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Amendments to the fee schedule of BATS Exchange, Inc. with respect to BATS Options pricing.

**Contact Information**

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

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(Title \*)

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**Exhibit 5 - Proposed Rule Text**

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The self-regulatory organization may choose to attach as Exhibit 5 proposed changes to rule text in place of providing it in Item I and which may otherwise be more easily readable if provided separately from Form 19b-4. Exhibit 5 shall be considered part of the proposed rule change.

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

## 1. Text of the Proposed Rule Change

(a) Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act” or “Exchange Act”),<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> BATS Exchange, Inc. (“BATS” or the “Exchange”) proposes to amend its fees and rebates applicable to Members<sup>3</sup> of the Exchange pursuant to Rule 15.1(a) and (c) (“Fee Schedule”) to adopt fees applicable to Members of the Exchange’s equity options platform (“BATS Options”) for the use of a communication and routing service known as BATS Connect. The text of the proposed rule change is attached as Exhibit 5.

(b) Inapplicable.

(c) Inapplicable.

## 2. Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization

The Exchange submits the proposed rule change pursuant to authority delegated by the Board of Directors of the Exchange on February 11, 2014. Exchange staff will advise the Exchange’s Board of Directors of any action taken pursuant to delegated authority. No other action is necessary for the filing of the rule change and, therefore, the Exchange’s internal procedures with respect to the proposed change are complete.

The persons on the Exchange staff prepared to respond to questions and comments on the proposed rule change are:

Eric Swanson  
Executive Vice President and  
General Counsel

Anders Franzon  
VP, Associate General Counsel  
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<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

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

<sup>3</sup> A Member is defined as “any registered broker or dealer that has been admitted to membership in the Exchange.” See Exchange Rule 1.5(n).

(913) 815-7000

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

(a) Purpose

The Exchange proposes to adopt fees applicable to Members of BATS Options for the use of a communication and routing service known as BATS Connect.

On May 27, 2015, the Exchange filed a proposed rule change with the Commission to adopt a communication and routing service known as BATS Connect.<sup>4</sup> The Exchange now proposes to adopt fees related to the use of BATS Connect that are equal to the fees charged for an identical service, also called BATS Connect, offered by the Exchange's affiliate, EDGX.<sup>5</sup> The Exchange notes that BATS Connect will be offered by all of the Exchange's affiliated equity exchanges but that the fees are also appropriately set forth on the fee schedule of BATS Options because BATS Connect will be offered to all Exchange Members, including Members that participate primarily or exclusively on BATS Options.

BATS Connect is offered by the Exchange on a voluntary basis in a capacity similar to a vendor. In sum, BATS Connect is a communication service that provides subscribers an additional means to receive market data from and route orders to any destination connected to the Exchange's network. BATS Connect does not provide any

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<sup>4</sup> See file no. SR-BATS-2015-40.

<sup>5</sup> See the EDGX fee schedule available at [http://batstrading.com/support/fee\\_schedule/edgx/](http://batstrading.com/support/fee_schedule/edgx/). See also Securities Exchange Act Release No. 73780 (December 8, 2014), 79 FR 73942 (December 12, 2014) (SR-EDGX-2014-28) and file no. SR-EDGX-2015-27.

advantage to subscribers for connecting to the Exchange's affiliates<sup>6</sup> as compared to other method of connectivity available to subscribers. The servers of the subscriber need not be located in the same facilities as the Exchange in order to subscribe to BATS Connect. Subscribers may also seek to utilize BATS Connect in the event of a market disruption where other alternative connection methods become unavailable.

The Exchange will charge a monthly connectivity fee to subscribers utilizing BATS Connect to route orders to other exchanges and broker-dealers that are connected to the Exchange's network. The amount of the connectivity fee varies based solely on the bandwidth selected by the subscriber. Specifically, the Exchange proposes to charge \$350 for 1 Mb, \$700 for 5 Mb, \$950 for 10 Mb, \$1,500 for 25 Mb, \$2,500 for 50 Mb, and \$3,500 for 100 Mb.

BATS Connect would also allow subscribers to receive market data feeds from the exchanges connected to the Exchange's network. In such case, the subscriber would pay the Exchange a connectivity fee, which varies and is based solely on the amount of bandwidth required to transmit the selected data product to the subscriber. The proposed connectivity fees are set forth in the Exhibit 5 attached hereto and range from no charge to \$11,500 based on the market data product the subscriber selects.

The Exchange also proposes to adopt a discounted fee of \$4,160 per month for subscribers who purchase connectivity to a bundle of select market data products. The

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<sup>6</sup> The Exchange's affiliated exchanges are EDGX, EDGA Exchange, Inc. ("EDGA"), and BATS Y-Exchange, Inc. ("BYX") The Exchange understands that its affiliated exchanges intend to file identical proposed rule changes to adopt the fees for the BATS Connect service with the Commission. The Exchange also notes that its affiliated exchanges have also filed proposed rule changes with the Commission to adopt rules describing the BATS Connect service.

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The Exchange notes that it will not charge a fee to subscribers utilizing BATS Connect to route orders to or receive market data products from the Exchange's affiliates, EDGX, EDGA, and BYX. BATS Connect provides subscribers a means to access exchanges and market centers on the Exchange's network. In all cases, BATS Connect subscribers would continue to be liable for the necessary fees charged by that exchange or market center, including any required connectivity fees. Market participants who chose a method other than BATS Connect to connect to another exchange or market center would also pay any required connectivity fees directly to that exchange or market center. Likewise, BATS Connect subscribers would be liable for any connectivity fees charged by the Exchange's affiliate.

#### Implementation Date

The Exchange proposes to implement these amendments to its Fee Schedule immediately.

#### (b) Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the objectives of Section 6 of the Act,<sup>7</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(4),<sup>8</sup> in particular, as it is designed to provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among its Members and other persons using its facilities. The Exchange also notes that it operates in a highly-competitive market in which market participants can readily direct order flow to competing venues if they deem fee levels at a particular venue to be excessive. The Exchange believes that the proposed rates are equitable and non-discriminatory in that they apply uniformly to all Members.

The Exchange also believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b)(4) of the Act,<sup>9</sup> in that it provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among members and other persons using its facilities. First, the Exchange will charge a connectivity fee to subscribers utilizing BATS Connect to route orders to other exchanges and market centers that are connected to the Exchange's network, which varies based solely on the amount of bandwidth selected by the subscriber. The amounts of the connectivity fees are also reasonable as compared to similar fees charged by other exchanges. For purposes of order routing, the Exchange proposes to charge \$350 for 1 Mb, \$700 for 5 Mb, \$950 for 10 Mb, \$1,500 for 25 Mb, \$2,500 for 50 Mb, and \$3,500 for 100 Mb. The New York Stock Exchange, Inc. ("NYSE") currently charges \$300 for 1 Mb, \$700 for 5 Mb, \$900 for 10 Mb, \$1,500 for 25 Mb, \$2,000 for 50 Mb, and \$2,600

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<sup>7</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f.

<sup>8</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

<sup>9</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

for 100 Mb.<sup>10</sup> The Exchange notes that, overall, the connectivity fee for routing of orders to other market centers proposed by the Exchange is similar to that charged by the NYSE.

Second, with regard to utilizing BATS Connect to receive market data products from other exchanges, the Exchange would only charge subscribers a connectivity fee, the amount of which is based solely on the amount of bandwidth required to transmit that specific data product to the subscribers. The amounts of the connectivity fees are also reasonable as compared to similar fees charged by other exchanges. For example, for market data connectivity, the Nasdaq Stock Market LLC (“Nasdaq”) charges \$1,412 per month for CQS/CTS data feed, and the Exchange proposes to charge \$1,000 per month connectivity for CQS/CTS data feed.<sup>11</sup> The Exchange notes that, overall, the connectivity fee for receipt of other market centers’ data feed proposed by the Exchange is similar to that charged by Nasdaq.

The Exchange believes it is reasonable to offer such discounted pricing to subscribers who purchase connectivity to a bundle of market data products as it would enable them to reduce their overall connectivity costs for the receipt of market data. As stated above, BATS Connect is offered and purchased on a voluntary basis and subscribers can discontinue use at any time and for any reason, including due to an assessment of the reasonableness of fees charged. Moreover, the Exchange believes the proposed fees are reasonable and equitable because they continue to be based on the

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<sup>10</sup> See NYSE’s SFTI Americas Product and Service List [available at http://www.nyxdata.com/docs/connectivity](http://www.nyxdata.com/docs/connectivity).

<sup>11</sup> See Nasdaq Rule 7034 (setting forth Nasdaq’s connectivity fees for receipt of third party market data products).

Exchange's costs to cover the amount of bandwidth required to provide connectivity to the select bundle of data feeds. The proposed fees will continue to allow the Exchange to recoup this cost, while providing subscribers with an alternative means to connect to the select bundle of data feeds at a discounted rate.

The subscribers would pay any fees: (i) charged by the exchange providing the market data feed directly to that exchange (ii) charged by a market center to which they routed an order and an execution occurred directly to that market center. The Exchange itself would not charge any additional fees.<sup>12</sup> BATS Connect is offered and purchased on a voluntary basis, in that neither the Exchange nor subscribers are required by any rule or regulation to make this product available. Accordingly, subscribers can discontinue use at any time and for any reason, including due to an assessment of the reasonableness of fees charged.

Moreover, the Exchange believes the proposed fees are reasonable and equitable because they are based on the Exchange's costs to cover hardware, installation, testing and connection, as well as expenses involved in maintaining and managing the service. The proposed fees allow the Exchange to recoup these costs, while providing subscribers with an alternative means to connect to other exchange and market centers. The Exchange believes that the proposed fees are reasonable and equitable in that they reflect the costs and the benefit of providing alternative connectivity.

The Exchange also believes it is equitable and reasonable to provide BATS Connect to subscribers for no charge to route orders to or receive market data products

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<sup>12</sup> The Exchange's rules and fees would not address the fees or manner of operation of any destination to which the subscriber asked that an order be routed.

from the Exchange's affiliates. BATS Connect provides subscribers a means to access exchanges and market centers on the Exchange's network. In all cases, BATS Connect subscribers would be continue to be liable for the necessary fees charged by the Exchange, its affiliate, or another exchange or market center, including any required connectivity fees. As stated above, BATS Connect is offered and purchased on a voluntary basis, and subscribers and market participants may choose an alternative method to connect to the Exchange, its affiliates, or another exchange or market center connected to the Exchange's network. Such other services may also offer at no charge connectivity to certain exchanges or a group of exchanges.<sup>13</sup> Therefore, the Exchange believes that the providing BATS Connect to subscribers at no charge to route orders to or receive market data products from the Exchange's affiliates is reasonable and equitable as they will continue to be liable to the Exchange or its affiliate for any required connectivity fees.

Lastly, the Exchange also believes that the proposed amendments to its fee schedule are non-discriminatory because they will apply uniformly to all subscribers. All subscribers that voluntarily select various service options will be charged the same amount for the same services. All subscribers have the option to select any connectivity option, and there is no differentiation among subscribers with regard to the fees charged for the service. Further, the benefits of selecting such services are the same for all subscribers, irrespective of whether their servers are located in the same facility as the Exchange.

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<sup>13</sup> See NYSE's SFTI Americas Product and Service List available at <http://www.nyxdata.com/docs/connectivity> (offering at no charge connectivity to the NYSE, NYSE MKT LLC, and NYSE Arca, Inc.).

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

The Exchange believes its proposed amendments to its Fee Schedule would not impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The Exchange does not believe the proposed fees for BATS Connect will result in any burden on competition. The proposed rule change is designed to provide subscribers with an alternative means to access other market centers on the Exchange's network if they choose or in the event of a market disruption where other alternative connection methods become unavailable. BATS Connect is not the exclusive method to connect to these market centers and subscribers may utilize alternative methods to connect to the product if they believe the Exchange's proposed pricing is unreasonable or otherwise. Therefore, the Exchange does not believe the proposed rule change will have any effect on competition.

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

The Exchange has not solicited, and does not intend to solicit, comments on this proposed rule change. The Exchange has not received any unsolicited written comments from Members or other interested parties.

6. Extension of Time Period for Commission Action

Not applicable.

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

(a) This proposed rule change is filed pursuant to paragraph (A) of Section 19(b)(3) of the Act.

(b) This proposed rule change establishes dues, fees or other charges among its

members and, as such, may take effect upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act<sup>14</sup> and paragraph (f)(2) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.<sup>15</sup>

(c) Inapplicable.

(d) Inapplicable.

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

The proposed rule change is not based on the rules of another self-regulatory organization or of the Commission.

9. Security Based- Swap Submissions Filed Pursuant to Section 3C of the Act

Not applicable.

10. Advance Notices Filed Pursuant to Section 806(e) of the Payment, Clearing and Settlement Supervision Act

Not applicable.

11. Exhibits

Exhibit 1 – Form of Notice of Proposed Rule Change for Publication in the Federal Register.

Exhibit 5 – Text of the Proposed Rule Change.

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<sup>14</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

<sup>15</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

EXHIBIT 1

## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

(Release No. 34-\_\_\_\_\_; File No. SR-BATS-2015-45)

Self-Regulatory Organizations; BATS Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change Related to Fees for Use of BATS Exchange, Inc.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act”),<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on \_\_\_\_\_, BATS Exchange, Inc. (the “Exchange” or “BATS”) 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 Exchange has designated the proposed rule change as one establishing or changing a member due, fee, or other charge imposed by the Exchange under Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act<sup>3</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(2) thereunder,<sup>4</sup> which renders the proposed rule change effective upon filing with the Commission. 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 filed a proposal to amend its fees and rebates applicable to Members<sup>5</sup> of the Exchange pursuant to Rule 15.1(a) and (c) (“Fee Schedule”) to adopt

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

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

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

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

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fees applicable to Members of the Exchange's equity options platform ("BATS Options") for the use of a communication and routing service known as BATS Connect. Changes to the fee schedule pursuant to this proposal are effective upon filing.

The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Exchange's website at [www.batstrading.com](http://www.batstrading.com), at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

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

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 parts of such statements.

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

1. Purpose

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#### 2. Statutory Basis

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The Exchange also believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b)(4) of

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<sup>9</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f.

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the Act,<sup>11</sup> in that it provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among members and other persons using its facilities. First, the Exchange will charge a connectivity fee to subscribers utilizing BATS Connect to route orders to other exchanges and market centers that are connected to the Exchange's network, which varies based solely on the amount of bandwidth selected by the subscriber. The amounts of the connectivity fees are also reasonable as compared to similar fees charged by other exchanges. For purposes of order routing, the Exchange proposes to charge \$350 for 1 Mb, \$700 for 5 Mb, \$950 for 10 Mb, \$1,500 for 25 Mb, \$2,500 for 50 Mb, and \$3,500 for 100 Mb. The New York Stock Exchange, Inc. ("NYSE") currently charges \$300 for 1 Mb, \$700 for 5 Mb, \$900 for 10 Mb, \$1,500 for 25 Mb, \$2,000 for 50 Mb, and \$2,600 for 100 Mb.<sup>12</sup> The Exchange notes that, overall, the connectivity fee for routing of orders to other market centers proposed by the Exchange is similar to that charged by the NYSE.

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<sup>11</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

<sup>12</sup> See NYSE's SFTI Americas Product and Service List available at <http://www.nyxdata.com/docs/connectivity>.

connectivity for CQS/CTS data feed.<sup>13</sup> The Exchange notes that, overall, the connectivity fee for receipt of other market centers' data feed proposed by the Exchange is similar to that charged by Nasdaq.

The Exchange believes it is reasonable to offer such discounted pricing to subscribers who purchase connectivity to a bundle of market data products as it would enable them to reduce their overall connectivity costs for the receipt of market data. As stated above, BATS Connect is offered and purchased on a voluntary basis and subscribers can discontinue use at any time and for any reason, including due to an assessment of the reasonableness of fees charged. Moreover, the Exchange believes the proposed fees are reasonable and equitable because they continue to be based on the Exchange's costs to cover the amount of bandwidth required to provide connectivity to the select bundle of data feeds. The proposed fees will continue to allow the Exchange to recoup this cost, while providing subscribers with an alternative means to connect to the select bundle of data feeds at a discounted rate.

The subscribers would pay any fees: (i) charged by the exchange providing the market data feed directly to that exchange (ii) charged by a market center to which they routed an order and an execution occurred directly to that market center. The Exchange itself would not charge any additional fees.<sup>14</sup> BATS Connect is offered and purchased on a voluntary basis, in that neither the Exchange nor subscribers are required by any rule or

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<sup>13</sup> See Nasdaq Rule 7034 (setting forth Nasdaq's connectivity fees for receipt of third party market data products).

<sup>14</sup> The Exchange's rules and fees would not address the fees or manner of operation of any destination to which the subscriber asked that an order be routed.

regulation to make this product available. Accordingly, subscribers can discontinue use at any time and for any reason, including due to an assessment of the reasonableness of fees charged.

Moreover, the Exchange believes the proposed fees are reasonable and equitable because they are based on the Exchange's costs to cover hardware, installation, testing and connection, as well as expenses involved in maintaining and managing the service. The proposed fees allow the Exchange to recoup these costs, while providing subscribers with an alternative means to connect to other exchange and market centers. The Exchange believes that the proposed fees are reasonable and equitable in that they reflect the costs and the benefit of providing alternative connectivity.

The Exchange also believes it is equitable and reasonable to provide BATS Connect to subscribers for no charge to route orders to or receive market data products from the Exchange's affiliates. BATS Connect provides subscribers a means to access exchanges and market centers on the Exchange's network. In all cases, BATS Connect subscribers would be continue to be liable for the necessary fees charged by the Exchange, its affiliate, or another exchange or market center, including any required connectivity fees. As stated above, BATS Connect is offered and purchased on a voluntary basis, and subscribers and market participants may choose an alternative method to connect to the Exchange, its affiliates, or another exchange or market center connected to the Exchange's network. Such other services may also offer at no charge connectivity to certain exchanges or a group of exchanges.<sup>15</sup> Therefore, the Exchange

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<sup>15</sup> See NYSE's SFTI Americas Product and Service List available at

believes that the providing BATS Connect to subscribers at no charge to route orders to or receive market data products from the Exchange's affiliates is reasonable and equitable as they will continue to be liable to the Exchange or its affiliate for any required connectivity fees.

Lastly, the Exchange also believes that the proposed amendments to its fee schedule are non-discriminatory because they will apply uniformly to all subscribers. All subscribers that voluntarily select various service options will be charged the same amount for the same services. All subscribers have the option to select any connectivity option, and there is no differentiation among subscribers with regard to the fees charged for the service. Further, the benefits of selecting such services are the same for all subscribers, irrespective of whether their servers are located in the same facility as the Exchange.

(B) Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

The Exchange believes its proposed amendments to its Fee Schedule would not impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The Exchange does not believe the proposed fees for BATS Connect will result in any burden on competition. The proposed rule change is designed to provide subscribers with an alternative means to access other market centers on the Exchange's network if they choose or in the event of a market disruption where other alternative connection methods become unavailable. BATS Connect is not the exclusive method to connect to these market centers and subscribers may utilize alternative

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<http://www.nyxdata.com/docs/connectivity> (offering at no charge connectivity to the NYSE, NYSE MKT LLC, and NYSE Arca, Inc.).

methods to connect to the product if they believe the Exchange's proposed pricing is unreasonable or otherwise. Therefore, the Exchange does not believe the proposed rule change will have any effect on competition.

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

The Exchange has not solicited, and does not intend to solicit, comments on this proposed rule change. The Exchange has not received any unsolicited written comments from Members or other interested parties.

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) of the Act<sup>16</sup> and paragraph (f) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.<sup>17</sup> At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposal is consistent with the Act.

Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Comments:

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form

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<sup>16</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>17</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f).

(<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or

- Send an e-mail to [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File No. SR-BATS-2015-45 on the subject line.

Paper Comments:

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

All submissions should refer to File No. SR-BATS-2015-45. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail 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 (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>).

Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10:00 am and 3:00 pm. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-BATS-2015-45 and should be submitted on or before [\_\_\_\_\_21 days from publication in the Federal Register].

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

Robert W. Errett  
Deputy Secretary

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<sup>18</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

Proposed new language is underlined. Proposed deletions are in [brackets].

### **BATS Options Exchange Fee Schedule**

Effective [May 1]June 9, 2015

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#### **BATS Connect:**

#### **Market Data Connectivity\*:**

<u>Data Feed</u>	<u>Fee Per Month</u>
<u>UQDF/UTDF/OMDF</u>	<u>\$650</u>
<u>CQS/CTS</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>
<u>OPRA</u>	<u>\$3,500</u>
<u>Nasdaq Glimpse</u>	<u>\$250</u>
<u>Nasdaq TotalView</u>	<u>\$1,300</u>
<u>Nasdaq BX TotalView</u>	<u>\$650</u>
<u>Nasdaq PSX TotalView</u>	<u>\$350</u>
<u>NYSE OpenBook Ultra</u>	<u>\$1,750</u>
<u>NYSE Integrated</u>	<u>\$11,500</u>
<u>NYSE ArcaBook</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>
<u>NYSE ArcaBook Refresh</u>	<u>\$250</u>
<u>NYSE MKT OpenBook Ultra</u>	<u>\$150</u>
<u>NYSE Alerts</u>	<u>\$250</u>
<u>NYSE MKT Alerts</u>	<u>\$500</u>
<u>NYSE Imbalances</u>	<u>\$100</u>
<u>NYSE MKT Imbalances</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>
<u>NYSE Trades</u>	<u>\$500</u>
<u>NYSE Arca Trades</u>	<u>\$250</u>
<u>NYSE MKT Trades</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>
<u>BBDS/TDDS</u>	<u>\$100</u>
<u>U.S. Equity Select + SIP Bundle (20% Discount)**</u>	<u>\$4,160</u>
<u>BZX/BYX/EDGX/EDGA</u>	<u>FREE</u>

\* Fee covers both A and B feeds (over independent cross-connects) and is for connectivity only.

\*\* U.S. Equity Select + SIP Bundle includes the following market data products:  
UQDF/UTDF/OMDF, CQS/CTS, Nasdaq TotalView, Nasdaq BX TotalView, Nasdaq PSX  
TotalView, NYSE ArcaBook, NYSE MKT OpenBook Ultra, and BBS/TTDS.

Firms are required to pay any exchange related data fees directly to that exchange.

**Unicast Access – Order Entry:**

<u>Bandwidth</u>	<u>Fee Per Month</u>
<u>1Mb</u>	<u>\$350</u>
<u>5Mb</u>	<u>\$700</u>
<u>10Mb</u>	<u>\$950</u>
<u>25Mb</u>	<u>\$1,500</u>
<u>50Mb</u>	<u>\$2,500</u>
<u>100Mb</u>	<u>\$3,500</u>

The Unicast Access – Order Entry fee shall not be charged for bandwidth required to access  
BATS BZX, BATS BYX, EDGA, EDGX, and BATS Options.

**Options Regulatory Fee:**

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