

approximate number of students and faculty in the program, and a brief description of how market data will be used in the program.

## 2. Statutory Basis

Nasdaq believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 15A of the Act,<sup>6</sup> in general and with Section 15A(b)(5) of the Act,<sup>7</sup> in particular, in that the revised and updated fee schedule provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable charges among the persons distributing and purchasing Nasdaq market center data. Nasdaq believes the proposed fees will enable Nasdaq to provide a lower total cost of market data ownership, given the reduced network and processing expenses associated with receiving only the data actually needed. Nasdaq believes that facilitating more efficient redistribution of real-time market data will improve transparency and thereby benefit the investing public.

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

Nasdaq does not believe that the proposed rule change will result in any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act, as amended.

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

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

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

Within 35 days of the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** or within such longer period (i) as the Commission may designate up to 90 days of such date if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or (ii) as to which Nasdaq consents, the Commission will:

(A) By order approve such proposed rule change, or

(B) Institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved.

## IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

### Electronic Comments

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<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-NASD-2006-030 on the subject line.

### Paper Comments

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

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NASD-2006-030. 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 Web site (<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 inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of NASD.

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 Number SR-NASD-2006-030 and should be submitted on or before June 2, 2006.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>8</sup>

**Nancy M. Morris,**  
Secretary.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-53769; File No. SR-NASD-2006-041]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change, and Amendment No. 1 thereto, To Eliminate From The Nasdaq Stock Market Inc.'s Corporate Organizational Documents Certain Series of Preferred Stock

May 8, 2006.

Pursuant to section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on March 31, 2006, the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. ("NASD"), through its subsidiary, The Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc. ("Nasdaq"), 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 Nasdaq. On April 24, 2006, Nasdaq filed Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change.<sup>3</sup> Nasdaq filed this proposal pursuant to section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act<sup>4</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(3) thereunder<sup>5</sup> as concerned solely with the administration of the self-regulatory organization, and, therefore, this proposal is effective immediately upon filing. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change, as amended, from interested persons.

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

Nasdaq proposes to proposal to eliminate from Nasdaq's corporate organizational documents references to Series A Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series B Preferred Stock, and Series C Cumulative Preferred Stock, as there are no shares of any such series outstanding.

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

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

<sup>3</sup> In Amendment No. 1, Nasdaq made clarifying changes to the proposal and attached as Exhibit 5 to the filing a copy of the Certificate of Elimination of the Series A Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series B Preferred Stock and Series C Cumulative Preferred Stock of The Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc.

<sup>4</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>5</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(3).

<sup>6</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78o-3.

<sup>7</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78o-3(b)(5).

<sup>8</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

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

In its filing with the Commission, Nasdaq included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change, as amended, 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. Nasdaq has prepared summaries, set forth in Sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

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

#### 1. Purpose

Nasdaq wishes to eliminate its Certificate of Designations, Preferences and Rights of Series A Cumulative Preferred Stock, its Certificate of Designations, Preferences and Rights of Series B Preferred Stock, its Certificate of Designations, Preferences and Rights of Series C Cumulative Preferred Stock, and all matters set forth therein. Nasdaq's Series A and Series B preferred stock were both created in 2002; the Series C preferred stock was created in 2004. In 2004, all outstanding shares of the Series A preferred were exchanged for the shares of Series C preferred. In 2005, the sole outstanding share of Series B preferred was exchanged for a share of Nasdaq's Series D preferred stock.<sup>6</sup> Finally, in 2006, Nasdaq acquired all outstanding shares of the Series C preferred stock. As a result, today there remains only one share of Nasdaq's preferred stock outstanding—a share of Series D preferred.

Under Delaware law, both a certificate of designations (designating a series of preferred stock) and a certificate of elimination (eliminating a previously adopted designation) are deemed to be amendments to Nasdaq's Restated Certificate of Incorporation. Therefore, Nasdaq is making this filing with the Commission. Nasdaq is not, at this time, restating its Restated Certificate of Incorporation.<sup>7</sup>

#### 2. Statutory Basis

Nasdaq believes that the proposed rule change, as amended, is consistent with the provisions of section 15A of

the Act,<sup>8</sup> in general and with section 15A(b)(6) of the Act,<sup>9</sup> in particular. The proposal is ministerial in nature and will not affect the rights of market participants.

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

Nasdaq does not believe that the proposed rule change, as amended, will result in any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act, as amended.

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

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

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

This proposal, as amended, has become effective pursuant to section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act<sup>10</sup> and subparagraph (f)(3) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder<sup>11</sup> because the proposal is concerned solely with the administration of the self-regulatory organization.

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission may summarily abrogate 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 proposed rule change, as amended, 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 [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR-NASD-2006-041 on the subject line.

#### Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Nancy M. Morris, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission,

Station Place, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NASD-2006-041. 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 Web site (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change, as amended, 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 inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the NASD. 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 Number SR-NASD-2006-041 and should be submitted on or before June 2, 2006.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>12</sup>

Nancy M. Morris,  
Secretary.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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### Self-Regulatory Organizations; Pacific Exchange, Inc. (n/k/a NYSE Arca, Inc.); Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change and Amendments No. 1 and No. 2 Thereto To Revise Fees for Equity Securities Issued by Operating Companies Listed on the Archipelago Exchange

May 5, 2006.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup>

<sup>6</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 53022 (December 23, 2005); 70 FR 77433 (December 30, 2005).

<sup>7</sup> See Amendment No. 1.

<sup>8</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78o-3.

<sup>9</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78o-3(b)(6).

<sup>10</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>11</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(3).

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

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

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