SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-77989; File No. SR-MIAX-2016-13)

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Miami International Securities Exchange LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change 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 June 1, 2016, 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 Rule Change</u>

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 in

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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 the Statutory Basis</u> for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to amend its Fee Schedule to offer a Technical Support Request Fee to both Members and Non-Members.

The Exchange has an infrastructure comprised of low latency and ultra-low latency proximity solutions in several offsite data center locales offering universal access to all Exchange services via a single common connection across a variety of high speed network interfaces.

The Exchange offers connectivity in and between its data center facilities and supports direct attachment of all network equipment or direct attached host systems of both Member and Non-Member users of the Exchange. Member and Non-Member users of the Exchange are strongly encouraged to establish connectivity to at least two data centers to minimize the possibility of service disruption.

The Exchange proposes to add new Section (5)(f) to the Fee Schedule to establish a Member and Non-Member Technical Support Request Fee. Specifically, the Exchange proposes to charge Members and Non-Members an hourly fee in the event that such Member or Non-Member requests the Exchange to use the Exchange's on-site data center personnel to provide technical support at any of the Exchange's data centers. The Exchange proposes to assess Members and Non-Members that request MIAX technical support at any of the MIAX data centers a fee of \$200 per hour for such technical support.

The purpose of the proposed rule change is to make the Exchange's on-site data center personnel available, for a fee, to Members and Non-Members when assisting with troubleshooting that requires a physical on-site presence.

The proposed Technical Support Request fee is scheduled to become effective June 1, 2016.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal to amend its Fee Schedule is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act³ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(4) of the Act⁴ 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 believes that the proposed new service is consistent with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act⁵ in that it is fair, equitable and not unreasonably discriminatory, because it is available to all Members and Non-Members for the same fee. Moreover, the proposed fee is reasonable because other exchanges charge for similar services at their data centers.⁶

³ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

See Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated ("CBOE") Fees Schedule, p. 9. CBOE charges \$100 per hour for technical support outside normal hours and for afterhours technician services with a four hour minimum required. See also NYSE Amex Options ("Amex") Fee Schedule, Section V(B) and NYSE Arca Options ("Arca") Fees and Charges, p. 18. Both Amex and Arca charge \$100 per half hour for "Hot Hands Services," which consists of allowing Amex and Arca Users to use Amex or Arca on-site data center personnel to maintain User equipment, support network troubleshooting, rack and stack, power recycling and install and document cable. See also NASDAQ PHLX LLC ("Phlx") Pricing Schedule, Section X(d). Phlx charges \$150 per hour for "Remote Hands Service" and \$250 per hour plus materials if necessary for "Power Consulting Services."

Additionally, Members and Non-Members are not required to use the service but instead it is offered as a convenience to all Members and Non-Members. The proposed fee is reasonably designed because it will permit both Members and Non-Members to request the use of the Exchange's on-site data center personnel as technical support and as a convenience that is equally available to them.

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 proposed enhancement of services by the Exchange provided to its Members and others using its facilities will not have an impact on competition. In fact, MIAX's proposed technical support services at a Member or Non-Member's request will benefit all who use such services. As stated above, other exchanges charge for similar services at their data centers. The Exchange's hourly rate for such services is within the range of prices for similar services offered by other exchanges, and therefore the Exchange believes that the proposed hourly rate for technical support does not impose a burden on competition.

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

See id.

<u>Id</u>.

Exchange believes that the proposed rule change reflects this competitive environment because the hourly rate is competitive with the rates offered by other exchanges for similar services.⁹

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 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 <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include File Number SR-MIAX-2016-13 on the subject line.

See supra note 6.

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

¹¹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

Paper Comments:

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

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-MIAX-2016-13. 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 website (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should

submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-MIAX-2016-13, and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from publication in the Federal Register].

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority. 12

Brent J. Fields Secretary

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¹² 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).