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Nancy M. Morris Secretary Securities and Exchange Commission Station Place, 100 F Street, NE Washington, DC 20549-1090

## Re: File Nos. 4-534 and 4-533 Proposed National Market System Plans for the Selection and Reservation of Securities Symbols

Dear Ms. Morris:

The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC ("Nasdaq") welcomes the opportunity to submit additional remarks in connection with the Commission's recent request for comment related to adoption of a uniform symbol suffix methodology. As noted in Nasdaq's earlier comments on this topic, the use of symbol suffixes is complex and unique to individual markets, and Nasdaq has worked diligently to attempt to create a uniform regime for symbol suffix usage within its own market. These efforts, which involved extensive consultation with industry participants, lead Nasdaq to the conclusion that adoption of a uniform inter-market equity symbol suffix plan is necessary and appropriate.<sup>1</sup>

As such, Nasdaq urges the Commission to commence a process for adopting such a plan. Nasdaq looks forward to be being active participant in the process and jointly working with the Commission, industry participants and their related trade associations to ensure that any resulting symbol suffix plan promotes fair competition and reduces programming and operational complexity for market participants.

We thank the Commission for providing this opportunity to submit our views on this important matter.

Sincerely, Thomas P. Moran Associate General Counsel

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> While Nasdaq supports the adoption of symbol suffix plan, it remains Nasdaq's view that the adoption of such a plan should not be part of the Commission's current rulemaking process related to adoption of a national market system plan for root symbols.