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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" or "Exchange Act")<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> proposes to amend the fee schedule (the "Fee Schedule") applicable to MIAX Pearl Equities, an equities trading facility of the Exchange, to: (i) amend the standard rebate for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share that add displayed liquidity to the Exchange and update the corresponding Liquidity Indicator Codes; and (ii) amend the NBBO Setter Plus Table (described below) to amend the standard and enhanced rebates for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share that add displayed liquidity to 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. 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 27, 2025. 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.

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

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

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Questions and comments on the proposed rule changes may be directed to Michael Slade, AVP and 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>

The Exchange proposes to amend the Fee Schedule to: (i) amend the standard rebate<sup>3</sup> for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share that add displayed liquidity to the Exchange ("Added Displayed Volume") across all Tapes and update the corresponding Liquidity Indicator Codes<sup>4</sup>; and (ii) amend the NBBO Setter Plus Table<sup>5</sup> to amend the standard and enhanced rebates for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share that add displayed liquidity to the Exchange. The proposed changes will apply to orders executed during the Early Trading Session<sup>6</sup>, Regular Trading Session<sup>7</sup>, and Late Trading Session.<sup>8</sup>

#### Proposal to Amend Standard Rebate for Added Displayed Volume

The Exchange proposes to amend Section 1)a) of the Fee Schedule to amend the standard rebate for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share that add displayed liquidity to the Exchange across all Tapes in all trading sessions. Currently, the Exchange provides a standard rebate of (\$0.0021) per share for executions of orders in securities priced at

The Exchange notes that rebates are indicated by parentheses in the Fee Schedule. <u>See</u> the General Notes section of the Fee Schedule.

See, generally, Fee Schedule, Section 1)b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> <u>See, generally, Fee Schedule, Section 1)c).</u>

The term "Early Trading Session" shall mean the time between 4:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Eastern Time. <u>See</u> Exchange Rule 1901.

The term "Regular Trading Session" shall mean the time between the completion of the Opening Process or Contingent Open as defined in Exchange Rule 2615 and 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time. See Exchange Rule 1901.

The term "Late Trading Session" shall mean the time between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time. <u>See</u> Exchange Rule 1901.

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or above \$1.00 per share that add displayed liquidity to the Exchange across all Tapes in all trading sessions. The Liquidity Indicator Codes applicable to this rebate are as follows: AA, EA, FA, AB, EB, FB, AC, EC, FC. 10

The Exchange now proposes to reduce the standard rebate from (\$0.0021) to (\$0.0018) per share for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share that add displayed liquidity to the Exchange across all Tapes in all trading sessions. The purpose of this proposed change is for business and competitive reasons. The Exchange notes that despite the change proposed herein, the Exchange's proposed standard rebate of (\$0.0018) per share for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share that add displayed liquidity to the Exchange remains competitive with the standard rebate for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share for Added Displayed Volume that is provided by other equity exchanges.<sup>11</sup>

#### Proposal to Make Corresponding Changes to Liquidity Indicator Codes

Next, the Exchange proposes to amend Section 1)b) of the Fee Schedule to make the corresponding changes to the Liquidity Indicator Codes that are impacted as a result of the Exchange's proposal to amend the standard rebate for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share that add displayed liquidity to the Exchange across all Tapes in all trading sessions. In particular, the Exchange proposes to amend the table of Liquidity Indicator Codes and Associated Fees to update the rebate from (\$0.0021) to (\$0.0018) that is associated

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> See Fee Schedule, Section 1)a).

See Fee Schedule, Section 1)a)-b).

See, e.g., MEMX LLC ("MEMX") Equities Fee Schedule, Transaction Fees (providing standard rebate of \$0.0015 per share for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share for added displayed volume); and Cboe EDGX Exchange, Inc. ("EDGX"), Equities Fee Schedule, Standard Rates (providing standard rebate of \$0.0016 per share for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share that add liquidity).

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with Liquidity Indicator Codes AA, EA, FA, AB, EB, FB, AC, EC, FC. The purpose of amending these Liquidity Indicator Codes is to provide Equity Members<sup>12</sup> increased clarity as to the amended rebate that will be applied to these particular executions in light of the Exchange's proposed change the standard rebate described above.

#### Proposal to Amend the NBBO Setter Plus Table

The NBBO Program was implemented beginning September 1, 2023 and subsequently amended several times.<sup>13</sup> In general, the NBBO Program provides enhanced rebates for Equity Members that add displayed liquidity in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share in all Tapes based on increasing volume thresholds and increasing market quality levels (described below).<sup>14</sup>

Pursuant to the NBBO Setter Plus Table in Section 1)c) of the Fee Schedule, the NBBO Program provides six volume tiers enhanced by three market quality levels to provide increasing rebates in this segment. The six volume tiers are achievable by greater volume from the best of

The term "Equity Member" is a Member authorized by the Exchange to transact business on MIAX Pearl Equities. See Exchange Rule 1901.

See, e.g., Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 98472 (September 21, 2023), 88 FR 66533 (September 27, 2023) (SR-PEARL-2023-45); 99318 (January 11, 2024), 89 FR 3488 (January 18, 2024) (SR-PEARL-2023-73); and 99695 (March 8, 2024), 89 FR 18694 (March 14, 2024) (SR-PEARL-2024-11).

<sup>14</sup> The NBBO Program provides the following additional incentives that Equity Members may achieve: (1) an NBBO Setter Additive Rebate; and (2) an NBBO First Joiner Additive Rebate. The Exchange does not propose to amend the NBBO Setter Additive Rebate, which is an additive rebate of (\$0.0003) per share for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share that set the NBB or NBO on MIAX Pearl Equities with a minimum size of a round lot. Equity Members must also execute at least 0.015% of NBBO Set Volume as a percentage of TCV during the relevant month to qualify for this additive rebate. See Fee Schedule, Section 1)c). "NBBO Set Volume" means the ADAV in all securities of an Equity Member that sets the NBB or NBO on MIAX Pearl Equities. See id. "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. Id. Likewise, the Exchange does not propose to amend the NBBO First Joiner Additive Rebate, which is an additive rebate of (\$0.0001) per share for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share that bring MIAX Pearl Equities to the established NBB or NBO with a minimum size of a round lot. See Fee Schedule, Section 1)c). Equity Members must also execute at least 0.015% of NBBO Set Volume as a percentage of TCV during the relevant month to qualify for this additive rebate. See id.

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four alternative methods. The three market quality levels are achievable by greater NBBO participation in a minimum number of specific securities (described below).

MIAX Pearl Equities first determines the applicable NBBO Program tier based on four different volume calculation methods. The four volume-based methods to determine the Equity Member's tier for purposes of the NBBO Program are calculated in parallel in each month, and each Equity Member receives the highest tier achieved from any of the four methods each month. All four volume calculation methods are based on an Equity Member's respective ADAV, NBBO Set Volume, or ADV, each as a percent of industry TCV as the denominator. <sup>15</sup>

Under volume calculation Method 1, the Exchange provides tiered rebates based on an Equity Member's ADAV as a percentage of TCV. An Equity Member qualifies for the base rebates in Tier 1 for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share for Added Displayed Volume across all Tapes by achieving an ADAV of at least 0.00% and less than 0.035% of TCV. An Equity Member qualifies for the enhanced rebates in Tier 2 for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share for Added Displayed Volume across all Tapes by achieving an ADAV of at least 0.035% and less than 0.05% of TCV. An Equity Member qualifies for the enhanced rebates in Tier 3 for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share for Added Displayed Volume across all Tapes by achieving an ADAV of at least 0.05% and less than 0.08% of TCV. An Equity Member qualifies for the enhanced rebates in Tier 4 for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share for Added Displayed Volume across all Tapes by achieving an ADAV of at least 0.08% and less than 0.20% of TCV. An Equity Member qualifies for the enhanced rebates in Tier 4 for executions all Tapes by achieving an ADAV of at least 0.08% and less than 0.20% of TCV. An Equity Member qualifies for the enhanced rebates in

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. See the Definitions Section of the Fee Schedule.

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Tier 5 for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share for Added Displayed Volume across all Tapes by achieving an ADAV of at least 0.20% and less than 0.40% of TCV. Finally, an Equity Member qualifies for the enhanced rebates in Tier 6 for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share for Added Displayed Volume across all Tapes by achieving an ADAV of at least 0.40% of TCV.

Under volume calculation Method 2, the Exchange provides tiered rebates based on an Equity Member's NBBO Set Volume as a percentage of TCV. Under volume calculation Method 2, an Equity Member qualifies for the base rebates in Tier 1 for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share for Added Displayed Volume across all Tapes by achieving an NBBO Set Volume of at least 0.00% and less than 0.01% of TCV. An Equity Member qualifies for the enhanced rebates in Tier 2 for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share for Added Displayed Volume across all Tapes by achieving an NBBO Set Volume of at least 0.01% and less than 0.015% of TCV. An Equity Member qualifies for the enhanced rebates in Tier 3 for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share for Added Displayed Volume across all Tapes by achieving an NBBO Set Volume of at least 0.015% and less than 0.02% of TCV. An Equity Member qualifies for the enhanced rebates in Tier 4 for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share for Added Displayed Volume across all Tapes by achieving an NBBO Set Volume of at least 0.02% and less than 0.03% of TCV. An Equity Member qualifies for the enhanced rebates in Tier 5 for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share for Added Displayed Volume across all Tapes by achieving an NBBO Set Volume of at least 0.03% and less than 0.08% of TCV. Finally, an Equity Member qualifies for the enhanced rebates in Tier 6 for

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executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share for Added Displayed Volume across all Tapes by achieving an NBBO Set Volume of at least 0.08% of TCV.

Under volume calculation Method 3, the Exchange provides tiered rebates based on an Equity Member's ADV as a percentage of TCV. An Equity Member qualifies for the base rebates in Tier 1 for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share for Added Displayed Volume across all Tapes by achieving an ADV of at least 0.00% and less than 0.15% of TCV. An Equity Member qualifies for the enhanced rebates in Tier 2 for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share for Added Displayed Volume across all Tapes by achieving an ADV of at least 0.15% and less than 0.18% of TCV. An Equity Member qualifies for the enhanced rebates in Tier 3 for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share for Added Displayed Volume across all Tapes by achieving an ADV of at least 0.18% and less than 0.20% of TCV. An Equity Member qualifies for the enhanced rebates in Tier 4 for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share for Added Displayed Volume across all Tapes by achieving an ADV of at least 0.20% and less than 0.60% of TCV. An Equity Member qualifies for the enhanced rebates in Tier 5 for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share for Added Displayed Volume across all Tapes by achieving an ADV of at least 0.60% and less than 1.00% of TCV. Finally, an Equity Member qualifies for the enhanced rebates in Tier 6 for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share for Added Displayed Volume across all Tapes by achieving an ADV of at least 1.00% of TCV.

Under volume calculation Method 4, the Exchange provides tiered rebates based on an Equity Member's ADAV as a percentage of TCV, excluding sub-dollar volume in the calculation. An Equity Member qualifies for the base rebates in Tier 1 for executions of orders

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in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share for Added Displayed Volume (excluding subdollar securities) across all Tapes by achieving an ADAV of at least 0.00% and less than 0.035% of TCV. An Equity Member qualifies for the enhanced rebates in Tier 2 for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share for Added Displayed Volume (excluding subdollar securities) across all Tapes by achieving an ADAV of at least 0.035% and less than 0.05% of TCV. An Equity Member qualifies for the enhanced rebates in Tier 3 for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share for Added Displayed Volume (excluding subdollar securities) across all Tapes by achieving an ADAV of at least 0.05% and less than 0.08% of TCV. An Equity Member qualifies for the enhanced rebates in Tier 4 for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share for Added Displayed Volume (excluding subdollar securities) across all Tapes by achieving an ADAV of at least 0.08% and less than 0.20% of TCV. An Equity Member qualifies for the enhanced rebates in Tier 5 for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share for Added Displayed Volume (excluding subdollar securities) across all Tapes by achieving an ADAV of at least 0.20% and less than 0.40% of TCV. Finally, an Equity Member qualifies for the enhanced rebates in Tier 6 for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share for Added Displayed Volume (excluding sub-dollar securities) across all Tapes by achieving an ADAV of at least 0.40% of TCV.

After the volume calculation is performed to determine highest tier achieved by the Equity Member, the applicable rebate is calculated based on two different measurements based on the Equity Member's participation at the NBBO on the Exchange in certain securities (referenced below).

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The Exchange provides one column of base rebates (referred to in the NBBO Setter Plus Table as "Level A") and two columns of enhanced rebates (referred to in the NBBO Setter Plus Table as "Level B" and "Level C")<sup>16</sup>, depending on the Equity Member's Percent Time at NBBO on MIAX Pearl Equities in a certain amount of specified securities ("Market Quality Securities" or "MQ Securities").<sup>17</sup> The NBBO Setter Plus Table specifies the percentage of time that the Equity Member must be at the NBB or NBO on MIAX Pearl Equities in at least 200 symbols out of the full list of 1,000 MQ Securities (which symbols may vary from time to time based on market conditions). The list of MQ Securities is generally based on the top multi-listed 1,000 symbols by ADV across all U.S. securities exchanges. The list of MQ Securities is updated monthly by the Exchange and published on the Exchange's website.<sup>18</sup>

The base rebates ("Level A") are as follows: (\$0.00210) per share in Tier 1; (\$0.00280) per share in Tier 2; (\$0.00290) per share in Tier 3; (\$0.00300) per share in Tier 4; (\$0.00325) per share in Tier 5; and (\$0.00330) per share in Tier 6. Under Level B, the Exchange provides enhanced rebates for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share for Added Displayed Volume across all Tapes if the Equity Member's Percent Time at NBBO is at least 25% and less than 50% in at least 200 MQ Securities per trading day during the month.

For the purpose of determining qualification for the rebates described in all Levels of the Market Quality Tier columns in the NBBO Setter Plus Table, 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; (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 day that the S&P 400, S&P 500, and S&P 600 Indexes are rebalanced (i.e., on a quarterly basis). See the General Notes section of the Fee Schedule.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Market Quality Securities" or "MQ Securities" shall mean a list of securities designated as such, that are used for the purposes of qualifying for the rebates described in Level B and Level C of the Market Quality Tier columns in the NBBO Setter Plus Program. The universe of these securities will be determined by the Exchange and published on the Exchange's website. See id.

See e.g, MIAX Pearl Equities Exchange – Market Quality Securities (MQ Securities) List, available at <a href="https://www.miaxglobal.com/markets/us-equities/pearl-equities/fees">https://www.miaxglobal.com/markets/us-equities/pearl-equities/fees</a> (last visited July 28, 2025).

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The Level B rebates are as follows: (\$0.00215) per share in Tier 1; (\$0.00285) per share in Tier 2; (\$0.00295) per share in Tier 3; (\$0.00305) per share in Tier 4; (\$0.00330) per share in Tier 5; and (\$0.00335) per share in Tier 6. Under Level C, the Exchange provides enhanced rebates for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share for Added Displayed Volume across all Tapes if the Equity Member's Percent Time at NBBO is at least 50% in at least 200 MQ Securities per trading day during the month. The Level C rebates are as follows: (\$0.00220) per share in Tier 1; (\$0.00290) per share in Tier 2; (\$0.00300) per share in Tier 3; (\$0.00310) per share in Tier 4; (\$0.00335) per share in Tier 5<sup>19</sup>; and (\$0.00340) per share in Tier 6.

The Exchange proposes to amend the NBBO Setter Plus Table in Section 1)c) of the Fee Schedule to decrease the rebates for all tiers for all rebate levels of the NBBO Program. With the proposed changes, the Level A rebates will be as follows: (\$0.00180) per share in Tier 1; (\$0.00275) per share in Tier 2; (\$0.00285) per share in Tier 3; (\$0.00295) per share in Tier 4; (\$0.00320) per share in Tier 5; and (\$0.00325) per share in Tier 6. The Level B rebates will be as follows: (\$0.00210) per share in Tier 1; (\$0.00280) per share in Tier 2; (\$0.00290) per share in Tier 3; (\$0.00300) per share in Tier 4; (\$0.00325) per share in Tier 5; and (\$0.00330) per share in Tier 6. The Level C rebates will be as follows: (\$0.00215) per share in Tier 1; (\$0.00285) per share in Tier 2; (\$0.00295) per share in Tier 3; (\$0.00305) per share in Tier 4; (\$0.00330) per share in Tier 5; and (\$0.00335) per share in Tier 6.

The Exchange provides an alternative method for Equity Members to qualify for the enhanced rebate of Tier 5, Level C by satisfying the following three requirements in the relevant month: (1) Midpoint ADAV of at least 2,500,000 shares; (2) displayed ADAV of at least 10,000,000 shares; and (3) Percent Time at the NBBO of at least 50% in 200 or more symbols from the list of MQ Securities. See Fee Schedule, Section 1)c), note 3. The Exchange does not propose to amend these alternative requirements pursuant to this proposal.

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The Exchange does not propose to amend any of volume calculation methods used to determine the Equity Member's tier for purposes of the NBBO Program, which will continue to be calculated in parallel in each month, and each Equity Member will continue to receive the highest tier achieved from any of the four methods each month. <sup>20</sup> The Exchange also does not propose to amend the different measurements to calculate an Equity Member's participation at the NBBO on the Exchange in Market Quality Securities under the NBBO Program.

The purpose of reducing the standard and enhanced rebates for executions of Added Displayed Volume for all tiers and market quality levels of the NBBO Program is for business and competitive reasons. The Exchange notes that even with the proposed decrease in the NBBO Program rebates, the base and enhanced rebates of the NBBO Program remain competitive with, or higher than, the rebates provided by other exchanges for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share that add displayed liquidity to those exchanges.<sup>21</sup>

#### Implementation

The proposed changes are effective beginning August 1, 2025.

#### b. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal to amend its Fee Schedule is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act<sup>22</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(4) of the Act<sup>23</sup> in

The Exchange does not propose to amend the alternative volume calculation method for Equity Members to quality for the Tier 5, Level C enhanced rebate, as proposed to be reduced.

See MEMX Equities Fee Schedule, Transaction Fees section (providing a highest enhanced rebate of \$0.0033 per share for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share that meet certain volume requirements); and Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc. ("BZX"), Equities Fee Schedule, Add/Remove Volume Tiers (providing a highest enhanced rebate of \$0.0032 per share for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share that meet certain volume requirements).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

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particular, in that it is an equitable allocation of reasonable fees and other charges among its Equity Members and issuers and other persons using its facilities. The Exchange also believes that the proposal is consistent with the objectives of Section  $6(b)(5)^{24}$  requirements that the rules of an exchange be designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, and to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in regulating, clearing, settling, processing information with respect to, and facilitating transactions in securities, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest, and, particularly, is not designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

The Exchange operates in a highly fragmented and competitive market in which market participants can readily direct their order flow to competing venues if they deem fee levels at a particular venue to be excessive or incentives to be insufficient. More specifically, the Exchange is only one of seventeen registered equities exchanges, and there are a number of alternative trading systems and other off-exchange venues, to which market participants may direct their order flow. For the month of June 2025, based on publicly available information, no single registered equities exchange had more than approximately 13.39% of the total market share of executed volume of equities trading. Thus, in such a low-concentrated and highly competitive market, no single equities exchange possesses significant pricing power in the execution of order flow. For the month of June 2025, the Exchange represented 1.04% of the total market share of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> 15 U.S.C 78f(b)(5).

<sup>25 &</sup>lt;u>See</u> the "Market Share" section of the Exchange's website, <u>available at https://www.miaxglobal.com/</u> (last visited July 28, 2025).

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executed volume of equities trading.<sup>26</sup> The Commission and the courts have repeatedly expressed their preference for competition over regulatory intervention in determining prices, products, and services in the securities markets. 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>27</sup>

The Exchange believes that the ever-shifting market share among the exchanges from month to month demonstrates that market participants can shift order flow or discontinue to reduce use of certain categories of products, in response to new or different pricing structures being introduced into the market. Accordingly, competitive forces constrain the Exchange's transaction fees and rebates, and market participants can readily trade on competing venues if they deem pricing levels at those other venues to be more favorable. The Exchange believes the proposal reflects a reasonable and competitive pricing structure designed to continue to incentivize market participants to direct their order flow to the Exchange, which the Exchange believes would continue to enhance liquidity and market quality to the benefit of all Equity Members and market participants.

#### Proposal to Amend the Standard Rebate for Adding Displayed Liquidity

The proposal to reduce the rebate for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share that add displayed liquidity to the Exchange is reasonable, equitably allocated, and not unfairly discriminatory because, even with the proposed decrease, the Exchange believes

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Id

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 51808 (June 9, 2005), 70 FR 37499 (June 29, 2005).

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the proposed rebate of (\$0.0018) per share will not discourage order flow. The Exchange notes that despite the change proposed herein, the Exchange's proposed standard rebate of (\$0.0018) per share for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share that add displayed liquidity to the Exchange remains competitive with the standard rebate for similar executions that is provided by other equity exchanges. The Exchange believes that even with the proposed decrease, the Exchange's standard rebate will continue to encourage Equity Members to maintain their order flow directed to the Exchange. In turn, this should continue to contribute to a deep and liquid market to the benefit of all market participants and allow the Exchange to maintain its attractiveness as a trading venue. The Exchange further believes the proposed reduced standard rebate for executions of orders that add displayed liquidity is fair, equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because the standard rebate will apply to all Equity Members that add displayed liquidity in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share across all Tapes and trading sessions.

#### Proposal to Make Corresponding Changes to Liquidity Indicator Codes

The Exchange believes its proposal to amend the table of Liquidity Indicator Codes and Associated Fees to update the rebate from (\$0.0021) to (\$0.0018) that is associated with Liquidity Indicator Codes AA, EA, FA, AB, EB, FB, AC, EC, FC is reasonable, equitably allocated and not unfairly discriminatory. This is because the proposed changes will provide clarity and consistency in the Fee Schedule as to the amended rebate that will be applied to these executions in light of the Exchange's proposed change to reduce the standard rebate for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share that add displayed liquidity to the Exchange across all Tapes and trading sessions. It is in the public interest for the Fee

See supra note 11.

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Schedule to be clear and concise.

#### Proposal to Amend the NBBO Program Rebates

The Exchange believes its proposal to reduce the standard and enhanced rebates for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share for Added Displayed Volume across all Tapes under the NBBO Program is reasonable because the Exchange's standard rebate and enhanced rebates will remain competitive with, or higher than, the rebates provided by other exchanges for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share that add displayed liquidity to those exchanges.<sup>29</sup> The Exchange believes that the enhanced rebates under the NBBO Program, as modified by this proposal, continue to be equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because the NBBO Program is open to all Equity Members on an equal basis and provides enhanced rebates that are reasonably related to the value of the Exchange's market quality associated with greater order flow by Equity Members that set the NBB or NBO, and the introduction of higher volumes of orders into the price and volume discovery process. The Exchange believes the proposal is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because the Exchange's pricing structure, as modified by this proposal, continues to be designed to incentivize the entry of aggressively priced displayed liquidity that may create tighter spreads, thereby promoting price discovery and market quality on the Exchange to the benefit of all Equity Members and public investors.

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 Act 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,

See supra note 21.

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issuers, brokers, or dealers.

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

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

#### **Intramarket Competition**

The Exchange does not believe that the proposal will impose any burden on intra-market competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The Exchange believes that its proposal to reduce the standard and enhanced rebates provided for in the NBBO Program that apply to executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share for Added Displayed Volume will not impose any burden on intramarket competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act because these changes are for business and competitive reasons. The Exchange notes that despite the modest reduction proposed herein to the standard and enhanced rebates for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share that add displayed liquidity to the Exchange, the Exchange's rebates remain competitive with, or higher than, the standard and enhanced rebates provided by other exchanges for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share for Added Displayed Volume on those exchanges.<sup>30</sup>

The Exchange believes that even with the proposed decrease to the standard and enhanced Added Displayed Volume rebates, the Exchange's rebate structure for such orders will continue to incentivize market participants to direct order flow to the Exchange, thereby contributing to a deeper and more liquid market to the benefit of all market participants and enhancing the attractiveness of the Exchange as a trading venue. The Exchange believes that

See <u>supra</u> notes 11 and 21.

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this, in turn, will continue to encourage market participants to direct additional orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share to the Exchange. Greater liquidity benefits all Equity Members by providing more trading opportunities and encourages Equity Members to send orders to the Exchange, thereby contributing to robust levels of liquidity, which benefits all market participants.

The Exchange does not believe its proposal to update the rebates associated with Liquidity Indicator Codes AA, EA, FA, AB, EB, FB, AC, EC, and FC due to the proposed change to reduce the standard rebate for executions of orders in securities that are priced at or above \$1.00 per share for Added Displayed Volume will impose any burden on intramarket competition. The changes to these Liquidity Indicator Codes is to provide consistency throughout the Fee Schedule. Additionally, the proposed changes will provide specificity to the Fee Schedule so that Equity Members may connect an execution to the applicable rebate.

#### **Intermarket Competition**

The Exchange believes its proposal will benefit competition as the Exchange operates in a highly competitive market. Equity Members have numerous alternative venues they may participate on and direct their order flow to, including seventeen other equities exchanges and numerous alternative trading systems and other off-exchange venues. As noted above, no single registered equities exchange currently has more than approximately 13.39% of the total market share of executed equities volume. Thus, in such a low-concentrated and highly competitive market, no single equities exchange possesses significant pricing power in the execution of order flow. Moreover, the Exchange believes that the ever-shifting market share among the exchanges from month to month demonstrates that market participants can shift order flow in response to new or different pricing structures being introduced to the market. Accordingly, competitive

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forces constrain the Exchange's transaction fees and rebates generally, including with respect to executions of all orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share that add displayed liquidity to the Exchange. Market participants can readily choose to send their orders to other exchanges and off-exchange venues if they deem fee levels at those other venues to be more favorable.

Additionally, the Commission has repeatedly expressed its preference for competition over regulatory intervention in determining prices, products, and services in the securities markets. Specifically, 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>31</sup> The fact that this market is competitive has also long been recognized by the courts. In NetCoalition v. Securities and Exchange Commission, the D.C. circuit stated: "[n]o one disputes that competition for order flow is 'fierce.' . . . As the SEC explained, '[i]n the U.S. national market system, buyers and sellers of securities, and the broker-dealers that act as their routing agents, have a wide range of choices of where to route orders for execution'; [and] 'no exchange can afford to take its market share percentages for granted' because 'no exchange possess a monopoly, regulatory or otherwise, in the execution of order flow from broker dealers' . . . . "32 Accordingly, the Exchange does not believe its proposed pricing changes impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

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

See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 51808 (June 9, 2005), 70 FR 37496, 37499 (June 29, 2005).

See NetCoalition v. SEC, 615 F.3d 525, 539 (D.C. Cir. 2010) (quoting Securities Exchange Act Release No. 59039 (December 2, 2008), 73 FR 74770, 74782-83 (December 9, 2008) (SR-NYSE-2006-21)).

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No written comments were either solicited or received.

#### 6. Extension of Time Period for Commission Action

Not applicable.

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

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act, 33 and Rule 19b-4(f)(2) thereunder 34 the

Exchange has designated this proposal as establishing or changing a due, fee, or other charge imposed on any person, whether or not the person is a member of the self-regulatory organization, which renders the proposed rule change effective upon filing.

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

Not applicable.

#### 9. <u>Security-Based Swap Submissions Filed Pursuant to Section 3C of the Act</u>

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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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**EXHIBIT 1** 

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34- ; File No. SR-PEARL-2025-38)

July , 2025

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")<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on July\_\_\_\_, 2025, 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 proposes to amend the fee schedule (the "Fee Schedule") applicable to MIAX Pearl Equities, an equities trading facility of the Exchange, to: (i) amend the standard rebate for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share that add displayed liquidity to the Exchange and update the corresponding Liquidity Indicator Codes; and (ii) amend the NBBO Setter Plus Table (described below) to amend the standard and enhanced rebates for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share that add displayed liquidity to the Exchange.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's website at <a href="https://www.miaxglobal.com/markets/us-options/pearl-options/rule-filings">https://www.miaxglobal.com/markets/us-options/pearl-options/rule-filings</a> and at MIAX Pearl's principal office.

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

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

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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 Basis</u> for, the Proposed Rule Change

#### 1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to amend the Fee Schedule to: (i) amend the standard rebate<sup>3</sup> for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share that add displayed liquidity to the Exchange ("Added Displayed Volume") across all Tapes and update the corresponding Liquidity Indicator Codes<sup>4</sup>; and (ii) amend the NBBO Setter Plus Table<sup>5</sup> to amend the standard and enhanced rebates for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share that add displayed liquidity to the Exchange. The proposed changes will apply to orders executed during the Early Trading Session<sup>6</sup>, Regular Trading Session<sup>7</sup>, and Late Trading Session.<sup>8</sup>

#### Proposal to Amend Standard Rebate for Added Displayed Volume

The Exchange proposes to amend Section 1)a) of the Fee Schedule to amend the standard

The Exchange notes that rebates are indicated by parentheses in the Fee Schedule. <u>See</u> the General Notes section of the Fee Schedule.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See, generally, Fee Schedule, Section 1)b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> <u>See, generally,</u> Fee Schedule, Section 1)c).

The term "Early Trading Session" shall mean the time between 4:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Eastern Time. See Exchange Rule 1901.

The term "Regular Trading Session" shall mean the time between the completion of the Opening Process or Contingent Open as defined in Exchange Rule 2615 and 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time. See Exchange Rule 1901.

The term "Late Trading Session" shall mean the time between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time. <u>See</u> Exchange Rule 1901.

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rebate for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share that add displayed liquidity to the Exchange across all Tapes in all trading sessions. Currently, the Exchange provides a standard rebate of (\$0.0021) per share for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share that add displayed liquidity to the Exchange across all Tapes in all trading sessions. The Liquidity Indicator Codes applicable to this rebate are as follows: AA, EA, FA, AB, EB, FB, AC, EC, FC. 10

The Exchange now proposes to reduce the standard rebate from (\$0.0021) to (\$0.0018) per share for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share that add displayed liquidity to the Exchange across all Tapes in all trading sessions. The purpose of this proposed change is for business and competitive reasons. The Exchange notes that despite the change proposed herein, the Exchange's proposed standard rebate of (\$0.0018) per share for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share that add displayed liquidity to the Exchange remains competitive with the standard rebate for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share for Added Displayed Volume that is provided by other equity exchanges.<sup>11</sup>

#### Proposal to Make Corresponding Changes to Liquidity Indicator Codes

Next, the Exchange proposes to amend Section 1)b) of the Fee Schedule to make the corresponding changes to the Liquidity Indicator Codes that are impacted as a result of the Exchange's proposal to amend the standard rebate for executions of orders in securities priced at

See Fee Schedule, Section 1)a).

See Fee Schedule, Section 1)a)-b).

See, e.g., MEMX LLC ("MEMX") Equities Fee Schedule, Transaction Fees (providing standard rebate of \$0.0015 per share for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share for added displayed volume); and Cboe EDGX Exchange, Inc. ("EDGX"), Equities Fee Schedule, Standard Rates (providing standard rebate of \$0.0016 per share for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share that add liquidity).

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or above \$1.00 per share that add displayed liquidity to the Exchange across all Tapes in all trading sessions. In particular, the Exchange proposes to amend the table of Liquidity Indicator Codes and Associated Fees to update the rebate from (\$0.0021) to (\$0.0018) that is associated with Liquidity Indicator Codes AA, EA, FA, AB, EB, FB, AC, EC, FC. The purpose of amending these Liquidity Indicator Codes is to provide Equity Members 12 increased clarity as to the amended rebate that will be applied to these particular executions in light of the Exchange's proposed change the standard rebate described above.

#### Proposal to Amend the NBBO Setter Plus Table

The NBBO Program was implemented beginning September 1, 2023 and subsequently amended several times.<sup>13</sup> In general, the NBBO Program provides enhanced rebates for Equity Members that add displayed liquidity in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share in all Tapes based on increasing volume thresholds and increasing market quality levels (described below).<sup>14</sup>

The term "Equity Member" is a Member authorized by the Exchange to transact business on MIAX Pearl Equities. <u>See</u> Exchange Rule 1901.

See, e.g., Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 98472 (September 21, 2023), 88 FR 66533 (September 27, 2023) (SR-PEARL-2023-45); 99318 (January 11, 2024), 89 FR 3488 (January 18, 2024) (SR-PEARL-2023-73); and 99695 (March 8, 2024), 89 FR 18694 (March 14, 2024) (SR-PEARL-2024-11).

<sup>14</sup> The NBBO Program provides the following additional incentives that Equity Members may achieve: (1) an NBBO Setter Additive Rebate; and (2) an NBBO First Joiner Additive Rebate. The Exchange does not propose to amend the NBBO Setter Additive Rebate, which is an additive rebate of (\$0.0003) per share for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share that set the NBB or NBO on MIAX Pearl Equities with a minimum size of a round lot. Equity Members must also execute at least 0.015% of NBBO Set Volume as a percentage of TCV during the relevant month to qualify for this additive rebate. See Fee Schedule, Section 1)c). "NBBO Set Volume" means the ADAV in all securities of an Equity Member that sets the NBB or NBO on MIAX Pearl Equities. See id. "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. Id. Likewise, the Exchange does not propose to amend the NBBO First Joiner Additive Rebate, which is an additive rebate of (\$0.0001) per share for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share that bring MIAX Pearl Equities to the established NBB or NBO with a minimum size of a round lot. See Fee Schedule, Section 1)c). Equity Members must also execute at least 0.015% of NBBO Set Volume as a percentage of TCV during the relevant month to qualify for this additive rebate. See id.

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Pursuant to the NBBO Setter Plus Table in Section 1)c) of the Fee Schedule, the NBBO Program provides six volume tiers enhanced by three market quality levels to provide increasing rebates in this segment. The six volume tiers are achievable by greater volume from the best of four alternative methods. The three market quality levels are achievable by greater NBBO participation in a minimum number of specific securities (described below).

MIAX Pearl Equities first determines the applicable NBBO Program tier based on four different volume calculation methods. The four volume-based methods to determine the Equity Member's tier for purposes of the NBBO Program are calculated in parallel in each month, and each Equity Member receives the highest tier achieved from any of the four methods each month. All four volume calculation methods are based on an Equity Member's respective ADAV, NBBO Set Volume, or ADV, each as a percent of industry TCV as the denominator. <sup>15</sup>

Under volume calculation Method 1, the Exchange provides tiered rebates based on an Equity Member's ADAV as a percentage of TCV. An Equity Member qualifies for the base rebates in Tier 1 for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share for Added Displayed Volume across all Tapes by achieving an ADAV of at least 0.00% and less than 0.035% of TCV. An Equity Member qualifies for the enhanced rebates in Tier 2 for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share for Added Displayed Volume across all Tapes by achieving an ADAV of at least 0.035% and less than 0.05% of TCV. An Equity Member qualifies for the enhanced rebates in Tier 3 for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share for Added Displayed Volume across all Tapes by achieving an ADAV of at least 0.05% and less than 0.08% of TCV. An Equity Member qualifies for the enhanced rebates in Tier 4 for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00

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. See the Definitions Section of the Fee Schedule.

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per share for Added Displayed Volume across all Tapes by achieving an ADAV of at least 0.08% and less than 0.20% of TCV. An Equity Member qualifies for the enhanced rebates in Tier 5 for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share for Added Displayed Volume across all Tapes by achieving an ADAV of at least 0.20% and less than 0.40% of TCV. Finally, an Equity Member qualifies for the enhanced rebates in Tier 6 for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share for Added Displayed Volume across all Tapes by achieving an ADAV of at least 0.40% of TCV.

Under volume calculation Method 2, the Exchange provides tiered rebates based on an Equity Member's NBBO Set Volume as a percentage of TCV. Under volume calculation Method 2, an Equity Member qualifies for the base rebates in Tier 1 for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share for Added Displayed Volume across all Tapes by achieving an NBBO Set Volume of at least 0.00% and less than 0.01% of TCV. An Equity Member qualifies for the enhanced rebates in Tier 2 for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share for Added Displayed Volume across all Tapes by achieving an NBBO Set Volume of at least 0.01% and less than 0.015% of TCV. An Equity Member qualifies for the enhanced rebates in Tier 3 for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share for Added Displayed Volume across all Tapes by achieving an NBBO Set Volume of at least 0.015% and less than 0.02% of TCV. An Equity Member qualifies for the enhanced rebates in Tier 4 for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share for Added Displayed Volume across all Tapes by achieving an NBBO Set Volume of at least 0.02% and less than 0.03% of TCV. An Equity Member qualifies for the enhanced rebates in Tier 5 for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share for Added Displayed Volume across all Tapes by achieving an NBBO Set Volume of at least 0.03% and less than 0.08% of TCV. Finally, an Equity Member qualifies for the enhanced rebates in Tier 6 for

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executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share for Added Displayed Volume across all Tapes by achieving an NBBO Set Volume of at least 0.08% of TCV.

Under volume calculation Method 3, the Exchange provides tiered rebates based on an Equity Member's ADV as a percentage of TCV. An Equity Member qualifies for the base rebates in Tier 1 for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share for Added Displayed Volume across all Tapes by achieving an ADV of at least 0.00% and less than 0.15% of TCV. An Equity Member qualifies for the enhanced rebates in Tier 2 for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share for Added Displayed Volume across all Tapes by achieving an ADV of at least 0.15% and less than 0.18% of TCV. An Equity Member qualifies for the enhanced rebates in Tier 3 for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share for Added Displayed Volume across all Tapes by achieving an ADV of at least 0.18% and less than 0.20% of TCV. An Equity Member qualifies for the enhanced rebates in Tier 4 for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share for Added Displayed Volume across all Tapes by achieving an ADV of at least 0.20% and less than 0.60% of TCV. An Equity Member qualifies for the enhanced rebates in Tier 5 for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share for Added Displayed Volume across all Tapes by achieving an ADV of at least 0.60% and less than 1.00% of TCV. Finally, an Equity Member qualifies for the enhanced rebates in Tier 6 for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share for Added Displayed Volume across all Tapes by achieving an ADV of at least 1.00% of TCV.

Under volume calculation Method 4, the Exchange provides tiered rebates based on an Equity Member's ADAV as a percentage of TCV, excluding sub-dollar volume in the calculation. An Equity Member qualifies for the base rebates in Tier 1 for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share for Added Displayed Volume (excluding sub-

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dollar securities) across all Tapes by achieving an ADAV of at least 0.00% and less than 0.035% of TCV. An Equity Member qualifies for the enhanced rebates in Tier 2 for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share for Added Displayed Volume (excluding subdollar securities) across all Tapes by achieving an ADAV of at least 0.035% and less than 0.05% of TCV. An Equity Member qualifies for the enhanced rebates in Tier 3 for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share for Added Displayed Volume (excluding subdollar securities) across all Tapes by achieving an ADAV of at least 0.05% and less than 0.08% of TCV. An Equity Member qualifies for the enhanced rebates in Tier 4 for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share for Added Displayed Volume (excluding subdollar securities) across all Tapes by achieving an ADAV of at least 0.08% and less than 0.20% of TCV. An Equity Member qualifies for the enhanced rebates in Tier 5 for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share for Added Displayed Volume (excluding subdollar securities) across all Tapes by achieving an ADAV of at least 0.20% and less than 0.40% of TCV. Finally, an Equity Member qualifies for the enhanced rebates in Tier 6 for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share for Added Displayed Volume (excluding sub-dollar securities) across all Tapes by achieving an ADAV of at least 0.40% of TCV.

After the volume calculation is performed to determine highest tier achieved by the Equity Member, the applicable rebate is calculated based on two different measurements based on the Equity Member's participation at the NBBO on the Exchange in certain securities (referenced below).

The Exchange provides one column of base rebates (referred to in the NBBO Setter Plus Table as "Level A") and two columns of enhanced rebates (referred to in the NBBO Setter Plus

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Table as "Level B" and "Level C")<sup>16</sup>, depending on the Equity Member's Percent Time at NBBO on MIAX Pearl Equities in a certain amount of specified securities ("Market Quality Securities" or "MQ Securities").<sup>17</sup> The NBBO Setter Plus Table specifies the percentage of time that the Equity Member must be at the NBB or NBO on MIAX Pearl Equities in at least 200 symbols out of the full list of 1,000 MQ Securities (which symbols may vary from time to time based on market conditions). The list of MQ Securities is generally based on the top multi-listed 1,000 symbols by ADV across all U.S. securities exchanges. The list of MQ Securities is updated monthly by the Exchange and published on the Exchange's website.<sup>18</sup>

The base rebates ("Level A") are as follows: (\$0.00210) per share in Tier 1; (\$0.00280) per share in Tier 2; (\$0.00290) per share in Tier 3; (\$0.00300) per share in Tier 4; (\$0.00325) per share in Tier 5; and (\$0.00330) per share in Tier 6. Under Level B, the Exchange provides enhanced rebates for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share for Added Displayed Volume across all Tapes if the Equity Member's Percent Time at NBBO is at least 25% and less than 50% in at least 200 MQ Securities per trading day during the month. The Level B rebates are as follows: (\$0.00215) per share in Tier 1; (\$0.00285) per share in Tier 2; (\$0.00295) per share in Tier 3; (\$0.00305) per share in Tier 4; (\$0.00330) per share in Tier 5; and (\$0.00335) per share in Tier 6. Under Level C, the Exchange provides enhanced rebates for

For the purpose of determining qualification for the rebates described in all Levels of the Market Quality Tier columns in the NBBO Setter Plus Table, 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; (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 day that the S&P 400, S&P 500, and S&P 600 Indexes are rebalanced (i.e., on a quarterly basis). See the General Notes section of the Fee Schedule.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Market Quality Securities" or "MQ Securities" shall mean a list of securities designated as such, that are used for the purposes of qualifying for the rebates described in Level B and Level C of the Market Quality Tier columns in the NBBO Setter Plus Program. The universe of these securities will be determined by the Exchange and published on the Exchange's website. See id.

See e.g, MIAX Pearl Equities Exchange – Market Quality Securities (MQ Securities) List, <u>available at https://www.miaxglobal.com/markets/us-equities/pearl-equities/fees</u> (last visited July 28, 2025).

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executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share for Added Displayed Volume across all Tapes if the Equity Member's Percent Time at NBBO is at least 50% in at least 200 MQ Securities per trading day during the month. The Level C rebates are as follows: (\$0.00220) per share in Tier 1; (\$0.00290) per share in Tier 2; (\$0.00300) per share in Tier 3; (\$0.00310) per share in Tier 4; (\$0.00335) per share in Tier 5<sup>19</sup>; and (\$0.00340) per share in Tier 6.

The Exchange proposes to amend the NBBO Setter Plus Table in Section 1)c) of the Fee Schedule to decrease the rebates for all tiers for all rebate levels of the NBBO Program. With the proposed changes, the Level A rebates will be as follows: (\$0.00180) per share in Tier 1; (\$0.00275) per share in Tier 2; (\$0.00285) per share in Tier 3; (\$0.00295) per share in Tier 4; (\$0.00320) per share in Tier 5; and (\$0.00325) per share in Tier 6. The Level B rebates will be as follows: (\$0.00210) per share in Tier 1; (\$0.00280) per share in Tier 2; (\$0.00290) per share in Tier 3; (\$0.00300) per share in Tier 4; (\$0.00325) per share in Tier 5; and (\$0.00330) per share in Tier 6. The Level C rebates will be as follows: (\$0.00215) per share in Tier 1; (\$0.00285) per share in Tier 2; (\$0.00295) per share in Tier 3; (\$0.00305) per share in Tier 4; (\$0.00330) per share in Tier 5; and (\$0.00335) per share in Tier 6.

The Exchange does not propose to amend any of volume calculation methods used to determine the Equity Member's tier for purposes of the NBBO Program, which will continue to be calculated in parallel in each month, and each Equity Member will continue to receive the

The Exchange provides an alternative method for Equity Members to qualify for the enhanced rebate of Tier 5, Level C by satisfying the following three requirements in the relevant month: (1) Midpoint ADAV of at least 2,500,000 shares; (2) displayed ADAV of at least 10,000,000 shares; and (3) Percent Time at the NBBO of at least 50% in 200 or more symbols from the list of MQ Securities. See Fee Schedule, Section 1)c), note 3. The Exchange does not propose to amend these alternative requirements pursuant to this proposal.

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highest tier achieved from any of the four methods each month.<sup>20</sup> The Exchange also does not propose to amend the different measurements to calculate an Equity Member's participation at the NBBO on the Exchange in Market Quality Securities under the NBBO Program.

The purpose of reducing the standard and enhanced rebates for executions of Added Displayed Volume for all tiers and market quality levels of the NBBO Program is for business and competitive reasons. The Exchange notes that even with the proposed decrease in the NBBO Program rebates, the base and enhanced rebates of the NBBO Program remain competitive with, or higher than, the rebates provided by other exchanges for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share that add displayed liquidity to those exchanges.<sup>21</sup>

#### <u>Implementation</u>

The proposed changes are effective beginning August 1, 2025.

#### 2. <u>Statutory Basis</u>

The Exchange believes that its proposal to amend its Fee Schedule is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act<sup>22</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(4) of the Act<sup>23</sup> in particular, in that it is an equitable allocation of reasonable fees and other charges among its Equity Members and issuers and other persons using its facilities. The Exchange also believes that the proposal is consistent with the objectives of Section 6(b)(5)<sup>24</sup> requirements that the rules

The Exchange does not propose to amend the alternative volume calculation method for Equity Members to quality for the Tier 5, Level C enhanced rebate, as proposed to be reduced.

See MEMX Equities Fee Schedule, Transaction Fees section (providing a highest enhanced rebate of \$0.0033 per share for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share that meet certain volume requirements); and Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc. ("BZX"), Equities Fee Schedule, Add/Remove Volume Tiers (providing a highest enhanced rebate of \$0.0032 per share for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share that meet certain volume requirements).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> 15 U.S.C 78f(b)(5).

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of an exchange be designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, and to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in regulating, clearing, settling, processing information with respect to, and facilitating transactions in securities, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest, and, particularly, is not designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

The Exchange operates in a highly fragmented and competitive market in which market participants can readily direct their order flow to competing venues if they deem fee levels at a particular venue to be excessive or incentives to be insufficient. More specifically, the Exchange is only one of seventeen registered equities exchanges, and there are a number of alternative trading systems and other off-exchange venues, to which market participants may direct their order flow. For the month of June 2025, based on publicly available information, no single registered equities exchange had more than approximately 13.39% of the total market share of executed volume of equities trading. Thus, in such a low-concentrated and highly competitive market, no single equities exchange possesses significant pricing power in the execution of order flow. For the month of June 2025, the Exchange represented 1.04% of the total market share of executed volume of equities trading. The Commission and the courts have repeatedly expressed their preference for competition over regulatory intervention in determining prices, products, and services in the securities markets. In Regulation NMS, the Commission highlighted the importance of market forces in determining prices and SRO revenues and also

<sup>25 &</sup>lt;u>See</u> the "Market Share" section of the Exchange's website, <u>available at https://www.miaxglobal.com/</u> (last visited July 28, 2025).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> <u>Id</u>.

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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>27</sup>

The Exchange believes that the ever-shifting market share among the exchanges from month to month demonstrates that market participants can shift order flow or discontinue to reduce use of certain categories of products, in response to new or different pricing structures being introduced into the market. Accordingly, competitive forces constrain the Exchange's transaction fees and rebates, and market participants can readily trade on competing venues if they deem pricing levels at those other venues to be more favorable. The Exchange believes the proposal reflects a reasonable and competitive pricing structure designed to continue to incentivize market participants to direct their order flow to the Exchange, which the Exchange believes would continue to enhance liquidity and market quality to the benefit of all Equity Members and market participants.

#### Proposal to Amend the Standard Rebate for Adding Displayed Liquidity

The proposal to reduce the rebate for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share that add displayed liquidity to the Exchange is reasonable, equitably allocated, and not unfairly discriminatory because, even with the proposed decrease, the Exchange believes the proposed rebate of (\$0.0018) per share will not discourage order flow. The Exchange notes that despite the change proposed herein, the Exchange's proposed standard rebate of (\$0.0018) per share for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share that add displayed liquidity to the Exchange remains competitive with the standard rebate for similar executions that is provided by other equity exchanges.<sup>28</sup> The Exchange believes that even with

<sup>27 &</sup>lt;u>See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 51808 (June 9, 2005), 70 FR 37499 (June 29, 2005).</u>

See supra note 11.

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the proposed decrease, the Exchange's standard rebate will continue to encourage Equity

Members to maintain their order flow directed to the Exchange. In turn, this should continue to
contribute to a deep and liquid market to the benefit of all market participants and allow the

Exchange to maintain its attractiveness as a trading venue. The Exchange further believes the
proposed reduced standard rebate for executions of orders that add displayed liquidity is fair,
equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because the standard rebate will apply to all Equity

Members that add displayed liquidity in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share across all

Tapes and trading sessions.

#### Proposal to Make Corresponding Changes to Liquidity Indicator Codes

The Exchange believes its proposal to amend the table of Liquidity Indicator Codes and Associated Fees to update the rebate from (\$0.0021) to (\$0.0018) that is associated with Liquidity Indicator Codes AA, EA, FA, AB, EB, FB, AC, EC, FC is reasonable, equitably allocated and not unfairly discriminatory. This is because the proposed changes will provide clarity and consistency in the Fee Schedule as to the amended rebate that will be applied to these executions in light of the Exchange's proposed change to reduce the standard rebate for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share that add displayed liquidity to the Exchange across all Tapes and trading sessions. It is in the public interest for the Fee Schedule to be clear and concise.

#### Proposal to Amend the NBBO Program Rebates

The Exchange believes its proposal to reduce the standard and enhanced rebates for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share for Added Displayed Volume across all Tapes under the NBBO Program is reasonable because the Exchange's standard rebate and enhanced rebates will remain competitive with, or higher than, the rebates provided by other exchanges for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per

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share that add displayed liquidity to those exchanges.<sup>29</sup> The Exchange believes that the enhanced rebates under the NBBO Program, as modified by this proposal, continue to be equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because the NBBO Program is open to all Equity Members on an equal basis and provides enhanced rebates that are reasonably related to the value of the Exchange's market quality associated with greater order flow by Equity Members that set the NBB or NBO, and the introduction of higher volumes of orders into the price and volume discovery process. The Exchange believes the proposal is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because the Exchange's pricing structure, as modified by this proposal, continues to be designed to incentivize the entry of aggressively priced displayed liquidity that may create tighter spreads, thereby promoting price discovery and market quality on the Exchange to the benefit of all Equity Members and public investors.

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

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

#### **Intramarket Competition**

The Exchange does not believe that the proposal will impose any burden on intra-market competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The

See supra note 21.

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Exchange believes that its proposal to reduce the standard and enhanced rebates provided for in the NBBO Program that apply to executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share for Added Displayed Volume will not impose any burden on intramarket competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act because these changes are for business and competitive reasons. The Exchange notes that despite the modest reduction proposed herein to the standard and enhanced rebates for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share that add displayed liquidity to the Exchange, the Exchange's rebates remain competitive with, or higher than, the standard and enhanced rebates provided by other exchanges for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share for Added Displayed Volume on those exchanges.<sup>30</sup>

The Exchange believes that even with the proposed decrease to the standard and enhanced Added Displayed Volume rebates, the Exchange's rebate structure for such orders will continue to incentivize market participants to direct order flow to the Exchange, thereby contributing to a deeper and more liquid market to the benefit of all market participants and enhancing the attractiveness of the Exchange as a trading venue. The Exchange believes that this, in turn, will continue to encourage market participants to direct additional orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share to the Exchange. Greater liquidity benefits all Equity Members by providing more trading opportunities and encourages Equity Members to send orders to the Exchange, thereby contributing to robust levels of liquidity, which benefits all market participants.

The Exchange does not believe its proposal to update the rebates associated with Liquidity Indicator Codes AA, EA, FA, AB, EB, FB, AC, EC, and FC due to the proposed

See supra notes 11 and 21.

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change to reduce the standard rebate for executions of orders in securities that are priced at or above \$1.00 per share for Added Displayed Volume will impose any burden on intramarket competition. The changes to these Liquidity Indicator Codes is to provide consistency throughout the Fee Schedule. Additionally, the proposed changes will provide specificity to the Fee Schedule so that Equity Members may connect an execution to the applicable rebate.

#### **Intermarket Competition**

The Exchange believes its proposal will benefit competition as the Exchange operates in a highly competitive market. Equity Members have numerous alternative venues they may participate on and direct their order flow to, including seventeen other equities exchanges and numerous alternative trading systems and other off-exchange venues. As noted above, no single registered equities exchange currently has more than approximately 13.39% of the total market share of executed equities volume. Thus, in such a low-concentrated and highly competitive market, no single equities exchange possesses significant pricing power in the execution of order flow. Moreover, the Exchange believes that the ever-shifting market share among the exchanges from month to month demonstrates that market participants can shift order flow in response to new or different pricing structures being introduced to the market. Accordingly, competitive forces constrain the Exchange's transaction fees and rebates generally, including with respect to executions of all orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share that add displayed liquidity to the Exchange. Market participants can readily choose to send their orders to other exchanges and off-exchange venues if they deem fee levels at those other venues to be more favorable.

Additionally, the Commission has repeatedly expressed its preference for competition over regulatory intervention in determining prices, products, and services in the securities markets. Specifically, in Regulation NMS, the Commission highlighted the importance of market

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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." The fact that this market is competitive has also long been recognized by the courts. In NetCoalition v. Securities and Exchange Commission, the D.C. circuit stated: "[n]o one disputes that competition for order flow is 'fierce.' . . . As the SEC explained, '[i]n the U.S. national market system, buyers and sellers of securities, and the broker-dealers that act as their routing agents, have a wide range of choices of where to route orders for execution'; [and] 'no exchange can afford to take its market share percentages for granted' because 'no exchange possess a monopoly, regulatory or otherwise, in the execution of order flow from broker dealers' . . . . "<sup>32</sup> Accordingly, the Exchange does not believe its proposed pricing changes impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

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

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

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

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act,<sup>33</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(2)<sup>34</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,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 51808 (June 9, 2005), 70 FR 37496, 37499 (June 29, 2005).

See NetCoalition v. SEC, 615 F.3d 525, 539 (D.C. Cir. 2010) (quoting Securities Exchange Act Release No. 59039 (December 2, 2008), 73 FR 74770, 74782-83 (December 9, 2008) (SR-NYSE-2006-21)).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

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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
   (<a href="https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml">https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml</a>); or
- Send an email to <a href="mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov">rule-comments@sec.gov</a>. Please include file number SR-PEARL-2025-38 on the subject line.

#### Paper Comments:

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

All submissions should refer to file number SR-PEARL-2025-38. 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 all comments on the Commission's internet website (<a href="https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml">https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml</a>). Copies of the filing 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-2025-38 and should be submitted on or

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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.<sup>35</sup>

Sherry R. Haywood,

Assistant Secretary.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> 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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# 1) Transaction Rebates/Fees

### a) Standard Rates

Category	Adding Liquidity Displayed Order	Adding Liquidity Displayed Retail Order	Adding Liquidity Non- Displayed Order	Removing Liquidity	Routing and Removing Liquidity	Opening or Re-Opening Process
Securities at or above \$1.00	Tapes A, B, and C [(\$0.0021)] (\$0.0018)	Tapes A, B, and C (\$0.0037)	(\$0.00205)	\$0.00295	\$0.0030	\$0.00
Securities below \$1.00	(0.15% of Dollar Value)	(0.15% of Dollar Value)	(0.15% of Dollar Value)	0.20% of Dollar Value	0.30% of Dollar Value	\$0.00
Standard Liquidity Indicator Codes	AA, EA, FA, AB, EB, FB AC, EC, FC	AR, ER, FR	Aa, Ea, Fa, Ab, Eb, Fb, Ac, Ec, Fc, Ap, Ep, Fp, Ar, Er, Fr	fB, Rb, eb, fb,	X	Ο

### b) Liquidity Indicator Codes and Associated Fees

Liquidity Indicator Code	Description	Fee/(Rebate) Securities Priced at or Above \$1.00	Fee/(Rebate) Securities Priced Below \$1.00
AA	Adds Liquidity, Displayed Order (Tape A)	[(\$0.0021)](\$0.0018)	No change.
EA	Early Trading Session, Adds Liquidity, Displayed Order (Tape A)	[(\$0.0021)](\$0.0018)	No change.
FA	Late Trading Session, Adds Liquidity, Displayed Order (Tape A)	[(\$0.0021)](\$0.0018)	No change.
AB	Adds Liquidity, Displayed Order (Tape B)	[(\$0.0021)](\$0.0018)	No change.

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Liquidity Indicator Code	Description	Fee/(Rebate) Securities Priced at or Above \$1.00	Fee/(Rebate) Securities Priced Below \$1.00					
EB	Early Trading Session, Adds Liquidity, Displayed Order (Tape B)	[(\$0.0021)] <u>(\$0.0018)</u>	No change.					
FB	Late Trading Session, Adds Liquidity, Displayed Order (Tape B)	[(\$0.0021)](\$0.0018)	No change.					
AC	Adds Liquidity, Displayed Order (Tape C)	[(\$0.0021)](\$0.0018)	No change.					
EC	Early Trading Session, Adds Liquidity, Displayed Order (Tape C)	[(\$0.0021)](\$0.0018)	No change.					
FC	Late Trading Session, Adds Liquidity, Displayed Order (Tape C)	[(\$0.0021)](\$0.0018)	No change.					
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### c) NBBO Setter Plus Program

Equity Members will receive the rebates described in the NBBO Setter Plus table for executions of orders in securities during the Early, Regular, and Late Trading Sessions priced at or above \$1.00 per share that add displayed liquidity to the Exchange across all Tapes, depending on (i) the tier achieved using four volume-based calculation methods, and (ii) participation at the NBBO on the Exchange in MQ Securities. The rebates provided for by the below table are applicable to the following Liquidity Indicator Codes: AA, EA, FA, AB, EB, FB, AC, EC, and FC.

	NBBO Setter Plus Table							
	Methods To Determine Tier Based On Volume				Market Quality Tiers and Applicable Rebate Levels			
	Method 1: ADAV as a % of TCV	Method 2: NBBO Set Volume as a % of TCV	Method 3: Total ADV as a % of TCV	Method 4: ADAV as a % of TCV (Excluding Sub-Dollar Volume)	Level A: Base Rebates	Level B: Equity Member Percent Time at the NBBO ≥ 25% and < 50%	Level C: Equity Member Percent Time at the NBBO > 50%	
Tier 1	≥ 0.00% and < 0.035%	≥ 0.00% and < 0.01%	≥ 0.00% and < 0.15%	≥ 0.00% and < 0.035%	[(\$0.00210)] <u>(\$0</u> .00180)	[(\$0.00215)] (\$0.00210)	[(\$0.00220)] (\$0.00215)	
Tier 2	≥ 0.035% and < 0.05%	≥ 0.01% and < 0.015%	≥ 0.15% and < 0.18%	≥ 0.035% and < 0.05%	[(\$0.00280)] (\$0.00275)	[(\$0.00285)] (\$0.00280)	[(\$0.00290)] (\$0.00285)	
Tier 3	≥ 0.05% and < 0.08%	≥ 0.015% and < 0.02%	≥ 0.18% and < 0.20%	≥ 0.05% and < 0.08%	[(\$0.00290)] (\$0.00285)	[(\$0.00295)] (\$0.00290)	[(\$0.00300)] (\$0.00295)	
Tier	≥ 0.08% and	<u>≥</u> 0.02%	≥ 0.20% and	<u>&gt;</u> 0.08% and	[(\$0.00300)]	[(\$0.00305)]	[(\$0.00310)]	

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4	< 0.20%	and < 0.03%	< 0.60%	< 0.20%	<u>(\$0.00295)</u>	(\$0.00300)	<u>(\$0.00305)</u>
Tier 5	≥ 0.20% and < 0.40%	≥ 0.03% and < 0.08%	≥ 0.60% and < 1.00%	≥ 0.20% and < 0.40%	[(\$0.00325)] (\$0.00320)	[(\$0.00330)] (\$0.00325)	[(\$0.00335)] (\$0.00330) <sup>3</sup>
Tier 6	<u>≥</u> 0.40%	<u>&gt;</u> 0.08%	<u>≥</u> 1.00%	≥ 0.40%	[(\$0.00330)] (\$0.00325)	[(\$0.00335)] (\$0.00330)	[(\$0.00340)] (\$0.00335)

NBBO Setter Additive Rebate (additive rebate for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share that set the NBB or NBO on MIAX Pearl Equities with a minimum size of a round lot): (\$0.0003). This rebate will be applied only to orders executed during the Regular Trading Session. To qualify for this rebate, Equity Members must execute at least 0.015% of NBBO Set Volume as a % of TCV during the relevant month.

NBBO First Joiner Additive Rebate (additive rebate for executions of orders in securities priced at or above \$1.00 per share that bring MIAX Pearl Equities to the established NBB or NBO with a minimum size of a round lot): (\$0.0001). This rebate will be applied only to orders executed during the Regular Trading Session. To qualify for this rebate, Equity Members must execute at least 0.015% of NBBO Set Volume as a % of TCV during the relevant month.

#### **Notes to NBBO Setter Plus Table**

- MIAX Pearl Equities allows an Equity Member to qualify into a Tier using one of four methods, all of which are based on volume as a percentage of TCV. Qualifying into a Tier requires the Equity Member to satisfy only one of the four methods. The Equity Member is not required to fulfill multiple methods to qualify for that Tier. The volume executed during the Early, Regular, and Late Trading Sessions will be included in each volume calculation method.
- 2. After qualifying into a particular Tier based on volume, the Equity Member has the ability to qualify for an enhanced rebate level based on their performance in the NBBO Setter Plus Program, which requires the Equity Member to meet specific 'Percent Time at NBBO' requirements in at least 200 securities in the entire list of MQ Securities, as noted in the table above. Only orders that are at the NBB or NBO during the Regular Trading Session count towards the Percent Time at NBBO calculation. The list of MQ Securities is determined by MIAX Pearl Equities and is listed on the MIAX Pearl Equities website. The list of MQ Securities will be updated each time a security is added or removed from the list.
- 3. An Equity Member may qualify for the enhanced rebate of Tier 5, Level C via an alternative method by satisfying the following three requirements in the relevant month: (1) Midpoint ADAV of at least 2,500,000 shares; (2) Displayed ADAV of at least 10,000,000 shares; and (3) Percent Time at the NBBO of at least 50% in 200 or more symbols from the list of MQ Securities.
- 4. Reserved.
- 5. Retail Orders are not eligible for the NBBO Setter Additive Rebate or the NBBO First Joiner Additive Rebate as these rebates only apply to Liquidity Indicator Codes AA, AB and AC.
- 6. For volume calculation Method 4, when calculating both the numerator (ADAV) and the denominator (TCV), executions of orders in securities priced below \$1.00 per share across all Tapes will be excluded.

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