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**Description**

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

Proposal to amend the MIAX Pearl Options Fee Schedule to adopt fees for the new data product known as the Liquidity Taker Event Report - Resting Simple Orders.

**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 of 1934, MIAX PEARL, LLC has duty caused this filing to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duty authorized.

Date 02/24/2023

(Title \*)

By Michael Slade  
(Name \*)

AVP, Associate Counsel

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

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

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

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

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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.

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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**

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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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## 1. **Text of the Proposed Rule Change**

(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”)<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> proposes to amend the Exchange’s Fee Schedule for its options market (“Fee Schedule”) to adopt fees for a new data product known as the Liquidity Taker Event Report – Resting Simple Orders.<sup>3</sup>

A notice of the proposed rule change for publication in the Federal Register is attached hereto as Exhibit 1, and a copy of the applicable section of the proposed 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 or his designee pursuant to authority delegated by the Exchange Board of Directors on February 2, 2023. 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 Chris Solgan, Vice President, Senior Counsel, at (609) 423-9414.

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

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

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

<sup>3</sup> See, generally, Exchange Rule 531(c).

a. Purpose

The Exchange recently adopted a new data product known as the Liquidity Taker Event Report – Resting Simple Orders (the “Report”), which will be available for purchase to Exchange Members<sup>4</sup> on a voluntary basis. The Exchange now proposes to adopt fees for the Report. The proposal to adopt the Report was recently published by the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) and is described under Exchange Rule 531(c).<sup>5</sup> The Report is an optional product available to Members.

By way of background, the Report is a daily report that provides a Member (“Recipient Member”) with its liquidity response time details for executions of an order resting on the Book<sup>6</sup> for the Exchange’s options market. The Report focuses on executions and contra-side responses that occurred after 200 microseconds of the time the resting order was received by the Exchange and within 200 microseconds of receipt of the first attempt to execute against the resting order after the initial 200 microsecond time period has expired.

The following information is included in the Report regarding the resting order: (A) the time the resting order was received by the Exchange; (B) symbol; (C) order reference number, which is a unique reference number assigned to a new order at the time of receipt; (D) whether

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<sup>4</sup> The term “Member” means an individual or organization that is registered with the Exchange pursuant to Chapter II of Exchange Rules for purposes of trading on the Exchange as an “Electronic Exchange Member” or “Market Maker.” Members are deemed “members” under the Exchange Act. See the Definitions Section of the Fee Schedule and Exchange Rule 100.

<sup>5</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 96837 (February 8, 2023) (SR-PEARL-2023-01) (Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change to Amend Exchange Rule 531, Reports and Market Data Products, to Provide for the New “Liquidity Taker Event Report – Resting Simple Orders”).

<sup>6</sup> The term “Book” means “the electronic book of buy and sell orders and quotes maintained by the System.” See Exchange Rule 100. The term “System” means the automated trading system used by the Exchange for the trading of securities. See id.

the Recipient Member is an Affiliate<sup>7</sup> of the Member that entered the resting order<sup>8</sup>; (E) origin type (e.g., Priority Customer,<sup>9</sup> Market Maker<sup>10</sup>); (F) side (buy or sell); and (G) displayed price and size of the resting order.

The following information is included in the Report regarding the execution of the resting order: (A) the PBBO<sup>11</sup> at the time of execution;<sup>12</sup> (B) the ABBO<sup>13</sup> at the time of execution;<sup>14</sup> (C) the time first response that executes against the resting order was received by the Exchange and

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<sup>7</sup> The term “affiliate” of or person “affiliated with” another person means a person who, directly, or indirectly, controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with, such other person. See Exchange Rule 100.

<sup>8</sup> The Report will simply indicate whether the Recipient Member is Affiliate of the Member that entered the resting order and not include any other information that may indicate the identity of the Member that entered the resting order.

<sup>9</sup> The term “Priority Customer” means a person or entity that (i) is not a broker or dealer in securities, and (ii) does not place more than 390 orders in listed options per day on average during a calendar month for its own beneficial account(s). The number of orders shall be counted in accordance with Interpretation and Policy .01 of Exchange Rule 100. See the Definitions Section of the Fee Schedule and Exchange Rule 100.

<sup>10</sup> The term “Market Maker” or “MM” means a Member registered with the Exchange for the purpose of making markets in options contracts traded on the Exchange and that is vested with the rights and responsibilities specified in Chapter VI of these Rules. See Exchange Rule 100.

<sup>11</sup> The term “PBBO” means the best bid or offer on MIAX Pearl. See Exchange Rule 100.

<sup>12</sup> Exchange Rule 531(c)(1)(ii)(A) provides that if the resting order executes against multiple contra-side responses, only the PBBO at the time of the execution against the first response will be included.

<sup>13</sup> The term “ABBO” or “Away Best Bid or Offer” means the best bid(s) or offer(s) disseminated by other Eligible Exchanges (defined in Exchange Rule 1400(g)) and calculated by the Exchange based on market information received by the Exchange from OPRA. See Exchange Rule 100.

<sup>14</sup> Exchange Rule 531(c)(1)(ii)(B) further provides that if the resting order executes against multiple contra-side responses, only the ABBO at the time of the execution against the first response will be included.

the size of the execution and type of the response;<sup>15</sup> and (D) whether the response was entered by the Recipient Member.

The following information is included in the Report regarding response(s) sent by the Recipient Member: (A) Recipient Member identifier; (B) the time difference between the time the first response that executes against the resting order was received by the Exchange and the time of each response sent by the Recipient Member, regardless of whether it executed or not;<sup>16</sup> (C) size and type of each response submitted by Recipient Member; and (D) response reference number, which is a unique reference number attached to the response by the Recipient Member.

The Exchange proposes to amend Section 7), Reports, of the Fee Schedule, to add a new row for the Report, which will provide that Members may purchase the Report on a monthly or annual (12-month) basis. The Exchange proposes to assess a monthly fee of \$2,000 per month and a fee of \$12,000 per year for a 12-month subscription for the Report. Members may cancel their subscription at any time. The Exchange also proposes to specify that for mid-month subscriptions, new subscribers will be charged for the full calendar month for which they subscribe and will be provided Report data for each trading day of the calendar month prior to the day on which they subscribed.

The Exchange intends to begin to offer the Report and charge the proposed fees on March 1, 2023.

b. Statutory Basis

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<sup>15</sup> The time the Exchange received the response order would be in nanoseconds and would be the time the response was received by the Exchange's network, which is before the time the response would be received by the System.

<sup>16</sup> For purposes of calculating this duration of time, the Exchange will use the time the resting order and the Recipient Member's response(s) is received by the Exchange's network, both of which would be before the order and response(s) would be received by the System. This time difference would be provided in nanoseconds.

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,<sup>17</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,<sup>18</sup> in particular, in that it is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, 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 to protect investors and the public interest, and that it is not designed to permit unfair discrimination among customers, brokers, or dealers. The Exchange also believes that its proposal to adopt fees for the Report is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act<sup>19</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(4) of the Act<sup>20</sup> in particular, in that it is an equitable allocation of dues, fees and other charges among its Members and other recipients of Exchange data.

In adopting Regulation NMS, the Commission granted self-regulatory organizations (“SROs”) and broker-dealers increased authority and flexibility to offer new and unique market data to the public. It was believed that this authority would expand the amount of data available to consumers, and also spur innovation and competition for the provision of market data. The Exchange believes that the Report further broadens the availability of U.S. option market data to investors consistent with the principles of Regulation NMS. The Report also promotes increased transparency through the dissemination of the Report. Particularly, the Report will benefit investors by facilitating their prompt access to the value added information that is included in the Report. The Report will allow Members to access information regarding their trading activity that they may utilize to evaluate their own trading behavior and order interactions.

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<sup>17</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>18</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

<sup>19</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>20</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

The Exchange operates in a highly competitive environment. Indeed, there are currently 16 registered options exchanges that trade options. Based on publicly available information, no single options exchange has more than 13% of the equity options market share and currently the Exchange represents only approximately 6.97% of the equity options market share.<sup>21</sup> The Commission has repeatedly expressed its preference for competition over regulatory intervention in determining prices, products, and services in the securities markets. Particularly, in Regulation NMS, the Commission highlighted the importance of market forces in determining prices and SRO revenues and, also, recognized that current regulation of the market system “has been remarkably successful in promoting market competition in its broader forms that are most important to investors and listed companies.”<sup>22</sup> Making similar data products available to market participants fosters competition in the marketplace, and constrains the ability of exchanges to charge supra-competitive fees. In the event that a market participant views one exchange’s data product as more attractive than the competition, that market participant can, and often does, switch between similar products. The proposed fees are a result of the competitive environment of the U.S. options industry as the Exchange seeks to adopt fees to attract purchasers of the recently introduced Report.

The Exchange believes the proposed fees are reasonable as the proposed fees are both modest and lower than fees charged by the Exchange for a similar data product.<sup>23</sup> The proposed

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<sup>21</sup> See Market at a Glance, available at <https://www.miaxoptions.com/> (last visited February 9, 2023).

<sup>22</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 51808 (June 9, 2005), 70 FR 37496, 37499 (June 29, 2005) (“Regulation NMS Adopting Release”).

<sup>23</sup> The Exchange offers another Liquidity Taker Event Reports for Simple Orders that focuses on executions and contra-side responses received within 200 microseconds of the time the resting order was received by the Exchange. See Exchange Rule 531(a). The Exchange charges a monthly fee of \$4,000 and a discounted annual (12 month) fee of



fees for this Report are less expensive than the Exchange's existing report because the Exchange believes that the information provided in the Report may not be as valuable to market participants as the other information contained in the Exchange's similar report, which measures the data in the first 200 microseconds of the time the resting order was received by the Exchange. While the Exchange believes that this Report is useful, it may not be as helpful as the other report offered by the Exchange. Indeed, if the Exchange proposed fees that market participants viewed as excessively high, then the proposed fees would simply serve to reduce demand for the Exchange's data product, which as noted, is entirely optional. Other options exchanges are also free to introduce their own comparable data products with lower prices to better compete with the Exchange's offering.<sup>24</sup> As such, the Exchange believes that the proposed fees are reasonable and set at a level to compete with other options exchanges that may choose to offer similar reports. Moreover, if a market participant views another exchange's potential report as more attractive, then such market participant can merely choose not to purchase the Exchange's Report and instead purchase another exchange's similar data product, which may offer similar data points, albeit based on that other market's trading activity.

The Exchange also believes providing an annual subscription for an overall lower fee than a monthly subscription is equitable and reasonable because it would enable the Exchange to gauge long-term interest in the Report. A lower annual subscription fee would also incentivize Members to subscribe to the Report on a long-term basis, thereby improving the efficiency by

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\$24,000 for this report. See Fee Schedule, Section 7, providing fees for the Liquidity Taker Event Report, available at <https://www.miaxoptions.com/fees/pearl>.

<sup>24</sup> This is supported by the BOX Exchange LLC ("BOX") recently copying one similar report recently adopted by the Exchange, the Liquidity Taker Event Report, described under Exchange Rule 531(a). See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 94563 (March 31, 2022), 87 FR 19985 (April 6, 2022) (SR-BOX-2022-10).

which the Exchange may deliver the Report by doing so on a regular basis over a prolonged and set period of time. The Exchange notes it provides an annual subscription for a similar report.<sup>25</sup>

The Exchange also believes the proposed fees are reasonable as they would support the introduction of a new market data product to Members that are interested in gaining insight into latency in connection with orders that failed to execute against an order resting on the Exchange's Book. The Report accomplishes this by providing those Members data to analyze by how much time their order may have missed an execution against a contra-side order resting on the Book. Members may use this data to optimize their models and trading patterns in an effort to yield better execution results by calculating by how much time their order may have missed an execution.

Selling market data, such as the Report, is also a means by which exchanges compete to attract business. To the extent that the Exchange is successful in attracting subscribers for the Report, it may earn trading revenues and further enhance the value of its data products. If the market deems the proposed fees to be unfair or inequitable, firms can diminish or discontinue their use of the data and/or avail themselves of similar products that may be offered by other exchanges.<sup>26</sup> The Exchange, therefore, believes that the proposed fees for the Report reflect the competitive environment and would be properly assessed on Member users. The Exchange also believes the proposed fees are equitable and not unfairly discriminatory as the fees would apply equally to all users who choose to purchase such data. It is a business decision of each Member that chooses to purchase the Report. The Exchange's proposed fees would not differentiate between subscribers that purchase the Report and are set at a modest level that would allow any

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<sup>25</sup> See Fee Schedule, Section 7, providing an annual subscription for the Liquidity Taker Event Report, available at <https://www.miaxoptions.com/fees/pearl>.

<sup>26</sup> See supra note 24.

interested Member to purchase such data based on their business needs.

The Exchange reiterates that the decision as to whether or not to purchase the Report is entirely optional for all potential subscribers. Indeed, no market participant is required to purchase the Report, and the Exchange is not required to make the Report available to all investors. It is entirely a business decision of each Member to subscribe to the Report. The Exchange offers the Report as a convenience to Members to provide them with additional information regarding trading activity on the Exchange on a delayed basis after the close of regular trading hours. A Member that chooses to subscribe to the Report may discontinue receiving the Report at any time if that Member determines that the information contained in the Report is no longer useful.

#### **4. 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 made the Report available in order to keep pace with changes in the industry and evolving customer needs and demands, and believes the data product will contribute to robust competition among national securities exchanges. As a result, the Exchange believes this proposed rule change permits fair competition among national securities exchanges.

The Exchange also does not believe the proposed fees would cause any unnecessary or inappropriate burden on intermarket competition as other exchanges are free to introduce their own comparable data product with lower prices to better compete with the Exchange's offering. The Exchange operates in a highly competitive environment, and its ability to price the Report is constrained by competition among exchanges who choose to adopt a similar product. The Exchange must consider this in its pricing discipline in order to compete for the market data. For

example, proposing fees that are excessively higher than fees for potentially similar data products would simply serve to reduce demand for the Exchange's data product, which as discussed, market participants are under no obligation to utilize. In this competitive environment, potential purchasers are free to choose which, if any, similar product to purchase to satisfy their need for market information. As a result, the Exchange believes this proposed rule change permits fair competition among national securities exchanges.

The Exchange does not believe the proposed rule change would cause any unnecessary or inappropriate burden on intramarket competition. Particularly, the proposed product and fees apply uniformly to any purchaser in that the Exchange does not differentiate between subscribers that purchase the Report. The proposed fees are set at a modest level that would allow any interested Member to purchase such data based on their business needs.

**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**

Not applicable.

**7. Basis for Summary Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3) or for Accelerated Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(2)**

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act,<sup>27</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(2) thereunder<sup>28</sup> 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.

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<sup>27</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

<sup>28</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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

Not applicable.

**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 Fee Schedule.

**EXHIBIT 1**

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
(Release No. 34- ; File No. SR-PEARL-2023-07)

February\_\_\_\_, 2023

Self-Regulatory Organizations: Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change by MIA X PEARL, LLC to Amend the MIA X Pearl Options 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 February\_\_\_\_, 2023, MIA X PEARL, LLC (“MIA X Pearl” 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 MIA X Pearl Options Fee Schedule (the “Fee Schedule”) to adopt fees for a new data product known as the Liquidity Taker Event Report – Resting Simple Orders.<sup>3</sup>

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s website at <http://www.miaxoptions.com/rule-filings/pearl> at MIA X Pearl’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

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

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

<sup>3</sup> See, generally, Exchange Rule 531(c).

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

1. Purpose

The Exchange recently adopted a new data product known as the Liquidity Taker Event Report – Resting Simple Orders (the “Report”), which will be available for purchase to Exchange Members<sup>4</sup> on a voluntary basis. The Exchange now proposes to adopt fees for the Report. The proposal to adopt the Report was recently published by the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) and is described under Exchange Rule 531(c).<sup>5</sup> The Report is an optional product available to Members.

By way of background, the Report is a daily report that provides a Member (“Recipient Member”) with its liquidity response time details for executions of an order resting on the Book<sup>6</sup> for the Exchange’s options market. The Report focuses on executions and contra-side responses

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<sup>5</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 96837 (February 8, 2023) (SR-PEARL-2023-01) (Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change to Amend Exchange Rule 531, Reports and Market Data Products, to Provide for the New “Liquidity Taker Event Report – Resting Simple Orders”).

<sup>6</sup> The term “Book” means “the electronic book of buy and sell orders and quotes maintained by the System.” See Exchange Rule 100. The term “System” means the automated trading system used by the Exchange for the trading of securities. See id.

that occurred after 200 microseconds of the time the resting order was received by the Exchange and within 200 microseconds of receipt of the first attempt to execute against the resting order after the initial 200 microsecond time period has expired.

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The following information is included in the Report regarding the execution of the resting

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<sup>10</sup> The term “Market Maker” or “MM” means a Member registered with the Exchange for the purpose of making markets in options contracts traded on the Exchange and that is vested with the rights and responsibilities specified in Chapter VI of these Rules. See Exchange Rule 100.



order: (A) the PBBO<sup>11</sup> at the time of execution;<sup>12</sup> (B) the ABBO<sup>13</sup> at the time of execution;<sup>14</sup> (C) the time first response that executes against the resting order was received by the Exchange and the size of the execution and type of the response;<sup>15</sup> and (D) whether the response was entered by the Recipient Member.

The following information is included in the Report regarding response(s) sent by the Recipient Member: (A) Recipient Member identifier; (B) the time difference between the time the first response that executes against the resting order was received by the Exchange and the time of each response sent by the Recipient Member, regardless of whether it executed or not;<sup>16</sup> (C) size and type of each response submitted by Recipient Member; and (D) response reference number, which is a unique reference number attached to the response by the Recipient Member.

The Exchange proposes to amend Section 7), Reports, of the Fee Schedule, to add a new row for the Report, which will provide that Members may purchase the Report on a monthly or annual (12-month) basis. The Exchange proposes to assess a monthly fee of \$2,000 per month

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<sup>11</sup> The term “PBBO” means the best bid or offer on MIAX Pearl. See Exchange Rule 100.

<sup>12</sup> Exchange Rule 531(c)(1)(ii)(A) provides that if the resting order executes against multiple contra-side responses, only the PBBO at the time of the execution against the first response will be included.

<sup>13</sup> The term “ABBO” or “Away Best Bid or Offer” means the best bid(s) or offer(s) disseminated by other Eligible Exchanges (defined in Exchange Rule 1400(g)) and calculated by the Exchange based on market information received by the Exchange from OPRA. See Exchange Rule 100.

<sup>14</sup> Exchange Rule 531(c)(1)(ii)(B) further provides that if the resting order executes against multiple contra-side responses, only the ABBO at the time of the execution against the first response will be included.

<sup>15</sup> The time the Exchange received the response order would be in nanoseconds and would be the time the response was received by the Exchange’s network, which is before the time the response would be received by the System.

<sup>16</sup> For purposes of calculating this duration of time, the Exchange will use the time the resting order and the Recipient Member’s response(s) is received by the Exchange’s network, both of which would be before the order and response(s) would be received by the System. This time difference would be provided in nanoseconds.

and a fee of \$12,000 per year for a 12-month subscription for the Report. Members may cancel their subscription at any time. The Exchange also proposes to specify that for mid-month subscriptions, new subscribers will be charged for the full calendar month for which they subscribe and will be provided Report data for each trading day of the calendar month prior to the day on which they subscribed.

The Exchange intends to begin to offer the Report and charge the proposed fees on March 1, 2023.

## 2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,<sup>17</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,<sup>18</sup> in particular, in that it is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, 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 to protect investors and the public interest, and that it is not designed to permit unfair discrimination among customers, brokers, or dealers. The Exchange also believes that its proposal to adopt fees for the Report is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act<sup>19</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(4) of the Act<sup>20</sup> in particular, in that it is an equitable allocation of dues, fees and other charges among its Members and other recipients of Exchange data.

In adopting Regulation NMS, the Commission granted self-regulatory organizations (“SROs”) and broker-dealers increased authority and flexibility to offer new and unique market

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<sup>17</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>18</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

<sup>19</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>20</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

data to the public. It was believed that this authority would expand the amount of data available to consumers, and also spur innovation and competition for the provision of market data. The Exchange believes that the Report further broadens the availability of U.S. option market data to investors consistent with the principles of Regulation NMS. The Report also promotes increased transparency through the dissemination of the Report. Particularly, the Report will benefit investors by facilitating their prompt access to the value added information that is included in the Report. The Report will allow Members to access information regarding their trading activity that they may utilize to evaluate their own trading behavior and order interactions.

The Exchange operates in a highly competitive environment. Indeed, there are currently 16 registered options exchanges that trade options. Based on publicly available information, no single options exchange has more than 13% of the equity options market share and currently the Exchange represents only approximately 6.97% of the equity options market share.<sup>21</sup> The Commission has repeatedly expressed its preference for competition over regulatory intervention in determining prices, products, and services in the securities markets. Particularly, in Regulation NMS, the Commission highlighted the importance of market forces in determining prices and SRO revenues and, also, recognized that current regulation of the market system “has been remarkably successful in promoting market competition in its broader forms that are most important to investors and listed companies.”<sup>22</sup> Making similar data products available to market participants fosters competition in the marketplace, and constrains the ability of exchanges to charge supra-competitive fees. In the event that a market participant views one exchange’s data product as more attractive than the competition, that market participant can, and often does,

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<sup>21</sup> See Market at a Glance, available at <https://www.miaxoptions.com/> (last visited February 9, 2023).

<sup>22</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 51808 (June 9, 2005), 70 FR 37496, 37499 (June 29, 2005) (“Regulation NMS Adopting Release”).

switch between similar products. The proposed fees are a result of the competitive environment of the U.S. options industry as the Exchange seeks to adopt fees to attract purchasers of the recently introduced Report.

The Exchange believes the proposed fees are reasonable as the proposed fees are both modest and lower than fees charged by the Exchange for a similar data product.<sup>23</sup> The proposed fees for this Report are less expensive than the Exchange's existing report because the Exchange believes that the information provided in the Report may not be as valuable to market participants as the other information contained in the Exchange's similar report, which measures the data in the first 200 microseconds of the time the resting order was received by the Exchange. While the Exchange believes that this Report is useful, it may not be as helpful as the other report offered by the Exchange. Indeed, if the Exchange proposed fees that market participants viewed as excessively high, then the proposed fees would simply serve to reduce demand for the Exchange's data product, which as noted, is entirely optional. Other options exchanges are also free to introduce their own comparable data products with lower prices to better compete with the Exchange's offering.<sup>24</sup> As such, the Exchange believes that the proposed fees are reasonable and set at a level to compete with other options exchanges that may choose to offer similar reports. Moreover, if a market participant views another exchange's potential report as more attractive, then such market participant can merely choose not to purchase the Exchange's Report

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<sup>23</sup> The Exchange offers another Liquidity Taker Event Reports for Simple Orders that focuses on executions and contra-side responses received within 200 microseconds of the time the resting order was received by the Exchange. See Exchange Rule 531(a). The Exchange charges a monthly fee of \$4,000 and a discounted annual (12 month) fee of \$24,000 for this report. See Fee Schedule, Section 7, providing fees for the Liquidity Taker Event Report, available at <https://www.miaxoptions.com/fees/pearl>.

<sup>24</sup> This is supported by the BOX Exchange LLC ("BOX") recently copying one similar report recently adopted by the Exchange, the Liquidity Taker Event Report, described under Exchange Rule 531(a). See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 94563 (March 31, 2022), 87 FR 19985 (April 6, 2022) (SR-BOX-2022-10).

and instead purchase another exchange's similar data product, which may offer similar data points, albeit based on that other market's trading activity.

The Exchange also believes providing an annual subscription for an overall lower fee than a monthly subscription is equitable and reasonable because it would enable the Exchange to gauge long-term interest in the Report. A lower annual subscription fee would also incentivize Members to subscribe to the Report on a long-term basis, thereby improving the efficiency by which the Exchange may deliver the Report by doing so on a regular basis over a prolonged and set period of time. The Exchange notes it provides an annual subscription for a similar report.<sup>25</sup>

The Exchange also believes the proposed fees are reasonable as they would support the introduction of a new market data product to Members that are interested in gaining insight into latency in connection with orders that failed to execute against an order resting on the Exchange's Book. The Report accomplishes this by providing those Members data to analyze by how much time their order may have missed an execution against a contra-side order resting on the Book. Members may use this data to optimize their models and trading patterns in an effort to yield better execution results by calculating by how much time their order may have missed an execution.

Selling market data, such as the Report, is also a means by which exchanges compete to attract business. To the extent that the Exchange is successful in attracting subscribers for the Report, it may earn trading revenues and further enhance the value of its data products. If the market deems the proposed fees to be unfair or inequitable, firms can diminish or discontinue their use of the data and/or avail themselves of similar products that may be offered by other

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<sup>25</sup> See Fee Schedule, Section 7, providing an annual subscription for the Liquidity Taker Event Report, available at <https://www.miaxoptions.com/fees/pearl>.

exchanges.<sup>26</sup> The Exchange, therefore, believes that the proposed fees for the Report reflect the competitive environment and would be properly assessed on Member users. The Exchange also believes the proposed fees are equitable and not unfairly discriminatory as the fees would apply equally to all users who choose to purchase such data. It is a business decision of each Member that chooses to purchase the Report. The Exchange's proposed fees would not differentiate between subscribers that purchase the Report and are set at a modest level that would allow any interested Member to purchase such data based on their business needs.

The Exchange reiterates that the decision as to whether or not to purchase the Report is entirely optional for all potential subscribers. Indeed, no market participant is required to purchase the Report, and the Exchange is not required to make the Report available to all investors. It is entirely a business decision of each Member to subscribe to the Report. The Exchange offers the Report as a convenience to Members to provide them with additional information regarding trading activity on the Exchange on a delayed basis after the close of regular trading hours. A Member that chooses to subscribe to the Report may discontinue receiving the Report at any time if that Member determines that the information contained in the Report is no longer useful.

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 made the Report available in order to keep pace with changes in the industry and evolving customer needs and demands, and believes the data product will contribute to robust competition among national securities exchanges. As a result, the Exchange believes this

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<sup>26</sup> See supra note 24.

proposed rule change permits fair competition among national securities exchanges.

The Exchange also does not believe the proposed fees would cause any unnecessary or inappropriate burden on intermarket competition as other exchanges are free to introduce their own comparable data product with lower prices to better compete with the Exchange's offering. The Exchange operates in a highly competitive environment, and its ability to price the Report is constrained by competition among exchanges who choose to adopt a similar product. The Exchange must consider this in its pricing discipline in order to compete for the market data. For example, proposing fees that are excessively higher than fees for potentially similar data products would simply serve to reduce demand for the Exchange's data product, which as discussed, market participants are under no obligation to utilize. In this competitive environment, potential purchasers are free to choose which, if any, similar product to purchase to satisfy their need for market information. As a result, the Exchange believes this proposed rule change permits fair competition among national securities exchanges.

The Exchange does not believe the proposed rule change would cause any unnecessary or inappropriate burden on intramarket competition. Particularly, the proposed product and fees apply uniformly to any purchaser in that the Exchange does not differentiate between subscribers that purchase the Report. The proposed fees are set at a modest level that would allow any interested Member to purchase such data based on their business needs.

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>27</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(2)<sup>28</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-PEARL-2023-07 on the subject line.

##### Paper comments:

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

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-PEARL-2023-07. 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>27</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

<sup>28</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-PEARL-2023-07 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>29</sup>

Vanessa Countryman  
Secretary

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<sup>29</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

**Exhibit 5**

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**MIAX Pearl Options Exchange Fee Schedule**

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**7) Reports**

<b>Report</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Liquidity Taker Event Report	(No change).
<u>Liquidity Taker Event Report – Resting Simple Orders</u> (“ <u>Resting Simple Order Report</u> ”)	<u>\$2,000 per month</u> <u>\$12,000 per year (12 month subscription)</u>

**Mid-Month Subscriptions.** New subscribers will be charged for the full calendar month for which they subscribe and will be provided Liquidity Taker Event Report and/or Resting Simple Order Report data for each trading day of the calendar month prior to the day on which they subscribed.

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