

their customers with enhanced access to the ISE.

The Commission finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to a national securities exchange.<sup>5</sup> Elimination of the "speed bump" will remove an impediment to trading created only to limit the market risk undertaken by ISE market makers. Additionally, the change should permit faster entry and execution of orders on the Exchange, thereby providing investors with improved services. Therefore, the Commission believes that the proposal is consistent with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,<sup>6</sup> which requires, among other things, that the rules of an exchange be designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in facilitating transactions in securities, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market, and to protect investors and the public interest.

*It is therefore ordered*, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,<sup>7</sup> that the proposed rule change (File No. SR-ISE-2002-27) be, and it hereby is, approved.

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

**Margaret H. McFarland,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-47193; File No. SR-NQLX-2002-03]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change by Nasdaq Liffe Markets, LLC Relating to Final Settlement Prices for Cash-Settled Security Futures Products and Trading Restrictions and Suspensions

January 15, 2003.

Pursuant to section 19(b)(7) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")<sup>1</sup> and rule 19b-7 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on December 17, 2002, Nasdaq Liffe Markets, LLC

<sup>5</sup> In approving this proposal, the Commission has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. 15 U.S.C. 78(c)(f).

<sup>6</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

<sup>7</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

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

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(7).

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-7.

("NQLX") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission") the proposed rule changes as described in items I, II, and III below, which items have been prepared by NQLX. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule changes from interested persons. NQLX also has certified the proposed rule changes with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC") under section 5c(c) of the Commodity Exchange Act<sup>3</sup> ("CEA") on October 30, 2002, and December 16, 2002.

#### I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Description of the Proposed Rule Change

Currently, NQLX does not intend to offer cash-settled security futures products. However, NQLX proposes to adopt rule 904 that would serve as a place holder in case NQLX ever decides to offer cash-settled security futures contracts. In addition, NQLX proposes to adopt rule 426(a) to make clear that NQLX's chief executive officer or president has the power to restrict or suspend trading in any NQLX-listed contract at any time during an emergency if he believes that the restriction or suspension is necessary to maintain a fair and orderly market or is necessary or appropriate in the public interest or for the protection of investors. Below is the text of the proposed rule changes. Text in italics indicates material to be added.

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#### Rule 426 Trading Restrictions and Suspensions

(a) *The Chief Executive Officer or President shall have the power to restrict or suspend trading in any Exchange Contract on NQLX at any time during an Emergency if he believes that the restriction or suspension is necessary to maintain a fair and orderly market or is necessary or appropriate in the public interest or for the protection of investors.*

*Rule 904 Contract Specifications-Security Futures Products that Cash-Settle.*

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

NQLX has prepared statements concerning the purpose of, and statutory

<sup>3</sup> 7 U.S.C. 7a-2(c).

basis for, the proposed rule change, burdens on competition, and comments received from members, participants, and others. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in item IV below. These statements are set forth in sections A, B, and C below.

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

##### 1. Purpose

Currently, NQLX does not intend to offer cash-settled security futures products. However, NQLX is proposing to adopt rule 904 that would serve as a place holder in case NQLX ever decides to offer cash-settled security futures contracts. In addition, NQLX proposes adopting rule 426(a) to make clear that NQLX's chief executive officer or president has the power to restrict or suspend trading in any NQLX-listed contract at any time during an emergency if he believes that the restriction or suspension is necessary to maintain a fair and orderly market or is necessary or appropriate in the public interest or for the protection of investors.

##### 2. Statutory Basis

NQLX files these proposed rules pursuant to section 19(b)(7) of the Act.<sup>4</sup> NQLX believes that its proposed rules comply with the requirements under section 6(h)(3)(H) of the Act<sup>5</sup> and the criteria under section 2(a)(1)(D)(i)(VII) of the CEA.<sup>6</sup> In addition, NQLX believes that its proposed rules are consistent with the provisions of section 6 of the Act<sup>7</sup> in general, and section 6(b)(5) of the Act<sup>8</sup> in particular, which requires, among other things, that the rules of an exchange be designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest.

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

NQLX does not believe that the proposed rules will result in any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

<sup>4</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(7).

<sup>5</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(h)(3)(H).

<sup>6</sup> 7 U.S.C. 2(a)(1)(D)(i)(VII).

<sup>7</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f.

<sup>8</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

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

NQLX neither solicited nor received written comment on the proposed rules.

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

Pursuant to section 19(b)(7)(B) of the Act,<sup>9</sup> the proposed rule changes, as filed with the Commission, became effective on December 17, 2002.

Within 60 days of the date of effectiveness of the proposed rules, the Commission, after consultation with the CFTC, may summarily abrogate the proposed rules and require that the proposed rules be refiled in accordance with the provisions of section 19(b)(1) of the Act.<sup>10</sup>

**IV. Solicitation of Comments**

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rules conflict with the Act. Persons making written submissions should file nine copies of the submission with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609. Comments also may be submitted electronically to the following e-mail address: *rule-comments@sec.gov*. Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rules that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rules between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of these filings will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of NQLX. Electronically submitted comments will be posted on the Commission's internet website (<http://www.sec.gov>). All submissions should refer to File No. SR-NQLX-2002-03 and should be submitted by February 18, 2003.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>11</sup>

**Margaret H. McFarland,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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**Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change by the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. To Waive Fees Assessed Under NASD Rule 7010(s) for New Subscribers to Nasdaq PostData**

January 17, 2003.

Pursuant to section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),<sup>1</sup> and rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on January 9, 2003, the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. ("NASD"), through its subsidiary, The Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc. ("Nasdaq"), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in items I, II, and III below, which items have been prepared by Nasdaq. 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**

Nasdaq proposes to waive for two months for each new subscriber to Nasdaq PostData the fees assessed under NASD rule 7010(s). The text of the proposed rule change is below. Proposed additions are in italics; proposed deletions are in brackets.

**Rule 7010 System Services**

(a)-(r) No changes.

(s) NasdaqTrader.com Volume and Issue Data Package Fee.

The charge to be paid by the subscriber for each entitled user receiving the Nasdaq Volume and Issue Data Package via NasdaqTrader.com shall be \$70 per month. The charge to be paid by market data vendors for this information shall be \$35 per month for each end user receiving the information through the data vendor. The availability of this service through NasdaqTrader.com shall be limited to

NASD members, Qualified Institutional Buyers (as defined in Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933) and data vendors. The Volume and Issue Data package includes:

- (1) Daily Share Volume reports
- (2) Daily Issue Data
- (3) Monthly Volume Summaries
- (4) Buy Volume Report
- (5) Sell Volume Report
- (6) Crossed Volume Report
- (7) Consolidated Activity Volume Report

*All fees assessed under this subsection will be waived for a period of up to two months for all new subscribers and potential new subscribers. This fee waiver period would be applied on a rolling basis, determined by the date on which a new subscriber or potential subscriber contacts Nasdaq to receive access to PostData.*

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

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

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

**1. Purpose**

On January 11, 2002, the Commission approved, as a 12-month pilot, the creation of Nasdaq PostData, a voluntary trading data distribution facility, accessible to NASD members, buy-side institutions and market data vendors through the NasdaqTrader.com web site.<sup>3</sup> PostData was launched on March 18, 2002. Nasdaq hereby proposes to offer PostData to all new subscribers and potential subscribers without charge for up to two months for the duration of the PostData pilot.

*Background.* PostData originally consisted of three reports provided in a single package: (1) Daily Share Volume Report, which provides subscribers with T+1 daily share volume in each Nasdaq security, listing the volume by any

<sup>9</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(7)(B).

<sup>10</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>11</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

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

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

<sup>3</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 45270 (January 11, 2002), 67 FR 2712 (January 18, 2002)(SR-NASD-99-12).