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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) MIAX PEARL, LLC ("MIAX PEARL" 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 Rule 510, Minimum Price Variations and Minimum Trading Increments, to specify that replacement classes may be added to the Penny Pilot Program on a quarterly basis, without altering the expiration date of the Penny Pilot Program, which is June 30, 2019.³

A notice of the proposed rule change for publication in the <u>Federal Register</u> is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit 1</u>, and the text of the proposed rule change 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 the Chief Executive Officer of the Exchange pursuant to authority delegated by the MIAX PEARL Board of Directors on January 31, 2019. 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 Michael Slade, Counsel, at (609) 897-8499.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

 <u>See</u> Securities Exchange Act Release No. 84865 (December 19, 2018), 83 FR 66813 (December 27, 2018) (SR-PEARL-2018-26).

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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 Rule 510, Minimum Price Variations and Minimum Trading Increments, Interpretations and Policies .01, regarding the Penny Pilot Program, to specify that replacement classes may be added to the Penny Pilot Program on a quarterly basis, without altering the expiration date of the Penny Pilot Program, which is June 30, 2019.

The Exchange recently filed to extend the Penny Pilot Program until June 30, 2019 (from December 31, 2018) and also updated the rule text to provide that replacement issues may be added to the Pilot on the second trading day following January 1, 2019.⁴

The proposed rule authorizes the Exchange to replace any option classes in the Penny Pilot Program that have been delisted with the next most actively traded multiply listed options classes that are not yet included in the Penny Pilot Program, based on trading activity in the previous six months.⁵ The Exchange now proposes to modify Rule 510, Minimum Price Variations and Minimum Trading Increments, Interpretations and Policies .01, to allow the Exchange to add replacement classes (for Penny Pilot Program classes that have been delisted) on a quarterly basis. The Exchange added replacement classes in January 2019 and would add eligible replacement classes in April, July, and October. The Exchange believes this change would allow the Exchange to update option classes eligible for the Penny Pilot Program (by replacing delisted classes) on a quarterly basis (as opposed to semi-annual) and would enable further analysis of the Penny Pilot Program and a determination of how the Penny Pilot Program should be structured in the future.

See id.

See Exchange Rule 510, Interpretations and Policies .01.

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As is the case today, the Exchange will determine replacement classes based on trading activity in the previous six months (the "six month lookback") but will not use the month immediately preceding the addition of a replacement to the Penny Pilot Program. Thus, a replacement class to be added on the second trading day following April 1, 2019 would be identified based on The Option Clearing Corporation's trading volume data from September 1, 2018 through February 28, 2019. The Exchange believes the six month lookback is appropriate because this time period would help reduce the impact of unusual trading activity as a result of unique market events, such as a corporate action (i.e., it would result in a more reliable measure of average daily trading volume than would a shorter period).

This filing does not propose any substantive changes to the Penny Pilot Program: all classes currently participating will remain the same and all minimum increments will remain unchanged. The Exchange believes the benefits to public customers and other market participants who will be able to express their true prices to buy and sell options have been demonstrated to outweigh the increase in quote traffic. In addition, the proposed change would align the Exchange's rules to the rules of competing options exchanges that have proposed rules consistent with this proposal.⁷

Exchange Rule 510, Interpretations and Policies .01 continues to obligate the Exchange to announce the replacement classes by a Listings Alert.

See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 85348 (March 18, 2019), 84 FR 10860 (March 22, 2019)(SR-NYSEAMER-2019-05); 85363 (March 19, 2019), (SR-NYSEARCA-2019-13) (Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Amending Commentary .02 to Rule 6.72-O to specify that replacement issues may be added to the Penny Pilot quarterly)

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b. <u>Statutory Basis</u>

The Exchange believes that its proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act⁸ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act⁹ in particular, in that it is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in facilitating transactions in securities, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanisms of a free and open market and a national market system and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest.

Additionally, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5)¹⁰ requirement that the rules of an exchange not be designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers. In particular, the Exchange believes the proposal to allow the addition of replacement classes to the Penny Pilot Program on a quarterly basis would result in a more current list of Penny Pilot Program-eligible classes and would enable further analysis of the Penny Pilot Program, including for a determination of how the Penny Pilot Program should be structured in the future. Further, the Exchange believes the six month lookback is appropriate because this time period would help reduce the impact of unusual trading activity as a result of unique market events, such as a corporate action (i.e., it would result in a more reliable measure of average daily trading volume than would a shorter period). Thus, the Exchange believes this proposal would promote just and equitable principles of trade, foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in facilitating transactions in

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

¹⁰ Id.

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securities, and remove impediments to and perfect the mechanisms of a free and open market and a national market system.

The Exchange notes that it is not making any other substantive changes to the Penny Pilot Program, other than modifying the timing for replacement issues and therefore the Exchange will continue to participate in a program that has been viewed as beneficial to traders, investors and public customers and viewed as successful by the other options exchanges participating in it.

The Exchange believes that the Penny Pilot Program would continue to promote just and equitable principles of trade by enabling public customers and other market participants to express their true prices to buy and sell options to the benefit of all market participants.

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

Specifically, the Exchange believes that allowing the Exchange to add replacement classes to the Penny Pilot Program on a quarterly basis would make the list of Penny Pilot Program-eligible classes more current and would enable further analysis of the Penny Pilot Program, including for a determination of how the Penny Pilot Program should be structured in the future. In doing so, the proposed rule change will also serve to promote regulatory clarity and consistency, thereby reducing burdens on the marketplace and facilitating investor protection. The Penny Pilot Program is an industry-wide initiative supported by all other option exchanges. The Exchange believes that the proposed change would allow for continued competition between Exchange market participants trading similar products as their counterparts on other exchanges, while at the same time allowing the Exchange to continue to compete for order flow with other exchanges in option issues trading as part of the Penny Pilot Program.

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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) of the Act¹¹ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)¹² thereunder, the Exchange has designated this proposal as one that effects a change that: (i) does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) does not impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) by its terms, does not become operative for 30 days after the date of the filing, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest.

The proposed rule change does not significantly affect the protection of investors. As discussed above, the Exchange believes the proposal to allow the Exchange to replace delisted classes in the Penny Pilot Program on a quarterly basis would not impose any significant burden on competition but would instead be pro-competitive as it would render the list of Penny Pilot Program-eligible classes more current (because it allows for quarterly updates) and would enable further analysis of the Penny Pilot Program, including for a determination of how the Penny Pilot Program should be structured in the future. Replacement classes have routinely been added to the Penny Pilot Program on a semi-annual basis and the Exchange merely seeks to increase the frequency of such replacements to a quarterly basis; thus, the Exchange has not proposed any new policies or provisions that are unique or unproven. The Exchange would continue to utilize

¹⁵ U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹² 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

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the six month lookback to determine trading activity for Penny Pilot Program-eligible issues, as this time period would help reduce the impact of unusual trading activity as a result of unique market events, such as a corporate action. Moreover, the Exchange is not making any other substantive changes to the Penny Pilot Program and therefore the Exchange will continue to participate in a program that has been viewed as beneficial to traders, investors and public customers and viewed as successful by the other options exchanges participating in it.

The Exchange believes that the Penny Pilot Program permits public customers and other market participants to express their true prices to buy and sell options and results in additional flexibility when making investment decisions, which can help promote a fair, competitive and orderly options market.

Rule 19b-4(f)(6) requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The Exchange has satisfied this requirement. Furthermore, a proposed rule change filed pursuant to Rule 19b-4(f)(6) under the Act¹³ normally does not become operative for 30 days after the date of its filing. However, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)¹⁴ permits the Commission to designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. As described above, the Exchange's proposed rule change is identical to the recent proposed rule changes by NYSE American LLC ("NYSE American") and NYSE Arca Inc. ("NYSE Arca"). ¹⁵
Accordingly, because the proposed rule change is based on the proposed rules of another Self-Regulatory Organization and thus does not introduce any new regulatory issues, the Exchange

¹³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

¹⁷ CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

See supra note 7.

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has filed this rule filing as non-controversial under Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act¹⁶ and paragraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.¹⁷

The Exchange respectfully requests that the Commission waive the 30-day operative delay period after which a proposed rule change under Rule 19b-4(f)(6) becomes operative. The Exchange believes that waiver of the 30-day operative delay period is appropriate because, if approved, the Exchange would be able to add new classes at the start of the second quarter (i.e., in April 2019), resulting in a more up-to-date list of classes in the Penny Pilot Program, which would enable further analysis of the Penny Pilot Program, including for a determination of how the Penny Pilot Program should be structured in the future.

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.

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

The proposed rule change is based on the recent filings by NYSE American and NYSE Arca with the Commission. ¹⁸

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.

¹⁶ 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

¹⁷ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

See supra note 7.

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11. Exhibits

1. Notice of proposed rule for publication in the <u>Federal Register</u>.

5. Text of proposed rule change.

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EXHIBIT 1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34- ; File No. SR-PEARL-2019-11)

March___, 2019

Self-Regulatory Organizations: Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change by Miami PEARL, LLC to Amend Exchange Rule 510, Minimum Price Variations and Minimum Trading Increments

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 March 22, 2019, Miami PEARL, LLC ("MIAX PEARL" or the "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 Rule 510, Minimum Price Variations and Minimum Trading Increments, to specify that replacement classes may be added to the Penny Pilot Program on a quarterly basis, without altering the expiration date of the Penny Pilot Program, which is June 30, 2019.³

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's website at http://www.miaxoptions.com/rule-filings/pearl at MIAX PEARL's principal office, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 84865 (December 19, 2018), 83 FR 66813 (December 27, 2018) (SR-PEARL-2018-26).

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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 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. <u>Purpose</u>

The Exchange proposes to amend Rule 510, Minimum Price Variations and Minimum Trading Increments, Interpretations and Policies .01, regarding the Penny Pilot Program, to specify that replacement classes may be added to the Penny Pilot Program on a quarterly basis, without altering the expiration date of the Penny Pilot Program, which is June 30, 2019.

The Exchange recently filed to extend the Penny Pilot Program until June 30, 2019 (from December 31, 2018) and also updated the rule text to provide that replacement issues may be added to the Pilot on the second trading day following January 1, 2019.⁴

The proposed rule authorizes the Exchange to replace any option classes in the Penny Pilot Program that have been delisted with the next most actively traded multiply listed options classes that are not yet included in the Penny Pilot Program, based on trading activity in the previous six months.⁵ The Exchange now proposes to modify Rule 510, Minimum Price Variations and Minimum Trading Increments, Interpretations and Policies .01, to allow the

⁴ See id.

⁵ <u>See</u> Exchange Rule 510, Interpretations and Policies .01.

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Exchange to add replacement classes (for Penny Pilot Program classes that have been delisted) on a quarterly basis. The Exchange added replacement classes in January 2019 and would add eligible replacement classes in April, July, and October. The Exchange believes this change would allow the Exchange to update option classes eligible for the Penny Pilot Program (by replacing delisted classes) on a quarterly basis (as opposed to semi-annual) and would enable further analysis of the Penny Pilot Program and a determination of how the Penny Pilot Program should be structured in the future.

As is the case today, the Exchange will determine replacement classes based on trading activity in the previous six months (the "six month lookback") but will not use the month immediately preceding the addition of a replacement to the Penny Pilot Program. Thus, a replacement class to be added on the second trading day following April 1, 2019 would be identified based on The Option Clearing Corporation's trading volume data from September 1, 2018 through February 28, 2019. The Exchange believes the six month lookback is appropriate because this time period would help reduce the impact of unusual trading activity as a result of unique market events, such as a corporate action (i.e., it would result in a more reliable measure of average daily trading volume than would a shorter period).

This filing does not propose any substantive changes to the Penny Pilot Program: all classes currently participating will remain the same and all minimum increments will remain unchanged. The Exchange believes the benefits to public customers and other market participants who will be able to express their true prices to buy and sell options have been demonstrated to outweigh the increase in quote traffic. In addition, the proposed change would align the

Exchange Rule 510, Interpretations and Policies .01 continues to obligate the Exchange to announce the replacement classes by a Listings Alert.

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Exchange's rules to the rules of competing options exchanges that have proposed rules consistent with this proposal.⁷

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act⁸ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act⁹ in particular, in that it is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in facilitating transactions in securities, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanisms of a free and open market and a national market system and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest.

Additionally, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5)¹⁰ requirement that the rules of an exchange not be designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers. In particular, the Exchange believes the proposal to allow the addition of replacement classes to the Penny Pilot Program on a quarterly basis would result in a more current list of Penny Pilot Program-eligible classes and would enable further analysis of the Penny Pilot Program, including for a determination of how the Penny Pilot Program should be structured in the future. Further, the Exchange believes the six month lookback is appropriate because this time period would help reduce the impact of

See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 85348 (March 18, 2019), 84 FR 10860 (March 22, 2019)(SR-NYSEAMER-2019-05); 85363 (March 19, 2019), (SR-NYSEARCA-2019-13) (Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Amending Commentary .02 to Rule 6.72-O to specify that replacement issues may be added to the Penny Pilot quarterly)

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

¹⁰ Id.

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unusual trading activity as a result of unique market events, such as a corporate action (i.e., it would result in a more reliable measure of average daily trading volume than would a shorter period). Thus, the Exchange believes this proposal would promote just and equitable principles of trade, foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in facilitating transactions in securities, and remove impediments to and perfect the mechanisms of a free and open market and a national market system.

The Exchange notes that it is not making any other substantive changes to the Penny Pilot Program, other than modifying the timing for replacement issues and therefore the Exchange will continue to participate in a program that has been viewed as beneficial to traders, investors and public customers and viewed as successful by the other options exchanges participating in it.

The Exchange believes that the Penny Pilot Program would continue to promote just and equitable principles of trade by enabling public customers and other market participants to express their true prices to buy and sell options to the benefit of all market participants.

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

Specifically, the Exchange believes that allowing the Exchange to add replacement classes to the Penny Pilot Program on a quarterly basis would make the list of Penny Pilot Program-eligible classes more current and would enable further analysis of the Penny Pilot Program, including for a determination of how the Penny Pilot Program should be structured in the future. In doing so, the proposed rule change will also serve to promote regulatory clarity and consistency, thereby reducing burdens on the marketplace and facilitating investor protection. The Penny Pilot Program is an industry-wide initiative supported by all other option exchanges. The Exchange believes that the proposed change would allow for continued competition between Exchange

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market participants trading similar products as their counterparts on other exchanges, while at the same time allowing the Exchange to continue to compete for order flow with other exchanges in option issues trading as part of the Penny Pilot Program.

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.

Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action Because the foregoing proposed rule change does not: (i) Significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) become operative for 30 days after the date of the filing, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, it has become effective pursuant to 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act¹¹ and

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.

Rule $19b-4(f)(6)^{12}$ thereunder.

III.

¹¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹² 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). In addition, Rule 19b-4(f)(6) requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The Exchange has satisfied this requirement.

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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-PEARL-2019-11 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-PEARL-2019-11. 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

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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-PEARL-2019-11 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. ¹³

Brent J. Fields Secretary

¹³ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

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EXHIBIT 5

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

MIAX PEARL, LLC

Rule 510. Minimum Price Variations and Minimum Trading Increments

(a) - (b) No change.

Interpretations and Policies:

.01 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Rule 510, the Exchange will operate a pilot program, scheduled to expire on June 30, 2019, to permit options classes to be quoted and traded in increments as low as \$.01. The Exchange will specify which options trade in such pilot, and in what increments, in Listings Alerts distributed to Members and posted on the Exchange's website. The Exchange may replace any pilot classes that have been delisted with the next most actively traded multiply listed options classes that are not yet included in the pilot program, based on trading activity in the previous six months. The replacement classes may be added to the penny pilot on the second trading day in the first month of each quarter [following January 1, 2019].

.02 No change.
