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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549 For complete Form 19b-4 instructions please refer to the EFFS website. The self-regulatory organization must provide all required information, presented in a Form 19b-4 Information * clear and comprehensible manner, to enable the public to provide meaningful comment on the proposal and for the Commission to determine whether the proposal Remove is consistent with the Act and applicable rules and regulations under the Act. The Notice section of this Form 19b-4 must comply with the guidelines for publication Exhibit 1 - Notice of Proposed Rule Change * in the Federal Register as well as any requirements for electronic filing as published by the Commission (if applicable). The Office of the Federal Register (OFR) offers guidance on Federal Register publication requirements in the Federal Register Add Remove View Document Drafting Handbook, October 1998 Revision. For example, all references to the federal securities laws must include the corresponding cite to the United States Code in a footnote. All references to SEC rules must include the corresponding cite to the Code of Federal Regulations in a footnote. All references to Securities Exchange Act Releases must include the release number, release date, Federal Register cite, Federal Register date, and corresponding file number (e.g., SR-[SRO] -xx-xx). A material failure to comply with these guidelines will result in the proposed rule change being deemed not properly filed. See also Rule 0-3 under the Act (17 CFR 240.0-3) The Notice section of this Form 19b-4 must comply with the guidelines for publication **Exhibit 1A- Notice of Proposed Rule** in the Federal Register as well as any requirements for electronic filing as published Change, Security-Based Swap Submission, by the Commission (if applicable). The Office of the Federal Register (OFR) offers or Advance Notice by Clearing Agencies * guidance on Federal Register publication requirements in the Federal Register Document Drafting Handbook, October 1998 Revision. For example, all references to the federal securities laws must include the corresponding cite to the United States Code in a footnote. All references to SEC rules must include the corresponding cite to the Code of Federal Regulations in a footnote. All references to Securities Exchange Act Releases must include the release number, release date, Federal Register cite, Federal Register date, and corresponding file number (e.g., SR-[SRO] -xx-xx). A material failure to comply with these guidelines will result in the proposed rule change, security-based swap submission, or advance notice being deemed not properly filed. See also Rule 0-3 under the Act (17 CFR 240.0-3) Exhibit 2 - Notices, Written Comments, Copies of notices, written comments, transcripts, other communications. If such Transcripts, Other Communications documents cannot be filed electronically in accordance with Instruction F, they shall be filed in accordance with Instruction G. Add Remove View Exhibit Sent As Paper Document П Exhibit 3 - Form, Report, or Questionnaire Copies of any form, report, or questionnaire that the self-regulatory organization proposes to use to help implement or operate the proposed rule change, or that is Add Remove View referred to by the proposed rule change. Exhibit Sent As Paper Document The full text shall be marked, in any convenient manner, to indicate additions to and **Exhibit 4 - Marked Copies** deletions from the immediately preceding filing. The purpose of Exhibit 4 is to permit Add Remove View the staff to identify immediately the changes made from the text of the rule with which it has been working. **Exhibit 5 - Proposed Rule Text** 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 Add Remove View of the proposed rule change. If the self-regulatory organization is amending only part of the text of a lengthy Partial Amendment 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.

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1. Text of the Proposed Rule Change

(a) MIAX Emerald, LLC ("MIAX Emerald" or "Exchange"), pursuant to the provisions of Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² proposes to amend the MIAX Emerald Fee Schedule ("Fee Schedule") to make minor, non-substantive edits and clarifying changes.

A notice of the proposed rule change for publication in the <u>Federal Register</u> is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit 1</u>, and a copy of the applicable section of the proposed Fee Schedule is attached hereto as Exhibit 5.

- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Not applicable.

2. Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization

The proposed rule change was approved by the Chief Executive Officer of the Exchange pursuant to authority delegated by the MIAX Emerald Board of Directors on January 29, 2020. Exchange staff will advise the Board of Directors of any action taken pursuant to delegated authority. No other action by the Exchange is necessary for the filing of the proposed rule change.

Questions and comments on the proposed rule change may be directed to Michael Slade, Counsel, at (609) 897-8499.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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

a. <u>Purpose</u>

The Exchange proposes to amend the Fee Schedule to make minor, non-substantive edits and clarifying changes to delete references in the Fee Schedule to the "Penny Pilot" and replace those references throughout the Fee Schedule with "Penny Program."

On May 29, 2020, the Exchange filed a proposal to, among other things, conform its rules to Section 3.1 of the Plan for the Purpose of Developing and Implementing Procedures Designed to Facilitate the Listing and Trading of Standardized Options (the "OLPP"). With that filing, the Exchange, along with all other options exchanges, adopted rule text to codify the OLPP Program in new Exchange Rule 510(b) (Requirements for Penny Interval Program) (the "Penny Program"), which replaced the Penny Pilot and permanently permits the Exchange to quote certain option classes in minimum increments of one cent (\$0.01) and five cents (\$0.05). Accordingly, the Exchange now proposes to delete references in the Fee Schedule to the "Penny Pilot" and replace those references throughout the Fee Schedule with "Penny Program." The Penny Program is set to become operative on July 1, 2020. The proposed changes would be to references to "Penny Pilot" in Section 1)b) of the Fee Schedule. The Exchange does not propose to amend or change any of its fees. The purpose of these changes is to provide uniformity between the Exchange's rules and the Fee Schedule.

See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 88993 (June 2, 2020), 85 FR 35145 (June 8, 2020) (SR-EMERALD-2020-05) (Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Amend Exchange Rule 404, Series of Option Contracts Open for Trading, Exchange Rule 510, Minimum Price Variations and Minimum Trading Increments, and Exchange Rule 516, Order Types Defined, To Conform the Rules to Section 3.1 of the Plan for the Purpose of Developing and Implementing Procedures Designed To Facilitate the Listing and Trading of Standardized Options).

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The proposed changes to the Fee Schedule would become operative on July 1, 2020, upon the expiration of the Penny Pilot, in accordance with the Penny Program becoming operational.

b. <u>Statutory Basis</u>

The Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to the Exchange and, in particular, the requirements of Section 6(b) of the Act. ⁴ Specifically, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5)⁵ requirements that the rules of an exchange be designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in regulating, clearing, settling, processing information with respect to, and facilitating transactions in securities, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. Additionally, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5)⁶ requirement that the rules of an exchange not be designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

The Exchange believes the proposed changes promote just and equitable principles of trade and remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system because the proposed changes make clarifying, non-substantive edits to the Fee Schedule, and conform the Fee Schedule to the Exchange's rulebook. The Exchange

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

⁶ Id.

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believes that these proposed changes will provide greater clarity to Members and the public regarding the Exchange's Fee Schedule and that it is in the public interest for the Fee Schedule to be accurate and concise so as to eliminate the potential for confusion.

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

The Exchange 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. The proposed rule change is not a competitive filing but rather is designed to remedy minor non-substantive issues and provide added clarity to the Fee Schedule in order to avoid potential confusion on the part of market participants. In addition, the Exchange does not believe the proposal will impose any burden on inter-market competition as the proposal does not address any competitive issues and is intended to protect investors by providing further transparency regarding the Exchange's Fee Schedule.

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

No written comments were either solicited or received.

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 Act,⁷ and Rule 19b-4(f)(2) thereunder⁸ the Exchange has designated this proposal as establishing or changing a due, fee, or other charge

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

^{8 17} CFR 240.19b-4.

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imposed on any person, whether or not the person is a member of the self-regulatory organization, which renders the proposed rule change effective upon filing.

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

Not applicable.

9. 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

- 1. Notice of proposed rule for publication in the <u>Federal Register</u>.
- 5. Applicable section of the MIAX Emerald Fee Schedule.

EXHIBIT 1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

(Release No. 34- ; File No. SR-EMERALD-2020-06)

June___, 2020

Self-Regulatory Organizations: Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change by MIAX Emerald, LLC to Amend Its Fee Schedule

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on June 30, 2020, MIAX Emerald, LLC ("MIAX Emerald" or "Exchange"), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") a proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

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

The Exchange is filing a proposal to amend the MIAX Emerald Fee Schedule (the "Fee Schedule") to make minor, non-substantive edits and clarifying changes.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's website at http://www.miaxoptions.com/rule-filings/emerald, at MIAX's principal office, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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

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

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

1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to amend the Fee Schedule to make minor, non-substantive edits and clarifying changes to delete references in the Fee Schedule to the "Penny Pilot" and replace those references throughout the Fee Schedule with "Penny Program."

On May 29, 2020, the Exchange filed a proposal to, among other things, conform its rules to Section 3.1 of the Plan for the Purpose of Developing and Implementing Procedures Designed to Facilitate the Listing and Trading of Standardized Options (the "OLPP"). With that filing, the Exchange, along with all other options exchanges, adopted rule text to codify the OLPP Program in new Exchange Rule 510(b) (Requirements for Penny Interval Program) (the "Penny Program"), which replaced the Penny Pilot and permanently permits the Exchange to quote certain option classes in minimum increments of one cent (\$0.01) and five cents (\$0.05).

See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 88993 (June 2, 2020), 85 FR 35145 (June 8, 2020) (SR-EMERALD-2020-05) (Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Amend Exchange Rule 404, Series of Option Contracts Open for Trading, Exchange Rule 510, Minimum Price Variations and Minimum Trading Increments, and Exchange Rule 516, Order Types Defined, To Conform the Rules to Section 3.1 of the Plan for the Purpose of Developing and Implementing Procedures Designed To Facilitate the Listing and Trading of Standardized Options).

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Accordingly, the Exchange now proposes to delete references in the Fee Schedule to the "Penny Pilot" and replace those references throughout the Fee Schedule with "Penny Program." The Penny Program is set to become operative on July 1, 2020. The proposed changes would be to references to "Penny Pilot" in Section 1)b) of the Fee Schedule. The Exchange does not propose to amend or change any of its fees. The purpose of these changes is to provide uniformity between the Exchange's rules and the Fee Schedule.

The proposed changes to the Fee Schedule would become operative on July 1, 2020, upon the expiration of the Penny Pilot, in accordance with the Penny Program becoming operational.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to the Exchange and, in particular, the requirements of Section 6(b) of the Act. ⁴ Specifically, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5)⁵ requirements that the rules of an exchange be designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in regulating, clearing, settling, processing information with respect to, and facilitating transactions in securities, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. Additionally, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5)⁶ requirement

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

⁶ <u>Id</u>.

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that the rules of an exchange not be designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

The Exchange believes the proposed changes promote just and equitable principles of trade and remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system because the proposed changes make clarifying, non-substantive edits to the Fee Schedule, and conform the Fee Schedule to the Exchange's rulebook. The Exchange believes that these proposed changes will provide greater clarity to Members and the public regarding the Exchange's Fee Schedule and that it is in the public interest for the Fee Schedule to be accurate and concise so as to eliminate the potential for confusion.

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

The Exchange 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. The proposed rule change is not a competitive filing but rather is designed to remedy minor non-substantive issues and provide added clarity to the Fee Schedule in order to avoid potential confusion on the part of market participants. In addition, the Exchange does not believe the proposal will impose any burden on inter-market competition as the proposal does not address any competitive issues and is intended to protect investors by providing further transparency regarding the Exchange's Fee Schedule.

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

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

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

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The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act,⁷ and Rule 19b-4(f)(2)⁸ thereunder. 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. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule should be approved or disapproved.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

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

Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic comments:

Use the Commission's Internet comment form (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml):
or

□ Send an e-mail to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-EMERALD-2020-06 on the subject line.

Paper comments:

□ Send paper comments in triplicate to Vanessa Countryman, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-EMERALD-2020-06. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process and

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

^{8 17} CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

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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 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 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of the filing also will 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 Number SR-EMERALD-2020-06 and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from publication in the <u>Federal Register</u>]. For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁹

Vanessa Countryman Secretary

^{9 17} CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

Exhibit 5

New text is <u>underlined</u>; Deleted text is in [brackets]

MIAX Emerald Fee Schedule

1) Transaction Fees

a) No Change.

b) Fees for Customer Orders Routed to another Options Exchange

MIAX Emerald will assess a Routing Fee to market participants on all orders routed to and executed on an away market as set forth in the table below.

Description	Fees
Routed, Priority Customer, Penny [Pilot] <u>Program</u> , to: NYSE American, BOX, Cboe, Cboe EDGX Options, MIAX, Nasdaq MRX, Nasdaq PHLX (except SPY), Nasdaq BX Options	\$0.15
Routed, Priority Customer, Penny [Pilot] <u>Program</u> , to: NYSE Arca Options, Cboe BZX Options, Cboe C2, Nasdaq GEMX, Nasdaq ISE, NOM, Nasdaq PHLX (SPY only), MIAX PEARL	\$0.65
Routed, Priority Customer, Non-Penny [Pilot] <u>Program</u> , to: NYSE American, BOX, Cboe, Cboe EDGX Options, MIAX, Nasdaq ISE, Nasdaq MRX, Nasdaq PHLX, Nasdaq BX Options	\$0.15
Routed, Priority Customer, Non-Penny [Pilot] <u>Program</u> , to: NYSE Arca Options, Cboe BZX Options, Cboe C2, MIAX PEARL, Nasdaq GEMX, NOM	\$1.00
Routed, Public Customer that is not a Priority Customer, Penny [Pilot] <u>Program</u> , to: NYSE American, NYSE Arca Options, Cboe BZX Options, BOX, Cboe, Cboe C2, Cboe EDGX Options, Nasdaq GEMX, Nasdaq ISE, Nasdaq MRX, MIAX, MIAX PEARL, NOM, Nasdaq PHLX, Nasdaq BX Options	\$0.65
Routed, Public Customer that is not a Priority Customer, Non-Penny [Pilot] <u>Program</u> , to: MIAX, NYSE American, Cboe, Nasdaq PHLX, Nasdaq ISE, Cboe EDGX Options	\$1.00
Routed, Public Customer that is not a Priority Customer, Non-Penny [Pilot] <u>Program</u> , to: Cboe C2, BOX, Nasdaq MRX, Nasdaq BX Options, NOM, MIAX PEARL	\$1.15
Routed, Public Customer that is not a Priority Customer, Non-Penny [Pilot] <u>Program</u> , to: Cboe BZX Options, NYSE Arca Options, Nasdaq GEMX	\$1.25
