volume thresholds. The monthly per contract rebate will increase to \$0.21 for all contracts executed in Select Symbols in tiers 3 and 4.

MIAX Non-Select Symbols

Proposed new monthly per contract credits will apply to non-Select Symbols with the per contract credit increasing for certain monthly volume thresholds. The monthly per contract credit will increase to \$0.21 for all contracts executed in non-Select Symbols in tier 4. The Exchange also proposes to eliminate the current additional rebate of \$0.03 per contract for non-Select Symbol contracts executed in excess of the Tier 4 monthly volume of 1.75% of the national customer volume. Under the proposal, all contracts (other than Select Symbols) traded in a particular month when the Tier 4 volume threshold of 1.75% of the national monthly customer volume is exceeded will receive a credit of \$0.21, and contracts executed in non-Select Symbols in excess of 1.75% of national monthly customer volume will no longer receive a supplemental rebate of \$0.03 per contract. The Exchange believes that this new, increased rebate which is calculated beginning with the first executed contract at the applicable threshold per

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. See Fee Schedule, note 13.

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contract credit with rebate payments made at \$0.21 for each contract trade or that month obviates the need for the supplemental rebate.

All other aspects of the Program will remain unchanged. The Exchange is not proposing any change to the per contract credit for PRIME Agency Orders. Consistent with the current Fee Schedule, the Exchange will continue to aggregate the contracts resulting from Priority Customer orders transmitted and executed electronically on the Exchange from affiliated Members for purposes of the thresholds above, 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.

The purpose of the proposed rule change is to encourage Members to direct greater

Priority Customer trade volume to the Exchange and to compete with other options exchanges
that have a similar rebate. The Exchange believes that increased Priority Customer volume
will attract more liquidity to the Exchange, which benefits all market participants. Increased
retail customer order flow should attract professional liquidity providers (Market Makers), which
in turn should make the MIAX marketplace an attractive venue where Market Makers will
submit narrow quotations with greater size, deepening and enhancing the quality of the MIAX
marketplace. This should provide more trading opportunities and tighter spreads for other

See, <u>e.g.</u>, Securities Exchange Act Release No. 75702 (August 14, 2015), 80 FR 50685 (August 20, 2015)(SR-PHLX-2015-68).

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market participants and result in a corresponding increase in order flow from such other market participants.

The specific volume thresholds of the Program's tiers are set based upon business determinations and an analysis of current volume levels. The volume thresholds are intended to incentivize firms to increase the number of Priority Customer orders they send to the Exchange so that they can achieve the next threshold, and to encourage new participants to send Priority Customer orders as well. Increasing the number of orders sent to the Exchange will in turn provide tighter and more liquid markets, and therefore attract more business overall. Similarly, the different credit rates at the different tier levels are based on an analysis of current revenue and volume levels and are intended to provide increasing "rewards" to MIAX participants for increasing the volume of Priority Customer orders sent to, and Priority Customer contracts executed on, the Exchange. The specific amounts of the tiers and rates are set in order to encourage suppliers of Priority Customer order flow to reach for higher tiers.

The credits paid out as part of the program will be drawn from the general revenues of the Exchange. ¹³ The Exchange calculates volume thresholds on a monthly basis.

b. <u>Statutory Basis</u>

The Exchange believes that its proposal to amend its fee schedule is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act¹⁴ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(4) of the Act¹⁵ in

Despite providing credits under the Program, the Exchange represents that it will continue to have adequate resources to fund its regulatory program and fulfill its responsibilities as a self-regulatory organization while the Program is in effect.

¹⁵ U.S.C. 78f(b).

¹⁵ U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

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particular, in that it is an equitable allocation of reasonable fees and other charges among Exchange members.

The Exchange believes that the proposal is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory. The Program and the proposed increase in the per contract rebate is reasonably designed because it will encourage providers of Priority Customer order flow to send that Priority Customer order flow to the Exchange in order to receive an increasing per contract credit with each volume tier achieved. The Exchange believes that the proposed increase in the per contract rate should improve market quality for all market participants. The proposed changes to the rebate program are fair and equitable and not unreasonably discriminatory because they apply equally to all Priority Customer orders. All similarly situated Priority Customer orders are subject to the same rebate schedule, and access to the Exchange is offered on terms that are not unfairly discriminatory. Furthermore, the proposed increase in credits is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because the proposed rates and changes encourage Members to direct increased amounts of Priority Customer contracts to the Exchange. Market participants want to trade with Priority Customer order flow. To the extent Priority Customer order flow is increased by the proposal, market participants will increasingly compete for the opportunity to trade on the Exchange including sending more orders and providing narrower and larger sized quotations in the effort to trade with such Priority Customer order flow. The resulting increased volume and liquidity will benefit all Exchange participants by providing more trading opportunities and tighter spreads.

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

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

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Exchange believes that the proposed change would increase both intermarket and intramarket competition by encouraging Members to direct their Priority Customer orders to the Exchange, which should enhance the quality of quoting and increase the volume of contracts traded on MIAX. Respecting the competitive position of non-Priority Customers, the Exchange believes that this rebate program should provide additional liquidity that enhances the quality of its markets and increases the number of trading opportunities on MIAX for all participants, including non-Priority Customers, who will be able to compete for such opportunities. This should 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 and rebates to remain competitive with other exchanges and to attract order flow to the Exchange. The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change reflects this competitive environment because it increases rebates and thus encourages market participants to direct their customer order flow, to provide liquidity, and to attract additional transaction volume to the Exchange. Given the robust competition for volume among options markets, many of which offer the same products, enhancing the existing volume based customer rebate program to attract order flow is consistent with the goals of the Act. The Exchange believes that the proposal will enhance competition, because market participants will have another additional pricing consideration in determining where to execute orders and post liquidity if they factor the benefits of the proposed rebate program into the determination.

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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. 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,¹⁶ and Rule 19b-4(f)(2) thereunder¹⁷ 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.

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

The Priority Customer Rebate Program is based on the substantially similar fees of Chicago Board Options Exchange, Inc. ("CBOE)¹⁸ and NASDAQ OMX PHLX LLC ("PHLX").¹⁹ The proposed rebates for each tier in the Priority Customer Rebate Program are substantially similar to that of CBOE and PHLX. However, the Exchange's proposed volume thresholds are set lower than the corresponding volume thresholds found in the CBOE Fees Schedule and on PHLX.

¹⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

¹⁷ 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

See CBOE Fees Schedule, p. 4. See also Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 66054 (December 23, 2011), 76 FR 82332 (December 30, 2011) (SR-CBOE-2011-120); 68887 (February 8, 2013), 78 FR 10647 (February 14, 2013) (SR-CBOE-2013-017).

See supra note 12.

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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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EXHIBIT 1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-; File No. SR-MIAX-2015-53)

August___, 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 August 28, 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 "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

¹ 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 increase the transaction fee rebate for Priority Customer³ orders submitted by Members that meet certain percentage thresholds of national customer volume in multiply-listed option classes listed on MIAX in the Priority Customer Rebate Program (the "Program").⁴

Priority Customer Rebate Program

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A Qualified Contingent Cross Order is comprised of an originating 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, as that term is defined in Interpretations and Policies .01 below, coupled with a contra-side order or orders totaling an equal number of contracts. A Qualified Contingent Cross Order is not valid during the opening rotation process described in Rule 503. See Exchange Rule 516(j).

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mini-options,⁶ Priority Customer-to-Priority Customer Orders, PRIME Auction Or Cancel Responses, PRIME Contra-side Orders, PRIME Orders for which both the Agency and Contraside Order are Priority Customers,⁷ 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 tiered percentage thresholds in a month as described in the Priority Customer Rebate Program table.⁸ For each Priority Customer order transmitted by that Member and executed electronically on the Exchange, MIAX will continue to credit each member at the per contract rate for option classes that are not in MIAX Select Symbols (as defined below). For each Priority Customer order transmitted by that Member and executed electronically on the Exchange in MIAX Select Symbols (as defined below), MIAX will continue to credit each Member at the separate per contract rate for MIAX Select Symbols.⁹ For each Priority Customer order submitted into the PRIME Auction as a PRIME Agency Order, MIAX will continue to credit each member at the

A mini-option is a series of option contracts with a 10 share deliverable on a stock, Exchange Traded Fund share, Trust Issued Receipt, or other Equity Index-Linked Security. See Exchange Rule 404, Interpretations and Policies .08.

The MIAX Price Improvement Mechanism ("PRIME") is a process by which a Member may electronically submit for execution ("Auction") an order it represents as agent ("Agency Order") against principal interest, and/or an Agency Order against solicited interest. For a complete description of PRIME and of PRIME order types and responses, see Exchange Rule 515A.

^{8 &}lt;u>See</u> Fee Schedule Section (1)(a)(iii).

^{See Securities Exchange Release Nos. 75631 (August 5, 2015), 80 FR 48382 (August 6, 2015) (SR-MIAX-2015-51); 74291 (February 18, 2015), 80 FR 9841 (February 24, 2015)(SR-MIAX-2015-09); 74288 (February 18, 2015), 80 FR 9837 (February 24, 2015) (SR-MIAX-2015-08); 71700 (March 12, 2014), 79 FR 15188 (March 18, 2014) (SR-MIAX-2014-13); 72356 (June 10, 2014), 79 FR 34384 (June 16, 2014) (SR-MIAX-2014-26); 72567 (July 8, 2014), 79 FR 40818 (July 14, 2014) (SR-MIAX-2014-34); 73328 (October 9, 2014), 79 FR 62230 (October 16, 2014) (SR-MIAX-2014-50).}

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separate per contract rate for PRIME Agency Orders.¹⁰ The volume thresholds are calculated based on the customer volume over the course of the month. Volume will be recorded for and credits will be delivered to the Member Firm that submits the order to the Exchange.

The amount of the rebate is calculated beginning with 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. For example, under the current Program, a Member that executes a number of Priority Customer contracts above 1.75% of the national customer volume in multiply-listed options during a particular calendar month currently receives a credit of \$0.17 for each Priority Customer contract (other than Select Symbols) executed during that month, even though there are lower incremental percentages for lower volume tiers leading up to the 1.75% volume threshold. In addition, all contracts (other than Select Symbols) traded in a particular month in excess of 1.75% of the national volume receive a supplemental rebate of \$0.03 per contract.

See Securities Exchange Release No. 72943 (August 28, 2014), 79 FR 52785 (September 4, 2014) (SR-MIAX-2014-45).

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The current Priority Customer Rebate Program table designates the following monthly volume tiers and corresponding per contract credits:

Percentage Thresholds of National Customer Volume in Multiply-Listed Options Classes Listed on MIAX (Monthly)	Per Contract Credit (Non-Select Symbols)	Per Contract Credit in MIAX Select Symbols	Per Contract Credit for PRIME Agency Order
Tier 1 0.00% - 0.50%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.10
Tier 2 Above 0.50% - 1.00%	\$0.10	\$0.10	\$0.10
Tier 3 Above 1.00% - 1.75% - 1.75%	\$0.15	\$0.20	\$0.10
Tier 4 Above 1.75%	\$0.17	\$0.20	\$0.10

The \$0.17 per contract credit described in Tier 4 is applied to each contract traded in non-Select Symbols in that month, beginning with the first contract executed in a particular month if the Tier 4 volume threshold is achieved. In addition to the \$0.17 rebate, a supplemental rebate of \$0.03 per contract is applied to contracts executed in excess of 1.75% of the monthly national volume in non-Select Symbols.

Proposal

The Exchange proposes to increase the per contract credit for transactions in non-Select Symbols for Tier 4. As stated above, all contracts (other than Select Symbols) traded in a particular month when the Tier 4 volume threshold of 1.75% of the national monthly customer volume is exceeded receive a credit of \$0.17 per contract for qualifying Priority Customer transactions on MIAX. The Exchange proposes to increase this per contract credit for Priority Customer transactions in non-Select Symbols in Tier 4 to \$0.21. Contracts executed in non-Select Symbols in excess of 1.75% of national monthly customer volume currently receive a

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supplemental rebate of \$0.03 per contract. The Exchange proposes to eliminate this additional \$0.03 rebate per contract.

The Exchange also proposes to increase the per contract credit for transactions in MIAX Select Symbols for tiers 3 and 4. Currently, the Exchange credits \$0.20 per contract for qualifying Priority Customer transactions in MIAX Select Symbols in tiers 3 and 4. The Exchange proposes to increase the per contract credit for transactions in MIAX Select Symbols to \$0.21 for the tier 3 and 4 volume thresholds.

Specifically, the new per contract credits will be as set forth in the following table:

Percentage Thresholds of National Customer Volume in Multiply-Listed Options Classes Listed on MIAX (Monthly)	Per Contract Credit (Non-Select Symbols)	Per Contract Credit in MIAX Select Symbols	Per Contract Credit for PRIME Agency Order
Tier 1 0.00% - 0.50%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.10
Tier 2 Above 0.50% - 1.00%	\$0.10	\$0.10	\$0.10
Tier 3 Above 1.00% - 1.75%	\$0.15	\$0.21	\$0.10
Tier 4 Above 1.75%	\$0.21	\$0.21	\$0.10

The Exchange believes that the proposed new monthly credits should provide incentives for Members to direct greater Priority Customer trade volume to the Exchange.

MIAX Select Symbols

The proposed new monthly per contract credits will apply to MIAX Select Symbols, ¹¹ with the per contract credit increasing for certain monthly volume thresholds. The monthly per

The term "MIAX Select Symbols" means options overlying AA, AAL, AAPL, AIG,

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contract rebate will increase to \$0.21 for all contracts executed in Select Symbols in tiers 3 and 4.

MIAX Non-Select Symbols

Proposed new monthly per contract credits will apply to non-Select Symbols with the per contract credit increasing for certain monthly volume thresholds. The monthly per contract credit will increase to \$0.21 for all contracts executed in non-Select Symbols in tier 4. The Exchange also proposes to eliminate the current additional rebate of \$0.03 per contract for non-Select Symbol contracts executed in excess of the Tier 4 monthly volume of 1.75% of the national customer volume. Under the proposal, all contracts (other than Select Symbols) traded in a particular month when the Tier 4 volume threshold of 1.75% of the national monthly customer volume is exceeded will receive a credit of \$0.21, and contracts executed in non-Select Symbols in excess of 1.75% of national monthly customer volume will no longer receive a supplemental rebate of \$0.03 per contract. The Exchange believes that this new, increased rebate which is calculated beginning with the first executed contract at the applicable threshold per contract credit with rebate payments made at \$0.21 for each contract trade or that month obviates the need for the supplemental rebate.

All other aspects of the Program will remain unchanged. The Exchange is not proposing any change to the per contract credit for PRIME Agency Orders. Consistent with the current Fee Schedule, the Exchange will continue to aggregate the contracts resulting from Priority Customer orders transmitted and executed electronically on the Exchange from affiliated Members for purposes of the thresholds above, provided there is at least 75% common ownership between the

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. See Fee Schedule, note 13.

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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.

The purpose of the proposed rule change is to encourage Members to direct greater. Priority Customer trade volume to the Exchange and to compete with other options exchanges that have a similar rebate. The Exchange believes that increased Priority Customer volume will attract more liquidity to the Exchange, which benefits all market participants. Increased retail customer order flow should attract professional liquidity providers (Market Makers), which in turn should make the MIAX marketplace an attractive venue where Market Makers will submit narrow quotations with greater size, deepening and enhancing the quality of the MIAX marketplace. This should provide more trading opportunities and tighter spreads for other market participants and result in a corresponding increase in order flow from such other market participants.

The specific volume thresholds of the Program's tiers are set based upon business determinations and an analysis of current volume levels. The volume thresholds are intended to incentivize firms to increase the number of Priority Customer orders they send to the Exchange so that they can achieve the next threshold, and to encourage new participants to send Priority Customer orders as well. Increasing the number of orders sent to the Exchange will in turn provide tighter and more liquid markets, and therefore attract more business overall. Similarly, the different credit rates at the different tier levels are based on an analysis of current revenue and volume levels and are intended to provide increasing "rewards" to MIAX participants for

See, <u>e.g.</u>, Securities Exchange Act Release No. 75702 (August 14, 2015), 80 FR 50685 (August 20, 2015)(SR-PHLX-2015-68).

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increasing the volume of Priority Customer orders sent to, and Priority Customer contracts executed on, the Exchange. The specific amounts of the tiers and rates are set in order to encourage suppliers of Priority Customer order flow to reach for higher tiers.

The credits paid out as part of the program will be drawn from the general revenues of the Exchange. ¹³ The Exchange calculates volume thresholds on a monthly basis.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal to amend its fee schedule is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act¹⁴ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(4) of the Act¹⁵ in particular, in that it is an equitable allocation of reasonable fees and other charges among Exchange members.

The Exchange believes that the proposal is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory.

The Program and the proposed increase in the per contract rebate is reasonably designed because it will encourage providers of Priority Customer order flow to send that Priority Customer order flow to the Exchange in order to receive an increasing per contract credit with each volume tier achieved. The Exchange believes that the proposed increase in the per contract rate should improve market quality for all market participants. The proposed changes to the rebate program are fair and equitable and not unreasonably discriminatory because they apply equally to all Priority Customer orders. All similarly situated Priority Customer orders are subject to the same rebate schedule, and access to the Exchange is offered on terms that are not unfairly discriminatory. Furthermore, the proposed increase in credits is equitable and not unfairly

Despite providing credits under the Program, the Exchange represents that it will continue to have adequate resources to fund its regulatory program and fulfill its responsibilities as a self-regulatory organization while the Program is in effect.

¹⁵ U.S.C. 78f(b).

¹⁵ U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

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discriminatory because the proposed rates and changes encourage Members to direct increased amounts of Priority Customer contracts to the Exchange. Market participants want to trade with Priority Customer order flow. To the extent Priority Customer order flow is increased by the proposal, market participants will increasingly compete for the opportunity to trade on the Exchange including sending more orders and providing narrower and larger sized quotations in the effort to trade with such Priority Customer order flow. The resulting increased volume and liquidity will benefit all Exchange participants by providing more trading opportunities and tighter spreads.

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. The Exchange believes that the proposed change would increase both intermarket and intramarket competition by encouraging Members to direct their Priority Customer orders to the Exchange, which should enhance the quality of quoting and increase the volume of contracts traded on MIAX. Respecting the competitive position of non-Priority Customers, the Exchange believes that this rebate program should provide additional liquidity that enhances the quality of its markets and increases the number of trading opportunities on MIAX for all participants, including non-Priority Customers, who will be able to compete for such opportunities. This should 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 and rebates to remain competitive with other exchanges and to attract order flow to the Exchange. The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change reflects this competitive environment because it

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increases rebates and thus encourages market participants to direct their customer order flow, to provide liquidity, and to attract additional transaction volume to the Exchange. Given the robust competition for volume among options markets, many of which offer the same products, enhancing the existing volume based customer rebate program to attract order flow is consistent with the goals of the Act. The Exchange believes that the proposal will enhance competition, because market participants will have another additional pricing consideration in determining where to execute orders and post liquidity if they factor the benefits of the proposed rebate program into the determination.

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. Act. Act any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission

summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such

action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or

otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the

Commission shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule should be

approved or disapproved.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act.

Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

¹⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

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Electronic comments:

Use the Commission	on's Internet comm	nent form (http://w	www.sec.gov/r	ules/sro.shtml);
or				

☐ Send an e-mail to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-MIAX-2015-53 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-2015-53. 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.

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All submissions should refer to File Number SR-MIAX-2015-53 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.¹⁷

Brent J. Fields Secretary

¹⁷ CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

Exhibit 5

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MIAX Options Fee Schedule

1) Transaction Fees

- a) Exchange Fees
 - i) -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% - 0.50%	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.10
Briggity Customer	2	Above 0.50% - 1.00%	\$0.10	\$0.10	\$0.10
Priority Customer	3	Above 1.00% - 1.75%	\$0.15	\$0.[20] <u>21</u>	\$0.10
	4	Above 1.75%	\$0.[17] <u>21^[14]</u>	\$0.[20] <u>21</u>	\$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

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.

The \$0.17 per contract credit described in Tier 4 will be applied to each contract traded in non-Select Symbols in that month beginning with the first contract executed in a particular month if the Tier 4 volume threshold is achieved. [In addition to the \$0.17 rebate, a supplemental rebate of \$0.03 per contract will be applied to contracts executed in excess of 1.75% of the monthly national volume.]

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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 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 or 4 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.

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iv) MIAX Price Improvement Mechanism ("PRIME") Fees

	PRIM	PRIME Order		Responder to PRIME Auction		PRIME Break-up	
Types of Market Participants	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	
Priority Customer	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.49	\$ 0.94	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.60	
Public Customer that is Not a Priority Customer	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.49	\$ 0.94	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.60	
MIAX Market Maker	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.49	\$ 0.94	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.60	
Non-MIAX Market Maker	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.49	\$ 0.94	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.60	
Non-Member Broker-Dealer	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.49	\$ 0.94	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.60	
Firm	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.49	\$ 0.94	\$ 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. 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 or 4 will be assessed a PRIME AOC Response fee of \$0.45 per contract for 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 or 4 will be assessed a PRIME AOC Response fee of \$0.90 per contract for standard options in non-Penny Pilot classes.

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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	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.10		
Public Customer that is Not a Priority Customer	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.10		
MIAX Market Maker	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.10		
Non-MIAX Market Maker	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.10		
Non-Member Broker-Dealer	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.10		
Firm	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.15	\$ 0.10		

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-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."

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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
\$0.70 (per contract)	Transactions in Standard Option Classes that are not in the Penny Pilot Program
\$0.25 ^{14 [15]} (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) 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.

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.

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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^{15[16]} 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 http://www.sec.gov/divisions/marketreg/sec31info.htm 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	\$0.0045	

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c) Web CRD Fees

The following fees will be collected and retained by FINRA through the Web Central Registration Depository (CRD^{SM)} 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:

	FINRA CRD Processing Fee ¹⁶⁽¹⁷⁾
\$110.00	FINRA Disclosure Processing Fee ^{17[18]} (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 18[19]

\$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

^{16[17]} 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.

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.

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.

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3) Membership Fees

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

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

b) Monthly Trading Permit Fee

MIAX will issue Trading Permits^{19[20]} to Members that confer the ability to transact on MIAX. Members receiving Trading Permits during a particular calendar month will be assessed Trading Permit Fees according to the schedules below, 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.

Type of Trading Permit	Monthly MIAX Trading Permit Fee	
Electronic Exchange Member	\$1,500.00	

Type of Trading	Monthly MIAX		MM Assignments applicable measurements below)
Permit	Trading Permit Fee	Per Class	% of National Average Daily Volume
Market Maker (includes RMM, LMM, PLMM)	\$7,000.00	Up to 10 Classes	Up to 20% of Classes by volume
	\$12,000.00	Up to 40 Classes	Up to 35% of Classes by volume
	\$17,000.00	Up to 100 Classes	Up to 50% of Classes by volume
	\$22,000.00	Over 100 Classes	Over 50% of Classes by volume up to 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 and the class volume percentage is based on the total national average daily volume in classes listed on MIAX in the prior calendar quarter. Newly listed option classes are excluded from the calculation of the monthly MM Trading Permit Fee until the calendar quarter following their listing, at which time the newly listed option classes will be included in both the per class count and the percentage of total national average daily volume. The Exchange will assess MIAX Market

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Makers the monthly MM Trading Permit Fee based on the greatest number of classes listed on MIAX that the MIAX Market Maker was assigned to quote in on any given day within a calendar month and the applicable fee rate that is the lesser of either the per class basis or percentage of total national average daily volume measurement. For example, if MM1 elects to quote the top 40 option classes which consist of 58% of the total national average daily volume in the prior calendar quarter, the Exchange would assess \$12,000 to MM1 for the month which is the lesser of 'up to 40 classes' and 'over 50% of classes by volume up to all classes listed on MIAX'. If MM2 elects to quote the bottom 1000 option classes which consist of 10% of the total national average daily volume in the prior quarter, the Exchange would assess \$7,000 to MM2 for the month which is the lesser of 'over 100 classes' and 'up to 20% of classes by volume'.

4) Testing and Certification Fees

a) Member Application Programming Interface (API) Testing and Certification Fee

Type of Member	API Testing and Certification Fee
Electronic Exchange Member	\$1,000.00
Market Maker	\$2,500.00

Member API Testing and Certification fees will be assessed initially per API and each time an Electronic Exchange Member or Market Maker initiates a change to its system that requires testing and certification. API Testing and Certification Fees will not be assessed in situations where the Exchange initiates a change to the Exchange's system that requires testing and certification.

b) Non-Member API Testing and Certification Fee

Non-Member	API Testing and Certification Fee	
Third Party Vendors ^{20[21]} and Service Bureaus ^{21[22]} and other non-Members	\$1,200.00	

Non-Member API Testing and Certification fees will be assessed initially per API and each time a Third Party Vendor, Service Bureau, or other non-Member initiates a change to its system that requires testing and certification. API Testing and Certification Fees will not be assessed in situations where the Exchange initiates a change to the Exchange's system that requires testing and certification.

^{20[21]} Third Party Vendors are subscribers of MIAX's market and other data feeds, which they in turn use for redistribution purposes.

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.

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c) Member Network Connectivity Testing and Certification Fee

Type of Member	1 Gigabit Fee Per Connection	10 Gigabit Fee Per Connection
Individual Firm	\$1,000.00	\$4,000.00

Member Network Connectivity Testing and Certification fees will be assessed initially per connection and each time an Individual Firm initiates a change to its system that requires network connectivity testing and certification. Network Connectivity Testing and Certification Fees will not be assessed in situations where the Exchange initiates a change to the Exchange's system that requires testing and certification.

d) Non-Member Network Connectivity Testing and Certification Fee

Non-Member	1 Gigabit Fee Per Connection	10 Gigabit Fee Per Connection
Service Bureau/Extranet Provider ^{22[23]} and other non-Members	\$1,200.00	\$4,200.00

Non-Member Network Connectivity Testing and Certification fees will be assessed initially per connection and each time a Service Bureau, Extranet Provider or other non-Member initiates a change to its system that requires network connectivity testing and certification. Network Connectivity Testing and Certification Fees will not be assessed in situations where the Exchange initiates a change to the Exchange's system that requires testing and certification.

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.

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.

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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 and other non-Members	\$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), 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.

d) Port Fees

i) FIX Port Fees

MIAX will assess monthly Financial Information Exchange ("FIX") Port^{24[25]} Fees on Members based upon the number of FIX Ports used by the Member submitting orders to MIAX.

FIX Port Fees	MIAX Monthly Port Fees Includes Connectivity to the Primary, Secondary and Disaster Recovery Data Centers ^{25[26]}
1st FIX Port	\$500 per month
FIX Ports 2 through 5	\$300 per month per port
Additional FIX Ports over 5	\$100 per month per port

^{23[24]} 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.

^{24[25]} 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.

^{25[26]} 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.

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ii) MEI Port Fees

Monthly MIAX MEI	(the lesser of the	MM Assignments e applicable measurements below)
Fees	Per Class	% of National Average Daily Volume
\$5,000.00	Up to 5 Classes	Up to 10% of Classes by volume
\$10,000.00	Up to 10 Classes	Up to 20% of Classes by volume
\$14,000.00	Up to 40 Classes	Up to 35% of Classes by volume
\$17,500.00	Up to 100 Classes	Up to 50% of Classes by volume
\$20,500.00	Over 100 Classes	Over 50% of Classes by volume up to all Classes listed on MIAX

MIAX will assess monthly MIAX Express Interface ("MEI") 26[27] Port fees on Market Makers based upon the number of classes the MM was assigned to quote in any given day within the calendar month and the class volume percentage is based on the total national average daily volume in classes listed on MIAX in the prior calendar quarter. Newly listed option classes are excluded from the calculation of the monthly MEI Port fee until the calendar quarter following their listing, at which time the newly listed option classes will be included in both the per class count and the percentage of total national average daily volume. The Exchange will assess MIAX Market Makers the monthly MEI Port fee based on the greatest number of classes listed on MIAX that the MIAX Market Maker was assigned to quote in on any given day within a calendar month and the applicable fee rate that is the lesser of either the per class basis or percentage of total national average daily volume measurement. For example, if MM1 elects to quote the top 40 option classes which consist of 58% of the total national average daily volume in the prior calendar quarter, the Exchange would assess \$14,000 to MM1 for the month which is the lesser of 'up to 40 classes' and 'over 50% of classes by volume up to all classes listed on MIAX'. If MM2 elects to quote the bottom 1000 option classes which consist of 10% of the total national average daily volume in the prior quarter, the Exchange would assess \$5,000 to MM2 for the month which is the lesser of 'over 100 classes' and 'up to 10% of classes by volume'.

MEI Port users will be allocated two (2) Full Service MEI Ports $\frac{27[28]}{}$ and two (2) Limited Service MEI Ports $\frac{28[29]}{}$ per matching engine $\frac{29[30]}{}$ to which they connect. MEI Port fees include MEI Ports

^{26[27]} MIAX Express Interface is a connection to MIAX systems that enables Market Makers to submit electronic quotes to MIAX.

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.

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

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.

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at the Primary, Secondary and Disaster Recovery data centers. MIAX Market Makers may request additional Limited Service MEI Ports for which MIAX will assess MIAX Market Makers \$50 per month per additional Limited Service MEI Port for each engine. 30[31]

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) FIX Drop Copy Port Fees

Description	MIAX Monthly Port Fees Includes connectivity to the Primary, Secondary and Disaster Recovery Data Centers 31[32]
FIX Drop Copy Port	\$500 per month

The FIX Drop Copy Port is a messaging interface that will provide a copy of real-time trade execution information to FIX Drop Copy Port users who subscribe to the service. FIX Drop Copy Port users are those users who are designated by an EEM to receive the information and the information is restricted for use by the EEM only. The Exchange proposes to assess a monthly per port fee to users of the FIX Drop Copy Ports.

assigned to a single designated matching engine. A particular root symbol may not be assigned to multiple matching engines.

Market Makers are limited to two additional Limited Service MEI Ports per matching engine, for a total of four per matching engine.

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.

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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 nd through 5 th EEM MPID	\$100 per month for each MPID	
Each Additional EEM MPID over 5	\$50 per month for each MPID	

6) Market Data Fees

a) MIAX Top of Market ("ToM")

Distributor Type	Monthly Fee	
Internal Distributor	\$1,250.00	
External Distributor	\$1,750.00	

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.

b) Administrative Information Subscriber ("AIS")

Distributor Type	Monthly Fee	
Internal Distributor	\$1,250.00	
External Distributor	\$1,750.00	

MIAX assesses market data fees applicable to AIS 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

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(outside that entity). All Distributors are required to execute a MIAX Distributor Agreement. Market Data Fees for AIS will be reduced for new Distributors for the first month during which they subscribe to AIS, 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 AIS feed, divided by the total number of trading days in the affected calendar month. The monthly fee for Distributors of AIS will be waived if they also subscribe to ToM.

c) MIAX Order Feed ("MOR")

Distributor Type	Monthly Fee	
Internal Distributor	\$3,000.00	
External Distributor	\$3,500.00	

MIAX assesses market data fees applicable to MOR 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 MOR will be reduced for new Distributors for the first month during which they subscribe to MOR, 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 MOR feed, divided by the total number of trading days in the affected calendar month.