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Exhibit 1 - Notice of Proposed Rule Change *

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

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

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1. 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")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² proposes to amend the fee schedule (the "Fee Schedule") applicable to MIAX Pearl Equities, an equities trading facility of the Exchange.

A notice of the proposed rule change for publication in the <u>Federal Register</u> is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit 1</u>, and a copy of the applicable section of the Fee Schedule is attached hereto as Exhibit 5.

- (b) Inapplicable.
- (c) Inapplicable.

2. <u>Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization</u>

The proposed rule change was approved by the Chief Executive Officer of the Exchange or his designee pursuant to authority delegated by the MIAX Pearl Board of Directors on January 19, 2024. 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 changes may be directed to Michael Slade, AVP, Associate Counsel, at (609) 955-0460.

3. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis</u> for, the Proposed Rule Change

a. <u>Purpose</u>

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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The purpose of the proposed rule change is to: (1) amend the Definitions and General Notes sections of the Fee Schedule to consolidate and relocate text regarding certain days and circumstances that the Exchange excludes from its calculation each month for purposes of determining an Equity Member's³ qualification for the Exchange's transaction pricing tiers and incentives; and (2) include additional days that the Exchange will exclude from its calculation each month for purposes of determining an Equity Member's qualification for the Exchange's transaction pricing tiers and incentives.

Currently, the Definitions section of the Fee Schedule includes a sentence that states that the Exchange excludes from its calculation of ADAV, ADV, and NBBO Set Volume shares added or removed on any day that the Exchange's system experiences a disruption that lasts for more than 60 minutes during regular trading hours, on any day with a scheduled early market close, and on the "Russell Reconstitution Day" (typically the last Friday in June). The Definitions section of the Fee Schedule also includes a sentence that states that the Exchange excludes from its calculation of TCV⁷ volume on any given day that the Exchange's system experiences a disruption that lasts for more than 60 minutes during Regular Trading Hours, on any day that the Exchange's system

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The term "ADAV" means average daily added volume calculated as the number of shares added per day and "ADV" means average daily volume calculated as the number of shares added or removed, combined, per day. ADAV and ADV are calculated on a monthly basis. "NBBO Set Volume" means the ADAV in all securities of an Equity Member that sets the NBB or NBO on MIAX Pearl Equities. See the Definitions section of the Fee Schedule.

⁵ See id.

⁶ See id.

The term "TCV" means total consolidated volume calculated as the volume in shares reported by all exchanges and reporting facilities to a consolidated transaction reporting plan for the month for which the fees apply. See the Definitions section of the Fee Schedule.

The term "Regular Trading Hours" means the time between 9:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time. <u>See</u> Exchange Rule 1901.

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any day with a scheduled early market close, and on the "Russell Reconstitution Day" (typically the last Friday in June). The General Notes section of the Fee Schedule includes a sentence that states that for the purpose of determining qualification for the rebates described in Level B and Level C of the Market Quality Tier columns in the NBBO Setter Plus Program (referred to herein as the "NBBO Program"), 9 the Exchange will exclude from its calculation: (1) any trading day that the Exchange's system experiences a disruption that lasts for more than 60 minutes during regular trading hours; (2) any day with a scheduled early market close; and (3) the "Russell Reconstitution Day" (typically the last Friday in June). 10

The Exchange now proposes to reorganize the Definitions section and the General Notes section of the Fee Schedule to consolidate the texts of current days and circumstances that the Exchange excludes from its calculation of ADAV, ADV, and TCV, and relocate the texts of those exclusions from the Definitions section to the General Notes section of the Fee Schedule. The Exchange also proposes to delete the reference to "Level B and Level C" of the Market Quality Tier columns of the NBBO Program in the final sentence of the General Notes section as all Levels of the Market Quality Tier columns of the NBBO Program are subject to the same trading days and circumstances for volume exclusions currently provided by the Exchange. The Exchange believes that the proposed changes would provide greater clarity to market participants regarding the days and circumstances that the Exchange excludes volume from its calculation of ADAV, ADV, TCV, NBBO Set Volume and Levels of the Market Quality Tier columns of the NBBO Program. The Exchange notes that these proposed changes do not alter the current days

⁹ See Fee Schedule, Section 1)c).

See the General Notes section of the Fee Schedule.

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or circumstances pursuant to which the Exchange excludes volume from its monthly calculation of an Equity Member's qualification for the Exchange's transaction pricing tiers and incentives.

Next, the Exchange proposes to include in the list of days excluded from such calculations any day that the MSCI Equities Indexes are rebalanced ("MSCI Rebalance Day"), which occur on a quarterly basis each year, and any day that the S&P 400, S&P 500, and S&P 600 Indexes are rebalanced ("S&P Rebalance Day"), which also occur on a quarterly basis each year.

For the same reasons that the Exchange currently excludes the day that Russell Investments reconstitutes its family of indexes ("Russell Reconstitution Day") from these calculations, ¹¹ the Exchange believes it is appropriate to exclude MSCI Rebalance Days and S&P Rebalance Days from these calculations in the same manner, as such days typically have extraordinarily high and/or abnormally distributed trading volumes, which the Exchange believes is attributed to market participants who are not generally as active entering the market to rebalance their holdings in-line with these rebalances, and the Exchange believes this change to normal activity may affect an Equity Member's ability to meet the applicable volume thresholds under its volume-based tiers and incentive programs, as well as the daily quoting requirements under the NBBO Program. The Exchange notes that the proposed exclusion of MSCI Rebalance Days and S&P Rebalance Days from the relevant calculations would be applied in the same manner that the Exchange currently excludes system disruption days, scheduled early market close days, and the Russell Reconstitution Day from such calculations. The proposed changes

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are based on substantively similar exclusions provided by at least one other competing equities exchange. 12

The Exchange also proposes to relocate the following two sentences from the Definitions section to the General Notes section of the Fee Schedule:

- Routed shares are not included in the ADAV or ADV calculation.
- With prior notice to the Exchange, an Equity Member may aggregate ADAV or ADV with other Equity Members that control, are controlled by, or are under common control with such Equity Member (as evidenced on such Equity Member's Form BD).

The Exchange does not propose to amend the text of either of the above sentences. The purpose of this change is to provide consistency and clarity within the Fee Schedule so that all notes regarding exclusions and volume aggregation are now included in the General Notes section of the Fee Schedule, while keeping definitions for defined terms solely in the Definitions section of the Fee Schedule.

Implementation

The proposed changes are effective beginning May 1, 2024.

b. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposal is consistent with the provisions of Section 6 of the Act, ¹³ in general, and with Sections 6(b)(4) and 6(b)(5) of the Act, ¹⁴ in particular, in that it

See MEMX LLC ("MEMX") Equities Fee Schedule, Notes Section ("The Exchange excludes from its calculations of ADAV, ADV and TCV, and for purposes of determining qualification for the Displayed Liquidity Incentive: (1) any trading day that the Exchange's system experiences a disruption that lasts for more than 60 minutes during regular trading hours; (2) the day that Russell Investments reconstitutes its family of indexes (i.e., the last Friday in June); (3) any day that the MSCI Equities Indexes are rebalanced (i.e., on a quarterly basis); (4) any day that the S&P 400, S&P 500, and S&P 600 Indexes are rebalanced (i.e., on a quarterly basis); and (5) any day with a scheduled early market close."). See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 94590 (April 4, 2022), 87 FR 20892 (April 8, 2022) (SR-MEMX-2022-05).

¹³ 15 U.S.C. 78f.

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provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among its Equity Members and other persons using its facilities and is not designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule changes to consolidate and relocate text regarding certain excluded trading days is reasonable and not designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers and market participants because the changes will provide greater clarity regarding the days that the Exchange excludes from its calculation of ADAV, ADV, TCV, and NBBO Set Volume for purposes of determining an Equity Member's qualification for the Exchange's transaction pricing tiers and incentives. The Exchange believes it is reasonable and not unfairly discriminatory to ensure that the Fee Schedule is clear and concise to all market participants. The Exchange also notes that these proposed changes do not alter the current method by which the Exchange excludes certain days and circumstances.

The Exchange believes that the proposed exclusion of MSCI Rebalance Days and S&P Rebalance Days from the relevant calculations is reasonable and appropriate because, as described above, MSCI Rebalance Days and S&P Rebalance Days typically have extraordinarily high and/or abnormally distributed trading volumes which, in turn, may affect an Equity Member's ability to meet the applicable volume thresholds and/or daily quoting requirements under its transaction pricing tiers/incentives, and the Exchange believes that excluding such days from the relevant calculations for purposes of determining an Equity Member's qualification for such tiers/incentives. Additionally, the Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because it will apply to all Equity Members uniformly, in that each Equity Member's volume and quoting activities for purposes of pricing

¹⁵ U.S.C. 78f(b)(4) and (5).

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tiers/incentives would continue to be calculated in a uniform manner and would now exclude MSCI Rebalance Days and S&P Rebalance Days, in addition to the exclusions the Exchange currently provides.

The Exchange believes its proposal to relocate certain text from the Definitions section to the General Notes section of the Fee Schedule regarding the exclusion for routed shares from ADAV and ADV calculations and the ability of an Equity Member to aggregate certain volume is reasonable because it will provide consistency and clarity within the Fee Schedule such that all exclusions and volume aggregation notes will now be located in the General Notes section of the Fee Schedule.

For the reasons discussed above, the Exchange submits that the proposal satisfies the requirements of Sections 6(b)(4) and 6(b)(5) of the Act¹⁵ in that it provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among its Equity Members and other persons using its facilities and is not designed to unfairly discriminate between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposal will result in any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. Rather, as described above, the proposed rule changes are designed to provide greater clarity regarding the days that the Exchange excludes from its calculation of ADAV, ADV, TCV, and NBBO Set Volume for the purpose of determining and Equity Member's qualification for the Exchange's transaction pricing tiers and incentives. In addition, the proposed exclusion of MSCI Rebalance Days and S&P Rebalance Days from the relevant calculations is intended to avoid affecting Equity

¹⁵ U.S.C. 78f(b)(4) and (5).

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Members' ability to meet the applicable volume thresholds and/or quoting requirements to qualify for the Exchange's transaction pricing tiers/incentives due to the abnormal trading volumes and market conditions typically experienced in the equities markets on MSCI Rebalance Days and S&P Rebalance Days.

Inter-Market Competition

The Exchange does not believe the proposal would impose any burden on inter-market competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act, as the Exchange believes the proposal is not concerned with competitive issues, but rather relates to calculation methodologies applicable to its pricing tiers/incentives.

<u>Intra-Market Competition</u>

Additionally, the Exchange believes the proposal would not impose any burden on intramarket competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act because, as described above, the proposal will apply to all Equity Members uniformly and in the same manner that the Exchange currently excludes system disruption days and the Russell Reconstitution Day from such calculations.

The Exchange believes its proposal to relocate certain text from the Definitions section to the General Notes section of the Fee Schedule regarding the exclusion for routed shares from ADAV and ADV calculations and the ability of an Equity Member to aggregate certain volume will result in any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act because it will provide consistency and clarity within the Fee Schedule such that all exclusions and volume aggregation notes will now be located in the General Notes section of the Fee Schedule.

5. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule</u> Change Received from Members, Participants, or Others SR-PEARL-2024-23 Page 11 of 24

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

6. <u>Extension of Time Period for Commission Action</u>

Not applicable.

7. <u>Basis for Summary Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3) or for Accelerated</u> Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(2)

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act, ¹⁶ and Rule 19b-4(f)(2) thereunder ¹⁷ 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. 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 under Section 19(b)(2)(B) of the Act to determine whether the proposed rule change should be approved or disapproved. ¹⁸

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

The proposed changes are based on the similar rule adopted by MEMX. 19

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

¹⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

¹⁷ 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

¹⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2)(B).

See supra note 12.

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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.

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EXHIBIT 1

SECURITIES AND	EXCHANGE COMMISSION
(Release No. 34-	; File No. SR-PEARL-2024-23)
, 2024	

Self-Regulatory Organizations: Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change by MIAX PEARL, LLC to Amend the MIAX Pearl Equities Fee Schedule

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on April____, 2024, MIAX PEARL, LLC ("MIAX 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. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change</u>

The Exchange is filing a proposal to amend the fee schedule (the "Fee Schedule") applicable to MIAX Pearl Equities, an equities trading facility of the Exchange.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's website at https://www.miaxglobal.com/markets/us-equities/pearl-equities/rule-filings, at MIAX Pearl's principal office, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

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

In its filing with the Commission, the Exchange included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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in Item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

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

1. Purpose

The purpose of the proposed rule change is to: (1) amend the Definitions and General Notes sections of the Fee Schedule to consolidate and relocate text regarding certain days and circumstances that the Exchange excludes from its calculation each month for purposes of determining an Equity Member's qualification for the Exchange's transaction pricing tiers and incentives; and (2) include additional days that the Exchange will exclude from its calculation each month for purposes of determining an Equity Member's qualification for the Exchange's transaction pricing tiers and incentives.

Currently, the Definitions section of the Fee Schedule includes a sentence that states that the Exchange excludes from its calculation of ADAV, ADV, and NBBO Set Volume shares added or removed on any day that the Exchange's system experiences a disruption that lasts for more than 60 minutes during regular trading hours, on any day with a scheduled early market close, and on the "Russell Reconstitution Day" (typically the last Friday in June). The Definitions section of the Fee Schedule also includes a sentence that states that the Exchange

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⁵ See id.

⁶ See id.

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excludes from its calculation of TCV⁷ volume on any given day that the Exchange's system experiences a disruption that lasts for more than 60 minutes during Regular Trading Hours,⁸ on any day with a scheduled early market close, and on the "Russell Reconstitution Day" (typically the last Friday in June). The General Notes section of the Fee Schedule includes a sentence that states that for the purpose of determining qualification for the rebates described in Level B and Level C of the Market Quality Tier columns in the NBBO Setter Plus Program (referred to herein as the "NBBO Program"),⁹ the Exchange will exclude from its calculation: (1) any trading day that the Exchange's system experiences a disruption that lasts for more than 60 minutes during regular trading hours; (2) any day with a scheduled early market close; and (3) the "Russell Reconstitution Day" (typically the last Friday in June). ¹⁰

The Exchange now proposes to reorganize the Definitions section and the General Notes section of the Fee Schedule to consolidate the texts of current days and circumstances that the Exchange excludes from its calculation of ADAV, ADV, and TCV, and relocate the texts of those exclusions from the Definitions section to the General Notes section of the Fee Schedule. The Exchange also proposes to delete the reference to "Level B and Level C" of the Market Quality Tier columns of the NBBO Program in the final sentence of the General Notes section as all Levels of the Market Quality Tier columns of the NBBO Program are subject to the same trading days and circumstances for volume exclusions currently provided by the Exchange. The Exchange believes that the proposed changes would provide greater clarity to market participants regarding the days and circumstances that the Exchange excludes volume from its calculation of

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The term "Regular Trading Hours" means the time between 9:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time. <u>See</u> Exchange Rule 1901.

⁹ <u>See Fee Schedule, Section 1)c).</u>

See the General Notes section of the Fee Schedule.

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ADAV, ADV, TCV, NBBO Set Volume and Levels of the Market Quality Tier columns of the NBBO Program. The Exchange notes that these proposed changes do not alter the current days or circumstances pursuant to which the Exchange excludes volume from its monthly calculation of an Equity Member's qualification for the Exchange's transaction pricing tiers and incentives.

Next, the Exchange proposes to include in the list of days excluded from such calculations any day that the MSCI Equities Indexes are rebalanced ("MSCI Rebalance Day"), which occur on a quarterly basis each year, and any day that the S&P 400, S&P 500, and S&P 600 Indexes are rebalanced ("S&P Rebalance Day"), which also occur on a quarterly basis each year.

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are based on substantively similar exclusions provided by at least one other competing equities exchange. 12

The Exchange also proposes to relocate the following two sentences from the Definitions section to the General Notes section of the Fee Schedule:

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The Exchange does not propose to amend the text of either of the above sentences. The purpose of this change is to provide consistency and clarity within the Fee Schedule so that all notes regarding exclusions and volume aggregation are now included in the General Notes section of the Fee Schedule, while keeping definitions for defined terms solely in the Definitions section of the Fee Schedule.

Implementation

The proposed changes are effective beginning May 1, 2024.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposal is consistent with the provisions of Section 6 of the Act, ¹³ in general, and with Sections 6(b)(4) and 6(b)(5) of the Act, ¹⁴ in particular, in that it provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among its Equity

See MEMX LLC ("MEMX") Equities Fee Schedule, Notes Section ("The Exchange excludes from its calculations of ADAV, ADV and TCV, and for purposes of determining qualification for the Displayed Liquidity Incentive: (1) any trading day that the Exchange's system experiences a disruption that lasts for more than 60 minutes during regular trading hours; (2) the day that Russell Investments reconstitutes its family of indexes (i.e., the last Friday in June); (3) any day that the MSCI Equities Indexes are rebalanced (i.e., on a quarterly basis); (4) any day that the S&P 400, S&P 500, and S&P 600 Indexes are rebalanced (i.e., on a quarterly basis); and (5) any day with a scheduled early market close."). See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 94590 (April 4, 2022), 87 FR 20892 (April 8, 2022) (SR-MEMX-2022-05).

^{13 15} U.S.C. 78f.

¹⁵ U.S.C. 78f(b)(4) and (5).

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Members and other persons using its facilities and is not designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule changes to consolidate and relocate text regarding certain excluded trading days is reasonable and not designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers and market participants because the changes will provide greater clarity regarding the days that the Exchange excludes from its calculation of ADAV, ADV, TCV, and NBBO Set Volume for purposes of determining an Equity Member's qualification for the Exchange's transaction pricing tiers and incentives. The Exchange believes it is reasonable and not unfairly discriminatory to ensure that the Fee Schedule is clear and concise to all market participants. The Exchange also notes that these proposed changes do not alter the current method by which the Exchange excludes certain days and circumstances.

The Exchange believes that the proposed exclusion of MSCI Rebalance Days and S&P Rebalance Days from the relevant calculations is reasonable and appropriate because, as described above, MSCI Rebalance Days and S&P Rebalance Days typically have extraordinarily high and/or abnormally distributed trading volumes which, in turn, may affect an Equity Member's ability to meet the applicable volume thresholds and/or daily quoting requirements under its transaction pricing tiers/incentives, and the Exchange believes that excluding such days from the relevant calculations for purposes of determining an Equity Member's qualification for such tiers/incentives. Additionally, the Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because it will apply to all Equity Members uniformly, in that each Equity Member's volume and quoting activities for purposes of pricing tiers/incentives would continue to be calculated in a uniform manner and would now exclude MSCI Rebalance Days and S&P Rebalance Days, in addition to the exclusions the Exchange currently provides.

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The Exchange believes its proposal to relocate certain text from the Definitions section to the General Notes section of the Fee Schedule regarding the exclusion for routed shares from ADAV and ADV calculations and the ability of an Equity Member to aggregate certain volume is reasonable because it will provide consistency and clarity within the Fee Schedule such that all exclusions and volume aggregation notes will now be located in the General Notes section of the Fee Schedule.

For the reasons discussed above, the Exchange submits that the proposal satisfies the requirements of Sections 6(b)(4) and 6(b)(5) of the Act¹⁵ in that it provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among its Equity Members and other persons using its facilities and is not designed to unfairly discriminate between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposal will result in any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. Rather, as described above, the proposed rule changes are designed to provide greater clarity regarding the days that the Exchange excludes from its calculation of ADAV, ADV, TCV, and NBBO Set Volume for the purpose of determining and Equity Member's qualification for the Exchange's transaction pricing tiers and incentives. In addition, the proposed exclusion of MSCI Rebalance Days and S&P Rebalance Days from the relevant calculations is intended to avoid affecting Equity Members' ability to meet the applicable volume thresholds and/or quoting requirements to qualify for the Exchange's transaction pricing tiers/incentives due to the abnormal trading volumes and market conditions typically experienced in the equities markets on MSCI Rebalance Days and S&P Rebalance Days.

¹⁵ U.S.C. 78f(b)(4) and (5).

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Inter-Market Competition

The Exchange does not believe the proposal would impose any burden on inter-market competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act, as the Exchange believes the proposal is not concerned with competitive issues, but rather relates to calculation methodologies applicable to its pricing tiers/incentives.

Intra-Market Competition

Additionally, the Exchange believes the proposal would not impose any burden on intramarket competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act because, as described above, the proposal will apply to all Equity Members uniformly and in the same manner that the Exchange currently excludes system disruption days and the Russell Reconstitution Day from such calculations.

The Exchange believes its proposal to relocate certain text from the Definitions section to the General Notes section of the Fee Schedule regarding the exclusion for routed shares from ADAV and ADV calculations and the ability of an Equity Member to aggregate certain volume will result in any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act because it will provide consistency and clarity within the Fee Schedule such that all exclusions and volume aggregation notes will now be located in the General Notes section of the Fee Schedule.

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

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

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

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The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act, ¹⁶ and Rule 19b-4(f)(2)¹⁷ 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

(https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml); or

□ Send an e-mail to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-PEARL-2024-23 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-2024-23. This file number should be included on the subject line if email is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post

¹⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

¹⁷ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

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all comments on the Commission's internet website (https://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 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. Do not include personal identifiable information in submissions; you should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. We may redact in part or withhold entirely from publication submitted material that is obscene or subject to copyright protection. All submissions should refer to file number SR-PEARL-2024-23 and should be submitted on or before [INSERT DATE 21 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority. 18

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Assistant Secretary

¹⁷ CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

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Exhibit 5

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MIAX Pearl Equities Exchange Fee Schedule

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Definitions

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[The Exchange excludes from its calculation of ADAV, ADV, and NBBO Set Volume shares added or removed on any day that the Exchange's system experiences a disruption that lasts for more than 60 minutes during regular trading hours, on any day with a scheduled early market close, and on the "Russell Reconstitution Day" (typically the last Friday in June).

Routed shares are not included in the ADAV or ADV calculation.

With prior notice to the Exchange, an Equity Member may aggregate ADAV or ADV with other Equity Members that control, are controlled by, or are under common control with such Equity Member (as evidenced on such Equity Member's Form BD).]

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"TCV" means total consolidated volume calculated as the volume in shares reported by all exchanges and reporting facilities to a consolidated transaction reporting plan for the month for which the fees apply. [The Exchange excludes from its calculation of TCV volume on any given day that the Exchange's system experiences a disruption that lasts for more than 60 minutes during Regular Trading Hours, on any day with a scheduled early market close, and on the "Russell Reconstitution Day" (typically the last Friday in June).]

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General Notes

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The Exchange excludes from its calculation of ADAV, ADV, and TCV, and [F]for the purpose of determining qualification for the rebates described in all Levels [Level B and Level C] of the Market Quality Tier columns in the NBBO Setter Plus Program[, the Exchange will exclude from its calculation]: (1) any trading day that the Exchange's system experiences a disruption that lasts for more than 60 minutes during regular trading hours; (2) any day with a scheduled early market close; [and] (3) the "Russell Reconstitution Day" (typically the last Friday in June); (4) any day that the MSCI Equities Indexes are rebalanced (i.e., on a quarterly basis); and (5) any

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day that the S&P 400, S&P 500, and S&P 600 Indexes are rebalanced (i.e., on a quarterly basis).

Routed shares are not included in the ADAV or ADV calculation.

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