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Form 19b-4

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Amendment No. (req. for Amendments \*):

Filing by Miami International Securities Exchange, LLC.

Pursuant to Rule 19b-4 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

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Notice of proposed change pursuant to the Payment, Clearing, and Settlement Act of 2010

Security-Based Swap Submission pursuant  
to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934Section 806(e)(1) \* Section 806(e)(2) \* Section 3C(b)(2) \* Exhibit 2 Sent As Paper Document Exhibit 3 Sent As Paper Document **Description**

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

Proposed rule change to amend the MIAX Fee Schedule

**Contact Information**

Provide the name, telephone number, and e-mail address of the person on the staff of the self-regulatory organization prepared to respond to questions and comments on the action.

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**Signature**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

has duly caused this filing to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

(Title \*)

Date 09/15/2016

Vice President and Senior Counsel

By Richard S. Rudolph

(Name \*)

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**Form 19b-4 Information \***

The self-regulatory organization must provide all required information, presented in a clear and comprehensible manner, to enable the public to provide meaningful comment on the proposal and for the Commission to determine whether the proposal is consistent with the Act and applicable rules and regulations under the Act.

**Exhibit 1 - Notice of Proposed Rule Change \***

The Notice section of this Form 19b-4 must comply with the guidelines for publication in the Federal Register as well as any requirements for electronic filing as published by the Commission (if applicable). The Office of the Federal Register (OFR) offers guidance on Federal Register publication requirements in the Federal Register Document Drafting Handbook, October 1998 Revision. For example, all references to the federal securities laws must include the corresponding cite to the United States Code in a footnote. All references to SEC rules must include the corresponding cite to the Code of Federal Regulations in a footnote. All references to Securities Exchange Act Releases must include the release number, release date, Federal Register cite, Federal Register date, and corresponding file number (e.g., SR-[SRO]-xx-xx). A material failure to comply with these guidelines will result in the proposed rule change being deemed not properly filed. See also Rule 0-3 under the Act (17 CFR 240.0-3)

**Exhibit 1A- Notice of Proposed Rule Change, Security-Based Swap Submission, or Advance Notice by Clearing Agencies \***

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**Exhibit 2 - Notices, Written Comments, Transcripts, Other Communications**

Exhibit Sent As Paper Document

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.

**Exhibit 3 - Form, Report, or Questionnaire**

Exhibit Sent As Paper Document

Copies of any form, report, or questionnaire that the self-regulatory organization proposes to use to help implement or operate the proposed rule change, or that is referred to by the proposed rule change.

**Exhibit 4 - Marked Copies**

The full text shall be marked, in any convenient manner, to indicate additions to and deletions from the immediately preceding filing. The purpose of Exhibit 4 is to permit the staff to identify immediately the changes made from the text of the rule with which it has been working.

**Exhibit 5 - Proposed Rule Text**

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.

**Partial Amendment**

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.

1. Text of Proposed Rule Change

(a) Miami International Securities Exchange, LLC (“MIAX” or “Exchange”), pursuant to the provisions of Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”)<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> proposes to amend the MIAX Options Fee Schedule (the “Fee Schedule”). While changes to the Fee Schedule pursuant to this proposal are effective upon filing, the Exchange has designated these changes to be operative on October 1, 2016.

A notice of the proposed rule change for publication in the Federal Register is attached hereto as Exhibit 1, and a copy of the proposed amended Fee Schedule is attached hereto as Exhibit 5.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) Not applicable.

2. Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization

The proposed rule change was approved by the Chief Executive Officer of the Exchange pursuant to authority delegated by the MIAX Board of Directors of the Exchange on December 10, 2015. 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 Joseph W. Ferraro, Senior Vice President and Associate Counsel, at (609) 897-8492.

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

a. Purpose

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

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

The Exchange proposes to amend the MIAX Options Fee Schedule (the “Fee Schedule”) to offer two (2) additional Limited Service MIAX Express Interface (“MEI”) Ports to Market Makers.

Currently, MIAX assesses monthly MEI Port Fees on Market Makers based upon the number of MIAX matching engines<sup>3</sup> used by the Market Maker. Market Makers are allocated two (2) Full Service MEI Ports<sup>4</sup> and two (2) Limited Service MEI Ports<sup>5</sup> per matching engine to which they connect. The Exchange currently assesses the following MEI Port fees: (i) \$5,000 for Market Maker Assignments in up to 5 option classes or up to 10% of option classes by volume; (ii) \$10,000 for Market Maker Assignments in up to 10 option classes or up to 20% of option classes by volume; (iii) \$14,000 for Market Maker Assignments in up to 40 option classes or up to 35% of option classes by volume; (iv) \$17,500 for Market Maker Assignments in up to 100 option classes or up to 50% of option classes by volume; and (v) \$20,500.00 for Market Maker Assignments in over 100 option classes or over 50% of option classes by volume up to all option classes listed on MIAX.<sup>6</sup> In each of the foregoing categories, the stated fee applies if the

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<sup>3</sup> A “matching engine” is a part of the MIAX electronic system that processes options quotes and trades on a symbol-by-symbol basis. Some matching engines will process option classes with multiple root symbols, and other matching engines will be dedicated to one single option root symbol (for example, options on SPY will be processed by one single matching engine that is dedicated only to SPY). A particular root symbol may only be assigned to a single designated matching engine. A particular root symbol may not be assigned to multiple matching engines.

<sup>4</sup> Full Service MEI Ports provide Market Makers with the ability to send Market Maker quotes, eQuotes, and quote purge messages to the MIAX System. Full Service MEI Ports are also capable of receiving administrative information. Market Makers are limited to two Full Service MEI Ports per matching engine.

<sup>5</sup> Limited Service MEI Ports provide Market Makers with the ability to send eQuotes and quote purge messages only, but not Market Maker Quotes, to the MIAX System. Limited Service MEI Ports are also capable of receiving administrative information. Market Makers initially receive two Limited Service MEI Ports per matching engine.

<sup>6</sup> See MIAX Fee Schedule, Section 5)d)ii).

less of the two applicable measurements is met. For example, a Market Maker that wishes to make markets in just one symbol would require the two (2) MEI Ports in a single matching engine; a Market Maker wishing to make markets in all symbols traded on MIAX would require the two (2) MEI Ports in each of the Exchange's matching engines. The Exchange also currently charges \$50 per month for each additional Limited Service MEI Port per matching engine for Market Makers over and above the two (2) Limited Service MEI Ports per matching engine that are allocated with the Full Service MEI Ports. The Full Service MEI Ports, Limited Service MEI Ports, and the additional Limited Service MEI Ports all include access to MIAX's primary and secondary data centers and its disaster recovery center.

The Exchange originally added the Limited Service MEI Ports to enhance the MEI Port connectivity made available to Market Makers, and subsequently made additional Limited Service MEI Ports available to Market Makers.<sup>7</sup> Limited Service MEI Ports have been well received by Market Makers since their addition. The Exchange now proposes to offer to Market Makers the ability to purchase an additional two (2) Limited Service MEI Ports per matching engine over and above the current two (2) additional Limited Service MEI Ports per matching engine that are available for purchase by Market Makers. The Exchange proposes to charge the same amount that it currently charges, \$50 per month, for each extra Limited Service MEI Port per matching engine. The Exchange proposes making a corresponding change to footnote 31 of the Exchange's Fee Schedule to specify that Market Makers will now be limited to purchasing four (4) additional Limited Service MEI Ports per matching engine, for a total of six (6) per matching engine. All other fees related to MEI Ports shall remain unchanged.

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<sup>7</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 70137 (August 8, 2013), 78 FR 49586 (August 14, 2013) (SR-MIAX-2013-39); see also Exchange Act Release No. 70903 (November 20, 2013), 78 FR 228 (November 26, 2013) (SR-MIAX-2013-52).

The purpose of this amendment to the Fee Schedule is to provide Market Makers with greater and improved technical flexibility to connect additional Limited Service MEI Ports to independent servers that host their eQuote and purge functionality. The Exchange believes that the offering of additional ports will help Market Makers mitigate the risk of using the same server for all of their Market Maker quoting activity. By using the additional Limited Service MEI Ports for risk purposes, Market Makers can place purge functionality on a different server than the Market Maker quoting server (via the Limited Service MEI Ports), which provides them a failsafe for getting out of the market in case they have an issue with the quote server. Market Makers can also use the extra Limited Service MEI Ports to submit eQuotes. Since eQuotes are frequently generated by a different algorithm that determines when to respond to an auction message, the Exchange believes that the offering of additional ports will further enable Market Makers to connect to a different server that processes auctions and eQuotes rather than forcing them to use their Market Maker Standard quote server as a gateway for communicating eQuotes to MIAX.

b. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal to amend its Fee Schedule is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act<sup>8</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(4) of the Act<sup>9</sup> in particular, in that it is an equitable allocation of reasonable fees and other charges among members and issuers and other persons using any facility or system which the Exchange operates or controls. The Exchange also believes the proposal furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act<sup>10</sup> in that it is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove

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<sup>8</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>9</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

<sup>10</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general to protect investors and the public interest and is not designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers and dealers.

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b)(4) of the Act because only Market Makers that decide that they need the extra Limited Service MEI Ports will be charged the additional fee. The Exchange further believes that the availability of the additional Limited Service MEI Ports is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because it further enhances Market Makers' access to the MIAX System and consequently enhances the marketplace by helping Market Makers to better manage risk, thus preserving the integrity of the MIAX markets, all to the benefit of and protection of investors and the public as a whole.

The Exchange also believes that its proposal is consistent with the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act<sup>11</sup> because the additional Limited Service MEI Ports are available to all Market Makers and the proposed fees assessable for the additional Limited Service MEI Ports apply equally to all Market Makers regardless of type, and access to the Exchange is offered on terms that are not unfairly discriminatory. The Exchange designed the fee rates in order to provide objective criteria for Market Makers of different sizes and business models to be assessed a MEI Port fee and to have technical connectivity that best matches their quoting activity on the Exchange and the offering of additional Limited Service MEI Ports comports with this objective.

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

MIAX 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, as amended. The Exchange believes that the proposal increases both intermarket and intramarket

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<sup>11</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

competition by enabling Market Makers to enhance their connectivity to the Exchange in a manner that is designed to provide Market Makers of different sizes and business models to be assessed a MEI Port fee and to have technical connectivity that best matches their quoting activity on the Exchange and the offering of additional Limited Service MEI Ports comports with this objective. The Exchange believes that the proposal will increase competition amongst Market Makers of different sizes and business models by encouraging Market Makers to connect additional Limited Service Ports to independent servers that host their eQuote and purge functionality and thereby increase such functionality. 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 in order to attract market participants to use its services. The Exchange believes that the proposal reflects this competitive environment because it increases the Exchange's fees in a manner that continues to encourage market participants to register as Market Makers on the Exchange, to provide liquidity, and to attract order flow. To the extent that this purpose is achieved, all the Exchange's market participants should benefit from the improved market liquidity.

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

No written comments were either solicited or received.

6. Extension of Time Period for Commission Action

The Exchange does not consent to an extension of the time period for Commission action.



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, and Rule 19b-4(f)(2) thereunder 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 proposed rule change is not based on the rules of another self-regulatory organization or of the Commission.

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. Completed notice of proposed rule change for publication in the Federal Register.

5. Copy of the applicable section of the MIAX Options Fee Schedule.

**EXHIBIT 1**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
(Release No. 34- ; File No. SR-MIAX-2016-33)

September \_\_, 2016

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

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”)<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on September 15, 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. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange is filing a proposal to amend the MIAX Options Fee Schedule (the “Fee Schedule”). While changes to the Fee Schedule pursuant to this proposal are effective upon filing, the Exchange has designated these changes to be operative on October 1, 2016.

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

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

In its filing with the Commission, the Exchange included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on

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

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

the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

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

1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to amend the MIAX Options Fee Schedule (the “Fee Schedule”) to offer two (2) additional Limited Service MIAX Express Interface (“MEI”) Ports to Market Makers.

Currently, MIAX assesses monthly MEI Port Fees on Market Makers based upon the number of MIAX matching engines<sup>3</sup> used by the Market Maker. Market Makers are allocated two (2) Full Service MEI Ports<sup>4</sup> and two (2) Limited Service MEI Ports<sup>5</sup> per matching engine to which they connect. The Exchange currently assesses the following MEI Port fees: (i) \$5,000 for Market Maker Assignments in up to 5 option classes or up to 10% of option classes by volume; (ii) \$10,000 for Market Maker Assignments in up to 10 option classes or up to 20% of option classes by volume; (iii) \$14,000 for Market Maker Assignments in up to 40 option classes

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The Exchange originally added the Limited Service MEI Ports to enhance the MEI Port connectivity made available to Market Makers, and subsequently made additional Limited Service MEI Ports available to Market Makers.<sup>7</sup> Limited Service MEI Ports have been well received by Market Makers since their addition. The Exchange now proposes to offer to Market Makers the ability to purchase an additional two (2) Limited Service MEI Ports per matching engine over and above the current two (2) additional Limited Service MEI Ports per matching engine that are available for purchase by Market Makers. The Exchange proposes to charge the same amount that it currently charges, \$50 per month, for each extra Limited Service MEI Port

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per matching engine. The Exchange proposes making a corresponding change to footnote 31 of the Exchange's Fee Schedule to specify that Market Makers will now be limited to purchasing four (4) additional Limited Service MEI Ports per matching engine, for a total of six (6) per matching engine. All other fees related to MEI Ports shall remain unchanged.

The purpose of this amendment to the Fee Schedule is to provide Market Makers with greater and improved technical flexibility to connect additional Limited Service MEI Ports to independent servers that host their eQuote and purge functionality. The Exchange believes that the offering of additional ports will help Market Makers mitigate the risk of using the same server for all of their Market Maker quoting activity. By using the additional Limited Service MEI Ports for risk purposes, Market Makers can place purge functionality on a different server than the Market Maker quoting server (via the Limited Service MEI Ports), which provides them a failsafe for getting out of the market in case they have an issue with the quote server. Market Makers can also use the extra Limited Service MEI Ports to submit eQuotes. Since eQuotes are frequently generated by a different algorithm that determines when to respond to an auction message, the Exchange believes that the offering of additional ports will further enable Market Makers to connect to a different server that processes auctions and eQuotes rather than forcing them to use their Market Maker Standard quote server as a gateway for communicating eQuotes to MIAX.

## 2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal to amend its Fee Schedule is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act<sup>8</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(4) of the Act<sup>9</sup> in particular, in that it provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other

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<sup>8</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>9</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

charges among members and issuers and other persons using any facility or system which the Exchange operates or controls. The Exchange also believes the proposal furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act<sup>10</sup> in that it is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general to protect investors and the public interest and is not designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers and dealers.

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b)(4) of the Act because only Market Makers that decide that they need the extra Limited Service MEI Ports will be charged the additional fee. The Exchange further believes that the availability of the additional Limited Service MEI Ports is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because it further enhances Market Makers' access to the MIAX System and consequently enhances the marketplace by helping Market Makers to better manage risk, thus preserving the integrity of the MIAX markets, all to the benefit of and protection of investors and the public as a whole.

The Exchange also believes that its proposal is consistent with the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act<sup>11</sup> because the additional Limited Service MEI Ports are available to all Market Makers and the proposed fees assessable for the additional Limited Service MEI Ports apply equally to all Market Makers regardless of type, and access to the Exchange is offered on terms that are not unfairly discriminatory. The Exchange designed the fee rates in order to provide objective criteria for Market Makers of different sizes and business models to be assessed a MEI Port fee and to have technical connectivity that best matches their quoting activity on the Exchange and the offering of additional Limited Service MEI Ports comports with this objective.

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<sup>10</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

<sup>11</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

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

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 proposal increases both intermarket and intramarket competition by enabling Market Makers to enhance their connectivity to the Exchange in a manner that is designed to provide Market Makers of different sizes and business models to be assessed a MEI Port fee and to have technical connectivity that best matches their quoting activity on the Exchange and the offering of additional Limited Service MEI Ports comports with this objective. The Exchange believes that the proposal will increase competition amongst Market Makers of different sizes and business models by encouraging Market Makers to connect additional Limited Service Ports to independent servers that host their eQuote and purge functionality and thereby increase such functionality. 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 in order to attract market participants to use its services. The Exchange believes that the proposal reflects this competitive environment because it increases the Exchange's fees in a manner that continues to encourage market participants to register as Market Makers on the Exchange, to provide liquidity, and to attract order flow. To the extent that this purpose is achieved, all the Exchange's market participants should benefit from the improved market liquidity.

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

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

### III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act,<sup>12</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(2)<sup>13</sup> 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 rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR-MIAX-2016-33 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-2016-33. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process and

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<sup>12</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

<sup>13</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).



review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet Web site (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>).

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

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-MIAX-2016-33 and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from publication in the Federal Register]. For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>14</sup>

Brent J. Fields  
Secretary

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<sup>14</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

**Exhibit 5**New text is underlined;

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**MIAX Options Fee Schedule****5) System Connectivity Fees**

a) – c) No change.

**d) Port Fees**

i) No change.

ii) **MEI Port Fees**

Monthly MIAX MEI Fees	Market Maker Assignments (the lesser of the applicable measurements below)	
	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”)<sup>27</sup> Port Fees on Market Makers in each month the Member has been credentialed to use the MEI Port in the production environment and has been assigned to quote in at least one class. The amount of the monthly MEI Port Fee will be based upon the number of classes in which the Market Maker was assigned to quote on any given day within the calendar month, and upon the class volume percentages set forth in the above table. 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 Market Maker 1 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 Market Maker 1 for the month which is the lesser of ‘up to 40 classes’

<sup>27</sup> MIAX Express Interface is a connection to MIAX systems that enables Market Makers to submit electronic quotes to MIAX.

and 'over 50% of classes by volume up to all classes listed on MIAX'. If Market Maker 2 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 Market Maker 2 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<sup>28</sup> and two (2) Limited Service MEI Ports<sup>29</sup> per matching engine<sup>30</sup> to which they connect. MEI Port Fees include MEI Ports 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.<sup>31</sup>

iii) – iv) **No change.**

e) – f) **No change.**

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<sup>28</sup> Full Service MEI Ports provide Market Makers with the ability to send Market Maker quotes, eQuotes, and quote purge messages to the MIAX System. Full Service MEI Ports are also capable of receiving administrative information. Market Makers are limited to two Full Service MEI Ports per matching engine.

<sup>29</sup> Limited Service MEI Ports provide Market Makers with the ability to send eQuotes and quote purge messages only, but not Market Maker Quotes, to the MIAX System. Limited Service MEI Ports are also capable of receiving administrative information. Market Makers initially receive two Limited Service MEI Ports per matching engine.

<sup>30</sup> A "matching engine" is a part of the MIAX electronic system that processes options quotes and trades on a symbol-by-symbol basis. Some matching engines will process option classes with multiple root symbols, and other matching engines will be dedicated to one single option root symbol (for example, options on SPY will be processed by one single matching engine that is dedicated only to SPY). A particular root symbol may only be assigned to a single designated matching engine. A particular root symbol may not be assigned to multiple matching engines.

<sup>31</sup> Market Makers are limited to [two]four additional Limited Service MEI Ports per matching engine, for a total of [four]six per matching engine.