Information Bulletin of the special characteristics and risks associated with trading the Shares. Specifically, the Information Bulletin will discuss the following: (a) The procedures for purchases and redemptions of Shares in creation units (and that Shares are not individually redeemable); (b) NYSE Arca Equities Rule 9.2(a), which imposes a duty of due diligence on its Equity Trading Permit Holders to learn the essential facts relating to every customer prior to trading the Shares; (c) the risks involved in trading the Shares during the Opening and Late Trading Sessions when an updated Portfolio Indicative Value will not be calculated or publicly disseminated; (d) how information regarding the Portfolio Indicative Value and Disclosed Portfolio is disseminated; (e) the requirement that Equity Trading Permit Holders deliver a prospectus to investors purchasing newly issued Shares prior to or concurrently with the confirmation of a transaction; and (f) trading information.

(6) For initial and continued listing, the Funds will be in compliance with Rule 10A–3 under the Act, as provided by NYSE Arca Equities Rule 5.3.

(7) Each of the Funds may hold up to an aggregate amount of 15% of its net assets in illiquid assets (calculated at the time of investment).

(8) A minimum of 100,000 Shares for each of the Funds will be outstanding at the commencement of trading on the Exchange.

This approval order is based on all of the Exchange’s representations, including those set forth above and in Amendments Nos. 1 and 2. For the foregoing reasons, the Commission finds that the proposed rule change, as modified by Amendments Nos. 1 and 2, is consistent with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to a national securities exchange.

IV. Solicitation of Comments on Amendments Nos. 1 and 2

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning whether Amendments Nos. 1 and 2 are consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Comments

• Use the Commission’s Internet comment form (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml) or
• Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR–NYSEArca–2014–89 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–NYSEArca–2014–89. 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 Web site (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 Web site 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 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. The filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR–NYSEArca–2014–89 and should be submitted on or before May 26, 2015.

V. Accelerated Approval of Proposed Rule Change as Modified by Amendments Nos. 1 and 2

The Commission finds good cause to approve the proposed rule change, as modified by Amendments Nos. 1 and 2, prior to the thirtieth day after the date of publication of notice of the amendments in the Federal Register. Amendment No. 1 modifies the proposed rule change by, among other things, limiting each Fund’s investments in bank loans, exchange-traded and OTC-traded structured products, and certain privately placed and unregistered securities. Additionally, Amendment No. 2 modifies the proposed rule change by expanding the description of the Funds’ use of derivatives. The Commission believes that these changes should facilitate arbitrage opportunities, which may result in narrower spreads between the market prices of the Shares and the intraday values of the Funds’ portfolios. Accordingly, the Commission finds good cause, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act, to approve the proposed rule change, as modified by Amendments Nos. 1 and 2, on an accelerated basis.

VI. Conclusion

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act, that the proposed rule change as modified by Amendments Nos. 1 and 2 (SR–NYSEArca–2014–89) be, and it hereby is, approved on an accelerated basis.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.

Brent J. Fields,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION


Self-Regulatory Organizations; The Depository Trust Company; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change Regarding the Acknowledgment of End-of-Day Net-Net Settlement Balances by Settling Banks

April 29, 2015.

Pursuant to section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”) and Rule 19b–4 thereunder, notice is hereby given that on April 15, 2015, The Depository Trust Company (“DTC”) 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 DTC. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Clearing Agency’s Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The proposed rule change consists of proposed revisions to the DTC Settlement Service Guide (“Guide”) to provide that any Settling Bank that does not timely acknowledge its end-of-day...
net-net settlement balance ³ or notify DTC of its refusal to settle for one or more Participants for which it is the designated Settling Bank, would be deemed to have acknowledged its end-of-day net-net settlement balance. DTC would also make other changes to the Guide as set forth below.

II. Clearing Agency’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, DTC 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. DTC has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

(A) Clearing Agency’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

The purpose of this rule filing is to propose a rule change to mitigate a risk to DTC in settlement relating to a Settling Bank’s failure to take the action required to: (i) Acknowledge its end-of-day net-net settlement balance, or (ii) notify DTC of a refusal to settle for any Participant for which it is the designated Settling Bank, by the Acknowledgment Cutoff Time (as defined below).

Background

The DTC end-of-day net settlement structure depends upon the use of Settling Banks. Each Participant must designate a Settling Bank to settle on its behalf. Any Participant that is a bank may settle for itself. A Settling Bank that settles for other Participants must acknowledge its end-of-day net-net settlement balance for the group of Participants for which it settles, or notify DTC if it refuses to settle for any Participant for which it is the designated Settling Bank, by the Acknowledgment Cutoff Time (as defined below).

To promote settlement certainty, DTC is proposing to treat a Settling Bank that fails to timely provide its acknowledgement of its end-of-day net-net settlement balance or notify DTC of its refusal to settle for one or more Participants for which it is the designated Settling Bank, as having acknowledged its end-of-day net-net settlement balance for the purpose of settlement processing. DTC proposes to modify the Guide to provide that a Settling Bank that: (i) Fails to affirmatively acknowledge its end-of-day net-net settlement balance, or (ii) does not notify DTC of its refusal to settle on behalf of a Participant or Participants for which it is the designated Settling Bank, by the Acknowledgement Cutoff Time would be deemed to have acknowledged its end-of-day net-net settlement balance. The Settling Bank’s balance would then in the ordinary course of settlement processing, be debited from or credited to its designated Fed Account through the NSS process. Likewise, DTC proposes that the Guide provide that a Settling Bank that fails to immediately upon receipt acknowledge its Adjusted Balance, if any, would be deemed to have acknowledged its Adjusted Balance and the Adjusted Balance would then in the ordinary course of settlement processing, be debited from or credited to its designated Fed Account through the NSS process.

DTC maintains flexibility to allow for a Settling Bank to request extra time if the Settling Bank has a problem relating to its connectivity with DTC or another good faith reason that it cannot affirmatively acknowledge or refuse, so long as the Settling Bank notifies DTC accordingly at or before the Acknowledgement Cutoff Time, or, in the case of an Adjusted Balance, it notifies DTC immediately where it is unable to affirmatively acknowledge. In this regard, the Guide would be updated to clarify that the Settling Bank is required to notify DTC of its request via a dedicated DTC Settlement phone “hotline” prior to the Acknowledgement Cutoff Time. As it does today, DTC would attempt to contact the Settling Bank if it does not receive a response in the form of: (i) An acknowledgment or refusal prior to the Acknowledgement Cutoff Time, or (ii) as applicable, an immediate acknowledgment of an Adjusted Balance. In addition, the Guide would be updated to clarify that each Settling Bank must ensure that it maintains accurate contact details with DTC so that DTC may contact the Settling Bank regarding settlement issues. Settling Banks must update any contact details by contacting their DTC Relationship Manager.

Additionally, DTC would revise the Guide to: (i) Clarify that a Settling Bank that settles only for itself is not required

³ The end-of-day net-net settlement balance for each Settling Bank reflects: (i) A net credit amount due to the Settling Bank from DTC, (ii) a net debit amount due from the Settling Bank to DTC, or (iii) a zero balance so that no payment is due to or from the Settling Bank. In accordance with the timeframes set forth in the Guide, DTC’s end-of-day funds settlement process begins with the posting by DTC of “final settlement figures” at approximately 3:45 p.m. (sic) each Business day unless extended.


⁶ See Rule 9(b).

⁷ A Settling Bank that settles only for itself is not required to provide an acknowledgement. No Settling Bank, whether it settles for only itself or for others, may refuse to settle its own net settlement balance.

⁸ No Participant has the right to refuse to settle its net settlement balance. Any Participant for which its designated Settling Bank has refused to settle on its behalf remains obligated to DTC for the payment of any net debit balance and must make another arrangement to timely pay that amount by Fedwire.

⁹ DTC uses the most recent contact information provided by the Settling Bank to its DTC Relationship Manager for this purpose.
to acknowledge its net settlement balance; (ii) state that the existing flat fee charged for a Settling Bank’s failure to timely settle its balance would additionally apply to a Settling Bank’s failure to: (A) Affirmatively acknowledge its net-net settlement balance, or (B) notify DTC of its refusal to settle for one or more Participants for which it is the designated Settling Bank, by the Acknowledgment Cutoff Time; (iii) clarify the fees chargeable to a Participant for a failure to settle; (iv) delete references to a Settling Bank’s failure to timely settle its settlement balance from being referred to as a “failure to settle” and remove references to related procedures as being “failure-to-settle” procedures, as this use of the terminology could be confused with an individual Participant’s failure to meet its settlement obligation; (v) clarify Settling Bank and settlement processing timeframes as set forth in the Guide; (vi) consolidate text, as applicable, for consistency and to eliminate duplication; (vii) apply initial capitalization as appropriate for the terms “Participant” and “Settling Bank” where they are used as defined terms; and (viii) remove references to Participant Terminal System (PTS) functions, which are no longer used for this service.

Implementation

The effective date of the proposed rule change would be announced via a DTC Important Notice.

2. Statutory Basis

The proposed rule change would reduce delays in the settlement process by allowing DTC to collect net debits and release net credits within scheduled timeframes despite the failure of a Settling Bank to affirmatively acknowledge its end-of-day net-net settlement balance or notify DTC of its refusal to settle for a Participant for which it is the designated Settling Bank on a timely basis. Therefore, the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of section 17A(b)(3)(F)10 of the Act, which requires that the rules of the clearing agency be designed, inter alia, to promote the prompt and accurate clearance and settlement of securities transactions.

(B) Clearing Agency’s Statement on Burden on Competition

DTC does not believe that the proposed rule change would have any impact, or impose any burden, on competition.

(C) Clearing Agency’s Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

Written comments relating to the proposed rule change have not yet been solicited or received. DTC will notify the Commission of any written comments received by DTC.

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

Within 45 days of the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register or within such longer period up to 90 days (i) as the Commission may designate if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or (ii) as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission will: (A) By order approve or disapprove such proposed rule change, or (B) institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be 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:

Electronic Comments

- Use the Commission’s Internet comment form (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml); or
- Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR–DTC–2015–003 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Brent J. Fields, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549–1090. All submissions should refer to File Number SR–DTC–2015–003. 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 its Commission’s Internet Web site (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 Web site 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 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of DTC and on DTCC’s Web site (http://dtcc.com/legal/sec-rule-filings.aspx). All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR–DTC–2015–003 and should be submitted on or before May 26, 2015.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.11

Brent J. Fields,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION


Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE Arca, Inc.; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change Relating to Listing and Trading of Shares of ALPS Enhanced Put Write Strategy ETF under NYSE Arca Equities Rule 8.600

April 29, 2015.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”)2 and Rule 19b–4 thereunder, a notice is hereby given that, on April 15, 2015, NYSE Arca, Inc. (“Exchange” or “NYSE Arca”) 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 the Exchange. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.
