

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–84680; File No. SR–NYSE–2018–46]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; New York Stock Exchange LLC; Notice of Designation of a Longer Period for Commission Action on a Proposed Rule Change To Amend the Listed Company Manual for Acquisition Companies To Reduce the Continued Listing Standards for Public Holders From 300 to 100 and To Enable the Exchange To Exercise Discretion To Allow Acquisition Companies a Reasonable Time Period Following a Business Combination To Demonstrate Compliance With the Applicable Quantitative Listing Standards

November 29, 2018.

On October 1, 2018, New York Stock Exchange LLC (“NYSE” or “Exchange”) 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 the Listed Company Manual for Acquisition Companies (“ACs”) to reduce the continued listing standards for public holders from 300 to 100 and to enable the Exchange to exercise discretion to allow ACs a reasonable time period following a business combination to demonstrate compliance with the applicable quantitative listing standards. The proposed rule change was published for comment in the *Federal Register* on October 18, 2018.³ The Commission received one comment on the proposal.⁴

Section 19(b)(2) of the Act⁵ provides that within 45 days of the notice publication 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 December 2, 2018. The Commission is extending this 45-day time period.

The Commission finds it 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 proposal and the comment letter. Accordingly, the Commission, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,⁶ designates January 16, 2019, as the date by which the Commission shall either approve or disapprove, or institute proceedings to determine whether to disapprove, the proposed rule change (File No. SR–NYSE–2018–46).

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁷

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Nasdaq PHLX LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Amend the Pilot Period for the Listing of P.M.-Settled Nasdaq-100 Index Options Expiring on the Third Friday of the Month

November 29, 2018.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”),¹ and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on November 20, 2018, Nasdaq PHLX LLC (“Exchange”) 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.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to amend the pilot period for the listing of P.M.-settled Nasdaq-100 Index Options expiring on the third Friday of the month (“NDXPM options”).

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s website at <http://nasdaqphlx.cchwallstreet.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 Exchange 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. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

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

1. Purpose

In August 2017 the Commission approved a proposed rule change for the listing on the Exchange of NDXPM options on a pilot basis, with the pilot to terminate on the earlier to occur of (i) 12 months following the date of the first listing of the NDXPM options, or (ii) December 29, 2018.³ Notwithstanding this approval, due to unforeseen technical programming delays P.M.-settled options on the NASDAQ–100 Index (“NASDAQ–100”) have not yet been listed by the Exchange. In order to allow sufficient time to realize the benefits of a pilot program for NDXPM options, the Exchange proposes to amend Rule 1101A, Commentary .05 such that he pilot will terminate on May 6, 2019. By extending the outer limit of the pilot period, the Exchange believes it will have adequate time to resolve the programming issues, implement the listing of NDXPM options, and provide the pilot reports associated with the initial approval order over a meaningful period of time. Without the amendment, the pilot period would end on December 29, 2018 and would not afford the Exchange or Commission a sufficient period of time within which NDXPM options may trade in order to be meaningfully evaluated by the Exchange as provided in the August 2017

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

³ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 84420 (October 12, 2018), 83 FR 52854 (October 18, 2018) (“Notice”).

⁴ See Letter to Brent J. Fields, Secretary, Commission, from Jeffrey P. Mahoney, General Counsel, Council of Institutional Investors, dated November 8, 2018 (“CII Letter”).

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

⁶ *Id.*

⁷ 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(31).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

³ See Rule 1101A Commentary .05 and Securities Exchange Act Release No. 81293 (August 2, 2017), 82 FR 37138 (August 8, 2017) (approving SR–Phlx–2017–04).