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On November 30, 2015, Bats BZX Exchange, Inc. (the “Exchange” or “BZX”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC” or “Commission”) a proposed rule change (“Proposal”) to adopt BZX Rule 11.27(a) to implement the quoting and trading requirements of the Regulation NMS Plan to Implement A Tick Size Pilot Program (“Plan”). The SEC published the Proposal in the Federal Register for notice and comment on December 3, 2015,¹ and the comment period expired on December 30, 2015.² BZX received three comment letters in response to the proposed rule change.³ The Exchange responded to those comment letters on February 23, 2016.⁴

On November 13, 2015, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (“FINRA”) filed with the Commission a proposed rule change substantially similar to that filed by BZX to adopt FINRA Rule 6191(a) implementing the quoting and trading requirements of the Plan.⁵ FINRA amended their proposal on February 23, 2016. The Commission approved the FINRA proposal, as amended, on February 23, 2016.⁶

BZX is now filing this Partial Amendment No. 1 to modify four of the requirements set forth in the proposed rule. This Partial Amendment No. 1 mirrors, as appropriate, the amendment FINRA submitted on their proposal that was approved by the Commission.⁷

¹ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 76552 (December 3, 2015), 80 FR 76591 (December 9, 2015) (Notice of Filing of SR-BATS-2015-108).

² Id.

³ See Letter from T.R. Lazo, Managing Director and Associate General Counsel, Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association (“SIFMA”), to Robert W. Errett, Deputy Secretary, SEC, dated December 18, 2015 (“SIFMA Letter”); letter from Brendon J. Weiss, Co-Head, Government Affairs, Intercontinental Exchange, Inc., and John K. Kerin, Chief Executive Officer, Chicago Stock Exchange, Inc. to Robert W. Errett, Deputy Secretary, SEC, dated January 15, 2016 (“NYSE/CHX Letter”); and letter from Mary Lou Von Kaenel, Managing Director, Financial Information Forum, to Robert W. Errett, Deputy Secretary, SEC, dated December 22, 2015 (“FIF Letter”).

⁴ See letter from Andrew Madar, Esq., Associate General Counsel, FINRA, and Chris Solgan, Esq., Assistant General Counsel, BZX, to Brent J. Fields, Secretary, SEC, dated February 23, 2016.

⁵ Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 76483 (November 19, 2015), 80 FR 73853 (November 25, 2015) (File No. SR-FINRA-2015-047) (Notice of Filing of a Proposed Rule Change to Adopt FINRA Rule 6191(a) to Implement the Quoting and Trading Requirements of the Regulation NMS Plan to Implement A Tick Size Pilot Program) (“FINRA Proposal”).

⁶ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 77218 (February 23, 2016) (Approving SR-FINRA-2015-047).

⁷ Id.

First, BZX proposes to add an exception to permit members to fill a customer order in a Pilot Security in Test Group Two or Three at a non-nickel increment to comply with BZX Rule 12.6 (Prohibition Against Trading Ahead of Customer Orders) under limited circumstances. Second, BZX is amending the proposal to adopt an exception to the Trade-at requirement for certain error correction transactions. Third, BZX is proposing to modify the stopped order exception to the Trade-at requirement to better align with the stopped order exception in Rule 611 of SEC Regulation NMS.⁸ Finally, BZX is proposing to clarify the use of Intermarket Sweep Orders (“ISO”) in connection with the Trade-at requirement.

BZX proposes to add an exception to Rule 11.27(a) to permit members to fill a customer order in a Pilot Security in Test Group Two or Three at a non-nickel increment to comply with BZX Rule 12.6 (Prohibition Against Trading Ahead of Customer Orders) under limited circumstances. Specifically, the exception would allow the execution of a customer order following a proprietary trade by the member at an increment other than \$0.05 in the same security, on the same side and at the same price as (or within the prescribed amount of) a customer order owed a fill pursuant to BZX Rule 12.6, where the triggering proprietary trade was permissible pursuant to an exception under the Plan.

Thus, BZX is proposing to add a customer order protection exception to Rule 11.27(a)(5) and (a)(6) that would permit members to trade Pilot Securities in Test Group Two and Test Group Three, respectively, in increments less than \$0.05, and where the member is executing a customer order to comply with BZX Rule 12.6 following the execution of a proprietary trade by the member at an increment other than \$0.05 where such proprietary trade was permissible pursuant to an exception under the Plan. BZX believes that this approach best facilitates the ability of members to continue to protect customer orders while retaining the flexibility to engage in proprietary trades that comply with an exception to the Plan.

BZX also proposes to add an exception to the Trade-at requirement. The exceptions to the Trade-at requirement set forth in the Plan and in BZX’s proposed rule are, in part, based on the exceptions to the trade-through requirement set forth in Rule 611,⁹ including exceptions for an order that is executed as part of a transaction that was not a “regular way” contract, and an order that is executed as part of a single-priced opening, reopening, or closing transaction by the Trading Center.¹⁰ Following the adoption of Rule 611 and its exceptions, the Commission issued exemptive relief that created exceptions from Rule 611 for certain error correction transactions.¹¹ BZX has determined that it is appropriate to incorporate the error correction exception to the

⁸ See 17 CFR 242.611.

⁹ See 17 CFR 242.611.

¹⁰ See 17 CFR 242.611(b)(2) and (b)(3).

¹¹ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 55884 (June 8, 2007), 72 FR 32926 (June 14, 2007).

Trade-at prohibition, as this exception is equally applicable in the Trade-at context. Accordingly, BZX is proposing to amend Rule 11.27(a)(6) to exempt certain transactions to correct bona fide errors in the execution of customer orders from the Trade-at prohibition, subject to the conditions set forth by the SEC's order exempting these transactions from Rule 611 of SEC Regulation NMS.¹²

As with the corresponding exception under Rule 611 of SEC Regulation NMS, BZX proposes to define a "bona fide error" as: (i) the inaccurate conveyance or execution of any term of an order including, but not limited to, price, number of shares or other unit of trading; identification of the security; identification of the account for which securities are purchased or sold; lost or otherwise misplaced order tickets; short sales that were instead sold long or vice versa; or the execution of an order on the wrong side of a market; (ii) the unauthorized or unintended purchase, sale, or allocation of securities, or the failure to follow specific client instructions; (iii) the incorrect entry of data into relevant systems, including reliance on incorrect cash positions, withdrawals, or securities positions reflected in an account; or (iv) a delay, outage, or failure of a communication system used to transmit market data prices or to facilitate the delivery or execution of an order. The bona fide error must be evidenced by objective facts and circumstances, the Trading Center must maintain documentation of such facts and circumstances, and the Trading Center must record the transaction in its error account. To avail itself of the exemption, the Trading Center must establish, maintain, and enforce written policies and procedures that are reasonably designed to address the occurrence of errors and, in the event of an error, the use and terms of a transaction to correct the error in compliance with this exemption. Finally, the Trading Center must regularly surveil to ascertain the effectiveness of its policies and procedures to address errors and transactions to correct errors and take prompt action to remedy deficiencies in such policies and procedures.¹³

BZX also proposes to amend the Trade-at exception for stopped orders. The stopped order exemption in Rule 611 of SEC Regulation NMS applies where "[t]he price of the trade-through transaction was, for a stopped buy order, lower than the national best bid in the NMS stock at the time of execution or, for a stopped sell order, higher than the national best offer in the NMS stock at the time of execution."¹⁴ The Trade-at stopped order exception applies where "the price of the Trade-at transaction was, for a stopped buy order, equal to the national best bid in the Pilot Security at the time of execution or, for a stopped sell order, equal to the national best offer in the Pilot Security at the time of execution."¹⁵

¹² See supra note 6.

¹³ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 55884 (June 8, 2007), 72 FR 32926 (June 14, 2007).

¹⁴ See 17 CFR 242.611(b)(9).

¹⁵ See Plan, Section VI(D)(12).

To illustrate the application of the stopped order exemption as it currently operates under Rule 611 of SEC Regulation NMS and as it is currently proposed for Trade-at, assume the National Best Bid (“NBB”) is \$10.00 and another protected quote is at \$9.95. Under Rule 611 of SEC Regulation NMS, a stopped order to buy can be filled at \$9.95 and the firm does not have to send an ISO to access the protected quote at \$10.00 since the price of the stopped order must be lower than the NBB. For the stopped order to also be executed at \$9.95 and satisfy the Trade-at requirements, the Trade-at exception would have to be revised to allow an order to execute at the price of a protected quote which, in this case, could be \$9.95.

Based on the fact that a stopped order would be treated differently under the Regulation NMS Rule 611 exception than under the proposed Trade-at exception, BZX believes that it is appropriate to amend the Trade-at stopped order exception to ensure that the application of this exception will produce a consistent result under both Regulation NMS and the Plan. BZX therefore proposes to amend the stopped order exception to allow a transaction to satisfy the Trade-at requirement if the stopped order price, for a stopped buy order, is equal to or less than the National Best Bid, and for a stopped sell order, is equal to or greater than the National Best Offer, as long as such order is priced at an acceptable increment.

Finally, BZX also proposes to amend the rule text relating to the use of ISOs in connection with satisfying one of the proposed exceptions to Trade-at. The Plan defines a Trade-At Intermarket Sweep Order as a limit order for a Pilot Security that, when routed to a Trading Center, is identified as an Intermarket Sweep Order, and simultaneous with the routing of the limit order identified as an Intermarket Sweep Order, one or more additional limit orders, as necessary, are routed to execute against the full displayed size of any protected bid (in the case of a limit order to sell) or the full displayed size of any protected offer (in the case of a limit order to buy) for the Pilot Security with a price that is equal to the limit price of the limit order identified as an Intermarket Sweep Order. These additional routed orders also must be marked as Intermarket Sweep Orders.¹⁶ The Plan allows an order that is identified as an Intermarket Sweep Order to be executed at the price of a protected quotation as exception #8 to Trade-at. The Plan also allows, as exception #9 to Trade-at, an order to execute at the price of a protected quotation that “is executed by a trading center that simultaneously routed Trade-at Intermarket Sweep Orders to execute against the full displayed size of the protected quotation that was trade at.” In connection with the definition of a Trade-at ISO, exception #8 refers to the ISO that is received by a Trading Center; exception #9 refers to the Trading Center that routed the ISO.

BZX proposed Rule 11.27(a)(6)(D)(h) to clarify that an ISO that is received by a Trading Center (and which could form the basis of an execution at the price of a protection quotation pursuant to exception #8 of the Plan), is identified as a Trade-at ISO. Depending on whether Rule 611 or the Trade-at requirement applies, an ISO may mean that the sender of the ISO has swept better-priced protected quotations, so that the

¹⁶ See Plan, Section I(MM).

recipient of that ISO may trade through the price of the protected quotation (Rule 611), or it could mean that the sender of the ISO has swept protected quotations at the same price that it wishes to execute at (in addition to any better-priced quotations), so the recipient of that ISO may trade at the price of the protected quotation (Trade-at). Given that the meaning of an ISO may differ under Rule 611 and Trade-at, BZX proposed Rule 11.27(a)(6)(D)(h) so that the recipient of an ISO in a Test Group Three security would know, upon receipt of that ISO, that the Trading Center that sent the ISO had already executed against the full size of displayed quotations at that price, e.g., the recipient of that ISO could permissibly trade at the price of the protected quotation.

BZX proposes to further clarify the use of an ISO in connection with the Trade-at requirement by adopting, as part of Rule 11.27(a)(7), a definition of “Trade-at Intermarket Sweep Order.” As set forth in the Plan and as noted above, the definition of a Trade-at ISO does not distinguish ISOs that are compliant with Rule 611 from ISOs that are compliant with Trade-at. BZX therefore proposes to define a Trade-at ISO as a limit order for a Pilot Security that meets the following requirements: (1) when routed to a Trading Center, the limit order is identified as a Trade-at Intermarket Sweep Order; (2) simultaneously with the routing of the limit order identified as a Trade-at Intermarket Sweep Order, one or more additional limit orders, as necessary, are routed to execute against the full displayed size of any protected bid, in the case of a limit order to sell, or the full displayed size of any protected offer, in the case of a limit order to buy, for the Pilot Security with a price that is better than or equal to the limit price of the limit order identified as a Trade-at Intermarket Sweep Order. These additional routed orders also must be marked as Trade-at Intermarket Sweep Orders. BZX proposes to make a corresponding change to the reference to Trade-at ISO in Rule 11.27(a)(6)(D)(i). BZX believes that this proposed change will further clarify to recipients of ISOs in Group Three securities whether the ISO satisfies the requirements of Rule 611 or Trade-at.

BZX believes that the changes to (1) add an exception to Rule 11.27 to permit members to fill a customer order in a Pilot Security at a non-nickel increment to comply with BZX Rule 12.6 under limited circumstances, (2) create an exception for certain error correction transactions, (3) modify the stopped order exception to the Trade-at requirement, and (4) clarify the use of ISOs in connection with the Trade-at requirement, are consistent with the Act. BZX believes that the change to allow members to fill a customer order at a non-nickel increment to comply with Rule 12.6 under limited circumstances best facilitates the ability of members to continue to protect customer orders while retaining the flexibility to engage in proprietary trades that comply with an exception to the Plan. With respect to the proposed exceptions for error correction transactions, BZX believes that an exemption for error correction transactions is equally applicable to Trade-at as to Rule 611 of Regulation NMS, and that adopting this exception to the Trade-at requirement further aligns the requirements of the Trade-at requirement with Rule 611 of Regulation NMS. Similarly, BZX believes that the proposed change to the stopped order exception will result in more consistent treatment under Regulation NMS and the Plan, which should ease compliance burdens for members. BZX believes that the proposed definition of a Trade-at ISO is consistent with

the Act because it will further clarify to recipients of ISOs in Group Three securities whether that ISO satisfies the requirements of Rule 611 or Trade-at.

EXHIBIT 4

Exhibit 4 shows the changes proposed in this Partial Amendment No. 1, with the proposed changes in the original filing shown as if adopted. Proposed additions in this Partial Amendment No. 1 appear underlined; proposed deletions appear in brackets.

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Rule 11.27. Compliance with Regulation NMS Plan to Implement a Tick Size Pilot Program

(a) Compliance with Quoting and Trading Restrictions

(1) – (4) (No change).

(5) Pilot Securities in Test Group Two

(A) – (B) (No change).

(C) Pilot Securities in Test Group Two may trade in increments less than \$0.05 under the following circumstances:

(i) Trading may occur at the midpoint between the NBBO or the PBBO;

(ii) Retail Investor Orders may be provided with price improvement that is at least \$0.005 better than the PBBO; [and]

(iii) Negotiated Trades may trade in increments less than \$0.05[.]; and

(iv) Executions of a customer order to comply with Exchange Rule 12.6 following the execution of a proprietary trade by the member at an increment other than \$0.05, where such proprietary trade was permissible pursuant to an exception under the Plan.

(6) Pilot Securities in Test Group Three

(A) – (B) (No change).

(C) Pilot Securities in Test Group Three may trade in increments less than \$0.05 under the following circumstances:

(i) Trading may occur at the midpoint between the NBBO or PBBO;

(ii) Retail Investor Orders may be provided with price improvement that is at least \$0.005 better than the PBBO; [and]

(iii) Negotiated Trades may trade in increments less than \$0.05[.]; and

(iv) Executions of a customer order to comply with Exchange Rule 12.6 following the execution of a proprietary trade by the member at an increment other than \$0.05, where such proprietary trade was permissible pursuant to an exception under the Plan.

(D) Pilot Securities in Test Group Three will be subject to the following Trade-at Prohibition:

(i) (No change).

(ii) A Member that operates a Trading Center may execute a sell order for a Pilot Security in Test Group Three at the price of a Protected Bid or execute a buy order for a Pilot Security in Test Group Three at the price of a Protected Offer under the following circumstances:

a. - h. (No change).

i. The order is executed by a Trading Center that simultaneously routed Trade-at Intermarket Sweep Orders to execute against the full displayed size of [the] a Protected Quotation with a price that is better than or equal to the limit price of the limit order identified as a Trade-at Intermarket Sweep Order [that was traded at];

j. - k. (No change).

l. The order is executed by a Trading Center which, at the time of order receipt, the Trading Center had guaranteed an execution at no worse than a specified price (a “stopped order”), where:

1. The stopped order was for the account of a customer;

2. The customer agreed to the specified price on an order-by-order basis; and

3. The price of the Trade-at transaction was, for a stopped buy order, equal to or less than the National Best Bid in the Pilot Security at the time of execution or, for a stopped sell order, equal to or greater than the National Best Offer in the Pilot Security at the time of execution, as long as such order is priced at an acceptable increment; [or]

m. The order is for a fractional share of a Pilot Security, provided that such fractional share order was not the result of breaking an order for one or more whole shares of a Pilot Security into orders for fractional shares or was not otherwise effected to evade the requirements of the Trade-at Prohibition or any other provisions of the Plan; or
[.]

n. The order is to correct a bona fide error, which is recorded by the Trading Center in its error account. A bond fide error is defined as:

1. The inaccurate conveyance or execution of any term of an order including, but not limited to, price, number of shares or other unit of trading; identification of the security; identification of the account for which securities are purchased or sold; lost or otherwise misplaced order tickets; short sales that were instead sold long or vice versa; or the execution of an order on the wrong side of a market;

2. The unauthorized or unintended purchase, sale, or allocation of securities, or the failure to follow specific client instructions;

3. The incorrect entry of data into relevant systems, including reliance on incorrect cash

positions, withdrawals, or securities positions reflected in an account; or

4. A delay, outage, or failure of a communication system used to transmit market data prices or to facilitate the delivery or execution of an order.

(7) Operation of Certain Exceptions to Tick Size Pilot Program

(A) Trade-at Requirement

(i) “Trade-at Intermarket Sweep Order” means a limit order for a Pilot Security that meets the following requirements:

1. When routed to a Trading Center, the limit order is identified as a Trade-at Intermarket Sweep Order; and

2. Simultaneously with the routing of the limit order identified as a Trade-at Intermarket Sweep Order, one or more additional limit orders, as necessary, are routed to execute against the full size of any protected bid, in the case of a limit order to sell, or the full displayed size of any protected offer, in the case of a limit order to buy, for the Pilot Security with a price that is better than or equal to the limit price of the limit order identified as a Trade-at Intermarket Sweep Order. These additional routed orders also must be marked as Trade-at Intermarket Sweep Orders.

(No change).

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EXHIBIT 5

Below is the text of the proposed rule change. Proposed new language is underlined.

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Rule 11.27. Compliance with Regulation NMS Plan to Implement a Tick Size Pilot Program

(a) Compliance with Quoting and Trading Restrictions

(1) Member Compliance

Members shall establish, maintain and enforce written policies and procedures that are reasonably designed to comply with the applicable quoting and trading requirements of the Plan.

(2) Exchange Compliance

The System will not display, quote or trade in violation of the applicable quoting and trading requirements for a Pilot Security specified in the Plan and this Rule, unless such quotation or transaction is specifically exempted under the Plan.

(3) Pilot Securities That Drop Below \$1.00 during the Pilot Period

If the price of a Pilot Security drops below \$1.00 during regular trading hours on any trading day, such Pilot Security will continue to be subject to the Plan and the requirements enumerated in subparagraphs (4) through (6) below and will continue to trade in accordance with such Rules. However, if the Closing Price of a Pilot Security on any given trading day is below \$1.00, such Pilot Security will be moved out of its Pilot Test Group into the Control Group, and may then be quoted and traded at any price increment that is currently permitted

for the remainder of the Pilot Period. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, at all times during the Pilot Period, Pilot Securities (whether in the Control Group or any Pilot Test Group) will continue to be subject to the requirements contained in Paragraph (b).

(4) Pilot Securities in Test Group One

No Member may display, rank, or accept from any person any displayable or non-displayable bids or offers, orders, or indications of interest in any Pilot Security in Test Group One in increments other than \$0.05. However, orders priced to execute at the midpoint of the national best bid and national best offer (“NBBO”) or best protected bid and best protected offer (“PBBO”) and orders entered in a Participant-operated retail liquidity program may be ranked and accepted in increments of less than \$0.05. Pilot Securities in Test Group One may continue to trade at any price increment that is currently permitted by applicable Participant, SEC and Exchange rules.

(5) Pilot Securities in Test Group Two

(A) No Member may display, rank, or accept from any person any displayable or non-displayable bids or offers, orders, or indications of interest in any Pilot Security in Test Group Two in increments other than \$0.05. However, orders priced to execute at the midpoint of the NBBO or PBBO and orders entered in a Participant-operated retail liquidity program may be ranked and accepted in increments of less than \$0.05.

(B) Absent any of the exceptions listed in subparagraph (5)(C) below, no member may execute orders in any Pilot Security in Test Group

Two in price increments other than \$0.05. The \$0.05 trading increment will apply to all trades, including Brokered Cross Trades.

(C) Pilot Securities in Test Group Two may trade in increments less than \$0.05 under the following circumstances:

(i) Trading may occur at the midpoint between the NBBO or the PBBO;

(ii) Retail Investor Orders may be provided with price improvement that is at least \$0.005 better than the PBBO;

(iii) Negotiated Trades may trade in increments less than \$0.05; and

(iv) Executions of a customer order to comply with Exchange Rule 12.6 following the execution of a proprietary trade by the member at an increment other than \$0.05, where such proprietary trade was permissible pursuant to an exception under the Plan.

(6) Pilot Securities in Test Group Three

(A) No Member may display, rank, or accept from any person any displayable or non-displayable bids or offers, orders, or indications of interest in any Pilot Security in Test Group Three in increments other than \$0.05. However, orders priced to execute at the midpoint of the NBBO or PBBO and orders entered in a Participant-operated retail liquidity program may be ranked and accepted in increments of less than \$0.05.

(B) Absent any of the exceptions listed in subparagraph (6)(C) below, no Member that operates a Trading Center may execute orders in any Pilot Security in Test Group Three in price increments other than \$0.05. The \$0.05 trading increment will apply to all trades, including Brokered Cross Trades.

(C) Pilot Securities in Test Group Three may trade in increments less than \$0.05 under the following circumstances:

(i) Trading may occur at the midpoint between the NBBO or PBBO;

(ii) Retail Investor Orders may be provided with price improvement that is at least \$0.005 better than the PBBO;

(iii) Negotiated Trades may trade in increments less than \$0.05; and

(iv) Executions of a customer order to comply with Exchange Rule 12.6 following the execution of a proprietary trade by the member at an increment other than \$0.05, where such proprietary trade was permissible pursuant to an exception under the Plan.

(D) Pilot Securities in Test Group Three will be subject to the following Trade-at Prohibition:

(i) Absent any of the exceptions listed in subparagraph (D)(ii) below, no Member that operates a Trading Center may execute a sell order for a Pilot Security in Test Group Three at the

price of a Protected Bid or execute a buy order for a Pilot Security in Test Group Three at the price of a Protected Offer during regular trading hours (“Trade-at Prohibition”). Under the Trade-at Prohibition, a Member that operates a Trading Center that is displaying a quotation, via either a processor or an SRO quotation feed, that is at a price equal to the traded-at Protected Bid or Protected Offer is permitted to execute orders at that level, but only up to the amount of its displayed size. A Member that operates a Trading Center that was not displaying a quotation at a price equal to the traded-at Protected Quotation, via either a processor or an SRO quotation feed, is prohibited from price-matching protected quotations unless an exception applies.

(ii) A Member that operates a Trading Center may execute a sell order for a Pilot Security in Test Group Three at the price of a Protected Bid or execute a buy order for a Pilot Security in Test Group Three at the price of a Protected Offer under the following circumstances:

a. The order is executed within the same independent aggregation unit of the Member that operates the Trading Center that displayed the quotation via either a processor or an SRO Quotation Feed, to the extent such member uses independent aggregation units, at a price equal to the traded-at Protected Quotation that was

displayed before the order was received, but only up to the full displayed size of that independent aggregation unit's previously displayed quote. A Trading Center that is displaying a quotation as agent or riskless principal may only execute as agent or riskless principal and a Trading Center displaying a quotation as principal (excluding riskless principal) may execute as principal, agent or riskless principal. "Independent aggregation unit" has the same meaning as provided under Rule 200(f) of SEC Regulation SHO;

b. The order is of Block Size at the time of origin and may not be:

1. an aggregation of non-block orders;

2. broken into orders smaller than Block Size prior to submitting the order to a Trading Center for execution; or

3. executed on multiple Trading Centers;

c. The order is a Retail Investor Order executed with at least \$0.005 price improvement;

d. The order is executed when the Trading Center displaying the Protected Quotation that was traded at was experiencing a failure, material delay, or malfunction of its systems or equipment;

e. The order is executed as part of a transaction that was not a “regular way” contract;

f. The order is executed as part of a single-priced opening, reopening, or closing transaction by the Trading Center;

g. The order is executed when a Protected Bid was priced higher than a Protected Offer in the Pilot Security;

h. The order is identified as a Trade-at Intermarket Sweep Order;

i. The order is executed by a Trading Center that simultaneously routed Trade-at Intermarket Sweep Orders to execute against the full displayed size of a Protected Quotation with a price that is better than or equal to the limit price of the limit order identified as a Trade-at Intermarket Sweep Order;

j. The order is executed as part of a Negotiated Trade;

k. The order is executed when the Trading Center displaying the Protected Quotation that was traded at had displayed, within one second prior to execution of the transaction that constituted the Trade-at, a Best Protected Bid or Best Protected Offer, as applicable, for the Pilot

Security with a price that was inferior to the price of the Trade-at transaction;

1. The order is executed by a Trading Center which, at the time of order receipt, the Trading Center had guaranteed an execution at no worse than a specified price (a “stopped order”), where:

1. The stopped order was for the account of a customer;

2. The customer agreed to the specified price on an order-by-order basis; and

3. The price of the Trade-at transaction was, for a stopped buy order, equal to or less than the National Best Bid in the Pilot Security at the time of execution or, for a stopped sell order, equal to or greater than the National Best Offer in the Pilot Security at the time of execution, as long as such order is priced at an acceptable increment;

m. The order is for a fractional share of a Pilot Security, provided that such fractional share order was not the result of breaking an order for one or more whole shares of a Pilot Security into orders for fractional shares or was not otherwise effected to evade the requirements of the Trade-at Prohibition or any other provisions of the Plan; or

n. The order is to correct a bona fide error, which is recorded by the Trading Center in its error account. A bond fide error is defined as:

1. The inaccurate conveyance or execution of any term of an order including, but not limited to, price, number of shares or other unit of trading; identification of the security; identification of the account for which securities are purchased or sold; lost or otherwise misplaced order tickets; short sales that were instead sold long or vice versa; or the execution of an order on the wrong side of a market;

2. The unauthorized or unintended purchase, sale, or allocation of securities, or the failure to follow specific client instructions;

3. The incorrect entry of data into relevant systems, including reliance on incorrect cash positions, withdrawals, or securities positions reflected in an account; or

4. A delay, outage, or failure of a communication system used to transmit market data prices or to facilitate the delivery or execution of an order.

(7) Operation of Certain Exceptions to Tick Size Pilot Program

(A) Trade-at Requirement

(i) “Trade-at Intermarket Sweep Order” means a limit order for a Pilot Security that meets the following requirements:

1. When routed to a Trading Center, the limit order is identified as a Trade-at Intermarket Sweep Order; and

2. Simultaneously with the routing of the limit order identified as a Trade-at Intermarket Sweep Order, one or more additional limit orders, as necessary, are routed to execute against the full size of any protected bid, in the case of a limit order to sell, or the full displayed size of any protected offer, in the case of a limit order to buy, for the Pilot Security with a price that is better than or equal to the limit price of the limit order identified as a Trade-at Intermarket Sweep Order. These additional routed orders also must be marked as Trade-at Intermarket Sweep Orders.

Interpretations and Policies.

.01 The terms used in this Rule 11.27 shall have the same meaning as provided in the Plan, unless otherwise specified.

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