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Copies of notices, written comments, transcripts, other communications. If such documents cannot be filed electronically in accordance with Instruction F, they shall be filed in accordance with Instruction G.

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

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

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1. <u>Text of the Proposed Rule Change</u>

(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. <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 10, 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 the Fee Schedule to modify the transaction fees for Members that participate in the price improvement auction ("PRIME Auction" or "PRIME")

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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pursuant to Rule 515A.³ Specifically, the Exchange proposes to: (i) increase the fee for a PRIME AOC Response⁴ from \$0.49 per contract to \$0.50 per contract for standard options in Penny Pilot classes; (ii) increase the fee for a PRIME AOC Response from \$0.94 per contract to \$0.99 per contract for standard options in non-Penny Pilot classes; and (iii) continue to provide for additional incentives of \$0.04 per contract for achieving certain Priority Customer Rebate Program volume tiers. The Exchange also proposes technical clarifying amendments to the Fee Schedule, as described below.

Currently, the Exchange assesses PRIME AOC Responses \$0.49 per contract for standard options in Penny Pilot classes and \$0.94 per contract in non-Penny Pilot classes. The Exchange now proposes to modify these fees that apply to PRIME AOC Responses. Specifically, the Exchange proposes to: (i) increase the fee for a PRIME AOC Response from \$0.49 per contract to \$0.50 per contract for standard options in Penny Pilot classes; and (ii) increase the fee for a PRIME AOC Response from \$0.94 per contract to \$0.99 per contract for standard options in non-Penny Pilot classes. The Exchange will continue to assess the standard transaction fees to a PRIME AOC Response if they execute against unrelated orders.

The Exchange currently offers Members that submit PRIME AOC Responses the opportunity to reduce transaction fees by \$0.04 per contract in standard options if the Member or its affiliates of at least 75% common ownership between the firms as reflected on each firm's

See Exchange Rule 515A. See also Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 75408 (July 9, 2015) 80 FR 41530 (July 15, 2015)(SR-MIAX-2015-45); 72943 (August 28, 2014), 79 FR 52785 (September 4, 2014) (SR-MIAX-2014-45); MIAX Options Fee Schedule, Section 1)a)iv).

See Exchange Rule 515A(a)(2)(i). When the Exchange receives a properly designated Agency Order for auction processing, a Request for Responses ("RFR") detailing the option, side, size, and initiating price will be sent to all subscribers of the Exchange's data feeds. Members may submit RFR responses consisting of an Auction or Cancel ("AOC") order or an AOC eQuote. Such responses cannot cross the disseminated MIAX Best Bid or Offer ("MBBO") on the opposite side of the market from the response.

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Form BD, Schedule A, qualifies in a given month for Priority Customer Rebate Program volume tiers 3 or 4 in the Fee Schedule.

Currently, 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 are assessed a PRIME AOC Response fee of \$0.45 per contract for standard options in Penny Pilot classes. In addition, any Member or its affiliates of at least 75% common ownership between the firms as reflected on each firm's Form BD, Schedule A, that qualifies for Priority Customer Rebate Program volume tiers 3 or 4 are assessed a PRIME AOC Response fee of \$0.90 per contract for standard options in non-Penny Pilot classes.

In order to continue to offer Members or their 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 ("qualifying Members") the opportunity to reduce transaction fees by \$0.04 per contract in standard options, the Exchange is proposing to modify the reduced fees to \$0.46 per contract for standard options in Penny Pilot classes, and to \$0.95 per contract for standard options in non-Penny Pilot classes for such qualifying Members.

The Exchange believes that these incentives will continue to encourage Members to transact a greater number of contracts on the Exchange. The Exchange notes that these incentives will operate identically to the Priority Customer Rebate Program incentives that apply to 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 in other types of transaction fees.⁵

⁵ See MIAX Options Fee Schedule.

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The Exchange is also proposing technical clarifying amendments to the Fee Schedule. Specifically, the headings in the table in Section 1) a) iv) of the Fee Schedule will be amended from: (i) "PRIME Order" to "PRIME Order Fee," (ii) "Responder to PRIME Auction" to "Responder to PRIME Auction Fee," and (iii) "PRIME Break-up" to "PRIME Break-up Credit." These changes are intended to clarify and more specifically label the various columns in the table for investors using it.

b. <u>Statutory Basis</u>

The Exchange believes that its proposal to amend its fee schedule is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act⁶ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(4) of the Act⁷ in particular, in that it is an equitable allocation of reasonable fees and other charges among Exchange members and issuers and other persons using its facilities.

The Exchange's proposal to increase the transaction fees for certain participants that submit PRIME AOC Responses is reasonable because the Exchange's fees will remain competitive with fees at other options exchanges. The Exchange's proposal to increase the transaction fees for certain participants in the PRIME Auction is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because the increase applies equally to all such participants. The Exchange believes that the transaction fees for PRIME AOC Responses will not deter market participants from providing price improvement.

The Exchange's proposal to offer qualifying PRIME Auction participants the opportunity to reduce transaction fees by \$0.04 per contract in standard options, provided certain criteria are

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

See e.g., NYSE Amex Options Fee Schedule; International Securities Exchange LLC Schedule of Fees; BOX Options Exchange Fee Schedule.

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met, is reasonable because the Exchange desires to offer all such market participants an opportunity to lower their transaction fees. The Exchange's proposal to offer qualifying PRIME Auction participants the opportunity to reduce transaction fees by \$0.04 per contract in standard options, provided certain criteria are met, is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because the Exchange will offer all market participants a means to reduce transaction fees by qualifying for volume tiers in the Priority Customer Rebate Program. The Exchange believes that continuing to offer all such market participants the opportunity to lower transaction fees by transacting Priority Customer order flow in turn benefits all market participants. To the extent that there are higher transaction fees assessed on market participants without Priority Customer order flow, the Exchange believes that this is appropriate because the proposal creates incentives for Members to direct additional order flow to the Exchange and thus provide additional liquidity that enhances the quality of its markets and increases the volume of contracts traded on MIAX. To the extent that this purpose is achieved, all the Exchange's market participants should benefit from the improved market liquidity. Enhanced market quality and increased transaction volume that results from the anticipated increase in order flow directed to the Exchange will benefit all market participants and improve competition on the Exchange.

The Exchange believes that the proposal to allow the aggregation of trading activity of separate Members or its affiliates for purposes of the fee reduction is fair, equitable and not unreasonably discriminatory. The Exchange believes the proposed rule change is reasonable because it would allow aggregation of the trading activity of separate Members or its affiliates for purposes of the fee reduction only in very narrow circumstances, namely, where the firm is an affiliate, as defined herein. The Exchange believes that all such market participants should

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have the opportunity to lower transaction fees by transacting additional Priority Customer order flow, which in turn benefits all market participants.

The Exchange believes that the technical clarifying amendments to the Fee Schedule ensure that the Fee Schedule is transparent regarding the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among its members and issuers and other persons using its facilities, and are thus consistent with the Act.

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

MIAX does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The Exchange believes that the proposed change will enhance the competiveness of the Exchange relative to other exchanges that offer their own electronic price improvement mechanism.

The Exchange believes that the proposed fees do not impact intra-market competition notwithstanding that the proposed per contract fees assessed to participants in the PRIME Auction that respond to an Agency Order (for purposes of this discussion, "responders") are greater than the per contract fees assessed to participants that begin the auction process by submitting an Agency Order (for purposes of this discussion, "initiators"). Initiators guarantee execution of the entire Agency Order in full, either at a single price or at multiple prices using the "auto-match" option. Responders may elect not to respond at all, or may elect to respond only at a single price, and are not required to guarantee the execution of the entire order at any price. Because of this guarantee, initiators are assuming greater risk and are providing more liquidity in the Exchange's markets. The Exchange believes therefore that it is reasonable, equitable and not unfairly discriminatory, and consequently not a burden on competition, to

⁹ See Exchange Rule 515A(a)(2)(i)(A).

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charge responders and initiators differently, as proposed. The Exchange believes that these market participants understand that the price-improving benefits, based on their experience with PRIME, and on electronic price improvement mechanisms on other markets, justify the transaction fees associated with the PRIME Auction, based upon the disparity in risk assumed in the PRIME Auction process.

The Exchange notes that it operates in a highly competitive market in which market participants can readily favor competing venues if they deem fee levels at a particular venue to be excessive. In such an environment, the Exchange must continually adjust its fees to remain competitive with other exchanges and to attract order flow to the Exchange. The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change reflects this competitive environment because it establishes a fee structure in a manner that encourages market participants to submit their order flow, to provide liquidity, and to attract additional transaction volume to the Exchange.

5. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule</u> <u>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, ¹⁰ and Rule 19b-4(f)(2) thereunder ¹¹ 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.

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

¹¹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

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

While other competing exchanges offer fees for their price improvement mechanisms that may be similar to the proposal, the proposed fees are not based on the fees of another exchange. 12

9. <u>Security-Based Swap Submissions Filed Pursuant to Section 3C of the Act</u> Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

11. Exhibits

- 1. Notice of proposed rule for publication in the Federal Register.
- 5. Applicable section of the MIAX Fee Schedule.

See e.g., NYSE Amex Options Fee Schedule, p. 6; International Securities Exchange
 LLC Schedule of Fees, p. 6; BOX Options Exchange Fee Schedule, p. 1.

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EXHIBIT 1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-; File No. SR-MIAX-2015-73)

December___, 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 December 14, 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 the Fee Schedule to modify the transaction fees for Members that participate in the price improvement auction ("PRIME Auction" or "PRIME") pursuant to Rule 515A.³ Specifically, the Exchange proposes to: (i) increase the fee for a PRIME AOC Response⁴ from \$0.49 per contract to \$0.50 per contract for standard options in Penny Pilot classes; (ii) increase the fee for a PRIME AOC Response from \$0.94 per contract to \$0.99 per contract for standard options in non-Penny Pilot classes; and (iii) continue to provide for additional incentives of \$0.04 per contract for achieving certain Priority Customer Rebate Program volume tiers. The Exchange also proposes technical clarifying amendments to the Fee Schedule, as described below.

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Currently, 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 are assessed a PRIME AOC Response fee of \$0.45 per contract for standard options in Penny Pilot classes. In addition, any Member or its affiliates of at least 75% common ownership between the firms as reflected on each firm's Form BD, Schedule A, that qualifies for Priority Customer Rebate Program volume tiers 3 or 4 are assessed a PRIME AOC Response fee of \$0.90 per contract for standard options in non-Penny Pilot classes.

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The Exchange believes that these incentives will continue to encourage Members to transact a greater number of contracts on the Exchange. The Exchange notes that these

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incentives will operate identically to the Priority Customer Rebate Program incentives that apply to 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 in other types of transaction fees.⁵

The Exchange is also proposing technical clarifying amendments to the Fee Schedule.

Specifically, the headings in the table in Section 1) a) iv) of the Fee Schedule will be amended from: (i) "PRIME Order" to "PRIME Order Fee," (ii) "Responder to PRIME Auction" to "Responder to PRIME Auction Fee," and (iii) "PRIME Break-up" to "PRIME Break-up Credit." These changes are intended to clarify and more specifically label the various columns in the table for investors using it.

2. <u>Statutory Basis</u>

The Exchange believes that its proposal to amend its Fee Schedule is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act⁶ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(4) of the Act⁷ in particular, in that it is an equitable allocation of reasonable fees and other charges among Exchange members and issuers and other persons using its facilities.

The Exchange's proposal to increase the transaction fees for certain participants that submit PRIME AOC Responses is reasonable because the Exchange's fees will remain competitive with fees at other options exchanges. The Exchange's proposal to increase the transaction fees for certain participants in the PRIME Auction is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because the increase applies equally to all such participants. The Exchange

⁵ <u>See MIAX Options Fee Schedule.</u>

^{6 15} U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

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The Exchange believes that the proposal to allow the aggregation of trading activity of separate Members or its affiliates for purposes of the fee reduction is fair, equitable and not unreasonably discriminatory. The Exchange believes the proposed rule change is reasonable because it would allow aggregation of the trading activity of separate Members or its affiliates

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for purposes of the fee reduction only in very narrow circumstances, namely, where the firm is an affiliate, as defined herein. The Exchange believes that all such market participants should have the opportunity to lower transaction fees by transacting additional Priority Customer order flow, which in turn benefits all market participants.

The Exchange believes that the technical clarifying amendments to the Fee Schedule ensure that the Fee Schedule is transparent regarding the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among its members and issuers and other persons using its facilities, and are thus consistent with the Act.

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will result in any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The Exchange believes that the proposed change will enhance the competiveness of the Exchange relative to other exchanges that offer their own electronic price improvement mechanism.

The Exchange believes that the proposed fees do not impact intra-market competition notwithstanding that the proposed per contract fees assessed to participants in the PRIME Auction that respond to an Agency Order (for purposes of this discussion, "responders") are greater than the per contract fees assessed to participants that begin the auction process by submitting an Agency Order (for purposes of this discussion, "initiators"). Initiators guarantee execution of the entire Agency Order in full, either at a single price or at multiple prices using the "auto-match" option. Pesponders may elect not to respond at all, or may elect to respond only at a single price, and are not required to guarantee the execution of the entire order at any price. Because of this guarantee, initiators are assuming greater risk and are providing more liquidity in the Exchange's markets. The Exchange believes therefore that it is reasonable,

See Exchange Rule 515A(a)(2)(i)(A).

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equitable and not unfairly discriminatory, and consequently not a burden on competition, to charge responders and initiators differently, as proposed. The Exchange believes that these market participants understand that the price-improving benefits, based on their experience with PRIME, and on electronic price improvement mechanisms on other markets, justify the transaction fees associated with the PRIME Auction, based upon the disparity in risk assumed in the PRIME Auction process.

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C. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule 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, 10 and Rule 19b-4(f)(2)11 thereunder. At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed

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

to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the

protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission

¹⁵ U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

¹¹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

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takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule should be approved or disapproved.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

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

Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic comments:

- ☐ Use the Commission's Internet comment form (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml); or
- Send an e-mail to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-MIAX-2015-73 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.

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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.

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Brent J. Fields Secretary

¹² 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

Exhibit 5

New text is <u>underlined</u>; Deleted text is in [brackets]

MIAX Options Fee Schedule

1) Transaction Fees

a) Exchange Fees

i) - iii) No Change.

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

	PRIME Order <u>Fee</u>		Responder to P		PRIME Break-up <u>Credit</u>	
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. <u>50[</u> 49]	\$ 0.9 <u>9</u> [4]	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.60
Public Customer that is Not a Priority Customer	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.05	\$ 0. <u>50[</u> 49]	\$ 0.9 <u>9</u> [4]	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.60
MIAX Market Maker	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.05	\$ 0. <u>50</u> [49]	\$ 0.9 <u>9</u> [4]	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.60
Non-MIAX Market Maker	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.05	\$ 0. <u>50</u> [49]	\$ 0.9 <u>9</u> [4]	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.60
Non-Member Broker-Dealer	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.05	\$ 0. <u>50</u> [49]	\$ 0.9 <u>9</u> [4]	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.60
Firm	\$ 0.30	\$ 0.05	\$ 0. <u>50</u> [49]	\$ 0.9 <u>9</u> [4]	\$ 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 $1/10^{th}$ 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

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Priority Customer Rebate Program volume tiers 3 or 4 will be assessed a PRIME AOC Response fee of \$0.46[5] 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 \$0.95[0] per contract for standard options in non-Penny Pilot classes.
