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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"), 1 and Rule 19b-4 thereunder, 2 Bats BYX Exchange, Inc. ("BYX" or the "Exchange") proposes to amend its fees and rebates applicable to Members 3 of the Exchange pursuant to BYX Rule 15.1(a) and (c) ("Fee Schedule") to: (i) add fee codes NA and NB; (ii) reduce the rebate for fee codes BB, N, and W; (iii) add Add Volume Tier 2 under footnote 1; and (iv) add Remove Volume Tier under footnote
- The text of the proposed rule change is attached as Exhibit 5. Material proposed to be added is underlined. Material proposed to be deleted is enclosed in brackets.

1. Changes to the Fee Schedule pursuant to this proposal are effective upon filing.

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

2. Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization

The proposed rule change was approved by senior management of the Exchange pursuant to authority delegated by the Board of Directors of the Exchange on February 11, 2014. Exchange staff will advise the Board of Directors of the Exchange 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.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

The term "Member" is defined as "any registered broker or dealer that has been admitted to membership in the Exchange." See Exchange Rule 1.5(n).

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

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

(a) Purpose

The Exchange proposes to amend its Fee Schedule to: (i) add fee codes NA and NB; (ii) reduce the rebate for fee codes BB, N, and W; (iii) add Add Volume Tier 2 under footnote 1; and (iv) add Remove Volume Tier under footnote 1.

Fee Codes NA and NB

The Exchange previously filed a proposed rule change with the Commission to identify Non-Displayed Orders⁴ as such when routed to an away Trading Center.⁵ The Exchange intends to implement this functionality on June 1, 2016.⁶ Because other Trading Centers typically provide different rebates or fees with respect to non-displayed liquidity the Exchange proposes to amend its Fee Schedule to add fee codes NA and NB, which would apply to routed Non-Displayed Orders. Proposed fee code NA would be

⁴ See Exchange Rule 11.9(c)(11).

The Exchange notes that the Exchange also amended its rules to route Reserve Orders (as defined in Rule 11.9(c)(1)) as such to other Trading Centers. See Securities Exchange Act 77187 (February 19, 2016), 81 FR 9556 (February 25, 2016) (SR-BYX-2016-04). Non-Displayed Orders and Reserve Orders would be handled in accordance with the rules of the Trading Center to which they are routed. Id. This proposal does not impact the routing of Reserve Orders.

See <u>Bats Announces Support for Hidden Post-to-Away Routed Orders</u>, <u>available at http://cdn.batstrading.com/resources/release_notes/2016/Bats-Announces-Support-for-Hidden-Post-to-Away-Routed-Orders.pdf</u>.

applied to Non-Displayed Orders that are routed to and add liquidity on Bats EDGX Exchange, Inc. ("EDGX"), Bats BZX Exchange, Inc. ("BZX"), the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. ("NYSE"), NYSE Arca, Inc. ("NYSE Arca"), NYSE MKT LLC ("NYSE MKT"), or the Nasdaq Stock Market LLC ("Nasdaq"). Orders that yield fee code NA would not be charged a fee nor receive a rebate in both securities priced at or above \$1.00 or below \$1.00. Proposed fee code NB would be applied to Non-Displayed Orders that are routed to and add liquidity on any exchange not listed in proposed fee code NA. Orders that yield fee code NB would be charged a fee of \$0.0030 per share in securities priced at or above \$1.00 and 0.30% of the trade's total dollar value in securities priced below \$1.00.

Fee codes BB, N, and W

Fee codes BB, N, and W are appended to orders that are to receive the standard rebate of \$0.00150 per share for removing liquidity in securities priced at or above \$1.00.8 Fee code W is appended to order in Tape A Securities, fee code BB is appended

Today, all orders that are routed to post to an away market are routed for display on such market and receive the following rates: (i) rebate of \$0.0015 per share for orders routed to the NYSE; (ii) rebate of \$0.0021 per share for Tapes A and C securities and a rebate of \$0.0022 per share for Tape B securities for orders routed to NYSE Arca; (iii) rebate of \$0.0015 per share for orders routed to NYSE MKT; (iv) rebate of \$0.0015 per share for orders routed to Nasdaq; and (v) a rebate of \$0.0020 per share for orders routed to EDGX or BZX. See the Exchange's Fee Schedule available at http://batstrading.com/support/fee schedule/byx/. These rates generally represent a pass through of the rate that Bats Trading, Inc. ("Bats Trading"), the Exchange's affiliated routing broker-dealer, is provided for adding displayed liquidity at NYSE, NYSE Arca, NYSE MKT, Nasdaq, EDGX, or BZX when it does not qualify for a volume tiered reduced fee or enhanced rebate.

Order that remove liquidity in securities priced below \$1.00 are charged 0.10% of the trades total dollar value. See the Exchange's Fee Schedule available at http://batstrading.com/support/fee_schedule/byx/. The Exchange does not proposes to amend the standard rate for securities priced below \$1.00.

to orders in Tape B securities, and fee code N is appended to orders in Tape C Securities. The Exchange now proposes to reduce the standard rebate provided for under fee codes, BB, N, and W from \$00.150 per share to \$0.00100 per share. The Exchange also proposes to amend the Fee Schedule's Standard Rates table to reflect the amended standard removal rate under fee codes BB, N, and W.

Add Volume Tier 2

Currently, the Exchange charges a standard rate of \$0.0018 per share for orders that add liquidity. Members may be charged a reduced fee of \$0.0014 per share under footnote 1 where they have an ADAV⁹ equal to or greater than 0.30% of the TCV.¹⁰ The Exchange proposes to name this existing tier under footnote 1 the "Add Volume Tier 1" and add a new tier called the "Add Volume Tier 2". Under the proposed Add Volume Tier 2, Members would be eligible to receive a reduced fee of \$0.0013 per share where they have an ADAV equal to or greater than 0.40% of the TCV.

Add Remove Volume Tier

Currently, the Exchange does not offer an enhanced rebate for removing liquidity.

Such orders would receive the standard rebate under fee codes BB, N, and W described above. The Exchange now proposes to provide an enhanced rebate for removing liquidity by adding the Remove Volume Tier under footnote 1. Under the proposed Remove Volume Tier, a Member's orders that yield fee codes BB, N, or W would receive

As provided in the Fee Schedule, "ADAV" means average daily added volume calculated as the number of shares added per day.

As provided in the Fee Schedule, "TCV" means total consolidated volume calculated as the volume reported by all exchanges and trade reporting facilities to a consolidated transaction reporting plan for the month for which the fees apply.

a rebate of \$0.00150 per share where the Member has an ADV equal to or greater than 0.05% of the TCV.

The Exchange also proposes to append footnote 1 to fee codes BB, N, and W as orders that yield those fee codes would be eligible to receive the enhanced rebate of \$0.00150 provided for by the proposed Remove Volume Tier. With the addition of the Remove Volume Tier, the Exchange proposes to amend the title of footnote 1 from "Add Volume Tier" to "Add/Remove Volume Tiers".

<u>Implementation Date</u>

The Exchange proposes to implement these amendments to its Fee Schedule effective immediately. 11

(b) Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the objectives of Section 6 of the Act, ¹² in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(4), ¹³ 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 proposed rule changes reflect a competitive pricing structure designed to incent market participants to direct their order

The Exchange initially filed the proposed fee change on May 31, 2016 (SR-BatsBYX-2016-11). On June 8, 2016, the Exchange withdrew SR-BatsBYX-2016-11 and submitted this filing.

¹² 15 U.S.C. 78f.

¹⁵ U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

flow to the Exchange. The Exchange believes that the proposed fee codes are equitable and non-discriminatory in they would apply uniformly to all Members. The Exchange believes the rates remains competitive with those charged by other venues and, therefore, reasonable and equitably allocated to Members.

In particular, the Exchange believes that proposed fee codes NA and NB represent an equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges. The proposed fees are similar to and based on the fees and rebates assessed or provided to Bats Trading when routing to away Trading Centers. For instance, like proposed fee code NA, the NYSE, NYSE Arca, and Nasdaq charge no fee nor provide a rebate for non-displayed orders that add liquidity. ¹⁴ In addition, the exchanges that would be covered by proposed fee code NB charge a fee of up to \$0.0030 per share to add liquidity. ¹⁵ In addition, the proposed rate for fee code NB is equal to or greater than similar routing fees charged by other exchanges. For example, the NYSE, NYSE MKT, Nasdaq, and BZX charge a fee of

^{14 &}lt;u>See</u> the NYSE fee schedule <u>available</u> <u>at</u>

https://www.nyse.com/publicdocs/nyse/markets/nyse/NYSE Price List.pdf (dated May 23, 2016); the NYSE Arca fee schedule available at https://www.nyse.com/publicdocs/nyse/markets/nyse-

<u>arca/NYSE Arca Marketplace Fees.pdf</u> (dated May 23, 2016); <u>and</u> the Nasdaq fee schedule <u>available at</u>

http://www.nasdaqtrader.com/Trader.aspx?id=PriceListTrading2. The Exchange notes that NYSE MKT, EDGX, and BZX provide a rebate of \$0.0016, \$0.0015, and \$0.0017 per share respectively for non-displayed orders that add liquidity. See the NYSE MKT fee schedule available at

https://www.nyse.com/publicdocs/nyse/markets/nyse-

mkt/NYSE MKT Equities Price List.pdf (dated May 23, 2016); the EDGX fee schedule available at http://batstrading.com/support/fee_schedule/edgx/; and the BZX fee schedule available at http://batstrading.com/support/fee_schedule/bzx/.

See the Bats EDGA Exchange, Inc. fee schedule <u>available at http://batstrading.com/support/fee_schedule/edga/</u>; and the Nasdaq BX, Inc. fee schedule <u>available at http://www.nasdaqtrader.com/Trader.aspx?id=bx_pricing</u>. The Exchange notes that it currently does not provide for routing orders to post on the Chicago Stock Exchange, Inc. or the National Stock Exchange, Inc.

\$0.0030 per share and NYSE Arca charges a fee of \$0.0035 per share regardless of which destination the order is routed. 16

The Exchange notes that routing through Bats Trading is voluntary. The Exchange is providing a service to allow Members to post Non-Displayed Orders to these destinations and that those Members seeking to post such orders to away destinations may connect to those destinations directly and be charged the fee or provided the rebate from that destination. Therefore, the Exchange believes the rates for proposed fee codes NA and NB are equitable and reasonable because they are related to the rates provided by the away exchange and reasonably account for the routing service provided for by the Exchange. Lastly, the Exchange believes that the proposed amendments are non-discriminatory because it applies uniformly to all Members and that the proposed rates are directly related to rates provided by the destinations to which the orders may be routed.

The Exchange also believes that proposed changes to fee codes BB, N, and W represent an equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges because the Exchange's standard rebate for removing liquidity continues to be higher than that provided by other exchanges. For example, Nasdaq BX, Inc. BX provides a standard rebate of \$0.0006 per share for orders that remove liquidity.¹⁷

Volume-based rebates such as that proposed herein have been widely adopted by equities and options exchanges and are equitable because they are open to all Members

See supra note 14. Nasdaq charges a fee of \$0.0035 per share for routed orders that are directed to another market. See the Nasdaq fee schedule at id.

See the Nasdaq BX, Inc. fee schedule <u>available at http://www.nasdaqtrader.com/Trader.aspx?id=bx_pricing.</u>

on an equal basis and provide additional benefits or discounts that are reasonably related to: (i) the value to an exchange's market quality; (ii) associated higher levels of market activity, such as higher levels of liquidity provision and/or growth patterns; and (iii) the introduction of higher volumes of orders into the price and volume discovery processes. The Exchange believes that the proposed tiers are a reasonable, fair and equitable, and not unfairly discriminatory allocation of fees and rebates, because they will provide Members with an additional incentive to reach certain thresholds on the Exchange.

In particular, the Exchange believes the addition of the Add Volume Tier 2 and Remove Volume Tier are a reasonable means to encourage Members to increase their liquidity on the Exchange. The Exchange further believes that the proposed tiers represents an equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges because the thresholds necessary to achieve the tiers encourages Members to add liquidity to the BYX Book ¹⁸ each month. Specifically, the Exchange notes that the criteria and reduced rate under Add Volume Tier 2 are equitable and reasonable as compared to other tiers offered by the Exchange. For example, under Add Volume Tier 1, Members may receive a reduced fee of \$0.0013 per share where they have an ADAV equal to or greater than 0.30% of the TCV. To receive a reduced fee of \$0.0014 per share under the proposed Add Volume Tier 2, a Member must have an ADAV equal to or greater than 0.40% of the TCV. Therefore, the Exchange believes the proposed Add Volume Tier 2 is consistent with Section 6(b)(4)¹⁹ of the Act as the more stringent criteria correlates with the tier's reduced rate.

See Exchange Rule 1.5(e).

¹⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

The Exchange also believes the proposed Remove Volume Tier's criteria and rate are reasonable when compare to tier provided for by other exchanges. For example, Nasdaq BX, Inc. BX also provides an enhanced rebate of \$0.0015 per share but require different, but similar, criteria. In order to achieve the tier, Nasdaq BX, Inc. requires their members to remove at least 0.05% of TCV. Therefore, the Exchange believes the proposed Remove Volume Tier is consistent with Section 6(b)(4)²² of the Act.

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

The Exchange does not believe its proposed amendment to its Fee Schedule would impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The Exchange does not believe that the proposed changes represents a significant departure from previous pricing offered by the Exchange or pricing offered by the Exchange's competitors. Additionally, Members may opt to disfavor the Exchange's pricing if they believe that alternatives offer them better value. For example, routing through Bats Trading is voluntary and Members seeking to post such orders to away destinations may connect to those destinations directly and be charged the fee or provide the rebate from that destination. Accordingly, the Exchange does not believe that the proposed changes will impair the ability of Members or competing venues to maintain their competitive standing in the financial markets. The Exchange believes that its proposal would not burden intramarket competition because the proposed rate would apply uniformly to all Members.

See the Nasdaq BX, Inc. fee schedule <u>available at http://www.nasdaqtrader.com/Trader.aspx?id=bx_pricing</u>.

²¹ Id.

²² 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed new tiers and standard removal rates would burden competition, but instead, enhances competition, as they are intended to increase the competitiveness of and draw additional volume to the Exchange. As stated above, the Exchange 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 structures to be unreasonable or excessive. The proposed changes are generally intended to draw additional liquidity to the Exchange. The Exchange does not believe the proposed tiers and standard rates would burden intramarket competition as they would apply to all Members uniformly.

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

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. <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 Act²³ and Rule 19b-4(f)(2) thereunder,²⁴ the Exchange has designated this proposal as establishing or changing a due, fee, or other charge applicable to the Exchange's Members and non-members, which renders the proposed rule change effective upon filing.

²³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

²⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

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.

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

Not applicable.

- Security Based- Swap Submissions Filed Pursuant to Section 3C of the Act Not applicable.
- 10. <u>Advance Notices Filed Pursuant to Section 806(e) of the Payment, Clearing and Settlement Supervision Act</u>

Not applicable.

11. Exhibits

Exhibit 1: Form of Notice of Proposed Rule Change for Publication in the

Federal Register.

Exhibit 2-4: Not applicable.

Exhibit 5: Text of the Proposed Rule Change.

EXHIBIT 1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANG	SE COMMISSION
(Release No. 34-	; File No. SR-BatsBYX-2016-12)

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

I. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change</u>

The Exchange filed a proposal to amend the fee schedule applicable to Members⁵ and non-members of the Exchange pursuant to BYX Rules 15.1(a) and (c) ("Fee Schedule") to: (i) add fee codes NA and NB; (ii) reduce the rebate for fee codes BB, N,

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

The term "Member" is defined as "any registered broker or dealer that has been admitted to membership in the Exchange." See Exchange Rule 1.5(n).

and W; (iii) add Add Volume Tier 2 under footnote 1; and (iv) add Remove Volume Tier under footnote 1.

The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Exchange's website at www.batstrading.com, at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

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

The Exchange proposes to amend its Fee Schedule to: (i) add fee codes NA and NB; (ii) reduce the rebate for fee codes BB, N, and W; (iii) add Add Volume Tier 2 under footnote 1; and (iv) add Remove Volume Tier under footnote 1.

Fee Codes NA and NB

The Exchange previously filed a proposed rule change with the Commission to identify Non-Displayed Orders⁶ as such when routed to an away Trading Center.⁷ The

See Exchange Rule 11.9(c)(11).

The Exchange notes that the Exchange also amended its rules to route Reserve Orders (as defined in Rule 11.9(c)(1)) as such to other Trading Centers. See Securities Exchange Act 77187 (February 19, 2016), 81 FR 9556 (February 25,

Exchange intends to implement this functionality on June 1, 2016. Because other Trading Centers typically provide different rebates or fees with respect to non-displayed liquidity the Exchange proposes to amend its Fee Schedule to add fee codes NA and NB, which would apply to routed Non-Displayed Orders. Proposed fee code NA would be applied to Non-Displayed Orders that are routed to and add liquidity on Bats EDGX Exchange, Inc. ("EDGX"), Bats BZX Exchange, Inc. ("BZX"), the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. ("NYSE"), NYSE Arca, Inc. ("NYSE Arca"), NYSE MKT LLC ("NYSE MKT"), or the Nasdaq Stock Market LLC ("Nasdaq"). Orders that yield fee code NA would not be charged a fee nor receive a rebate in both securities priced at or above \$1.00 or below \$1.00. Proposed fee code NB would be applied to Non-Displayed Orders that are routed to and add liquidity on any exchange not listed in proposed fee code NA. Orders that yield fee code NB would be charged a fee of \$0.0030 per share in securities

2016) (SR-BYX-2016-04). Non-Displayed Orders and Reserve Orders would be handled in accordance with the rules of the Trading Center to which they are routed. <u>Id</u>. This proposal does not impact the routing of Reserve Orders.

See <u>Bats Announces Support for Hidden Post-to-Away Routed Orders</u>, <u>available at http://cdn.batstrading.com/resources/release_notes/2016/Bats-Announces-Support-for-Hidden-Post-to-Away-Routed-Orders.pdf</u>.

Today, all orders that are routed to post to an away market are routed for display on such market and receive the following rates: (i) rebate of \$0.0015 per share for orders routed to the NYSE; (ii) rebate of \$0.0021 per share for Tapes A and C securities and a rebate of \$0.0022 per share for Tape B securities for orders routed to NYSE Arca; (iii) rebate of \$0.0015 per share for orders routed to NYSE MKT; (iv) rebate of \$0.0015 per share for orders routed to Nasdaq; and (v) a rebate of \$0.0020 per share for orders routed to EDGX or BZX. See the Exchange's Fee Schedule available at http://batstrading.com/support/fee schedule/byx/. These rates generally represent a pass through of the rate that Bats Trading, Inc. ("Bats Trading"), the Exchange's affiliated routing broker-dealer, is provided for adding displayed liquidity at NYSE, NYSE Arca, NYSE MKT, Nasdaq, EDGX, or BZX when it does not qualify for a volume tiered reduced fee or enhanced rebate.

priced at or above \$1.00 and 0.30% of the trade's total dollar value in securities priced below \$1.00.

Fee codes BB, N, and W

Fee codes BB, N, and W are appended to orders that are to receive the standard rebate of \$0.00150 per share for removing liquidity in securities priced at or above \$1.00.\(^{10}\) Fee code W is appended to order in Tape A Securities, fee code BB is appended to orders in Tape B securities, and fee code N is appended to orders in Tape C Securities. The Exchange now proposes to reduce the standard rebate provided for under fee codes, BB, N, and W from \$00.150 per share to \$0.00100 per share. The Exchange also proposes to amend the Fee Schedule's Standard Rates table to reflect the amended standard removal rate under fee codes BB, N, and W.

Add Volume Tier 2

Currently, the Exchange charges a standard rate of \$0.0018 per share for orders that add liquidity. Members may be charged a reduced fee of \$0.0014 per share under footnote 1 where they have an ADAV¹¹ equal to or greater than 0.30% of the TCV.¹² The Exchange proposes to name this existing tier under footnote 1 the "Add Volume Tier 1" and add a new tier called the "Add Volume Tier 2". Under the proposed Add Volume

Order that remove liquidity in securities priced below \$1.00 are charged 0.10% of the trades total dollar value. See the Exchange's Fee Schedule available at http://batstrading.com/support/fee_schedule/byx/. The Exchange does not proposes to amend the standard rate for securities priced below \$1.00.

As provided in the Fee Schedule, "ADAV" means average daily added volume calculated as the number of shares added per day.

As provided in the Fee Schedule, "TCV" means total consolidated volume calculated as the volume reported by all exchanges and trade reporting facilities to a consolidated transaction reporting plan for the month for which the fees apply.

Tier 2, Members would be eligible to receive a reduced fee of \$0.0013 per share where they have an ADAV equal to or greater than 0.40% of the TCV.

Add Remove Volume Tier

Currently, the Exchange does not offer an enhanced rebate for removing liquidity. Such orders would receive the standard rebate under fee codes BB, N, and W described above. The Exchange now proposes to provide an enhanced rebate for removing liquidity by adding the Remove Volume Tier under footnote 1. Under the proposed Remove Volume Tier, a Member's orders that yield fee codes BB, N, or W would receive a rebate of \$0.00150 per share where the Member has an ADV equal to or greater than 0.05% of the TCV.

The Exchange also proposes to append footnote 1 to fee codes BB, N, and W as orders that yield those fee codes would be eligible to receive the enhanced rebate of \$0.00150 provided for by the proposed Remove Volume Tier. With the addition of the Remove Volume Tier, the Exchange proposes to amend the title of footnote 1 from "Add Volume Tier" to "Add/Remove Volume Tiers".

Implementation Date

The Exchange proposes to implement these amendments to its Fee Schedule effective immediately. 13

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the

The Exchange initially filed the proposed fee change on May 31, 2016 (SR-BatsBYX-2016-11). On June 8, 2016, the Exchange withdrew SR-BatsBYX-2016-11 and submitted this filing.

objectives of Section 6 of the Act, ¹⁴ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(4), ¹⁵ 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 proposed rule changes reflect a competitive pricing structure designed to incent market participants to direct their order flow to the Exchange. The Exchange believes that the proposed fee codes are equitable and non-discriminatory in they would apply uniformly to all Members. The Exchange believes the rates remains competitive with those charged by other venues and, therefore, reasonable and equitably allocated to Members.

In particular, the Exchange believes that proposed fee codes NA and NB represent an equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges. The proposed fees are similar to and based on the fees and rebates assessed or provided to Bats Trading when routing to away Trading Centers. For instance, like proposed fee code NA, the NYSE, NYSE Arca, and Nasdaq charge no fee nor provide a rebate for non-displayed orders that add liquidity. ¹⁶ In addition, the exchanges that would be covered by proposed fee code

14 15 U.S.C. 78f.

¹⁵ U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

See the NYSE fee schedule available at https://www.nyse.com/publicdocs/nyse/markets/nyse/NYSE_Price_List.pdf (dated May 23, 2016); the NYSE Arca fee schedule available at https://www.nyse.com/publicdocs/nyse/markets/nyse-arca/NYSE_Arca_Marketplace_Fees.pdf (dated May 23, 2016); and the Nasdaq fee schedule available at http://www.nasdaqtrader.com/Trader.aspx?id=PriceListTrading2. The Exchange

NB charge a fee of up to \$0.0030 per share to add liquidity.¹⁷ In addition, the proposed rate for fee code NB is equal to or greater than similar routing fees charged by other exchanges. For example, the NYSE, NYSE MKT, Nasdaq, and BZX charge a fee of \$0.0030 per share and NYSE Arca charges a fee of \$0.0035 per share regardless of which destination the order is routed.¹⁸

The Exchange notes that routing through Bats Trading is voluntary. The Exchange is providing a service to allow Members to post Non-Displayed Orders to these destinations and that those Members seeking to post such orders to away destinations may connect to those destinations directly and be charged the fee or provided the rebate from that destination. Therefore, the Exchange believes the rates for proposed fee codes NA and NB are equitable and reasonable because they are related to the rates provided by the away exchange and reasonably account for the routing service provided for by the Exchange. Lastly, the Exchange believes that the proposed amendments are non-discriminatory because it applies uniformly to all Members and that the proposed rates are directly related to rates provided by the destinations to which the orders may be

notes that NYSE MKT, EDGX, and BZX provide a rebate of \$0.0016, \$0.0015, and \$0.0017 per share respectively for non-displayed orders that add liquidity. See the NYSE MKT fee schedule https://www.nyse.com/publicdocs/nyse/markets/nyse-mkt/NYSE MKT Equities Price List.pdf (dated May 23, 2016); the EDGX fee schedule available at http://batstrading.com/support/fee_schedule/bzx/.

- See the Bats EDGA Exchange, Inc. fee schedule <u>available at http://batstrading.com/support/fee_schedule/edga/</u>; and the Nasdaq BX, Inc. fee schedule <u>available at http://www.nasdaqtrader.com/Trader.aspx?id=bx_pricing</u>. The Exchange notes that it currently does not provide for routing orders to post on the Chicago Stock Exchange, Inc. or the National Stock Exchange, Inc.
- See supra note 16. Nasdaq charges a fee of \$0.0035 per share for routed orders that are directed to another market. See the Nasdaq fee schedule at id.

routed.

The Exchange also believes that proposed changes to fee codes BB, N, and W represent an equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges because the Exchange's standard rebate for removing liquidity continues to be higher than that provided by other exchanges. For example, Nasdaq BX, Inc. BX provides a standard rebate of \$0.0006 per share for orders that remove liquidity. ¹⁹

Volume-based rebates such as that proposed herein have been widely adopted by equities and options exchanges and are equitable because they are open to all Members on an equal basis and provide additional benefits or discounts that are reasonably related to: (i) the value to an exchange's market quality; (ii) associated higher levels of market activity, such as higher levels of liquidity provision and/or growth patterns; and (iii) the introduction of higher volumes of orders into the price and volume discovery processes. The Exchange believes that the proposed tiers are a reasonable, fair and equitable, and not unfairly discriminatory allocation of fees and rebates, because they will provide Members with an additional incentive to reach certain thresholds on the Exchange.

In particular, the Exchange believes the addition of the Add Volume Tier 2 and Remove Volume Tier are a reasonable means to encourage Members to increase their liquidity on the Exchange. The Exchange further believes that the proposed tiers represents an equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges because the thresholds necessary to achieve the tiers encourages Members to add liquidity to the

See the Nasdaq BX, Inc. fee schedule <u>available at http://www.nasdaqtrader.com/Trader.aspx?id=bx_pricing.</u>

BYX Book²⁰ each month. Specifically, the Exchange notes that the criteria and reduced rate under Add Volume Tier 2 are equitable and reasonable as compared to other tiers offered by the Exchange. For example, under Add Volume Tier 1, Members may receive a reduced fee of \$0.0013 per share where they have an ADAV equal to or greater than 0.30% of the TCV. To receive a reduced fee of \$0.0014 per share under the proposed Add Volume Tier 2, a Member must have an ADAV equal to or greater than 0.40% of the TCV. Therefore, the Exchange believes the proposed Add Volume Tier 2 is consistent with Section 6(b)(4)²¹ of the Act as the more stringent criteria correlates with the tier's reduced rate.

The Exchange also believes the proposed Remove Volume Tier's criteria and rate are reasonable when compare to tier provided for by other exchanges. For example, Nasdaq BX, Inc. BX also provides an enhanced rebate of \$0.0015 per share but require different, but similar, criteria.²² In order to achieve the tier, Nasdaq BX, Inc. requires their members to remove at least 0.05% of TCV.²³ Therefore, the Exchange believes the proposed Remove Volume Tier is consistent with Section 6(b)(4)²⁴ of the Act.

(B) <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition</u>

The Exchange does not believe its proposed amendment to its Fee Schedule would impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in

See Exchange Rule 1.5(e).

²¹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

See the Nasdaq BX, Inc. fee schedule <u>available at http://www.nasdaqtrader.com/Trader.aspx?id=bx_pricing</u>.

²³ Id.

²⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The Exchange does not believe that the proposed changes represents a significant departure from previous pricing offered by the Exchange or pricing offered by the Exchange's competitors. Additionally, Members may opt to disfavor the Exchange's pricing if they believe that alternatives offer them better value. For example, routing through Bats Trading is voluntary and Members seeking to post such orders to away destinations may connect to those destinations directly and be charged the fee or provide the rebate from that destination. Accordingly, the Exchange does not believe that the proposed changes will impair the ability of Members or competing venues to maintain their competitive standing in the financial markets. The Exchange believes that its proposal would not burden intramarket competition because the proposed rate would apply uniformly to all Members.

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed new tiers and standard removal rates would burden competition, but instead, enhances competition, as they are intended to increase the competitiveness of and draw additional volume to the Exchange. As stated above, the Exchange 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 structures to be unreasonable or excessive. The proposed changes are generally intended to draw additional liquidity to the Exchange. The Exchange does not believe the proposed tiers and standard rates would burden intramarket competition as they would apply to all Members uniformly.

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

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. <u>Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action</u>

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act²⁵ and paragraph (f) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.²⁶ 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 (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml); or
- Send an e-mail to <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include File No. SR-BatsBYX-2016-12 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 No. SR-BatsBYX-2016-12. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process and

²⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

²⁶ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f).

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-BatsBYX-2016-12 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. ²⁷

Robert W. Errett Deputy Secretary

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EXHIBIT 5

Proposed new language is <u>underlined</u>; proposed deletions are in [brackets].

Bats BYX Exchange Fee Schedule

Effective June [1]8, 2016

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Standard Rates:

Category	Adding	Removing Liquidity	Routing and Removing
	Liquidity		Liquidity
Securities at or	\$0.0018	(\$0.00[15] <u>10</u>)	\$0.0029
above \$1.00			
Securities below	FREE	0.10% of total dollar	0.29% of total dollar
\$1.00		value	value
Standard Fee Codes	B, V, Y	N, W, BB	X

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Fee Codes and Associated Fees:

Fee Code	Description	Fee/(Rebate)
$10^{10} - BA$	(No change).	
BB <u>1.</u> 6	Removes liquidity from BYX (Tape B)	(0.00[150] <u>100</u>)
BJ - MT ⁶	(No change).	
N ^{1,6}	Removes liquidity from BYX (Tape C)	(0.00[150] <u>100</u>)
<u>NA</u> ¹⁰	Routed to BZX, EDGX, NYSE, NYSE Arca, NYSE MKT or Nasdaq; adds non-displayed liquidity	<u>FREE</u>
<u>NB¹⁴</u>	Routed to any exchange not covered by Fee Code NA, adds non-displayed liquidity	0.00300
O - VI ⁷	(No change).	
W ¹ .6	Removes liquidity from BYX (Tape A)	(0.00[150] <u>100</u>)
X^8 $ZR^{5,6}$	(No change).	

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Footnotes:

1. Add/Remove Volume Tiers

Applicable to the following fee codes: B, V and Y.

<u>Tier</u>	Fee per share to Add	Required Criteria
Add Volume Tier 1	(No change).	
Add Volume Tier 2	\$0.0013	ADAV equal to or greater than 0.40% of the TCV

Applicable to the following fee codes: BB, N, and W.

<u>Tier</u>	Rebate per share to	Required Criteria
	<u>Remove</u>	
Remove Volume	(\$0.0015)	ADV equal to or greater than 0.05% of the
<u>Tier</u>		TCV

2. – 13. (No change).

14. For securities priced below \$1.00: 0.30% charge of the total dollar value.

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