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For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁰

J. Lynn Taylor,

Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-49597; File No. SR-NASD-2004-051]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change and Amendments No. 1 and No. 2 Thereto by the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. Relating to the Use of Summary Orders for NNMS Order-Delivery ECNs Using the SIZE MPID in SuperMontage

April 21, 2004.

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 March 23, 2004, the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. ("NASD"), through its subsidiary, The Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc. ("Nasdaq"), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by Nasdaq. On April 9, 2004, Nasdaq filed Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change,³ and on April 19, 2004, Nasdaq filed Amendment No. 2 to the proposed rule change.⁴ The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change, as amended, from interested persons.

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

Nasdaq proposes to provide those NNMS Order-Delivery ECNs participating in SuperMontage with an order type (Summary Orders) that will generate a warning message if an un-attributed order they enter into the system would lock or cross the best bid or best offer displayed in Nasdaq. Pursuant to section 19(b)(3)(A) of the

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ See letter from Mary M. Dunbar, Vice President and Deputy General Counsel, Nasdaq, to Katherine A. England, Assistant Director, Division of Market Regulation ("Division"), Commission, dated April 8, 2004 ("Amendment No. 1"). Amendment No. 1 replaced the originally filed proposal in its entirety. This Amendment No. 1 also replaced and superceded an earlier Amendment filed by Nasdaq, also marked Amendment No. 1, dated March 26, 2004. Telephone conversation between Thomas P. Moran, Associate General Counsel, Nasdaq, and A. Michael Pierson, Attorney, Division, Commission on March 26, 2004.

⁴ See letter from Edward S. Knight, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, Nasdaq, to Katherine A. England, Assistant Director, Division, Commission, dated April 16, 2004 ("Amendment No. 2"). Amendment No. 2 replaced Amendment No. 1 in its entirety.

Act⁵ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder,⁶ Nasdaq has designated the proposed rule change as non-controversial and one effecting a change that: (1) Does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (2) does not impose any significant burden on competition; and (3) will not become operative for at least thirty days after the date of this filing.⁷ Nasdaq intends to implement the proposed rule change on or about July 17, 2004,⁸ and will inform market participants of the exact implementation date via a Head Trader Alert on <http://www.nasdaqtrader.com>.

Below is the text of the proposed rule change, as amended. Proposed new language is in *italic*; proposed deletions are in [brackets].

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4700. NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET EXECUTION SYSTEM (NNMS)

4701. Definitions

Unless stated otherwise, the terms described below shall have the following meaning:

(a)-(nn) No Change.

(oo) [Reserved] *The term "Summary" shall mean, for priced limit orders so designated, that if an order is marketable upon receipt by NNMS, it shall be rejected and returned to the entering party. Summary Orders may only be entered by NNMS Order Delivery ECNs. Summary Orders may only be designated as Non-Attributable Orders.*

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4706. Order Entry Parameters

(a) Non-Directed Orders—

(1) General. The following requirements shall apply to Non-Directed Orders Entered by NNMS Market Participants:

(A) No Change.

(B) A Non-Directed Order must be a market or limit order, must indicate whether it is a buy, short sale, short-sale exempt, or long sale, and may be designated as "Immediate or Cancel," "Day," "Good-till-Cancelled," "Auto-Ex," "Fill or Return," "Pegged," "Discretionary," "Sweep," "Total Day," "Total Good till Cancelled," [or] "Total Immediate or Cancel," or "Summary."

(1) through (12) No Change.

(13) *An order may be designated as "Summary," in which case the order*

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁶ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

⁷ On March 9, 2004, Nasdaq provided Commission staff with a description and text of the proposed rule change.

⁸ Telephone conversation between Thomas P. Moran, Associate General Counsel, Nasdaq, and A. Michael Pierson, Attorney, Division, Commission on April 21, 2004.

¹⁰ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

shall be designated either as Day or GTC. A Summary Order that is marketable upon receipt by NNMS shall be rejected and returned to the entering party. If not marketable upon receipt by NNMS, it will be retained by NNMS. Summary Day and GTC orders may be executed prior to the market open if required under Rule 4710(b)(3)(B). Summary Orders may only be entered by NNMS Order Delivery ECNs. Summary Orders may only be designated as Non-Attributable Orders.

(C)–(F) No Change.

(2) No Change.

(A) through (B) No Change.

(b)–(e) No Change.

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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, as amended, and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change, as amended. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. Nasdaq has prepared summaries, set forth in Sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

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

1. Purpose

Nasdaq is proposing the adoption of a new voluntary order type for the use of NNMS Order-Delivery ECNs participating in SuperMontage. Called a Summary Order ("SO"), the order type is intended to provide NNMS Order-Delivery ECNs the ability to receive a warning message if an un-attributed order entered by them for display under the SIZE MPID in the montage is marketable and would lock or cross the best bid or best offer in NNMS. NNMS Order-Delivery ECNs already receive such lock/cross warnings when they enter attributable quotes/orders into the system and the proposed order type is designed to provide the same functionality for un-attributed orders that NNMS Order-Delivery ECNs enter into SIZE.⁹ As such, the order type should give NNMS Order-Delivery ECNs an equal ability to manage risk when using either attributed or un-attributed orders. SOs, which may only be

designated as DAY or Good-Till-Cancelled ("GTC") would be retained by the system and processed in the normal course if they would not lock/cross the best bid or offer in NNMS. Retained SOs would be made available for execution, if required, as part of Nasdaq's pre-opening unlocking and uncrossing process.

2. Statutory Basis

Nasdaq believes that the proposed rule change, as amended, is consistent with the provisions of section 15A of the Act,¹⁰ in general, and section 15A(b)(6) of the Act,¹¹ in particular, in that it is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, 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.

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

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

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

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

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

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act,¹² and subparagraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4,¹³ thereunder because it does not: (i) Significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) impose any significant burden on competition; (iii) become operative for 30 days from the date on which it was filed. At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission may summarily abrogate such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.¹⁴

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78o-3.

¹¹ 15 U.S.C. 78o-3(b)(6).

¹² 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

¹⁴ For purposes of calculating the 60-day abrogation period, the Commission considers the proposed rule change to have been filed on April 19, 2004, the date Nasdaq filed Amendment No. 2.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

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

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Paper comments:

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⁹ SuperMontage's SIZE feature only accepts orders.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁵

J. Lynn Taylor,

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-49598; File No. SR-NSCC-2003-20]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; National Securities Clearing Corporation; Order Approving Proposed Rule Change To Eliminate the Higher Capital Requirements Imposed on Members for Processing Investment Fund Transactions Through NSCC's Mutual Fund Services

April 22, 2004.

I. Introduction

On October 9, 2003, the National Securities Clearing Corporation ("NSCC") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") and on October 22, 2003, amended proposed rule change SR-NSCC-2003-20 pursuant to section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act").¹ Notice of the proposal was published in the **Federal Register** on March 22, 2004.² No comment letters were received. For the reasons discussed below, the Commission is approving the proposed rule change.

II. Description

The purpose of the proposed rule change is to amend the standards of financial responsibility required for certain NSCC applicants and members using NSCC's Mutual Fund and Insurance Services. Specifically, the proposed rule change deletes Addendum V to NSCC's Rules thereby eliminating the higher capital requirements imposed on NSCC Mutual Fund/Insurance Services Members and Fund Members processing Investment Funds transactions through NSCC's Mutual Fund Services.

Mutual Fund Services are non-guaranteed services offered by NSCC under NSCC Rule 52. In November 2000, NSCC expanded the types of products eligible for processing through NSCC's Mutual Fund Services to

include "Investment Funds."³ An Investment Fund is defined in Rule 1 of NSCC's Rules as a "fund or investment entity subject to regulation under applicable Federal and State banking and/or insurance laws." Examples of such funds include stable value funds, guaranteed investment contracts which are regulated as group annuities, and collective bank investment trusts.

NSCC adopted Addendum V, "Financial Standards for Applicants and Participants Processing Investment Fund Transactions through Mutual Fund Services," in connection with making Investment Fund products eligible for processing at NSCC. Addendum V modified the standards of financial responsibility and operational capability set forth in Addenda B and I⁴ of NSCC's Rules to impose more stringent capital requirements on Mutual Fund/Insurance Services Members and Fund Members that process Investment Funds through NSCC's Mutual Fund Services. The more stringent financial standards were adopted because of NSCC's unfamiliarity with the product. Since its introduction, however, this service has been actively used and each day brings new requests by firms to become participants in order to take advantage of the services. NSCC has experienced no member defaults in the processing of Investment Funds through NSCC's Mutual Fund Services.

NSCC has determined that the current financial standards are an unnecessary barrier to entry. Based on NSCC's experience to date, the stringency of the financial criteria applicable to members doing transactions in Investment Funds is not commensurate with the associated risks.

Although NSCC is reducing the financial requirements imposed on all Mutual Fund/Insurance Services Member and Fund Member applicants and members seeking to process Investment Fund transactions at NSCC by deleting Addendum V, such applicants and members shall remain subject to the criteria set forth in Addenda B and I.

III. Discussion

Section 17A(b)(3)(F) of the Act requires that the rules of a clearing agency be designed to assure the safeguarding of securities and funds

which are in the custody or control of the clearing agency or for which it is responsible.⁵ The Commission finds that NSCC's proposed rule change is consistent with this requirement because while it is reducing the financial requirement imposed on Mutual Fund/Insurance Services Members and Fund Members, it should not affect NSCC's ability to protect itself against the risk of member default.

IV. Conclusion

On the basis of the foregoing, the Commission finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of the Act and in particular section 17A of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder.

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to section 19(b)(2) of the Act, that the proposed rule change (File No. SR-NSCC-2003-20) be and hereby is approved.

For the Commission by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁶

J. Lynn Taylor,

Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-49587; File No. SR-Phlx-2003-54]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change and Amendment No. 1 by the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Inc. To Amend Rules Relating to the Minimum Net Capital for Specialists in Index Fund Shares

April 21, 2004.

Pursuant to section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4² thereunder, notice is hereby given that on October 20, 2003, the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Inc. ("Phlx" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission" or "SEC") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. On March 29, 2004, the Phlx amended the proposal.³ Amendment No. 1 completely replaces and supersedes the original filing. The Commission is

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78q-1(b)(3)(F).

⁶ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ See March 26, 2004 letter from Mark I. Salvacion, Director and Counsel, Phlx, to Rachael Grad, Attorney, Division of Market Regulation, SEC and attachments ("Amendment No. 1").

¹⁵ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² Securities Exchange Act Release No. 49422 (March 16, 2004), 69 FR 13344.

³ Securities Exchange Act Release No. 43606 (November 21, 2000), 65 FR 71182 (November 29, 2000) [File No. SR-NSCC-00-05].

⁴ Addendum B applies to Mutual Fund/Insurance Services Members processing mutual funds through NSCC's Mutual Fund Services, and Addendum I applies to Fund Members processing mutual funds through NSCC's Mutual Fund Services.