In support of this proposal, the Exchange represented that:

(1) The Funds will continue to comply with all initial and continued listing requirements under NYSE Arca Equities Rule 8.600.

(2) Each Fund may include Rule 144A securities within a Fund’s principal investments in debt securities (i.e., debt securities in which at least 80% of a Fund’s assets are invested), provided that no more than 35% of a Fund’s assets may be invested in Rule 144A securities.

(3) All of the Rule 144A securities in which a Fund invests will be corporate debt securities for which transactions are reported in TRACE.

(4) Trading in the Shares will be subject to the existing trading surveillances administered by the Exchange, as well as cross-market surveillances administered by FINRA, on behalf of the Exchange, which are designed to detect violations of Exchange rules and applicable securities laws. These procedures are adequate to properly monitor Exchange trading of the Shares in all trading sessions and to deter and detect violations of Exchange rules and federal securities laws applicable to trading on the Exchange.

(5) The Exchange or FINRA, on behalf of the Exchange, or both, will communicate as needed regarding trading in the Shares and underlying exchange-traded options, futures, exchange-traded equity securities (including ADRs, EDRs, and GDRs), and other exchange-traded instruments with other markets and other entities that are members of the ISG, and the Exchange or FINRA, on behalf of the Exchange, or both, may obtain trading information regarding trading in the Shares and underlying exchange-traded options, futures, exchange-traded equity securities (including ADRs, EDRs, and GDRs), and other exchange-traded instruments from such markets and other entities. The Exchange may obtain information regarding trading in the Shares and underlying exchange-traded options, futures, exchange-traded equity securities (including ADRs, EDRs, and GDRs), and other exchange-traded instruments from markets and other entities that are members of ISG or with which the Exchange has in place a comprehensive surveillance sharing agreement.

(6) FINRA, on behalf of the Exchange, is able to access, as needed, trade information for the Rule 144A securities as well as certain other fixed income securities held by the Funds reported to TRACE. In addition, as stated in the Prior Corporate Bond Releases and the Prior Total Bond Releases, investors have ready access to information regarding the Funds’ holdings, the Portfolio Indicative Value, the Disclosed Portfolio, and quotation and last-sale information for the Shares.

(7) Trading in Shares of a Fund will be halted if the circuit breaker parameters in NYSE Arca Equities Rule 7.12 have been reached or because of market conditions or for reasons that, in the view of the Exchange, may trade in the Shares inadvisable, and in the view of the Exchange, may trade in the Shares inadvisable, and trading in the Shares will be subject to NYSE Arca Equities Rule 8.600(d)(2)(D), which sets forth circumstances under which Shares of a Fund may be halted.

(8) The Exchange represents that the Manager and the Sub-Advisers are not broker-dealers but are affiliated with one or more broker-dealers and have each implemented a fire wall with respect to such broker-dealers regarding access to information concerning the composition and/or changes to the portfolios, and will be subject to procedures designed to prevent the use and dissemination of material non-public information regarding the portfolios.

(9) The Exchange will obtain a representation from the issuer of the Shares that the net asset value (“NAV”) per Share will be calculated daily and that the NAV and the Disclosed Portfolio will be made available to all market participants at the same time.

(10) The Portfolio Indicative Value with respect to Shares of each Fund will be widely disseminated by one or more major market data vendors at least every 15 seconds during the Exchange’s Core Trading Session.

(11) On each business day, before commencement of trading in Shares in the Core Trading Session on the Exchange, each Fund will disclose on the Trust’s Web site the Disclosed Portfolio that will form the basis for a Fund’s calculation of NAV at the end of the business day.

(12) The Trust’s Web site will include a form of the prospectus for the Funds and additional data relating to NAV and other applicable quantitative information.

The Exchange also represents that all statements and representations made in this filing and the Prior Corporate Bond Releases and Prior Total Bond Releases regarding (a) the description of the Funds’ respective portfolios, (b) limitations on portfolio holdings or reference assets, or (c) the applicability of Exchange rules and surveillance procedures shall constitute continued listing requirements for listing the Shares of the Funds on the Exchange. In addition, the Adviser has represented to the Exchange that it will advise the Exchange of any failure by a Fund to comply with the continued listing requirements, and, pursuant to its obligations under Section 19(g)(1) of the Act, the Exchange will monitor for compliance with the continued listing requirements.23 If a Fund is not in compliance with the applicable listing requirements, the Exchange will commence delisting procedures under NYSE Arca Equities Rule 5.5(m).

This approval order is based on all of the Exchange’s representations, including those set forth above and in the Notice, as modified by Amendment Nos. 1 and 2 to the proposed rule change. The Commission notes that the Funds must comply with the requirements of NYSE Arca Equities Rule 8.600 to be listed and traded on the Exchange on an initial and continuing basis.

For the foregoing reasons, the Commission finds that the proposed rule change, as modified by Amendment Nos. 1 and 2 thereto, is consistent with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act 24 and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to a national securities exchange.

IV. Conclusion

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Exchange Act,25 that the proposed rule change (SR–NYSEArca–2016–70), as modified by Amendment Nos. 1 and 2 thereto, be, and it hereby is, approved.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.26

Robert W. Errett.
Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION


Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE MKT LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Amending Rule 15—Equities Relating to Pre-Opening Indications

November 23, 2016.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) 2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act”) 2 and Rule 19b–4 thereunder, 3 notice is hereby given that on November 17, 2016, NYSE MKT LLC (the “Exchange” or “NYSE MKT”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission obligation than “surveil” with respect to the continued listing requirements.

23 The Commission notes that certain other proposals for the listing and trading of Managed Fund Shares include a representation that the exchange will “surveil” for compliance with the continued listing requirements. See, e.g., Securities Exchange Act Release No. 77499 (Apr. 1, 2016), 81 FR 20428 (Apr. 7, 2016) (Notice of Filing of Amendment No. 2, and Order Granting Accelerated Approval of a Proposed Rule Change, as Modified by Amendment No. 2, to List and Trade Shares of the SSgA Tactical ETF of the SSgA Active Trust), available at: http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro/bats/2016/34-77499.pdf. In the context of this representation, it is the Commissioner’s view that “monitor” and “surveil” both mean ongoing oversight of the Fund’s compliance with the continued listing requirements. Therefore, the Commission does not view “monitor” as a more or less stringent


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 15—Equities relating to pre-opening indications. 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 15—Equities (“Rule 15”) relating to pre-opening indications. The proposed rule change would restore the obligation for a DMM to publish a pre-opening indication if a security has not opened by 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time and add a new parameter for when a pre-opening indication should be published for lower-priced securities.

Background

The Exchange recently amended Exchange rules to consolidate and amend requirements relating to pre-opening indications in Rule 15.4 Rule 15(a) provides that a pre-opening indication will include the security and the price range within which the opening price is anticipated to occur and that a pre-opening indication will be published via the securities information processor and proprietary data feeds. Rule 15(b) specifies the conditions for publishing a pre-opening indication, and Rule 15(b)(1) provides that a DMM will publish a pre-opening indication, as described in Rule 15(e), before a security opens if the opening transaction on the Exchange is anticipated to be at a price that represents a change of more than the “Applicable Price Range” from a specified “Reference Price” before the security opens.

Under Rule 15(c), the Reference Price for a security, other than an ADR, is the securities last reported stale price on the Exchange, the security’s offering price in the case of an initial public offering (“IPO”), or the security’s last reported sale price in the securities market from which the security is being transferred to the Exchange. Rule 15(d)(1) provides that, except under conditions set forth in Rule 15(d)(2), the Applicable Price Range for determining whether to publish a pre-opening indication will be 5%. Rule 15(d)(2) provides that if as of 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time, the E-mini S&P 500 Futures are +/- 2% from the prior day’s closing price of the E-mini S&P 500 Futures, when reopening trading following a market-wide trading halt under Rule 80B—Equities, or if the Exchange determines that it is necessary or appropriate for the maintenance of a fair and orderly market, the Applicable Price Range for determining whether to publish a pre-opening indication will be 10%.

 Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to amend Rule 15(b)(1) to add another condition for when a DMM would be required to publish a pre-opening indication. As proposed, a DMM would be required to publish a pre-opening indication if a security has not opened by 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time and add a new parameter for when a pre-opening indication should be published for lower-priced securities.

3 See Opening Filing, supra note 4 at 60039.

4 Before being amended in the Opening Filing, Rule 123D(b)—Equities provided: “If an indication is disseminated after the opening bell, it must be considered a delayed opening. In addition, any stock that is not opened with a trade or a reasonable quotation within 30 minutes after the opening of business must be considered a delayed opening (except for IPOs) and requires Floor Official supervision, as well as an indication. That 30-minute time frame may only be extended by an Executive Floor Governor on a Floor-wide basis.”
(1) A DMM will publish a pre-opening indication, as described in paragraph (e), (i) before a security opens if the opening transaction on the Exchange is anticipated to be at a price that represents a change of more than the "Applicable Price Range," as specified in paragraph (d) of this Rule, from a specified "Reference Price," as specified in paragraph (c) of this Rule(), before the security opens; or (ii) if a security has not opened by 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time.

The Exchange also proposes to amend Rule 15(g)(1) to provide that, except under the conditions set forth in Rule 15(d)(2), the Applicable Price Range for determining whether to publish a pre-opening indication would be 5% for securities with a Reference Price over $3.00 and lower. As proposed, for these securities, the Applicable Price Range would be $0.15 on regular trading days. To effect this proposed change, the Exchange proposes to amend Rule 15(d)(1) to provide that, except under the conditions set forth in Rule 15(d)(2), the Applicable Price Range for determining whether to publish a pre-opening indication would be 5% for securities with a Reference Price over $3.00 and $0.15 for securities with a Reference Price equal to or lower than $3.00. The Exchange proposes to make a related change to Rule 15(d)(2) to provide for what the Applicable Price Range would be for securities priced $3.00 and lower if as of 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time, the E-mini S&P 500 Futures are +/- 2% from the prior day’s closing price of the E-mini S&P 500 Futures, when reopening trading following a market-wide trading halt under Rule 80B [sic], or if the Exchange determines that it is necessary or appropriate for the maintenance of a fair and orderly market. As proposed, in such case, the Applicable Price Range would be $0.30.

The Exchange believes a price range movement of more than $0.15 for lower-priced securities on regular trading days, and more than $0.30 price range movement on more volatile trading days, would better reflect when an opening price for such securities is significantly away from the Reference Price, thus warranting a pre-opening indication. By contrast, the Exchange believes that the current 5% Applicable Price Range applicable to securities priced $3.00 and below is too narrow and would result in a disproportionate number of pre-opening indications for these securities as compared to how many pre-opening indications are required for securities priced above $3.00. Requiring pre-opening indications when they would not otherwise be warranted would also reduce the number of securities that would be eligible to be opened by a DMM electronically. For example, based on Exchange data from January 2016 through October 2016, if the Exchange had applied the 5% Applicable Price Range, there would have been 18 securities requiring a pre-opening indication. By contrast, using a $0.15 Applicable Price Change for this same period would have resulted in only two securities requiring a pre-opening indication. This reduced number of required pre-opening indications would mean that more securities would have been eligible to be opened electronically by the DMM. The Exchange further notes that the proposed break point of which parameter would be used is based on the current price buckets used in the Regulation NMS Plan to Address Extraordinary Market Volatility ("LULD Plan") (providing that securities priced $3.00 and below are subject to wider percentage parameters than securities priced above $3.00).1

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There are no technology changes associated with this proposed rule change. However, because the proposed rule change would require DMMs to change behavior, the Exchange will announce the operative date by a Trader Update that describes the proposed changes. The Exchange will publish this Trader Update no later than 10 days after the operative date of this filing.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,2 in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,3 in particular, because it is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, promote just and equitable principles of trade, remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system because it would provide additional transparency to the opening process if a security has not opened by 10:00 a.m. As such, the Exchange believes that the proposal would advance the efficiency and transparency of the opening process, thereby fostering accurate price discovery at the open of trading. For the same reasons, the proposal is also designed to protect investors as well as the public interest.

The Exchange further believes that providing for a $0.15 Applicable Price Range for securities priced $3.00 and lower on regular trading days, and a $0.30 Applicable Price Range for such securities on more volatile trading days, would remove impediments to and perfect a free and open market and a national market system because it would require a wider range of price movement before a pre-opening indication must be published for these lower-priced securities. The Exchange believes that these proposed changes would balance the goal of providing price transparency if there would be a significant price dislocation in the opening price of a security compared to the Reference Price with the manual process involved with publishing pre-opening indications. Moreover, the Exchange believes that any reduction in number of pre-opening indications published for these lower-priced securities would not result in less transparency because the Exchange would continue to publish Order Imbalance Information for such securities, as provided for in Rule 15(g).

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The proposed rule change is not intended to address competitive issues but rather promote greater efficiency and transparency at the open of trading on the Exchange.

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

No written comments were solicited or received with respect to the proposed rule change.

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

The Exchange has filed the proposed rule change pursuant to Section 10(b) of the Act and Rule 19b-4 under Section 19(b) of the Act.

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1 When applying the proposed double-wide Applicable Price Change for volatile trading days, as provided for in Rule 15(d)(2), to trade data from August 25, 2015, the change to a $0.30 Applicable Price Change instead of a 10% Applicable Price Change would have resulted in four securities requiring pre-opening indications instead of 63. Similarly, applying these Applicable Price Changes to June 24, 2016, a 10% move would have resulted in 55 securities requiring pre-opening indications, whereas a $0.30 parameter would have resulted in one security requiring pre-opening indication.


19(b)(3)(A) of the Act 11 and Rule 19b–4(f)(6) thereunder.12 Because the proposed rule change does not: (i) significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) become operative prior to 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest, the proposed rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act and Rule 19b–4(f)(6)(iii) thereunder.13

A proposed rule change filed under Rule 19b–4(f)(6) 14 normally does not become operative prior to 30 days after the date of the filing. However, pursuant to Rule 19b4(f)(6)(iii),15 the Commission may designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest.

At any time within 60 days of the filing of such proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend 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. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings under Section 19(b)(2)(B) 16 of the Act to determine whether the proposed rule change should be approved or 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–NYSEMKT–2016–107 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–NYSEMKT–2016–107. 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. 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–NYSEMKT–2016–107 and should be submitted on or before December 21, 2016.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.17

Robert W. Errett,
Deputy Secretary.

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE Arca, Inc.; Notice of Designation of a Longer Period for Commission Action on a Proposed Rule Change Amending NYSE Arca Equities Rule 7.35P To Provide for Widened Price Collar Thresholds for the Core Open Auction on Volatile Trading Days

November 23, 2016.

On September 28, 2016, NYSE Arca, Inc. (the “Exchange” or “NYSE Arca”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”) 1 and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,2 a proposed rule change to amend NYSE Arca Equities Rule 7.35P 3 to widen price collar thresholds for the Core Open Auction on volatile trading days. The proposed rule change was published for comment in the Federal Register on October 14, 2016.4 The Commission received no comment letters on the proposed rule change.

Section 19(b)(2) of the Act 5 provides that, within 45 days of the publication of notice of the filing of a proposed rule change, or within such longer period up to 90 days as the Commission may designate if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission shall either approve the proposed rule change, disapprove the proposed rule change, or institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved. The 45th day after publication of the notice for this proposed rule change is November 28, 2016. The Commission is extending this 45-day time period.

The Commission finds that it is appropriate to designate a longer period within which to take action on the proposed rule change so that it has sufficient time to consider the proposed rule change. Accordingly, the Commission, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,6 designates January 1 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).


