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 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–NYSE–2016–67, and should be submitted on or before November 17, 2016.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.13

Brent J. Fields, Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 32322; File No. 812–14619]

Nuveen Fund Advisors, LLC, et al.; Notice of Application

October 21, 2016.

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”).

ACTION: Notice of an application for an order pursuant to: (a) Section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (“Act”) granting an exemption from sections 18(f) and 21(b) of the Act; (b) section 12(d)(1)(J) of the Act granting an exemption from section 12(d)(1) of the Act; (c) sections 6(c) and 17(b) of the Act granting an exemption from sections 17(a)(1), 17(a)(2) and 17(a)(3) of the Act; and (d) section 17(d) of the Act and rule 17d–1 under the Act to permit certain joint arrangements and transactions. Applicants request an order that would permit certain registered open-end management investment companies to participate in a joint lending and borrowing facility.


FILING DATES: The application was filed on February 23, 2016 and amended on July 1, 2016 and September 30, 2016.

HEARING OR NOTIFICATION OF HEARING: An order granting the requested relief will be issued unless the Commission orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing by writing to the Commission’s Secretary and serving

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1 The Funds (as defined below) that are closed-end management investment companies will not participate as borrowers in the interfund lending facility. None of the Funds are, or will be, money market funds that comply with rule 2a–7 under the Act.
applicants with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the Commission by 5:30 p.m. on November 15, 2016 and should be accompanied by proof of service on the applicants, in the form of an affidavit, or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Pursuant to Rule 0–5 under the Act, hearing requests should state the nature of the writer’s interest, any facts bearing upon the desirability of a hearing on the matter, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons who wish to be notified of a hearing may request notification by writing to the Commission’s Secretary.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Deepak T. Pai, Senior Counsel, at (202) 551–6876 or Mary Kay Frech, Branch Chief, at (202) 551–6821 (Division of Investment Management, Chief Counsel’s Office).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

The following is a summary of the application. The complete application may be obtained via the Commission’s Web site by searching for the file number, or an applicant using the Company name box, at http://www.sec.gov/search/search.htm or by calling (202) 551–8090.

### Summary of the Application

1. Applicants request an order that would permit the applicants to participate in an interfund lending facility where each Fund could lend money directly to and borrow money directly from other Funds to cover unanticipated cash shortfalls, such as unanticipated redemptions or trade fails.2 The Funds will not borrow under the facility for leverage purposes and the loans’ duration will be no more than one business day’s notice.

2. Applicants anticipate that the proposed facility would provide a borrowing Fund with a source of liquidity at a rate lower than the bank borrowing rate at times when the cash position of the Fund is insufficient to meet temporary cash requirements. In addition, Funds making short-term cash loans directly to other Funds would earn interest at a rate higher than they otherwise could obtain from investing their cash in repurchase agreements or certain other short term money market instruments. Thus, applicants assert that the facility would benefit both borrowing and lending Funds.

3. Applicants agree that any order granting the requested relief will be subject to the terms and conditions stated in the application. Among others, the Adviser, through a designated committee, would administer the facility as a disinterested fiduciary as part of its duties under the investment management and administrative agreements with the Funds and would receive no additional fee as compensation for its services in connection with the administration of the facility. The facility would be subject to oversight and certain approvals by the Funds’ Board, including, among others, approval of the interest rate formula and of the method for allocating loans across Funds, as well as review of the process in place to evaluate the liquidity implications for the Funds. A Fund’s aggregate outstanding interfund loans will not exceed 15% of its net assets, and the Fund’s loans to any one Fund will not exceed 5% of the lending Fund’s net assets.4

4. Applicants assert that the facility does not raise the concerns underlying section 12(d)(1) of the Act given that the Funds are part of the same group of investment companies and there will be no duplicative costs or fees to the Funds.5 Applicants also assert that the proposed transactions do not raise the concerns underlying sections 17(a)(1), 17(a)(3), 17(d) and 21(b) of the Act as the Funds would not engage in lending transactions that unfairly benefit insiders or are detrimental to the Funds. Applicants state that the facility will offer both reduced borrowing costs and enhanced returns on loaned funds to all participating Funds and each Fund would have an equal opportunity to borrow and lend on equal terms based on an interest rate formula that is objective and verifiable. With respect to the relief from section 17(a)(2) of the Act, applicants note that any collateral pledged to secure an interfund loan would be subject to the same conditions imposed by any other lender to a Fund that imposes conditions on the quality of or access to collateral for a borrowing (if the lender is another Fund) or the same or better conditions (in any other circumstance).6

5. Applicants also believe that the limited relief from section 18(f)(1) of the Act that is necessary to implement the facility (because the lending Funds are not banks) is appropriate in light of the conditions and safeguards described in the application and because the open-end Funds would remain subject to the requirement of section 18(f)(1) that all borrowings of the open-end Fund, including combined interfund loans and bank borrowings, have at least 300% asset coverage.

6. Section 6(c) of the Act permits the Commission to exempt any persons or transactions from any provision of the Act if such exemption is necessary or appropriate in the public interest and consistent with the protection of investors and the purposes fairly intended by the policy and provisions of the Act. Section 12(d)(1)(J) of the Act provides that the Commission may exempt any person, security, or transaction, or any class or classes of persons, securities, or transactions, from any provision of section 12(d)(1) if the exemption is consistent with the public interest and the protection of investors. Section 17(b) of the Act authorizes the Commission to grant an order permitting a transaction otherwise prohibited by section 17(a) if it finds that (a) the terms of the proposed transaction are fair and reasonable and do not involve overreaching on the part of any person concerned; (b) the proposed transaction is consistent with the policies of each registered investment company involved; and (c) the proposed transaction is consistent with the general purposes of the Act. Rule 17d–1(b) under the Act provides that in passing upon an application filed under the rule, the Commission will consider whether the participation of the registered investment company in a joint enterprise, joint arrangement or profit sharing plan on the basis proposed is consistent with the provisions, policies and purposes of the Act and the extent to which such participation is on a basis different from or less advantageous than that of the other participants.

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1 Applicants request that the order apply to the applicants and to any existing or future registered open-end or closed-end management investment company or series thereof for which the Adviser or any successor thereto or an investment adviser controlling, or under common control with the Adviser or any successor thereto serves as investment adviser (each a “Fund” and collectively the “Funds” and each such investment adviser an “Adviser”). For purposes of the request, “successor” is limited to any entity that results from a reorganization into another jurisdiction or a change in the type of a business organization.

2 Any Fund, however, will be able to call a loan on one business day’s notice.

3 Under certain circumstances, a borrowing Fund will be required to pledge collateral to secure the loan.

4 Applicants state that the obligation to repay an interfund loan could be deemed to constitute a security for the purposes of sections 17(a)(1) and 12(d)(1) of the Act.

5 Applicants state that any pledge of securities to secure an interfund loan could constitute a purchase of securities for purposes of section 17(a)(2) of the Act.
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION


Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE MKT LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Amending Rule 497—Equities

October 21, 2016.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act”) and Rule 19b–4 thereunder, notice is hereby given that on October 13, 2016, NYSE MKT LLC (the “Exchange” or “NYSE MKT”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by the self-regulatory organization. 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

The Exchange proposes to amend Rule 497—Equities regarding the requirements for the listing of securities that are issued by the Exchange or any of its affiliates. The proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s Web site at www.nyse.com, at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission’s Public Reference Room.

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

In its filing with the Commission, the self-regulatory organization 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 those statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant parts of such statements. A. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and the Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to amend Rule 497—Equities (Additional Requirements for Listed Securities Issued by Intercontinental Exchange, Inc. or its Affiliates) regarding the requirements for the listing of securities that are issued by the Exchange or any of its affiliates. Rule 497—Equities sets forth certain requirements that securities issued by the Exchange’s ultimate parent, Intercontinental Exchange, Inc. ("ICE"), or its affiliates, must meet before they can be listed on the Exchange, including certain pre-listing approvals and post-listing monitoring requirements.

Specifically, the Exchange is proposing to make the following changes to Rule 497—Equities: (i) Expand the definition of Affiliate Security under Rule 497—Equities (a)(2); (ii) require that the annual review required under Rule 497—Equities (c)(2) be forwarded to the Exchange’s Regulatory Oversight Committee ("ROC"); and (iii) make non-substantive typographical changes.

Rule 497—Equities (a)(2) currently defines “Affiliate Security” as “any security issued by an ICE Affiliate.” 4 The Exchange proposes to expand the definition of Affiliate Security to include any Exchange-listed option on any security issued by an ICE Affiliate. As a consequence, under Rule 497—Equities (b), prior to listing any new class of options on a security issued by an ICE Affiliate, Exchange regulatory staff would be required to make a finding that the option class satisfies the Exchange’s rules for listing, and the ROC would be required to approve such finding. Likewise, throughout the continued listing of such option class on the Exchange, it would be covered by the reporting requirements of Rule 497—Equities (c).

In the event that an ICE Affiliate lists an Affiliate Security, Rule 497—Equities (c)(2) requires that, throughout the

4 For purposes of Rule 497—Equities, an “ICE Affiliate” is “ICE and any entity that directly or indirectly, through one or more intermediaries, controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with ICE, where ‘control’ means that one entity possesses, directly or indirectly, voting control of the other entity either through ownership of capital stock or other equity securities or through majority representation on the board of directors or other management body of such entity.” Rule 497—Equities (a)(1).

continued listing of the Affiliate Security on the Exchange, an independent accounting firm will review the listing standards for the Affiliate Security and a copy of the report shall be forwarded promptly to the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"). The Exchange proposes to expand Rule 497—Equities (c)(2) to require that such report also be forwarded to the ROC.

The Exchange proposes to make the following additional, non-substantive changes to Rule 497—Equities (c):

• It proposes to move “the Exchange shall” from the end of Rule 497—Equities (c)(1) to the start of Rule 497—Equities (c)(1), as the text only applies to Rule 497—Equities (c)(1), and not sub-paragraphs (2) or (3), and change “shall” to “will.”
• It proposes to add “and trading” after “Throughout the continued listing” in Rule 497—Equities (c), as Rule 497—Equities (c)(1) references the listing of Affiliate Securities, as well as their trading.

• The Exchange proposes to delete an extraneous “that” from the final clause of Rule 497—Equities (c)(1)(b), so that it reads as follows:

Exchange regulatory staff’s monitoring of the trading of the Affiliate Security including summaries of all related surveillance alerts, complaints, regulatory referrals, adjusted trades, investigations, examinations, formal and informal disciplinary actions, exception reports and trading data used to ensure the Affiliate Security’s compliance with the Exchange’s listing and trading rules.

The Exchange notes that the proposed amendments would be consistent with recent changes to the Bats BZX Exchange, Inc. ("BZX") Rule 14.3 regarding requirements for the listing of securities listed by BZX or any of its affiliates.5

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Exchange Act 6 in general, and Section 6(b)(5) 7 in particular, in that it because it is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in regulating, clearing, settling, processing information with respect to, and facilitating transactions in securities, to