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### Description

Provide a brief description of the action (limit 250 characters, required when Initial is checked \*).

Proposal to amend the Fee Schedule to extend non-transaction fee waivers for Market Makers that trade solely in Proprietary Products.

### Contact Information

Provide the name, telephone number, and e-mail address of the person on the staff of the self-regulatory organization prepared to respond to questions and comments on the action.

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### Signature

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange of 1934, Miami International Securities Exchange, L has duty caused this filing to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duty authorized.

Date 11/16/2023

(Title \*)

By Michael Slade

AVP, Associate Counsel

(Name \*)

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## 1. **Text of the Proposed Rule Change**

(a) Miami International Securities Exchange, LLC (“MIAX” or “Exchange”), pursuant to the provisions of Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”)<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> proposes to amend the MIAX Options Exchange Fee Schedule (the “Fee Schedule”) to extend the waiver period for certain non-transaction fees applicable to Market Makers<sup>3</sup> that trade solely in Proprietary Products<sup>4</sup> until June 30, 2024.

A notice of the proposed rule change for publication in the Federal Register is attached hereto as Exhibit 1, and a copy of the applicable section of the 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 or his designee pursuant to authority delegated by the MIAX Board of Directors on February 2, 2023. 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, AVP, Associate Counsel, at (609) 955-0460.

## 3. **Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis**

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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> The term “Market Makers” refers to “Lead Market Makers”, “Primary Lead Market Makers” and “Registered Market Makers” collectively. See Exchange Rule 100.

<sup>4</sup> The term “Proprietary Product” means a class of options that is listed exclusively on the Exchange. See Exchange Rule 100.

**for, the Proposed Rule Change**a. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to amend the Fee Schedule to extend the waiver period for certain non-transaction fees applicable to Market Makers that trade solely in Proprietary Products until June 30, 2024.

Background

On October 12, 2018, the Exchange received approval from the Commission to list and trade on the Exchange options on the SPIKES<sup>®</sup> Index, a new index that measures expected 30-day volatility of the SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust (commonly known and referred to by its ticker symbol, “SPY”).<sup>5</sup> The Exchange adopted its initial SPIKES options transaction fees on February 15, 2019 and adopted a new section of the Fee Schedule – Section 1)a)xi), SPIKES – for those fees.<sup>6</sup> Options on the SPIKES Index began trading on the Exchange on February 19, 2019.

On May 31, 2019, the Exchange filed its first proposal in a series of proposals with the Commission to amend the Fee Schedule to waive certain non-transaction fees applicable to Market Makers that trade solely in Proprietary Products (including options on the SPIKES Index) beginning June 1, 2019, through December 31, 2023.<sup>7</sup> In particular, the Exchange

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<sup>5</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 84417 (October 12, 2018), 83 FR 52865 (October 18, 2018) (SR-MIAX-2018-14) (Order Granting Approval of a Proposed Rule Change by Miami International Securities Exchange, LLC to List and Trade on the Exchange Options on the SPIKES<sup>®</sup> Index).

<sup>6</sup> See Securities Exchange Release No. 85283 (March 11, 2019), 84 FR 9567 (March 15, 2019) (SR-MIAX-2019-11). The Exchange initially filed the proposal on February 15, 2019 (SR-MIAX-2019-04). That filing was withdrawn and replaced with SR-MIAX-2019-11. On September 30, 2020, the Exchange filed its proposal to, among other things, reorganize the Fee Schedule to adopt new Section 1)b), Proprietary Products Exchange Fees, and moved the fees and rebates for SPIKES options into new Section 1)b)i). See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 90146 (October 9, 2020), 85 FR 65443 (October 15, 2020) (SR-MIAX-2020-32); 90814 (December 29, 2020), 86 FR 327 (January 5, 2021) (SR-MIAX-2020-39).

<sup>7</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 86109 (June 14, 2019), 84 FR 28860 (June 20, 2019) (SR-MIAX-2019-28); 87282 (October 10, 2019), 84 FR 55658 (October 17, 2019) (SR-MIAX-2019-43); 87897 (January 6, 2020), 85 FR 1346 (January 10, 2020) (SR-MIAX-2019-53); 89289 (July 10, 2020), 85 FR 43279 (July 16, 2020) (SR-MIAX-2020-22); 90146 (October 9, 2020), 85 FR 65443 (October 15, 2020)

adopted fee waivers for Membership Application fees, monthly Market Maker Trading Permit fees, Application Programming Interface (“API”) Testing and Certification fees for Members<sup>8</sup>, and monthly MIAX Express Interface (“MEI”) Port<sup>9</sup> fees assessed to Market Makers that trade solely in Proprietary Products (including options on SPIKES) throughout the entire period of June 1, 2019 through December 31, 2023. The Exchange now proposes to extend the waiver period for the same non-transaction fees applicable to Market Makers that trade solely in Proprietary Products (including options on SPIKES) until June 30, 2024. In particular, the Exchange proposes to waive Membership Application fees, monthly Market Maker Trading Permit fees, Member API Testing and Certification fees, and monthly MEI Port fees assessed to Market Makers that trade solely in Proprietary Products (including options on SPIKES) until June 30, 2024.

#### Membership Application Fees

The Exchange currently assesses a one-time Membership Application fee for applications of potential Members. The Exchange assesses a one-time Membership Application fee on the earlier of (i) the date the applicant is certified in the membership system, or (ii) once an application for MIAX membership is finally denied. The one-time application fee is based upon

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(SR-MIAX-2020-32); 90814 (December 29, 2020), 86 FR 327 (January 5, 2021) (SR-MIAX-2020-39); 91498 (April 7, 2021), 86 FR 19293 (April 13, 2021) (SR-MIAX-2021-06); 93881 (December 30, 2021), 87 FR 517 (January 5, 2022) (SR-MIAX-2021-63); 95259 (July 12, 2022), 87 FR 42754 (July 17, 2022) (SR-MIAX-2022-24); 96007 (October 7, 2022), 87 FR 62151 (October 13, 2022) (SR-MIAX-2022-32); 96588 (December 28, 2022), 88 FR 381 (January 4, 2023) (SR-MIAX-2022-47); 97887 (July 12, 2023), 88 FR 45936 (July 18, 2023) (SR-MIAX-2023-28).

<sup>8</sup> The term “Member” means an individual or organization approved to exercise the trading rights associated with a Trading Permit. Members are deemed “members” under the Exchange Act. See Exchange Rule 100.

<sup>9</sup> Full Service MEI Ports provide Market Makers with the ability to send Market Maker simple and complex quotes, eQuotes, and quote purge messages to the MIAX System. Full Service MEI Ports are also capable of receiving administrative information. Market Makers are limited to two Full Service MEI Ports per matching engine. See Fee Schedule, infra note 15.

the applicant's status as either a Market Maker or an Electronic Exchange Member ("EEM").<sup>10</sup>

A Market Maker is assessed a one-time Membership Application fee of \$3,000.

The Exchange proposes that the waiver for the one-time Membership Application fee of \$3,000 for Market Makers that trade solely in Proprietary Products (including options on SPIKES) will be extended from December 31, 2023 until June 30, 2024, which the Exchange proposes to state in the Fee Schedule. The purpose of this proposed change is to continue to provide an incentive for potential Market Makers to submit membership applications, which should result in an increase of potential liquidity in Proprietary Products, including options on SPIKES. Even though the Exchange proposes to extend the waiver of this particular fee, the overall structure of the fee is outlined in the Fee Schedule so that there is general awareness that the Exchange intends to assess such a fee after June 30, 2024.

#### Trading Permit Fees

The Exchange issues Trading Permits that confer the ability to transact on the Exchange. MIAX Trading Permits are issued to Market Makers and EEMs. Members receiving Trading Permits during a particular calendar month are assessed monthly Trading Permit fees as set forth in the Fee Schedule. As it relates to Market Makers, MIAX currently assesses a monthly Trading Permit fee in any month the Market Maker is certified in the membership system, is credentialed to use one or more MIAX MEI Ports in the production environment and is assigned to quote in one or more classes. MIAX assesses the monthly Market Maker Trading Permit fee for its Market Makers based on the greatest number of classes listed on MIAX that the MIAX Market Maker was assigned to quote in on any given day within a calendar month and the

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<sup>10</sup> The term "Electronic Exchange Member" or "EEM" means the holder of a Trading Permit who is not a Market Maker. Electronic Exchange Members are deemed "members" under the Exchange Act. See Exchange Rule 100.

applicable fee rate is the lesser of either the per class basis or percentage of total national average daily volume measurements. A MIAX Market Maker is assessed a monthly Trading Permit fee according to the following table:<sup>11</sup>

Type of Trading Permit	Monthly MIAX Trading Permit Fee	Market Maker Assignments (the lesser of the applicable measurements below) Ω	
		Per Class	% of National Average Daily Volume
Market Maker (includes RMM, LMM, PLMM)	\$7,000.00	Up to 10 Classes	Up to 20% of Classes by volume
	\$12,000.00	Up to 40 Classes	Up to 35% of Classes by volume
	\$17,000.00*	Up to 100 Classes	Up to 50% of Classes by volume
	\$22,000.00*	Over 100 Classes	Over 50% of Classes by volume up to all Classes listed on MIAX

Ω Excludes Proprietary Products.

\* For these Monthly MIAX Trading Permit Fee levels, if the Market Maker's total monthly executed volume during the relevant month is less than 0.060% of the total monthly executed volume reported by OCC in the market maker account type for MIAX-listed option classes for that month, then the fee will be \$15,500 instead of the fee otherwise applicable to such level.

MIAX proposes that the waiver for the monthly Trading Permit fee for Market Makers that trade solely in Proprietary Products (including options on SPIKES) will be extended from December 31, 2023 to June 30, 2024, which the Exchange proposes to state in the Fee Schedule. The purpose of this proposed change is to continue to provide an incentive for Market Makers to provide liquidity in Proprietary Products on the Exchange, which should result in increasing potential order flow and volume in Proprietary Products, including options on SPIKES. Even though the Exchange proposes to extend the waiver of this particular fee, the overall structure of the fee is outlined in the Fee Schedule so that there is general awareness to potential Members seeking a Trading Permit that the Exchange intends to assess such a fee after June 30, 2024.

The Exchange also proposes that Market Makers who trade Proprietary Products (including options on SPIKES) along with multi-listed classes will continue to not have

<sup>11</sup> See Fee Schedule, Section 3)b).

Proprietary Products (including SPIKES) counted toward those Market Makers' class assignment count or percentage of total national average daily volume. This exclusion is noted with the symbol "Ω" following the table that shows the monthly Trading Permit fees currently assessed to Market Makers in Section 3)b) of the Fee Schedule.

#### API Testing and Certification Fee

The Exchange assesses an API Testing and Certification fee to all Members depending upon Membership type. An API makes it possible for Members' software to communicate with MIAX software applications, and is subject to Members testing with, and certification by, MIAX. The Exchange offers four types of interfaces: (i) the Financial Information Exchange Port ("FIX Port")<sup>12</sup>, which enables the FIX Port user (typically an EEM or a Market Maker) to submit simple and complex orders electronically to MIAX; (ii) the MEI Port, which enables Market Makers to submit simple and complex electronic quotes to MIAX; (iii) the Clearing Trade Drop Port ("CTD Port")<sup>13</sup>, which provides real-time trade clearing information to the participants to a trade on MIAX and to the participants' respective clearing firms; and (iv) the FIX Drop Copy Port ("FXD Port")<sup>14</sup>, which provides a copy of real-time trade execution,

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<sup>12</sup> A FIX Port is an interface with MIAX systems that enables the Port user (typically an Electronic Exchange Member or a Market Maker) to submit simple and complex orders electronically to MIAX. See Fee Schedule, Section 5)d)i).

<sup>13</sup> Clearing Trade Drop ("CTD") provides Exchange members with real-time clearing trade updates. The updates include the Member's clearing trade messages on a low latency, real-time basis. The trade messages are routed to a Member's connection containing certain information. The information includes, among other things, the following: (i) trade date and time; (ii) symbol information; (iii) trade price/size information; (iv) Member type (for example, and without limitation, Market Maker, Electronic Exchange Member, Broker-Dealer); (v) Exchange Member Participant Identifier ("MPID") for each side of the transaction, including Clearing Member MPID; and (vi) strategy specific information for complex transactions. CTD Port Fees will be assessed in any month the Member is credentialed to use the CTD Port in the production environment. See Fee Schedule, Section 5)d)iii.

<sup>14</sup> The FIX Drop Copy Port ("FXD") is a messaging interface that will provide a copy of real-time trade execution, trade correction and trade cancellation information for simple and complex orders to FIX Drop Copy Port users who subscribe to the service. FIX Drop Copy Port users are those users who are designated by an EEM to receive the information and the information is restricted for use by the EEM only. FXD Port



correction and cancellation information through a FIX Port to any number of FIX Ports designated by an EEM to receive such messages.

API Testing and Certification fees for Market Makers are assessed (i) initially per API for CTD and MEI ports in the month the Market Maker has been credentialed to use one or more ports in the production environment for the tested API and the Market Maker has been assigned to quote in one or more classes, and (ii) each time a Market Maker initiates a change to its system that requires testing and certification. API Testing and Certification fees will not be assessed in situations where the Exchange initiates a mandatory change to the Exchange's system that requires testing and certification. The Exchange currently assesses a Market Maker an API Testing and Certification fee of \$2,500. The API Testing and Certification fees represent costs incurred by the Exchange as it works with each Member for testing and certifying that the Member's software systems communicate properly with MIAX's interfaces.

MIAX proposes to extend the waiver of the API Testing and Certification fee for Market Makers that trade solely in Proprietary Products (including options on SPIKES) from December 31, 2023 until June 30, 2024, which the Exchange proposes to state in the Fee Schedule. The purpose of this proposed change is to continue to provide an incentive for potential Market Makers to develop software applications to trade in Proprietary Products, including options on SPIKES. Even though the Exchange proposes to extend the waiver of this particular fee, the overall structure of the fee is outlined in the Fee Schedule so that there is general awareness that the Exchange intends to assess such a fee after June 30, 2024.

#### MEI Port Fees

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Fees will be assessed in any month the Member is credentialed to use the FXD Port in the production environment. See Fee Schedule, Section 5)d)iv.

MIAX assesses monthly MEI Port fees to Market Makers in each month the Member has been credentialed to use the MEI Port in the production environment and has been assigned to quote in at least one class. The amount of the monthly MEI Port fee is based upon the number of classes in which the Market Maker was assigned to quote on any given day within the calendar month, and upon the class volume percentages set forth in the Fee Schedule. The class volume percentage is based on the total national average daily volume in classes listed on MIAX in the prior calendar quarter. Newly listed option classes are excluded from the calculation of the monthly MEI Port fee until the calendar quarter following their listing, at which time the newly listed option classes will be included in both the per class count and the percentage of total national average daily volume. The Exchange assesses MIAX Market Makers the monthly MEI Port fee based on the greatest number of classes listed on MIAX that the MIAX Market Maker was assigned to quote in on any given day within a calendar month and the applicable fee rate that is the lesser of either the per class basis or percentage of total national average daily volume measurement. MIAX assesses MEI Port fees on Market Makers according to the following table:<sup>15</sup>

Monthly MIAX MEI Fees	Market Maker Assignments (the lesser of the applicable measurements below) <sup>Ω</sup>	
	Per Class	% of National Average Daily Volume
\$5,000.00	Up to 5 Classes	Up to 10% of Classes by volume
\$10,000.00	Up to 10 Classes	Up to 20% of Classes by volume
\$14,000.00	Up to 40 Classes	Up to 35% of Classes by volume
\$17,500.00*	Up to 100 Classes	Up to 50% of Classes by volume
\$20,500.00*	Over 100 Classes	Over 50% of Classes by volume up to all Classes listed on MIAX

Ω Excludes Proprietary Products.

\* For these Monthly MIAX MEI Fees levels, if the Market Maker's total monthly executed volume during the relevant month is less than 0.060% of the total monthly executed volume reported by OCC in the market maker account type for MIAX-listed option classes for that month, then the fee will be \$14,500 instead of the fee otherwise applicable to such level.

<sup>15</sup> See Fee Schedule 5)d)ii).

MIAX proposes to extend the waiver of the monthly MEI Port fee for Market Makers that trade solely in Proprietary Products (including options on SPIKES) from December 31, 2023 until June 30, 2024, which the Exchange proposes to state in the Fee Schedule. The purpose of this proposal is to continue to provide an incentive to Market Makers to connect to MIAX through the MEI Port such that they will be able to trade in MIAX Proprietary Products. Even though the Exchange proposes to extend the waiver of this particular fee, the overall structure of the fee is outlined in the Fee Schedule so that there is general awareness that the Exchange intends to assess such a fee after June 30, 2024.

The Exchange notes that for the purposes of this proposed change, other Market Makers who trade MIAX Proprietary Products (including options on SPIKES) along with multi-listed classes will continue to not have Proprietary Products (including SPIKES) counted toward those Market Makers' class assignment count or percentage of total national average daily volume. This exclusion is noted by the symbol "Ω" following the table that shows the monthly MEI Port Fees currently assessed for Market Makers in Section 5)d)ii) of the Fee Schedule.

The proposed extension of the fee waivers are targeted at market participants, particularly market makers, who are not currently members of MIAX, who may be interested in being a Market Maker in Proprietary Products on the Exchange. The Exchange estimates that there are fewer than ten (10) such market participants that could benefit from the extension of these fee waivers. The proposed extension of the fee waivers does not apply differently to different sizes of market participants, however the fee waivers do only apply to Market Makers (and not EEMs).

Market Makers, unlike other market participants, take on a number of obligations, including quoting obligations that other market participants do not have. Further, Market

Makers have added market making and regulatory requirements, which normally do not apply to other market participants. For example, Market Makers have obligations to maintain continuous markets, engage in a course of dealings reasonably calculated to contribute to the maintenance of a fair and orderly market, and to not make bids or offers or enter into transactions that are inconsistent with a course of dealing. Accordingly, the Exchange believes it is reasonable and not unfairly discriminatory to continue to offer the fee waivers to Market Makers because the Exchange is seeking additional liquidity providers for Proprietary Products, in order to enhance liquidity and spreads in Proprietary Products, which is traditionally provided by Market Makers, as opposed to EEMs.

b. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal to amend its Fee Schedule is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act<sup>16</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(4) of the Act<sup>17</sup> in particular, in that it is an equitable allocation of reasonable fees and other charges among its Members and issuers and other persons using its facilities. The Exchange also believes the proposal furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act in that it is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, 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 and is not designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers and dealers.

The Exchange believes that the proposal to extend the fee waiver period for certain non-transaction fees for Market Makers that trade solely in Proprietary Products is an equitable

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<sup>16</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>17</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4) and (5).

allocation of reasonable fees because the proposal continues to waive non-transaction fees for a limited period of time in order to enable the Exchange to improve its overall competitiveness and strengthen its market quality for all market participants in MIAX's Proprietary Products, including options on SPIKES. The Exchange believe the proposed extension of the fee waivers is fair and equitable and not unreasonably discriminatory because it applies to all market participants not currently registered as Market Makers at the Exchange. Any market participant may choose to satisfy the additional requirements and obligations of being a Market Maker and trade solely in Proprietary Products in order to qualify for the fee waivers.

The Exchange believes that the proposed extension of the fee waivers is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory for Market Makers as compared to EEMs because Market Makers, unlike other market participants, take on a number of obligations, including quoting obligations that other market participants do not have. Further, Market Makers have added market making and regulatory requirements, which normally do not apply to other market participants. For example, Market Makers have obligations to maintain continuous markets, engage in a course of dealings reasonably calculated to contribute to the maintenance of a fair and orderly market, and to not make bids or offers or enter into transactions that are inconsistent with a course of dealing.

The Exchange believes it is reasonable and equitable to continue to waive the one-time Membership Application Fee, monthly Trading Permit Fee, API Testing and Certification Fee, and monthly MEI Port Fee for Market Makers that trade solely in Proprietary Products (including options on SPIKES) until June 30, 2024, since the waiver of such fees provides incentives to interested market participants to trade in Proprietary Products. This should result in increasing potential order flow and liquidity in MIAX Proprietary Products, including options on SPIKES.

The Exchange believes it is reasonable and equitable to continue to waive the API Testing and Certification fee assessable to Market Makers that trade solely in Proprietary Products (including options on SPIKES) until June 30, 2024, since the waiver of such fees provides incentives to interested Members to develop and test their APIs sooner. Determining system operability with the Exchange's system will in turn provide MIAX with potential order flow and liquidity providers in Proprietary Products.

The Exchange believes it is reasonable, equitable and not unfairly discriminatory that Market Makers who trade in Proprietary Products along with multi-listed classes will continue to not have Proprietary Products counted toward those Market Makers' class assignment count or percentage of total national average daily volume for monthly Trading Permit Fees and monthly MEI Port Fees in order to incentivize existing Market Makers who currently trade in multi-listed classes to also trade in Proprietary Products, without incurring certain additional fees.

The Exchange believes that the proposed extension of the fee waivers constitutes an equitable allocation of reasonable fees and other charges among its Members and issuers and other persons using its facilities. The proposed extension of the fee waivers means that all prospective market makers that wish to become Market Maker Members of the Exchange and quote solely in Proprietary Products may do so and have the above-mentioned fees waived until June 30, 2024. The proposed extension of the fee waivers will continue to not apply to potential EEMs because the Exchange is seeking to enhance the quality of its markets in Proprietary Products through introducing more competition among Market Makers in Proprietary Products. In order to increase the competition, the Exchange believes that it must continue to waive entry type fees for such Market Makers. EEMs do not provide the benefit of enhanced liquidity which is provided by Market Makers, therefore the Exchange believes it is reasonable and not unfairly

discriminatory to continue to only offer the proposed fee waivers to Market Makers (and not EEMs). Further, the Exchange believes it is reasonable and not unfairly discriminatory to continue to exclude Proprietary Products from an existing Market Maker's permit fees and port fees, in order to incentive such Market Makers to quote in Proprietary Products. The amount of a Market Maker's permit and port fee is determined by the number of classes quoted and volume of the Market Maker. By excluding Proprietary Products from such fees, the Exchange is able to incentivize Market Makers to quote in Proprietary Products. EEMs do not pay permit and port fees based on the classes traded or volume, so the Exchange believes it is reasonable, equitable, and not unfairly discriminatory to only offer the exclusion to Market Makers (and not EEMs).

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

##### Intra-Market Competition

The Exchange believes that the proposal to extend certain of the non-transaction fee waivers until June 30, 2024 for Market Makers that trade solely in Proprietary Products would increase intra-market competition by incentivizing new potential Market Makers to quote in Proprietary Products, which will enhance the quality of quoting and increase the volume of contracts in Proprietary Products traded on MIAX, including options on SPIKES. To the extent that this purpose is achieved, all the Exchange's market participants should benefit from the improved market liquidity for the Exchange's Proprietary Products. Enhanced market quality and increased transaction volume in Proprietary Products that results from the anticipated increase in Market Maker activity on the Exchange will benefit all market participants and improve competition on the Exchange.

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on intra-market competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act because the proposed changes for each separate type of market participant (new Market Makers and existing Market Makers) will be assessed equally to all such market participants. While different fees are assessed to different market participants in some circumstances, these different market participants have different obligations and different circumstances as discussed above. For example, Market Makers have quoting obligations that other market participants (such as EEMs) do not have.

#### Inter-Market Competition

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule changes will impose any burden on inter-market competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act because the proposed extension of the fee waivers applies only to the Exchange's Proprietary Products (including options on SPIKES), which are traded exclusively on the Exchange.

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

No written comments were either solicited or received.

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)**

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act,<sup>18</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(2) thereunder<sup>19</sup> the Exchange has designated this proposal as establishing or changing a due, fee, or other charge

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<sup>18</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

<sup>19</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.



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. 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 exchange 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**

1. Notice of proposed rule for publication in the Federal Register.
5. Applicable Section of the Fee Schedule.

**EXHIBIT 1**

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
(Release No. 34- ; File No. SR-MIAX-2023-46)

November \_\_, 2023

Self-Regulatory Organizations: Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change by Miami International Securities Exchange, LLC to Amend Its Fee Schedule

Pursuant to the provisions of 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 November \_\_, 2023, Miami International Securities Exchange, LLC (“MIAX” 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. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to amend the MIAX Options Exchange Fee Schedule (the “Fee Schedule”) to extend the waiver period for certain non-transaction fees applicable to Market Makers<sup>3</sup> that trade solely in Proprietary Products<sup>4</sup> until June 30, 2024.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s website at <https://www.miaxglobal.com/markets/us-options/miax-options/rule-filings>, at MIAX’s principal office, 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

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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> The term “Market Makers” refers to “Lead Market Makers”, “Primary Lead Market Makers” and “Registered Market Makers” collectively. See Exchange Rule 100.

<sup>4</sup> The term “Proprietary Product” means a class of options that is listed exclusively on the Exchange. See Exchange Rule 100.

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

1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to amend the Fee Schedule to extend the waiver period for certain non-transaction fees applicable to Market Makers that trade solely in Proprietary Products until June 30, 2024.

Background

On October 12, 2018, the Exchange received approval from the Commission to list and trade on the Exchange options on the SPIKES<sup>®</sup> Index, a new index that measures expected 30-day volatility of the SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust (commonly known and referred to by its ticker symbol, “SPY”).<sup>5</sup> The Exchange adopted its initial SPIKES options transaction fees on February 15, 2019 and adopted a new section of the Fee Schedule – Section 1)a)xi), SPIKES – for those fees.<sup>6</sup> Options on the SPIKES Index began trading on the Exchange on February 19, 2019.

On May 31, 2019, the Exchange filed its first proposal in a series of proposals with the

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<sup>5</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 84417 (October 12, 2018), 83 FR 52865 (October 18, 2018) (SR-MIAX-2018-14) (Order Granting Approval of a Proposed Rule Change by Miami International Securities Exchange, LLC to List and Trade on the Exchange Options on the SPIKES<sup>®</sup> Index).

<sup>6</sup> See Securities Exchange Release No. 85283 (March 11, 2019), 84 FR 9567 (March 15, 2019) (SR-MIAX-2019-11). The Exchange initially filed the proposal on February 15, 2019 (SR-MIAX-2019-04). That filing was withdrawn and replaced with SR-MIAX-2019-11. On September 30, 2020, the Exchange filed its proposal to, among other things, reorganize the Fee Schedule to adopt new Section 1)b), Proprietary Products Exchange Fees, and moved the fees and rebates for SPIKES options into new Section 1)b)i). See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 90146 (October 9, 2020), 85 FR 65443 (October 15, 2020) (SR-MIAX-2020-32); 90814 (December 29, 2020), 86 FR 327 (January 5, 2021) (SR-MIAX-2020-39).

Commission to amend the Fee Schedule to waive certain non-transaction fees applicable to Market Makers that trade solely in Proprietary Products (including options on the SPIKES Index) beginning June 1, 2019, through December 31, 2023.<sup>7</sup> In particular, the Exchange adopted fee waivers for Membership Application fees, monthly Market Maker Trading Permit fees, Application Programming Interface (“API”) Testing and Certification fees for Members<sup>8</sup>, and monthly MIAX Express Interface (“MEI”) Port<sup>9</sup> fees assessed to Market Makers that trade solely in Proprietary Products (including options on SPIKES) throughout the entire period of June 1, 2019 through December 31, 2023. The Exchange now proposes to extend the waiver period for the same non-transaction fees applicable to Market Makers that trade solely in Proprietary Products (including options on SPIKES) until June 30, 2024. In particular, the Exchange proposes to waive Membership Application fees, monthly Market Maker Trading Permit fees, Member API Testing and Certification fees, and monthly MEI Port fees assessed to Market Makers that trade solely in Proprietary Products (including options on SPIKES) until June 30, 2024.

### Membership Application Fees

The Exchange currently assesses a one-time Membership Application fee for applications

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<sup>7</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 86109 (June 14, 2019), 84 FR 28860 (June 20, 2019) (SR-MIAX-2019-28); 87282 (October 10, 2019), 84 FR 55658 (October 17, 2019) (SR-MIAX-2019-43); 87897 (January 6, 2020), 85 FR 1346 (January 10, 2020) (SR-MIAX-2019-53); 89289 (July 10, 2020), 85 FR 43279 (July 16, 2020) (SR-MIAX-2020-22); 90146 (October 9, 2020), 85 FR 65443 (October 15, 2020) (SR-MIAX-2020-32); 90814 (December 29, 2020), 86 FR 327 (January 5, 2021) (SR-MIAX-2020-39); 91498 (April 7, 2021), 86 FR 19293 (April 13, 2021) (SR-MIAX-2021-06); 93881 (December 30, 2021), 87 FR 517 (January 5, 2022) (SR-MIAX-2021-63); 95259 (July 12, 2022), 87 FR 42754 (July 17, 2022) (SR-MIAX-2022-24); 96007 (October 7, 2022), 87 FR 62151 (October 13, 2022) (SR-MIAX-2022-32); 96588 (December 28, 2022), 88 FR 381 (January 4, 2023) (SR-MIAX-2022-47); 97887 (July 12, 2023), 88 FR 45936 (July 18, 2023) (SR-MIAX-2023-28).

<sup>8</sup> The term “Member” means an individual or organization approved to exercise the trading rights associated with a Trading Permit. Members are deemed “members” under the Exchange Act. See Exchange Rule 100.

<sup>9</sup> Full Service MEI Ports provide Market Makers with the ability to send Market Maker simple and complex quotes, eQuotes, and quote purge messages to the MIAX System. Full Service MEI Ports are also capable of receiving administrative information. Market Makers are limited to two Full Service MEI Ports per matching engine. See Fee Schedule, *infra* note 15.

of potential Members. The Exchange assesses a one-time Membership Application fee on the earlier of (i) the date the applicant is certified in the membership system, or (ii) once an application for MIAX membership is finally denied. The one-time application fee is based upon the applicant's status as either a Market Maker or an Electronic Exchange Member ("EEM").<sup>10</sup> A Market Maker is assessed a one-time Membership Application fee of \$3,000.

The Exchange proposes that the waiver for the one-time Membership Application fee of \$3,000 for Market Makers that trade solely in Proprietary Products (including options on SPIKES) will be extended from December 31, 2023 until June 30, 2024, which the Exchange proposes to state in the Fee Schedule. The purpose of this proposed change is to continue to provide an incentive for potential Market Makers to submit membership applications, which should result in an increase of potential liquidity in Proprietary Products, including options on SPIKES. Even though the Exchange proposes to extend the waiver of this particular fee, the overall structure of the fee is outlined in the Fee Schedule so that there is general awareness that the Exchange intends to assess such a fee after June 30, 2024.

#### Trading Permit Fees

The Exchange issues Trading Permits that confer the ability to transact on the Exchange. MIAX Trading Permits are issued to Market Makers and EEMs. Members receiving Trading Permits during a particular calendar month are assessed monthly Trading Permit fees as set forth in the Fee Schedule. As it relates to Market Makers, MIAX currently assesses a monthly Trading Permit fee in any month the Market Maker is certified in the membership system, is credentialed to use one or more MIAX MEI Ports in the production environment and is assigned to quote in one or more classes. MIAX assesses the monthly Market Maker Trading Permit fee

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<sup>10</sup> The term "Electronic Exchange Member" or "EEM" means the holder of a Trading Permit who is not a Market Maker. Electronic Exchange Members are deemed "members" under the Exchange Act. See Exchange Rule 100.

for its Market Makers based on the greatest number of classes listed on MIAX that the MIAX Market Maker was assigned to quote in on any given day within a calendar month and the applicable fee rate is the lesser of either the per class basis or percentage of total national average daily volume measurements. A MIAX Market Maker is assessed a monthly Trading Permit fee according to the following table:<sup>11</sup>

Type of Trading Permit	Monthly MIAX Trading Permit Fee	Market Maker Assignments (the lesser of the applicable measurements below) $\Omega$	
		Per Class	% of National Average Daily Volume
Market Maker (includes RMM, LMM, PLMM)	\$7,000.00	Up to 10 Classes	Up to 20% of Classes by volume
	\$12,000.00	Up to 40 Classes	Up to 35% of Classes by volume
	\$17,000.00*	Up to 100 Classes	Up to 50% of Classes by volume
	\$22,000.00*	Over 100 Classes	Over 50% of Classes by volume up to all Classes listed on MIAX

$\Omega$  Excludes Proprietary Products.

- For these Monthly MIAX Trading Permit Fee levels, if the Market Maker's total monthly executed volume during the relevant month is less than 0.060% of the total monthly executed volume reported by OCC in the market maker account type for MIAX-listed option classes for that month, then the fee will be \$15,500 instead of the fee otherwise applicable to such level.

MIAX proposes that the waiver for the monthly Trading Permit fee for Market Makers that trade solely in Proprietary Products (including options on SPIKES) will be extended from December 31, 2023 to June 30, 2024, which the Exchange proposes to state in the Fee Schedule. The purpose of this proposed change is to continue to provide an incentive for Market Makers to provide liquidity in Proprietary Products on the Exchange, which should result in increasing potential order flow and volume in Proprietary Products, including options on SPIKES. Even though the Exchange proposes to extend the waiver of this particular fee, the overall structure of the fee is outlined in the Fee Schedule so that there is general awareness to potential Members seeking a Trading Permit that the Exchange intends to assess such a fee after June 30, 2024.

The Exchange also proposes that Market Makers who trade Proprietary Products

<sup>11</sup> See Fee Schedule, Section 3)b).

(including options on SPIKES) along with multi-listed classes will continue to not have Proprietary Products (including SPIKES) counted toward those Market Makers' class assignment count or percentage of total national average daily volume. This exclusion is noted with the symbol "Ω" following the table that shows the monthly Trading Permit fees currently assessed to Market Makers in Section 3)b) of the Fee Schedule.

#### API Testing and Certification Fee

The Exchange assesses an API Testing and Certification fee to all Members depending upon Membership type. An API makes it possible for Members' software to communicate with MIAX software applications, and is subject to Members testing with, and certification by, MIAX. The Exchange offers four types of interfaces: (i) the Financial Information Exchange Port ("FIX Port")<sup>12</sup>, which enables the FIX Port user (typically an EEM or a Market Maker) to submit simple and complex orders electronically to MIAX; (ii) the MEI Port, which enables Market Makers to submit simple and complex electronic quotes to MIAX; (iii) the Clearing Trade Drop Port ("CTD Port")<sup>13</sup>, which provides real-time trade clearing information to the participants to a trade on MIAX and to the participants' respective clearing firms; and (iv) the FIX Drop Copy Port ("FXD Port")<sup>14</sup>, which provides a copy of real-time trade execution,

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<sup>12</sup> A FIX Port is an interface with MIAX systems that enables the Port user (typically an Electronic Exchange Member or a Market Maker) to submit simple and complex orders electronically to MIAX. See Fee Schedule, Section 5)d)i).

<sup>13</sup> Clearing Trade Drop ("CTD") provides Exchange members with real-time clearing trade updates. The updates include the Member's clearing trade messages on a low latency, real-time basis. The trade messages are routed to a Member's connection containing certain information. The information includes, among other things, the following: (i) trade date and time; (ii) symbol information; (iii) trade price/size information; (iv) Member type (for example, and without limitation, Market Maker, Electronic Exchange Member, Broker-Dealer); (v) Exchange Member Participant Identifier ("MPID") for each side of the transaction, including Clearing Member MPID; and (vi) strategy specific information for complex transactions. CTD Port Fees will be assessed in any month the Member is credentialed to use the CTD Port in the production environment. See Fee Schedule, Section 5)d)iii.

<sup>14</sup> The FIX Drop Copy Port ("FXD") is a messaging interface that will provide a copy of real-time trade execution, trade correction and trade cancellation information for simple and complex orders to FIX Drop Copy Port users who subscribe to the service. FIX Drop Copy Port users are those users who are designated by an EEM to receive the information and the information is restricted for use by the EEM only. FXD Port

correction and cancellation information through a FIX Port to any number of FIX Ports designated by an EEM to receive such messages.

API Testing and Certification fees for Market Makers are assessed (i) initially per API for CTD and MEI ports in the month the Market Maker has been credentialed to use one or more ports in the production environment for the tested API and the Market Maker has been assigned to quote in one or more classes, and (ii) each time a Market Maker initiates a change to its system that requires testing and certification. API Testing and Certification fees will not be assessed in situations where the Exchange initiates a mandatory change to the Exchange's system that requires testing and certification. The Exchange currently assesses a Market Maker an API Testing and Certification fee of \$2,500. The API Testing and Certification fees represent costs incurred by the Exchange as it works with each Member for testing and certifying that the Member's software systems communicate properly with MIAX's interfaces.

MIAX proposes to extend the waiver of the API Testing and Certification fee for Market Makers that trade solely in Proprietary Products (including options on SPIKES) from December 31, 2023 until June 30, 2024, which the Exchange proposes to state in the Fee Schedule. The purpose of this proposed change is to continue to provide an incentive for potential Market Makers to develop software applications to trade in Proprietary Products, including options on SPIKES. Even though the Exchange proposes to extend the waiver of this particular fee, the overall structure of the fee is outlined in the Fee Schedule so that there is general awareness that the Exchange intends to assess such a fee after June 30, 2024.

#### MEI Port Fees

MIAX assesses monthly MEI Port fees to Market Makers in each month the Member has

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Fees will be assessed in any month the Member is credentialed to use the FXD Port in the production environment. See Fee Schedule, Section 5)d)iv.



been credentialed to use the MEI Port in the production environment and has been assigned to quote in at least one class. The amount of the monthly MEI Port fee is based upon the number of classes in which the Market Maker was assigned to quote on any given day within the calendar month, and upon the class volume percentages set forth in the Fee Schedule. The class volume percentage is based on the total national average daily volume in classes listed on MIAX in the prior calendar quarter. Newly listed option classes are excluded from the calculation of the monthly MEI Port fee until the calendar quarter following their listing, at which time the newly listed option classes will be included in both the per class count and the percentage of total national average daily volume. The Exchange assesses MIAX Market Makers the monthly MEI Port fee based on the greatest number of classes listed on MIAX that the MIAX Market Maker was assigned to quote in on any given day within a calendar month and the applicable fee rate that is the lesser of either the per class basis or percentage of total national average daily volume measurement. MIAX assesses MEI Port fees on Market Makers according to the following table:<sup>15</sup>

Monthly MIAX MEI Fees	Market Maker Assignments (the lesser of the applicable measurements below) <sup>Ω</sup>	
	Per Class	% of National Average Daily Volume
\$5,000.00	Up to 5 Classes	Up to 10% of Classes by volume
\$10,000.00	Up to 10 Classes	Up to 20% of Classes by volume
\$14,000.00	Up to 40 Classes	Up to 35% of Classes by volume
\$17,500.00*	Up to 100 Classes	Up to 50% of Classes by volume
\$20,500.00*	Over 100 Classes	Over 50% of Classes by volume up to all Classes listed on MIAX

Ω Excludes Proprietary Products.

\* For these Monthly MIAX MEI Fees levels, if the Market Maker's total monthly executed volume during the relevant month is less than 0.060% of the total monthly executed volume reported by OCC in the market maker account type for MIAX-listed option classes for that month, then the fee will be \$14,500 instead of the fee otherwise applicable to such level.

<sup>15</sup> See Fee Schedule 5)d)ii).

MIAX proposes to extend the waiver of the monthly MEI Port fee for Market Makers that trade solely in Proprietary Products (including options on SPIKES) from December 31, 2023 until June 30, 2024, which the Exchange proposes to state in the Fee Schedule. The purpose of this proposal is to continue to provide an incentive to Market Makers to connect to MIAX through the MEI Port such that they will be able to trade in MIAX Proprietary Products. Even though the Exchange proposes to extend the waiver of this particular fee, the overall structure of the fee is outlined in the Fee Schedule so that there is general awareness that the Exchange intends to assess such a fee after June 30, 2024.

The Exchange notes that for the purposes of this proposed change, other Market Makers who trade MIAX Proprietary Products (including options on SPIKES) along with multi-listed classes will continue to not have Proprietary Products (including SPIKES) counted toward those Market Makers' class assignment count or percentage of total national average daily volume. This exclusion is noted by the symbol "Ω" following the table that shows the monthly MEI Port Fees currently assessed for Market Makers in Section 5)d)ii) of the Fee Schedule.

The proposed extension of the fee waivers are targeted at market participants, particularly market makers, who are not currently members of MIAX, who may be interested in being a Market Maker in Proprietary Products on the Exchange. The Exchange estimates that there are fewer than ten (10) such market participants that could benefit from the extension of these fee waivers. The proposed extension of the fee waivers does not apply differently to different sizes of market participants, however the fee waivers do only apply to Market Makers (and not EEMs).

Market Makers, unlike other market participants, take on a number of obligations, including quoting obligations that other market participants do not have. Further, Market Makers have added market making and regulatory requirements, which normally do not apply to

other market participants. For example, Market Makers have obligations to maintain continuous markets, engage in a course of dealings reasonably calculated to contribute to the maintenance of a fair and orderly market, and to not make bids or offers or enter into transactions that are inconsistent with a course of dealing. Accordingly, the Exchange believes it is reasonable and not unfairly discriminatory to continue to offer the fee waivers to Market Makers because the Exchange is seeking additional liquidity providers for Proprietary Products, in order to enhance liquidity and spreads in Proprietary Products, which is traditionally provided by Market Makers, as opposed to EEMs.

## 2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal to amend its Fee Schedule is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act<sup>16</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(4) of the Act<sup>17</sup> in particular, in that it is an equitable allocation of reasonable fees and other charges among its Members and issuers and other persons using its facilities. The Exchange also believes the proposal furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act in that it is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, 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 and is not designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers and dealers.

The Exchange believes that the proposal to extend the fee waiver period for certain non-transaction fees for Market Makers that trade solely in Proprietary Products is an equitable allocation of reasonable fees because the proposal continues to waive non-transaction fees for a limited period of time in order to enable the Exchange to improve its overall competitiveness and

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<sup>16</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>17</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4) and (5).

strengthen its market quality for all market participants in MIAX's Proprietary Products, including options on SPIKES. The Exchange believe the proposed extension of the fee waivers is fair and equitable and not unreasonably discriminatory because it applies to all market participants not currently registered as Market Makers at the Exchange. Any market participant may choose to satisfy the additional requirements and obligations of being a Market Maker and trade solely in Proprietary Products in order to qualify for the fee waivers.

The Exchange believes that the proposed extension of the fee waivers is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory for Market Makers as compared to EEMs because Market Makers, unlike other market participants, take on a number of obligations, including quoting obligations that other market participants do not have. Further, Market Makers have added market making and regulatory requirements, which normally do not apply to other market participants. For example, Market Makers have obligations to maintain continuous markets, engage in a course of dealings reasonably calculated to contribute to the maintenance of a fair and orderly market, and to not make bids or offers or enter into transactions that are inconsistent with a course of dealing.

The Exchange believes it is reasonable and equitable to continue to waive the one-time Membership Application Fee, monthly Trading Permit Fee, API Testing and Certification Fee, and monthly MEI Port Fee for Market Makers that trade solely in Proprietary Products (including options on SPIKES) until June 30, 2024, since the waiver of such fees provides incentives to interested market participants to trade in Proprietary Products. This should result in increasing potential order flow and liquidity in MIAX Proprietary Products, including options on SPIKES.

The Exchange believes it is reasonable and equitable to continue to waive the API Testing and Certification fee assessable to Market Makers that trade solely in Proprietary Products (including options on SPIKES) until June 30, 2024, since the waiver of such fees

provides incentives to interested Members to develop and test their APIs sooner. Determining system operability with the Exchange's system will in turn provide MIAX with potential order flow and liquidity providers in Proprietary Products.

The Exchange believes it is reasonable, equitable and not unfairly discriminatory that Market Makers who trade in Proprietary Products along with multi-listed classes will continue to not have Proprietary Products counted toward those Market Makers' class assignment count or percentage of total national average daily volume for monthly Trading Permit Fees and monthly MEI Port Fees in order to incentivize existing Market Makers who currently trade in multi-listed classes to also trade in Proprietary Products, without incurring certain additional fees.

The Exchange believes that the proposed extension of the fee waivers constitutes an equitable allocation of reasonable fees and other charges among its Members and issuers and other persons using its facilities. The proposed extension of the fee waivers means that all prospective market makers that wish to become Market Maker Members of the Exchange and quote solely in Proprietary Products may do so and have the above-mentioned fees waived until June 30, 2024. The proposed extension of the fee waivers will continue to not apply to potential EEMs because the Exchange is seeking to enhance the quality of its markets in Proprietary Products through introducing more competition among Market Makers in Proprietary Products. In order to increase the competition, the Exchange believes that it must continue to waive entry type fees for such Market Makers. EEMs do not provide the benefit of enhanced liquidity which is provided by Market Makers, therefore the Exchange believes it is reasonable and not unfairly discriminatory to continue to only offer the proposed fee waivers to Market Makers (and not EEMs). Further, the Exchange believes it is reasonable and not unfairly discriminatory to continue to exclude Proprietary Products from an existing Market Maker's permit fees and port fees, in order to incentive such Market Makers to quote in Proprietary Products. The amount of

a Market Maker's permit and port fee is determined by the number of classes quoted and volume of the Market Maker. By excluding Proprietary Products from such fees, the Exchange is able to incentivize Market Makers to quote in Proprietary Products. EEMs do not pay permit and port fees based on the classes traded or volume, so the Exchange believes it is reasonable, equitable, and not unfairly discriminatory to only offer the exclusion to Market Makers (and not EEMs).

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

Intra-Market Competition

The Exchange believes that the proposal to extend certain of the non-transaction fee waivers until June 30, 2024 for Market Makers that trade solely in Proprietary Products would increase intra-market competition by incentivizing new potential Market Makers to quote in Proprietary Products, which will enhance the quality of quoting and increase the volume of contracts in Proprietary Products traded on MIAX, including options on SPIKES. To the extent that this purpose is achieved, all the Exchange's market participants should benefit from the improved market liquidity for the Exchange's Proprietary Products. Enhanced market quality and increased transaction volume in Proprietary Products that results from the anticipated increase in Market Maker activity on the Exchange will benefit all market participants and improve competition on the Exchange.

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on intra-market competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act because the proposed changes for each separate type of market participant (new Market Makers and existing Market Makers) will be assessed equally to all such market participants. While different fees are assessed to different market participants in some circumstances, these

different market participants have different obligations and different circumstances as discussed above. For example, Market Makers have quoting obligations that other market participants (such as EEMs) do not have.

#### Inter-Market Competition

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule changes will impose any burden on inter-market competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act because the proposed extension of the fee waivers applies only to the Exchange's Proprietary Products (including options on SPIKES), which are traded exclusively on the Exchange.

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

No written comments were either solicited or received.

### 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)(ii) of the Act,<sup>18</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(2)<sup>19</sup> 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.

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<sup>18</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

<sup>19</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Comments:

- Use the Commission's internet comment form (<https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include file number SR-MIAX-2023-46 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 number SR-MIAX-2023-46. This file number should be included on the subject line if email 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 (<https://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 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. Do not include personal identifiable information in submissions; you should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. We may redact in part or withhold entirely from publication submitted material that is obscene or subject to copyright protection. All submissions should refer to file number SR-MIAX-2023-46 and should be



submitted on or before [INSERT DATE 21 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>20</sup>

**Sherry R. Haywood,**

*Assistant Secretary.*

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<sup>20</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

**Exhibit 5**

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Deleted text is in [brackets]

**MIAX Options Exchange Fee Schedule**

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**3) Membership Fees****a) Application for MIAX Membership (One-Time Fee)**

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MIAX will assess a one-time Membership Application Fee on the earlier of (i) the date the applicant is certified in the membership system, or (ii) once an application for MIAX membership is finally denied. The Membership Application Fee for a Market Maker that will trade solely in Proprietary Products is waived until [December 31, 2023]June 30, 2024.

**b) Monthly Trading Permit Fee**

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For the calculation of the monthly Market Maker Trading Permits, the applicable fee rate is the lesser of either the per class basis or percentage of total national average daily volume measurement. The amount of monthly Market Maker Trading Permit Fee will be based upon the number of classes in which the Market Maker was assigned to quote on any given day within the calendar month, or upon the class volume percentages set forth in the above table. The Exchange will assess MIAX Market Makers the monthly Market Maker Trading Permit Fee based on the greatest number of classes listed on MIAX that the MIAX Market Maker was assigned to quote in on any given day within a calendar month. The class volume percentage is based on the total national average daily volume in classes listed on MIAX in the prior calendar quarter. Newly listed option classes are excluded from the calculation of the monthly Market Maker Trading Permit Fee until the calendar quarter following their listing, at which time the newly listed option classes will be included in both the per class count and the percentage of total national average daily volume. For example, if Market Maker 1 elects to quote the top 40 option classes which consist of 58% of the total national average daily volume in the prior calendar quarter, the Exchange would assess \$12,000 to Market Maker 1 for the month which is the lesser of 'up to 40 classes' and 'over 50% of classes by volume up to all classes listed on MIAX'. If Market Maker 2 elects to quote the bottom 1000 option classes which consist of 10% of the total national average daily volume in the prior quarter, the Exchange would assess \$7,000 to Market Maker 2 for the month which is the lesser of 'over 100 classes' and 'up to 20% of classes by volume'. The Market Maker Trading Permit Fee for a Market Maker that trades solely in Proprietary Products is waived until [December 31, 2023]June 30, 2024.

**4) Testing and Certification Fees****a) Member Application Programming Interface (API) Testing and Certification Fee**

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API Testing and Certification Fees will not be assessed in situations where the Exchange initiates a mandatory change to the Exchange's system that requires testing and certification. The API Testing and Certification Fee for a Market Maker that will trade solely in Proprietary Products is waived until [December 31, 2023]June 30, 2024.

**b) – d) No change.**

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**5) System Connectivity Fees****a) – c) No change.****d) Port Fees****i) No change.****ii) MEI Port Fees**

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The MEI Port Fee for a Market Maker that trades solely in Proprietary Products is waived until [December 31, 2023]June 30, 2024.

**iii) – iv) No change.****e) – f) No change.**

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