

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; MIAX Sapphire, LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change to Amend the MIAX Sapphire Options Exchange Fee Schedule to Extend the Temporary Discount Program for the Open-Close Report

July 17, 2025.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act” or “Exchange Act”),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on July 9, 2025, MIAX Sapphire, LLC (“MIAX Sapphire” or “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to amend the MIAX Sapphire Options Exchange Fee Schedule (“Fee Schedule”) to extend the temporary discount program for the Open-Close Report.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s website at <https://www.miaxglobal.com/markets/us-options/all-options-exchanges/rule-filings> and MIAX Sapphire’s principal office.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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

In its filing with the Commission, the Exchange included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

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

1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to amend Section 6(c) of the Fee Schedule to extend the temporary discount program for the Open-Close Report until December 31, 2025. Currently, the Exchange provides a temporary 20% discount on fees assessed to Exchange Members³ and non-Members that purchase a single order of historical Open-Close Report data, which is set to expire on June 30, 2025.⁴ The discount and its application are substantively similar to the discounts recently provided by competing options exchanges for their open-close data products.⁵

³ The term “Member” means an individual or organization approved to exercise the trading rights associated with a Trading Permit. Members are deemed “members” under the Exchange Act. See Exchange Rule 100

⁴ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 102581 (March 11, 2025), 90 FR 12385 (March 17, 2025) (SR-SAPPHIRE-2025-09) (Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change by MIAX Sapphire, LLC To Amend the Fee Schedule Related to Fee Waivers and the Open-Close Report).

⁵ See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 99028 (November 28, 2023), 88 FR 84002 (December 1, 2023) (SR-CBOE-2023-061) (establishing the initial 20% discount on fees assessed to Cboe Exchange, Inc. Members and non-Members that purchase \$20,000 or more of historical Open-Close Data, effective November 15, 2023 through December 31, 2023). See also Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 100370 (June 18, 2024), 89 FR 53148 (June 25, 2024) (SR-CBOE-2024-025); 101509 (November 4, 2024), 89 FR 88845 (November 8, 2024) (SR-CBOE-2024-049); 99027 (November 28, 2023), 88 FR 84028 (December 1, 2023) (SR-CboeBZX-2023-094); 100371 (June 18, 2024), 89 FR 53140 (June 25, 2024) (SR-CboeBZX-2024-047); 99025 (November 28, 2023), 88 FR 84007 (December 1, 2023) (SR-C2-2023-023); 100427 (June 25, 2023), 89 FR 54552 (June 25, 2023) (SR-C2-2024-012); 99026 (November 28, 2023), 88 FR 84023 (December 1, 2023) (SR-CboeEDGX-2023-070); and 100352 (June 17, 2024), 89 FR 52521 (June 24, 2024) (SR-CboeEDGX-2024-033).

By way of background, the Exchange offers two versions of the Open-Close Report, an end-of-day summary and intra-day report.⁶ The End-of-Day Open-Close Report is a volume summary of trading activity on the Exchange at the option level by origin (Priority Customer⁷, Non-Priority Customer, Firm, Broker-Dealer, and Market Maker⁸), side of the market (buy or sell), contract volume, and transaction type (opening or closing). The customer and professional customer volume is further broken down into trade size buckets (less than 100 contracts, 100-199 contracts, greater than 199 contracts).

The Intra-Day Open-Close Report provides similar information to that of the End-of-Day version but is produced and updated every 10 minutes during the trading day. Data is captured in “snapshots” taken every 10 minutes throughout the trading day and is available to subscribers within five minutes of the conclusion of each 10-minute period. Each update represents the aggregate data captured from the current “snapshot” and all previous “snapshots.” The Intra-Day Open-Close data provides a volume summary of trading activity on the Exchange at the option level by origin (Priority Customer, Non-Priority Customer, Firm, Broker-Dealer, and Market Maker), side of the market (buy or sell), and transaction type (opening or closing). All volume is further broken down into trade size buckets (less than 100 contracts, 100-199 contracts, greater than 199 contracts).

Both versions of the Open-Close Report contain proprietary Exchange trade data and do not include trade data from any other exchange. The Intra-Day and End-of-Day Open-Close Report data products are completely voluntary products, in that the Exchange is not required by any rule or regulation to make this data available and that potential customers may purchase it on

⁶ See Exchange Rule 531(d)(1).

⁷ See Exchange Rule 100.

⁸ Id.

an ad-hoc basis only if they voluntarily choose to do so. The Open-Close Report is also a historical data product and not a real-time data feed.

The Exchange makes the Open-Close Report available for purchase to Members and non-Members.⁹ Customers may currently purchase the Open-Close Report on a subscription basis (monthly) or by ad hoc request for a specified month or number of months. The Exchange assesses a monthly fee of \$600 per month for subscribing to the End-of-Day summary Open-Close Report and \$2,000 per month for subscribing to the Intra-Day Open-Close Report.¹⁰ The Exchange also assesses a fee of \$500 per request per month for ad-hoc requests for historical End-of-Day Open-Close data.¹¹ An ad-hoc request for historical End-of-Day Open-Close data can be for any number of months beginning with August 2024 for which the data is available.¹² The Exchange also assesses a fee of \$1,000 per request per month for ad-hoc requests for historical Intra-Day Open-Close data.¹³ An ad-hoc request for historical Intra-Day Open-Close data can be for any number of months beginning with August 2024 for which the data is available.¹⁴ The Exchange also provides discounts in Section 6)c) of the Fee Schedule for customers who request multiple subscriptions or who are Qualifying Academic Purchasers.¹⁵

⁹ See Fee Schedule, Section 6)c).

¹⁰ Id.

¹¹ Id.

¹² Id.

¹³ Id.

¹⁴ Id.

¹⁵ In order to qualify for the academic pricing, an academic purchaser must: (1) be an accredited academic institution or member of the faculty or staff of such an institution, and (2) use the data in independent academic research, academic journals and other publications, teaching and classroom use, or for other bona fide educational purposes (i.e. academic use). See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 100751 (August 16, 2024), 89 FR 68010 (August 22, 2024) (SR-SAPPHIRE-2024-09).

Open-Close Report data is subject to direct competition from similar end-of-day and intra-day options trading summaries offered by several other options exchanges.¹⁶ All of these exchanges offer essentially the same end-of-day and intra-day options trading summary information for trading activity on those exchanges.

Currently, the Exchange provides a temporary pricing incentive program in which Members and non-Members that purchase historical Open-Close Report data receive a percentage fee discount. Specifically, the footnote “e.” below the table of fees for the Open-Close Report in Section 6)c) of the Fee Schedule, which applies to the rows for “End-of-Day Ad-hoc Request (historical data)” and “Intra-Day Ad-hoc Request (historical data),” provides a 20% discount for ad-hoc purchases of historical Open-Close Report data.¹⁷ To encourage the purchase of monthly subscriptions to Open-Close Report data, the temporary discount program is provided

¹⁶ These substitute products are as follows: Open-Close Data products from Cboe Exchange, Inc. (“Cboe”), Cboe C2 Exchange, Inc. (“C2”), Cboe EDGX Exchange, Inc. (“EDGX Options”), and Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc. (“BZX Options”); Nasdaq PHLX LLC (“PHLX”) Options Trade Outline, The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC (“Nasdaq”) Options Trade Outline, Nasdaq ISE, LLC (“ISE”) Open/Close Trade Profile, and Nasdaq GEMX, LLC (“GEMX”) Open/Close Trade Profile; and NYSE Options Open-Close Volume Summary for each of NYSE Arca, Inc. (“NYSE Arca”) and NYSE American LLC (“NYSE American”). See e.g., Cboe Fee Schedule, LiveVol Fees, Open-Close Data, Page 11, available at https://cdn.cboe.com/resources/membership/Cboe_FeeSchedule.pdf (last visited June 25, 2025); BZX Options Fee Schedule, Cboe LiveVol, LLC Market Data Fees, Open-Close Data, available at https://www.cboe.com/us/options/membership/fee_schedule/bzx/?_gl=1*ync049*_up*MQ..*_ga*MTc4NDUwMDg0Ny4xNzMzYwNzEw*_ga_5099WB9X71*MTczMzc2MDcwOS4xLjEuMTczMzc2MTM3MS4wLjAuMA (last visited June 25, 2025); PHLX Options Rules, Options 7 Pricing Schedule, Section 10. Proprietary Data Feed Fees, PHLX Options Trade Outline (“PHOTO”), available at <https://listingcenter.nasdaq.com/rulebook/phlx/rules/Phlx%20Options%207> (last visited June 25, 2025); ISE Options Rules, Options 7: Pricing Schedule, Sections 10.A.-C., available at <https://listingcenter.nasdaq.com/rulebook/ise/rules/ISE%20Options%207> (last visited June 25, 2025); GEMX Options Rules, Options 7: Pricing Schedule, Sections 7.D.-F., available at <https://listingcenter.nasdaq.com/rulebook/gemx/rules/GEMX%20Options%207> (last visited December 9, 2024); and NYSE Arca Options Proprietary Market Data Fees, NYSE Options Open-Close Volume Summary, page 2, available at https://www.nyse.com/publicdocs/nyse/data/NYSE_Arca_Options_Proprietary_Data_Fee_Schedule.pdf (last visited June 25, 2025).

¹⁷ The discount will apply on an order-by-order basis. To qualify for the discount, an order must contain End-of-Day Ad-hoc Requests (historical data) and/or Intra-Day Ad-hoc Requests (historical data) and there is no purchase threshold for such order to qualify for the discount. The Exchange notes that this differs from Cboe family of exchanges’ discount for their open-close data product, which only applies to an order for purchasing \$20,000 or more of historical Open-Close Data.

to only existing subscribers¹⁸ who purchase the same category of historical data for which they have a monthly Intra-Day or an End-of-Day subscription. The temporary discount program cannot be combined with any other discounts offered by the Exchange, including the academic discount provided for Qualifying Academic Purchasers¹⁹ of historical Open-Close Report data. The temporary discount program for Open-Close Report is currently set to expire on June 30, 2025.

The Exchange now proposes to extend the temporary discount program until December 31, 2025.²⁰ The purpose of this extension is to continue attracting subscribers of historical Open-Close Report data and making such data more widely accessible.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,²¹ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,²² in particular, in that it is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and to protect investors and the public interest, and that it is not designed to permit unfair discrimination among customers, brokers, or dealers. The Exchange also believes that its proposed changes to its Fee Schedule concerning fees for the

¹⁸ The Exchange notes that this differs from the Cboe exchanges' discount program for their open-close data product, which discount applies to all market participants irrespective of whether the market participant is a new or current purchaser. See, e.g., Securities Exchange Act Release No. 101509 (November 4, 2024), 89 FR 88845 (November 8, 2024) (SR-CBOE-2024-049).

¹⁹ See supra note 15.

²⁰ The Exchange notes that at the end of this period, the temporary discount program will expire unless the Exchange files another 19b-4 Rule Filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") to amend the terms or extend the discount program.

²¹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

²² 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

Open-Close Report is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act²³ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(4) of the Act²⁴ in particular, in that it is an equitable allocation of dues, fees and other charges among its members and other recipients of Exchange data.

In adopting Regulation NMS, the Commission granted self-regulatory organizations (“SROs”) and broker-dealers increased authority and flexibility to offer new and unique market data to the public. It was believed that this authority would expand the amount of data available to consumers, and also spur innovation and competition for the provision of market data. Particularly, the Open-Close Report further broadens the availability of U.S. options market data to investors consistent with the principles of Regulation NMS. The data product also promotes increased transparency through the dissemination of the Open-Close Report. Particularly, information regarding opening and closing activity across different option series during the trading day may indicate investor sentiment, which may allow market participants to make better informed trading decisions throughout the day. Subscribers to the data may also be able to enhance their ability to analyze option trade and volume data and create and test trading models and analytical strategies. The Exchange believes that the Open-Close Report provides a valuable tool that subscribers can use to gain comprehensive insight into the trading activity in a particular series, but also emphasizes such data is not necessary for trading and completely optional. Moreover, several other exchanges offer similar data products which offer the same type of data content through end-of-day or intra-day reports.²⁵

The Exchange operates in a highly competitive environment. Indeed, there are currently 18 registered options exchanges that trade options. Based on publicly available information, no

²³ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

²⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

²⁵ See supra note 16.

single options exchange had more than approximately 11-12% of the equity options market share for the month of May 2025 and the Exchange represented only approximately 3.38% of the equity options market share for the month of May 2025.²⁶ The Commission has repeatedly expressed its preference for competition over regulatory intervention in determining prices, products, and services in the securities markets. Particularly, in Regulation NMS, the Commission highlighted the importance of market forces in determining prices and SRO revenues and, also, recognized that current regulation of the market system “has been remarkably successful in promoting market competition in its broader forms that are most important to investors and listed companies.”²⁷ Making similar data products available to market participants fosters competition in the marketplace, and constrains the ability of exchanges to charge supra-competitive fees. In the event that a market participant views one exchange’s data product as more or less attractive than the competition they can, and do, switch between similar products. The extension of the fee discount for historical Open-Close Report data is a result of this competitive environment, as the Exchange seeks to continue attracting subscribers of historical Open-Close Report data and making such data more widely accessible.

The Exchange believes that the temporary discount program for any Member or non-Member who purchases historical Open-Close Report data is reasonable because such purchasers receive a 20% discount for purchasing historical Open-Close Report data. The Exchange believes the discount is reasonable as it gives purchasers the ability to use and test the historical Open-Close Report data at a discounted rate and therefore encourages and promotes users to purchase the historical Open-Close Report data. Specifically, the discount is similar to discounts

²⁶ See the “Market Share” section of the Exchange’s website, available at <https://www.miaxglobal.com/>.

²⁷ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 51808 (June 9, 2005), 70 FR 37496, 37499 (June 29, 2005) (“Regulation NMS Adopting Release”).

provided for a similar data product by other options exchanges.²⁸ Further, the extension of the temporary discount is intended to continue promoting increased use of the Exchange's historical Open-Close Report data by defraying some of the costs a purchaser would ordinarily have to expend. Further, providing the discount to only existing subscribers of a monthly Intra-Day or an End-of-Day subscription is designed to encourage the purchase of monthly subscriptions to Open-Close Report data.

The Exchange believes that the extension of the temporary discount program is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because it applies equally to all Members and non-Members who are existing subscribers of Open-Close Report data and chose to also purchase historical Open-Close Report data. Providing the discount to only existing subscribers of a monthly Intra-Day or an End-of-Day subscription is not unfairly discriminatory because it is a reasonable means to encourage the purchase of monthly subscriptions to Open-Close Report data. Lastly, the purchase of this data product is discretionary and not compulsory. Indeed, no market participant is required to purchase the historical Open-Close Report data, and the Exchange is not required to make the historical Open-Close Report data available to all investors. Potential purchasers may request the data at any time if they believe it to be valuable or may decline to purchase such data.

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The Exchange operates in a highly competitive environment in which the Exchange must continually

²⁸ See supra note 5. Again, the Exchange notes that this differs from the Cboe exchanges' discount program for their open-close data product, which discount applies to all market participants irrespective of whether the market participant is a new or current purchaser. See, e.g., Securities Exchange Act Release No. 101509 (November 4, 2024), 89 FR 88845 (November 8, 2024) (SR-CBOE-2024-049).

adjust its fees to remain competitive. Because competitors are free to modify their own fees in response, the Exchange believes that the degree to which fee changes in this market may impose any burden on competition is extremely limited. As discussed above, Open-Close Report data is subject to direct competition from several other options exchanges that offer substantively similar substitutes to the Exchange's Open-Close Report, albeit for trading data on those exchanges.²⁹ Moreover, purchase of historical Open-Close Report data is entirely optional. It is designed to help investors understand underlying market trends to improve the quality of investment decisions, but is not necessary to execute a trade.

The rule change is grounded in the Exchange's efforts to compete more effectively. In this competitive environment, potential purchasers are free to choose which, if any, similar product to purchase to satisfy their need for market information. As a result, the Exchange believes this proposed rule change permits fair competition among national securities exchanges. Further, the Exchange believes that the proposed change will not cause any unnecessary or inappropriate burden on intermarket competition, as the extension of the temporary discount program applies uniformly to any purchaser of historical Open-Close Report data.

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

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

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

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act,³⁰ and Rule 19b-4(f)(2)³¹ thereunder. At any time within 60 days of the filing of the

²⁹ See supra note 16.

³⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

³¹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

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 email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include file number SR-SAPPHIRE-2025-29 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-SAPPHIRE-2025-29. 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 (<https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>).

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-SAPPHIRE-2025-29 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.³²

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³² 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).