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1. <u>Text of the Proposed Rule Change</u>

(a) Pursuant to the provisions of Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),¹ Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA") is filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission") a proposed rule change to amend Rule 6191 to modify the date of Appendix B website data publication pursuant to the Regulation NMS Plan to Implement a Tick Size Pilot Program ("Plan").

The text of the proposed rule change is attached as Exhibit 5.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) Not applicable.

2. <u>Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization</u>

The Chief Legal Officer of FINRA authorized the filing of the proposed rule

change with the SEC pursuant to delegated authority. No other action by FINRA is

necessary for the filing of the proposed rule change.

FINRA has filed the proposed rule change for immediate effectiveness. The

operative date of the proposed rule change will be the date of filing.

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

(a) Purpose

Rule 6191(b) (Compliance with Data Collection Requirements)² implements the

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

See FINRA Rule 6191. See also Securities Exchange Act Release No. 76484 (November 19, 2015), 80 FR 73858 (November 25, 2015) (Notice of Filing of File No. SR-FINRA-2015-048); and Securities Exchange Act Release No. 77164 (February 17, 2016), 81 FR 9043 (February 23, 2016) (Notice of Filing of Partial Amendment No. 1 and Order Granting Accelerated Approval of File No. SR-FINRA-2015-048).

data collection and website publication requirements of the Plan.³ Rule 6191.12 currently provides, among other things, that the requirement that FINRA make certain data for the Pre-Pilot Period and Pilot Period⁴ publicly available on the FINRA website pursuant to Appendix B to the Plan shall commence on April 28, 2017.⁵ FINRA is proposing to amend Rule 6191.12 to delay the Appendix B data website publication date until August 31, 2017. FINRA is proposing to further delay the website publication of Appendix B data until August 31, 2017 to permit additional time to consider a methodology to mitigate concerns raised in connection with the publication of Appendix B data.⁶

Pursuant to this proposed amendment, FINRA would publish the required Appendix B data for the Pre-Pilot Period through April 30, 2017, by August 31, 2017. Thereafter, Appendix B data for a given month would be published within 120 calendar

⁴ Unless otherwise defined herein, capitalized terms have the meaning ascribed to them in Rule 6191.

³ The Participants filed the Plan to comply with an order issued by the Commission on June 24, 2014. <u>See</u> Letter from Brendon J. Weiss, Vice President, Intercontinental Exchange, Inc., to Secretary, Commission, dated August 25, 2014 ("SRO Tick Size Plan Proposal"). <u>See</u> Securities Exchange Act Release No. 72460 (June 24, 2014), 79 FR 36840 (June 30, 2014); <u>see also</u> Securities Exchange Act Release No. 74892 (May 6, 2015), 80 FR 27513 (May 13, 2015).

 <u>See</u> FINRA Rule 6191.12. <u>See also</u> Securities Exchange Act Release No. 80179 (March 8, 2017), 82 FR 13698 (March 14, 2017) (Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of File No. SR-FINRA-2017-005). <u>See also</u> Letter from David S. Shillman, Associate Director, Division of Trading and Markets, Commission, to Robert L.D. Colby, Executive Vice President and Chief Legal Officer, FINRA, dated February 28, 2017.

⁶ On March 3, 2017, FINRA filed a proposed rule change to implement an anonymous, grouped masking methodology for Appendix B.I, B.II. and B.IV. data. The comment period ended on April 5, 2017, and the Commission received three comment letters. <u>See</u> Securities Exchange Act Release No. 80193 (March 9, 2017) 82 FR 13901 (March 15, 2017) (Notice of Filing of File No. SR-FINRA-2017-006).

days following month end.⁷ Thus, for example, Appendix B data for May 2017 would be made available on the FINRA website by September 28, 2017, and data for the month of June 2017 would be made available on the FINRA website by October 28, 2017.

As noted in Item 2 of this filing, FINRA has filed the proposed rule change for immediate effectiveness. The operative date of the proposed rule change will be the date of filing.

(b) Statutory Basis

FINRA believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 15A(b)(6) of the Act,⁸ which requires, among other things, that FINRA rules must be designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest, and Section 15A(b)(9) of the Act,⁹ which requires that FINRA rules not impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate.

The Plan is designed to allow the Commission, market participants, and the public to study and assess the impact of increment conventions on the liquidity and trading of the common stock of small-capitalization companies. FINRA believes that this proposal is consistent with the Act because it is in furtherance of the objectives of Section VII(A) of the Plan in that it is designed to provide FINRA with additional time to consider a

⁷ FINRA also is submitting an exemptive request to the SEC in connection with the instant filing.

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78<u>o</u>-3(b)(6).

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78<u>o</u>-3(b)(9).

methodology to mitigate concerns raised in connection with the publication of Appendix B data.

4. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition</u>

FINRA 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. FINRA notes that the proposed rule change implements the provisions of the Plan.

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

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

6. <u>Extension of Time Period for Commission Action</u>

Not applicable.

7. <u>Basis for Summary Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3) or for</u> <u>Accelerated Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) or Section 19(b)(7)(D)</u>

The proposed rule change is effective upon filing pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act¹⁰ and paragraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder,¹¹ in that the proposed rule change: (1) does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest, (2) does not impose any significant burden on competition, and (3) and does not become operative for 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate. FINRA has filed the proposed rule change for immediate effectiveness to become operative on the date of filing. Thus, FINRA requests that the Commission waive the five-day pre-filing notice requirement specified in Rule 19b-

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹¹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

4(f)(6)(iii) under the Act.¹² FINRA also requests that the Commission waive the 30-day operative waiting period contained in Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) under the Act so that the proposed rule change may become operative on April 28, 2017.¹³

FINRA notes that the proposed rule change is intended to mitigate concerns raised in connection with Section VII(A) of the Plan, which requires that the data made publicly available will not identify the trading center. Specifically, this proposed rule change will provide additional time to consider a methodology to mitigate concerns raised in connection with the publication of Appendix B data. FINRA notes that the proposal does not alter the Plan requirements related to the information that must be submitted to the SEC.

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

Not applicable.

<u>Security-Based Swap Submissions Filed Pursuant to Section 3C of the Act</u> Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

11. <u>Exhibits</u>

Exhibit 1. Completed notice of proposed rule change for publication in the

Federal Register.

Exhibit 5. Text of the proposed rule change.

- ¹² 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).
- ¹³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

EXHIBIT 1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34- ; File No. SR-FINRA-2017-010)

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change to Amend FINRA Rule 6191 to Modify the Date of Appendix B Website Data Publication Pursuant to the Regulation NMS Plan to Implement a Tick Size Pilot Program

Pursuant to 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 , Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by FINRA. FINRA has designated the proposed rule change as constituting a "non-controversial" rule change under paragraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 under the Act,³ which renders the proposal effective upon receipt of this filing by the Commission. 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</u> <u>Proposed Rule Change</u>

FINRA is proposing to amend Rule 6191 to modify the date of Appendix B website data publication pursuant to the Regulation NMS Plan to Implement a Tick Size Pilot Program ("Plan").

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

The text of the proposed rule change is available on FINRA's website at <u>http://www.finra.org</u>, at the principal office of FINRA and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

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

In its filing with the Commission, FINRA 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. FINRA 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

Rule 6191(b) (Compliance with Data Collection Requirements)⁴ implements the

data collection and website publication requirements of the Plan.⁵ Rule 6191.12 currently

provides, among other things, that the requirement that FINRA make certain data for the

⁴ See FINRA Rule 6191. See also Securities Exchange Act Release No. 76484 (November 19, 2015), 80 FR 73858 (November 25, 2015) (Notice of Filing of File No. SR-FINRA-2015-048); and Securities Exchange Act Release No. 77164 (February 17, 2016), 81 FR 9043 (February 23, 2016) (Notice of Filing of Partial Amendment No. 1 and Order Granting Accelerated Approval of File No. SR-FINRA-2015-048).

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Pre-Pilot Period and Pilot Period⁶ publicly available on the FINRA website pursuant to Appendix B to the Plan shall commence on April 28, 2017.⁷ FINRA is proposing to amend Rule 6191.12 to delay the Appendix B data website publication date until August 31, 2017. FINRA is proposing to further delay the website publication of Appendix B data until August 31, 2017 to permit additional time to consider a methodology to mitigate concerns raised in connection with the publication of Appendix B data.⁸

Pursuant to this proposed amendment, FINRA would publish the required Appendix B data for the Pre-Pilot Period through April 30, 2017, by August 31, 2017. Thereafter, Appendix B data for a given month would be published within 120 calendar days following month end.⁹ Thus, for example, Appendix B data for May 2017 would be made available on the FINRA website by September 28, 2017, and data for the month of June 2017 would be made available on the FINRA website by October 28, 2017.

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⁷ See FINRA Rule 6191.12. See also Securities Exchange Act Release No. 80179 (March 8, 2017), 82 FR 13698 (March 14, 2017) (Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of File No. SR-FINRA-2017-005). See also Letter from David S. Shillman, Associate Director, Division of Trading and Markets, Commission, to Robert L.D. Colby, Executive Vice President and Chief Legal Officer, FINRA, dated February 28, 2017.

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⁹ FINRA also is submitting an exemptive request to the SEC in connection with the instant filing.

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FINRA has filed the proposed rule change for immediate effectiveness. The operative date of the proposed rule change will be the date of filing.

2. Statutory Basis

FINRA believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 15A(b)(6) of the Act,¹⁰ which requires, among other things, that FINRA rules must be designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest, and Section 15A(b)(9) of the Act,¹¹ which requires that FINRA rules not impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate.

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

FINRA 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. FINRA notes that the proposed rule change implements the provisions of the Plan.

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78<u>0</u>-3(b)(6).

¹¹ 15 U.S.C. 78<u>o</u>-3(b)(9).

C. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed</u> <u>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

Because the foregoing proposed rule change does not: (i) significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) become operative for 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, it has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act¹² and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.¹³

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:

¹² 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

Electronic Comments:

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<u>http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml</u>); or
- Send an e-mail to <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include File Number SR-FINRA-2017-010 on the subject line.

Paper Comments:

 Send paper comments in triplicate to Robert W. Errett, Deputy Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-FINRA-2017-010. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet website (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of FINRA. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You

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should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-FINRA-2017-010 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.¹⁴

Robert W. Errett Deputy Secretary

¹⁴ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

EXHIBIT 5

Below is the text of the proposed rule change. Proposed new language is underlined; proposed deletions are in brackets.

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6100. QUOTING AND TRADING IN NMS STOCKS

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6191. Compliance with Regulation NMS Plan to Implement a Tick Size Pilot Program

(a) through (b) No Change.

••• Supplementary Material: ------

.01 through .11 No Change.

.12 A Trading Center shall begin the data collection required pursuant to Appendix

B.I.a(1) through B.II.(y) to the Plan and Item I of Appendix C to the Plan on April 4,

2016. The requirement that FINRA provide information to the SEC within 30 days following month end pursuant to Appendix B and C to the Plan shall commence at the

beginning of the Pilot Period. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (b)(2)(B)

and (b)(3)(C) of this Rule, with respect to data for the Pre-Pilot Period and Pilot Period,

the requirement that FINRA make Appendix B data publicly available on the FINRA

website shall commence on [April 28]August 31, 2017. Notwithstanding the provisions

of paragraphs (b)(4)(B) of this Rule, FINRA shall make Appendix C data for the Pre-

Pilot Period through January 2017 publicly available on the FINRA website by February

28, 2017.

.13 through .15 No Change.

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