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 website 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. Persons submitting comments are cautioned that we do not redact or edit personal identifying information from comment submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File No. SR–NASDAQ–2017–088 and should be submitted by January 11, 2018. Rebuttal comments should be submitted by January 25, 2018.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.24

Robert W. Errett,
Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–82338; File No. 265–30]

Fixed Income Market Structure Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Securities and Exchange Commission Fixed Income Market Structure Advisory Committee is providing notice that it will hold a public meeting on Thursday, January 11, 2018, in Multi-Purpose Room LL–006 at the Commission’s headquarters, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. (ET) and will be open to the public, except for the period during lunch when the committee will meet in an administrative work session. The public portions of the meeting will be webcast on the Commission’s website at www.sec.gov. Persons needing special accommodations to take part because of a disability should notify the contact person listed below. The public is invited to submit written statements to the Committee. The meeting will focus on various administrative items and will include a discussion of liquidity in the bond markets.

DATES: The public meeting will be held on Thursday, January 11, 2018. Written statements should be received on or before January 8, 2018.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Commission’s headquarters, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC. Written statements may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Statements

• Use the Commission’s internet submission form (http://www.sec.gov/rules/other.shtml); or

• Send an email message to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number 265–30 on the subject line; or

Paper Statements

• Send paper statements in triplicate to Brent J. Fields, Federal Advisory Committee Management Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549–1090.

All submissions should refer to File No. 265–30. This file number should be included on the subject line if email is used. To help us process and review your statement more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all statements on the Commission’s internet website at SEC website at (http://www.sec.gov/comments/265-30/265-30.shtml).

Statements also will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission’s Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE, Room 1580, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. All statements received will be posted without change. Persons submitting comments are cautioned that we do not redact or edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with Section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C.-App. 1, and the regulations thereunder, Brett Redfern, Designated Federal Officer of the Committee, has ordered publication of this notice.


Brent J. Fields,

Committee Management Officer.

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[SEC File No. 270–251, OMB Control No. 3235–0256]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon Written Request Copies Available

From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of FOIA Services, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549–2736.

Extension:

Form F–3.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) is soliciting comments on the collection of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

Form F–3 (17 CFR 239.33) is used by foreign issuers to register securities pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77a et seq.). The information collected is intended to ensure that the information required to be filed by the Commission permits verification of compliance with securities law requirements and assures the public availability of such information. Form F–3 takes approximately 167 hours per response and is filed by approximately 112 respondents. We estimate that 25% of the 167 hours per response (41.75 hours) is prepared by the registrant for a total annual reporting burden of 4,676 hours (41.75 hours per response × 112 responses).

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number.

The public may view the background documentation for this information collection at the following website, www.reginfo.gov. Comments should be directed to: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION


Self-Regulatory Organizations: NYSE Arca, Inc.; Notice of Filing of Amendment No. 2 and Order Approving on an Accelerated Basis a Proposed Rule Change, as Modified by Amendment No. 2, To List and Trade Shares of the GraniteShares Silver Trust Under NYSE Arca Rule 8.201–E

December 15, 2017

I. Introduction

On September 12, 2017, NYSE Arca, Inc. (“NYSE Arca” or “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Exchange Act” or “Act”)1 and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,2 a proposed rule change to list and trade shares of the GraniteShares Silver Trust under NYSE Arca Rule 8.201–E. The proposed rule change was published for comment in the Federal Register on September 29, 2017.3 On October 24, 2017, the Exchange filed Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change, which superseded the proposed rule change as originally filed. On November 16, 2017, the Exchange filed Amendment No. 2 to the proposed rule change, which superseded the proposed rule change as modified by Amendment No. 1.4 The Commission has not received any comments on the proposed rule change. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on Amendment No. 2 from interested persons, and is approving the proposed rule change, as modified by Amendment No. 2, on an accelerated basis.

II. Description of the Proposed Rule Change, as Modified by Amendment No. 2

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 Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to list and trade shares (“Shares”) of the GraniteShares Silver Trust (the “Trust”), under NYSE Arca Rule 8.201–E.5 Under net asset value (“NAV”) will be calculated; (6) increased the minimum number of Shares that the Exchange will require to be outstanding at the commencement of trading; (7) expanded the circumstances in which the Exchange would or might halt trading in the Shares; (8) specified that the Shares would trade in all of the Exchange’s trading sessions; (9) represented that silver futures trade on significant exchanges, including COMEX which is (a) operated by Commodities Exchange, Inc., a subsidiary of NYMEX (as defined herein) and (b) regulated by the CFTC (as defined herein); (10) represented that NYMEX is a member of ISIC (as defined herein); and (11) made certain technical corrections. Amendment No. 2 is available at: https://www.sec.gov/comments/sr-nysearca-2017-111/nysearca2017111-20170352-161501.pdf.

5 On September 8, 2017, the Trust submitted to the Commission its draft registration statement on Form S–1 (the “Registration Statement”) under the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77a) (“Securities Act”). The Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act, enacted on April 5, 2012, added Section 6(e) to the Securities Act. Section 6(e) of the Securities Act provides that an “emerging growth company” may confidentially submit to the Commission a draft registration statement for confidential, non-public review by the Commission staff prior to public filing, provided that the initial confidential submission and all amendments thereto shall be publically filed not later than 21 days before the date on which the issuer conducts a road show, as such term is defined in Securities Act Rule 433(b)(4). An emerging growth company is defined in Section 2(a)(10) of the Securities Act as an issuer with less than $1,000,000,000 total annual gross revenues during its most recently completed fiscal year. The Trust meets the definition of an emerging growth company and consequently has submitted its Form S–1 Registration Statement on a confidential basis with the Commission.

6 Commodity-Based Trust Shares are securities issued by a trust that represents investors’ discrete identifiable and undivided beneficial ownership interest in the commodities deposited into the Trust.


9 The Trustee is responsible for the day-to-day administration of the Trust. The responsibilities of the Trustee include (1) processing orders for the creation and redemption of Baskets; (2) coordinating with the Custodian the receipt and delivery of silver transferred to, or by, the Trust in connection with each issuance and redemption of Baskets; (3) calculating the net asset value of the Trust on each business day; and (4) selling the Trust’s silver as needed to cover the Trust’s expenses. The Trust does not have a Board of Directors or persons acting in a similar capacity.

10 The Custodian is responsible for safekeeping the silver owned by the Trust. The Custodian is appointed by the Trustee and is responsible to the Trustee under the Trust’s silver custody agreements. The Custodian will facilitate the transfer of silver in and out of the Trust through the unallocated silver accounts it may maintain for each Authorized Participant or unallocated silver accounts that may be maintained for an Authorized Participant by another silver-clearing bank approved by the London Bullion Market Association (“LBMA”), and through the loco London account maintained for the Trust by the Custodian on an unallocated basis pursuant to the Trust unallocated account agreement (the “Trust Unallocated Account”). The Custodian is responsible for allocating specific bars of silver to the loco London account maintained for the Trust by the Custodian on an allocated basis pursuant to the Trust allocated account agreement (the “Trust Allocated Account”). The Custodian will provide the Trustee with regular reports detailing the silver transfers in and out of the Trust Unallocated Account with the Custodian and identifying the silver bars held in the Trust Allocated Account.

The Trust will not be registered as an investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended,7 and is not required to register under such act. The Trust is not a commodity pool for purposes of the Commodity Exchange Act, as amended.8

The Sponsor of the Trust is GraniteShares LLC, a Delaware limited liability company. The Bank of New York Mellon is the trustee of the Trust (the “Trustee”)9 and ICBC Standard Bank PLC is the custodian of the Trust (the “Custodian”).10

The Commission has previously approved listing on the Exchange under NYSE Arca Rule 8.201–E of other precious metals and silver-based commodity trusts, including the iShares NYSE Arca Rule 8.201–E, the Exchange may propose to list and/or trade pursuant to unlisted trading privileges (“UTP”) Commodity-Based Trust Shares.6