

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-NASDAQ-2018-100 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-NASDAQ-2018-100. 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 website (<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 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 Number SR-NASDAQ-2018-100 and should be submitted on or before January 2, 2019.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁸

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-84733; File No. SR-CHX-2018-06]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Chicago Stock Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Amend CHX Article 22, Rule 6(a)

December 6, 2018.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1)¹ of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")² and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,³ notice is hereby given that, on November 27, 2018, the Chicago Stock Exchange, Inc. ("CHX" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("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 CHX Article 22, Rule 6(a) to remove the requirement that the Exchange file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") a Form 19b-4(e) for each "new derivative securities product" that will commence trading on the Exchange pursuant to unlisted trading privileges. The proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's website 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 purpose of the proposed rule change is to amend CHX Article 22, Rule 6(a) to remove the requirement that the Exchange file with the Commission a Form 19b-4(e) for each "new derivative securities product" that will commence trading on the Exchange pursuant to unlisted trading privileges. The Exchange notes that a substantially identical proposed rule change by NYSE National, Inc. ("NYSE National") was recently approved by the Commission.⁴

CHX Article 22, Rule 6(a) sets forth the requirement for the Exchange to file with the Commission a Form 19b-4(e) with respect to each "new derivative securities product" that is traded pursuant to unlisted trading privileges. However, the Exchange believes that it should not be necessary to file a Form 19b-4(e) with the Commission if it begins trading a "new derivative securities product" pursuant to unlisted trading privileges, because Rule 19b-4(e)(1) under the Act refers to the "listing and trading" of a "new derivative securities product." The Exchange believes that the requirements of that rule refer to when an exchange lists and trades a "new derivative securities product", and not when an exchange seeks only to trade such product pursuant to unlisted trading privileges pursuant to Rule 12f-2 under the Act.⁵ Therefore, the Exchange proposes to delete the requirement in Article 22, Rule 6(a) for the Exchange to file a Form 19b-4(e) with the Commission with respect to each "new derivative securities product" it begins trading pursuant to unlisted trading privileges.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 6(b)⁶ of the Act in general, and furthers the

⁸ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 15 U.S.C. 78a.

³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

⁴ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 83289 (May 17, 2018), 83 FR 23968 (May 23, 2018) (Order Approving File No. SR-NYSENat-2018-02).

⁵ 17 CFR 240.12f-2.

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act⁷ in particular, in that it is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. Specifically, eliminating the requirement to file a Form 19b-4(e) for each “new derivative securities product” the Exchange begins trading on an unlisted trading privileges basis removes an unnecessary regulatory requirement thereby providing for a more efficient process for adding a “new derivative securities product” to trading on the Exchange on an unlisted trading privileges basis.

As noted above, the Commission recently approved a substantially identical proposed rule change by NYSE National.⁸ In particular, the Commission noted in the approval order that it “believes that the filing of a Form 19b-4(e) is not required when an Exchange is trading a new derivative securities product on a UTP basis only”⁹ and also found that the NYSE National’s proposed rule change is “consistent with the requirements of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act.”¹⁰ The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC (“Nasdaq”), Nasdaq PHLX LLC (“PHLX”), Nasdaq BX, Inc. (“BX”) and Investors Exchange LLC (“IEX”) also recently amended their rules to remove the requirement to file with the Commission a Form 19b-4(e) for each “new derivative securities product” traded on each of those exchanges pursuant to unlisted trading privileges.¹¹

For these reasons, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act.

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change would impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. To the contrary, removing the requirement to

file a Form 19b-4(e) will serve to enhance competition by providing for the efficient addition of new derivative securities products for trading pursuant to unlisted trading privileges on the Exchange. To the extent that a competitor marketplace believes that the proposed rule change places it at a competitive disadvantage, it may file with the Commission a proposed rule change to adopt the same or similar rule.

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

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; or (iii) become operative prior to 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, it has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act¹² and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.¹³

The Exchange has asked the Commission to waive the 30-day operative delay so that the proposal may become operative immediately upon filing. The Commission notes that CHX’s proposal does not present any new or novel issues. Thus, the Commission believes that waiver of the 30-day operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest and hereby waives the 30-day operative delay and designates the proposed rule change to be operative upon filing.¹⁴

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the 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.

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- Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-CHX-2018-06 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-CHX-2018-06. 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 website (<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 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 Number SR-CHX-2018-06 and should be submitted on or before January 2, 2019.

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

⁸ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 83289 (May 17, 2018), 83 FR 23968 (May 23, 2018) (Order Approving File No. SR-NYSENat-2018-02).

⁹ See *supra* note 8 at page 23975 at footnote 149.

¹⁰ See *supra* note 8 at page 23975-6.

¹¹ See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 84488 (October 25, 2018), 83 FR 54801 (October 31, 2018) (SR-NASDAQ-2018-082); 84542 (November 6, 2018), 83 FR 56385 (November 13, 2018) (SR-Phlx-2018-67); 84546 (November 7, 2018), 83 FR 56888 (November 14, 2018) (SR-BX-2018-051); and 83609 (July 9, 2018), 83 FR 32704 (July 13, 2018) (SR-IEX-2018-14).

¹² 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). In addition, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change, along with a brief description and text of the proposed rule change, at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The Exchange has satisfied this requirement.

¹⁴ For purposes only of waiving the 30-day operative delay, the Commission has also considered the proposed rule’s impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁵

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-84750; File No. SR-CboeBZX-2018-078]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Designation of a Longer Period for Commission Action on a Proposed Rule Change To List and Trade Shares of the WisdomTree Long-Term Treasury PutWrite Strategy Fund, WisdomTree Corporate Bond PutWrite Strategy Fund, WisdomTree International PutWrite Strategy Fund, and WisdomTree Emerging Markets PutWrite Strategy Fund Under Rule 14.11(i), Managed Fund Shares

December 7, 2018.

On October 9, 2018, Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc. (“Exchange” or “BZX”) 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 list and trade shares the WisdomTree Long-Term Treasury PutWrite Strategy Fund, WisdomTree Corporate Bond PutWrite Strategy Fund, WisdomTree International PutWrite Strategy Fund, and WisdomTree Emerging Markets PutWrite Strategy Fund, each a series of the WisdomTree Trust, pursuant to BZX Rule 14.11(i), which governs the listing and trading of Managed Fund Shares on the Exchange. The proposed rule change was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on October 25, 2018.³ On December 3, 2018, the Exchange filed Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change. The Commission has received no comment letters on the proposed rule change.

Section 19(b)(2) of the Act⁴ 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 December 9, 2018. 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 proposal so that it has sufficient time to consider the proposed rule change in light of the recently filed Amendment No. 1. Accordingly, the Commission, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,⁵ designates January 23, 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-CboeBZX-2018-078), as modified by Amendment No. 1.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁶

Eduardo A. Aleman,
Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-84730; File No. SR-GEMX-2018-39]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Nasdaq GEMX, LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Relating to Bid/Ask Differentials

December 6, 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 28, 2018, Nasdaq GEMX, LLC (“GEMX” or “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II 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 GEMX Rule 701, entitled “Opening,” GEMX Rule 803, entitled “Obligations of Market Makers” and GEMX Rule 100, entitled “Definitions.”

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s website at <http://nasdaqgemx.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

GEMX proposes several amendments in this rule change. First, the Exchange proposes to amend GEMX Rule 701, entitled “Opening” and GEMX Rule 803, entitled “Obligations of Market Makers” to correct inconsistencies between the Exchange’s rule text and the operation of the System. Second, the Exchange proposes to add definitions to GEMX Rule 100 to define “in-the-money” and “out-of-the-money” option series. Third, the Exchange proposes to correct various cross references to Rule 100. Each amendment will be described in more detail below.

Rules 701 and 803

Today, for the Opening Process, GEMX Rule 701(a)(8) defines a “Valid Width Quote” as a two-sided electronic quotation submitted by a Market Maker that consists of a bid/ask differential that is compliant with Rule 803(b)(4).³

³ GEMX Rule 803(b)(4) provides:

“To price options contracts fairly by, among other things, bidding and offering so as to create differences of no more than \$5 between the bid and offer following the opening rotation in an equity or index options contract. Prior to the opening rotation, spread differentials shall be no more than

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¹⁵ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 84456 (October 19, 2018), 83 FR 53928.

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(31).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.