

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

No written comments were either solicited or received.

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

Because the foregoing 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 for 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)(iii) of the Act<sup>22</sup> and subparagraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.<sup>23</sup>

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. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule 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 (<https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include file number SR-GEMX-2026-15 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-GEMX-2026-15. 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 (<https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the filing will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. Do not include personal identifiable information in submissions; you should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. We may redact in part or withhold entirely from publication submitted material that is obscene or subject to copyright protection. All submissions should refer to file number SR-GEMX-2026-15 and should be submitted on or before May 13, 2026.

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

**Vanessa A. Countryman,**  
*Secretary.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-105268; File No. S7-24-89]

### Joint Industry Plan; Notice of Filing of Amendment No. 1, and Order Instituting Proceedings To Determine Whether To Approve or Disapprove an Amendment to the Joint Self-Regulatory Organization Plan Governing the Collection, Consolidation and Dissemination of Quotation and Transaction Information for Nasdaq-Listed Securities Traded on Exchanges on an Unlisted Trading Privileges Basis, as Modified by Amendment No. 1 Thereto, To Extend the Processor's Hours of Operation

April 17, 2026.

#### I. Introduction

On January 12, 2026,<sup>1</sup> the Participants<sup>2</sup> in the Joint Self-

<sup>24</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

<sup>1</sup> See Letter from Jeff Kimsey, Chair, UTP Plan Operating Committee, to Vanessa Countryman, Secretary, Commission (Jan. 12, 2026). The Participants also filed amendments to the Second Restatement of the Consolidated Tape Association Plan and the Restated Consolidated Quotation Plan. See also, Letter from Jeff Kimsey, Chair, CTA/CQ Plans Operating Committee, to Vanessa Countryman, Secretary, Commission (Jan. 12, 2026).

<sup>2</sup> The Participants are: Cboe BYX Exchange, Inc., Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc., Cboe EDGA Exchange, Inc., Cboe EDGX Exchange, Inc., Cboe Exchange, Inc., Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc., Investors' Exchange LLC, Long Term Stock

Regulatory Organization Plan Governing the Collection, Consolidation and Dissemination of Quotation and Transaction Information for Nasdaq-Listed Securities Traded on Exchanges on an Unlisted Trading Privileges Basis ("UTP Plan") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission"), pursuant to Section 11A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act"),<sup>3</sup> and Rule 608(a) of Regulation National Market System ("NMS") thereunder,<sup>4</sup> a proposal to amend the UTP Plan to extend the Processor's<sup>5</sup> hours of operation ("Extended Hours Proposal"). The Extended Hours Proposal represents the Fifty-Fifth Amendment to the UTP Plan. The Extended Hours Proposal was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on January 27, 2026.<sup>6</sup> No comment letters were received.

On April 7, 2026, the Participants filed an amendment to the Extended Hours Proposal ("Amendment No. 1"), which amended and superseded the Extended Hours Proposal in its entirety, as set forth in Item II.B.<sup>7</sup> The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the Extended Hours Proposal, as modified by Amendment No. 1, and is instituting proceedings, under Rule 608(b)(2)(i) of Regulation NMS,<sup>8</sup> to determine whether to approve or disapprove the Extended Hours Proposal, as modified by Amendment No. 1, or to approve the Extended Hours Proposal, as modified by Amendment No. 1, with any changes or subject to any conditions the Commission deems necessary or appropriate.

Exchange, Inc., MEMX LLC, MIAx PEARL, LLC, Nasdaq BX, Inc., Nasdaq ISE, LLC, Nasdaq PHLX LLC, The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC, New York Stock Exchange LLC, NYSE American LLC, NYSE Arca, Inc., NYSE National, Inc., NYSE Texas, Inc., and 24X National Exchange LLC. Effective as of March 12, 2026, the UTP Plan was amended to reflect the new name of Nasdaq BX, Inc. as Nasdaq Texas, Inc. and Texas Stock Exchange LLC was added as a participant to the UTP Plan. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 105091 (Mar. 27, 2026), 91 FR 16255 (Apr. 1, 2026).

<sup>3</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78k-1.

<sup>4</sup> 17 CFR 242.608(a).

<sup>5</sup> Section III of the UTP Plan defines Processor as the entity selected by the Participants to perform the processing functions set forth in the UTP Plan. Capitalized terms that are not defined herein are defined the UTP Plan.

<sup>6</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 104670 (Jan. 22, 2026), 91 FR 3609 ("Notice").

<sup>7</sup> See Letter from Jeff Kimsey, Chair, UTP Plan Operating Committee, to Vanessa Countryman, Secretary, Commission (Apr. 7, 2026).

<sup>8</sup> 17 CFR 242.608(b)(2)(i).

## II. Extended Hours Proposal

### A. Summary of Notice Published January 27, 2026

The Participants proposed to amend the UTP Plan to extend the Processor's hours of operation to receive and disseminate Quotation Information, Transaction Reports, and related information in Eligible Securities from 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time ("ET") Sunday to 8:00 p.m. ET Friday; provided however, that the Processor will pause operations at 8:00 p.m. ET on Monday through Thursday for one hour to accommodate technical refreshes for the Processor, Participants and other market participants.<sup>9</sup> In the event of a holiday where U.S. markets are closed, the Processor would not operate from 8:00 p.m. ET the day before the holiday through 9:00 p.m. ET the day of the holiday.<sup>10</sup> The Processor would consider a trade date to start at 8:00 p.m. ET on the day before Regular Trading Hours begin and end at 8:00 p.m. ET on the same day as when Regular Trading Hours begin.<sup>11</sup> Other than extending the hours of operation, the Processor will operate as it currently does.<sup>12</sup>

As proposed, Participants that utilize the extended hours would be required to pay for the development and operating costs and expenses which are incurred by the Processor to accommodate the extended hours.<sup>13</sup> Participants that utilize the extended hours at a later time would be required to pay a proportionate share of the aggregate development costs previously paid by other Participants, and contribute to the operating costs from the point at which it begins operating during the extended hours.<sup>14</sup>

### B. Notice and Description of Amendment No. 1

Set forth in this Section II.B. is the description of the proposed Amendment No. 1, along with information required by Rules 601(a) and 608(a) under the Exchange Act,<sup>15</sup> as prepared and submitted by the Participants to the Commission.<sup>16</sup> Set forth in Exhibit A is the text of the Amendment No. 1 marked to show the proposed changes, prepared and submitted by the Participants as Addendum 1.

#### (a) Rule 608(a)

##### 1. Purpose of the Amendments

The purpose of the amendments is to extend the Processor's hours of operation to receive and disseminate Quotation Information, Transaction Reports, and related information in Eligible Securities from 9:00 p.m. ET Sunday to 8:00 p.m. ET Friday; provided, however, that the Processor will pause operations at 8:00 p.m. ET on Monday through Thursday for an hour to accommodate technical refreshes for the Processor, Participants, and other market participants.

As background, a number of Participants have recently proposed extending their hours of operation.<sup>17</sup> Those proposals provided for trading days of varying lengths (e.g., 23 hours versus 22 hours) along with hours of operation that did not overlap. Further, under those proposals, the extended trading hours could not be implemented unless the Equity Data Plans<sup>18</sup> (1) established a mechanism to collect, consolidate, process and disseminate quotation and transaction information at all times during the extended trading hours that is equivalent to the mechanism established for Regular Trading Hours;<sup>19</sup> and (2) notified the relevant exchanges of their readiness.

Following the approval of some of those individual Participant proposals by the SEC, all the Participants have worked jointly to outline a plan for the collection, consolidation, processing, and dissemination of quotation and transaction information during the extended hours proposed by the Participants. Following extensive discussions among the Participants and the Advisory Committee of the UTP Plan and the CTA/CQ Plans, the Participants have developed the proposal contained herein ("Proposal") to implement hours of operation to be set as close as technologically feasible to 24 hours per day, as well as agreed to particular hours of operation.

With respect to the hours of operation, the Participants have agreed to operate from 9:00 p.m. ET Sunday to 8:00 p.m. ET Friday; provided, however,

that the Processor would pause operations at 8:00 p.m. ET on Monday through Thursday for an hour to accommodate technical refreshes for the Processor, Participants, and other market participants. In the event of a holiday where U.S. markets are closed, the Processor would not operate from 8:00 p.m. ET the day before the holiday through 9:00 p.m. ET the day of the holiday. For example, if the markets are closed for a holiday on a Thursday, then the Processor would not operate from 8:00 p.m. ET on Wednesday to 9:00 p.m. ET on Thursday. With respect to a holiday where U.S. markets close early the day before the holiday (and because on such early close days, late trading sessions end at 5:00 p.m. ET), the Processor will not operate from 5:00 p.m. ET the day before the holiday through 9:00 p.m. ET the day of the holiday.

With respect to the pause from 8:00 p.m. ET to 9:00 p.m. ET on Monday through Thursday, the Processor would endeavor to reduce the length of the pause where technically feasible. In the event the length of the pause is reduced, the Operating Committee would amend the UTP Plan and notify the industry of the reduction at least 90 days prior to implementation of a reduction. The Participants determined that having a pause at 8:00 p.m. ET would lessen the cost, complexity, and burden of designing a system that did not have a pause. In particular, if the Processor did not pause at 8:00 p.m. ET, the design would have required designing, funding, and building a duplicate system to handle a 24-hour trading session as the Processor's systems require at least some downtime for system refreshes. Further, the Participants understand that other market participants would consider the proposed pause useful to refresh their own systems prior to beginning the next day's trading session.<sup>20</sup>

With respect to when a trade date starts and ends, the Processor would consider a trade date to be between<sup>21</sup> 8:00 p.m. ET on the day before Regular Trading Hours begin and 8:00 p.m. ET on the same day as when Regular

<sup>17</sup> See, e.g., Securities Exchange Act Release No. 34-101777 (Nov. 27 2024), 89 FR 97092 (Dec. 6, 2024) (File No. 10-242 (24X)); Securities Exchange Act Release No. 34-102400 (Feb. 11, 2025), 90 FR 9794 (Feb. 18, 2025) (SR-NYSEARCA-2024-89).

<sup>18</sup> The "Equity Data Plans" are collectively the UTP Plan, the Second Restatement of the CTA Plan (the "CTA Plan") and the Restated CQ Plan (the "CQ Plan" and collectively with the CTA Plan, the "CTA/CQ Plans"), and the CT Plan LLC.

<sup>19</sup> The Participants propose amending the Plan to include a definition of "Regular Trading Hours," cross-referencing the definition in Rule 600 of Regulation NMS of the Exchange Act.

<sup>20</sup> Although there may be certain days where a pause will not be required for a refresh, the Participants believe that it will reduce confusion and complexity to have the Processor open at the same time each trading day.

<sup>21</sup> As part of this Amendment No. 1, the Participants have modified the language from the original filing. Specifically, instead of stating that a trade date starts and ends at particular times, the Plan language now states that the trade date is between particular times. This language is consistent with how the UTP Plan describes hours of operation and avoids the issue of overlapping trade dates at 8:00 p.m. ET.

<sup>9</sup> See Notice, *supra* note 6, at 3609.

<sup>10</sup> See *id.*

<sup>11</sup> See *id.* at 3609-3610.

<sup>12</sup> See *id.* at 3609.

<sup>13</sup> See *id.* at 3610.

<sup>14</sup> See *id.*

<sup>15</sup> See 17 CFR 242.601(a); 242.608(a).

<sup>16</sup> See Amendment No. 1, *supra* note 7.

Trading Hours begin.<sup>22</sup> In other words, Wednesday's trading day would be between 8:00 p.m. ET on Tuesday and 8:00 p.m. ET on Wednesday. The Participants believe that having the start of a trade date prior to the opening of markets would reduce complexity and burden as the alternative would have required a new trading date to start in the middle of a trading session (*i.e.*, at midnight). Additionally, the Participants believe that starting the trading date at the specified time would align with current practice for venues already trading during the proposed extended hours.

Consistent with current practice for existing hours of operation, the Participants have agreed to the following provisions regarding the Processor's operation during extended trading hours:

- For transactions reported outside the hours of 9:30 a.m. ET and 4:00 p.m. ET, such transactions will be designated as ".T" trades to denote their execution outside normal market hours.<sup>23</sup>
- Late trades will be reported in accordance with the rules of the Participant in whose market the transaction occurred and can be reported at any time the Processor is able to receive Transaction Reports.<sup>24</sup>
- Transactions reported outside the hours of 9:30 a.m. ET and 4:00 p.m. ET will be included in the calculation of total trade volume for purposes of determining net distributable operating revenue, but will not be included in the calculation of the daily high, low, or last sale.
- Quote Credits may be earned only in connection with quotations transmitted by a Participant to the Processor during Regular Trading Hours.<sup>25</sup>

In approving the Proposal, the Participants have agreed that only Participants that utilize the extended hours described herein would be required to pay for the development and operating costs and expenses which would not have been incurred by the Processor had it not made the changes

<sup>22</sup> Setting the start of the trading day in this amendment is only applicable to the operation of the Processor. The Operating Committee does not have the authority to set the start of the trading day for rules and regulations that might be dependent on when a trading day begins.

<sup>23</sup> This language is consistent with current UTP Plan provisions and current Processor specifications.

<sup>24</sup> This language is consistent with current UTP Plan provisions and current Processor specifications.

<sup>25</sup> The Participants are proposing removing a reference in Section VI.C.1 of the UTP Plan that currently states that the best bid and offer will cease being calculated at 6:30 p.m. ET.

described herein. Further, the Participants have agreed that to the extent any additional Participant begins utilizing the extended hours described herein at a later time, such additional Participant will be required to pay a proportionate share of the aggregate development costs previously paid by other Participants. The Participants agree that such additional Participant will contribute to the operating costs of the extended operating hours from the point at which it begins utilizing the extended hours, but that previously-incurred operating costs will not be reapportioned when a Participant begins utilizing the extended hours.

The UTP Plan already contains provisions<sup>26</sup> relating to the allocation of development costs for technical enhancements made at the request of a Participant and solely for its use; however, unlike the CQ/CTA Plans, the UTP Plan is silent on the allocation of operating costs.<sup>27</sup> The Participants accordingly believe it is reasonable to amend the cost allocation provisions of the UTP Plan with respect to operating costs to effectuate the Participants' agreement above, which itself provides for a reasonable method to apportion the costs and expenses of the Proposal. Such proposed amendments would also eliminate the current inconsistency between the UTP and CTA/CQ Plans on the issue of cost allocation for such system enhancements, enhance the transparency of the Equity Data Plans as to how such costs will be borne and divided, and eliminate potential conflicts in the future among Participants about their individual financial responsibility for the enhancements described in this Proposal.<sup>28</sup>

The Participants believe that the proposed allocation of the incremental development and operating costs associated with the extended hours is consistent with the Exchange Act because it reflects a reasonable, cost-causation-based approach that is designed to promote the economically efficient operation of the Plan while avoiding unreasonable discrimination. Specifically, the amendments provide that only those Participants that elect to

<sup>26</sup> See UTP Plan, Section XIII.A.

<sup>27</sup> See CQ Plan Section VIII.(b); CTA Plan Section XI.(b).

<sup>28</sup> The fact that the current Equity Data Plans will shortly be supplanted by the CT Plan does not eliminate the need to amend the cost allocations of the current UTP and CTA/CQ Plans as proposed here. Subject to SEC approval and Processor readiness, and satisfaction of market conditions to support extended hours of operation as discussed above, the Participants are working to make extended trading hours available in December 2026, before the CT Plan will become operative.

utilize the extended hours will bear the development costs and operational expenses that would not have been incurred absent the extended-hours functionality, thereby avoiding imposing costs on Participants that do not use (and do not benefit from) the extended-hours capability. In addition, requiring a Participant that begins utilizing the extended hours at a later date to pay a proportionate share of previously incurred development costs is designed to prevent free-riding and to treat similarly situated Participants in a comparable manner.

## 2. Governing or Constituent Documents

No changes as a result of amendments.

## 3. Implementation of Amendments

All of the Participants have manifested their approval of the proposed amendments by means of their execution of the UTP Plan Amendment. The Participants also solicited the Advisory Committee for its thoughts and any comments on the amendments.

If this amendment is approved by the Commission, the amendment, including the proposed changes to the language of the UTP Plan, will not become operative until the Operating Committee determines that market conditions will support the extended hours of operation. The specific market conditions to be considered by the Operating Committee include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation ("DTCC") offers clearing during the extended hours of operation.<sup>29</sup>
- The Processor has implemented changes to symbol directory messages as specified in a previously approved change request, which requires the Processors to disseminate specified reference information for Eligible Securities in symbol directory messages.
- Listing markets are able to support the changes to the symbol directory messages, including corporate actions information.
- The Processor will be able to disseminate all quotes and trades, including off-exchange trades, during the extended trading hours.

The Processors and listing markets anticipate meeting the final three requirements before the planned December 6, 2026 launch of the extended hours.

The Participants request the SEC determine whether dissemination of

<sup>29</sup> Based on publicly available information, DTCC will support the extended hours by the second quarter of 2026.

real-time Trade Reporting Facility (“TRF”) information outside of Regular Hours is a prerequisite for implementation.

#### 4. Development and Implementation Phases

The Operating Committee expects that the implementation of the amendment will occur on December 6, 2026. Prior to the implementation, the Processor will announce testing dates.

#### 5. Analysis of Impact on Competition

The amendments proposed herein do not impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act”) because the amendments implement the extended trading hours as approved by the Commission as part of proposals by the Participants. Similarly, the Participants do not believe that the proposed amendments introduce terms that are unreasonably discriminatory for the purposes of Section 11A(c)(1)(D) of the Act because the amendments implement the extended trading hours as approved by the Commission as part of proposals by the Participants. Additionally, the implementation decisions were made after extensive discussion among the Participants (including those with pending proposals to offer extended trading hours) as well as the Advisory Committee. The amendments were designed with a view to maximizing industry benefit while being agnostic to current proposals from Participants. While certain specific aspects of the amendments differ from the proposals by the Participants, the Participants have agreed to these changes after discussing the practicality of implementing extended trading hours. The Participants do not believe that the design choices discussed herein impose a burden on competition because the Participants have developed an approach that minimizes downtime of the system while also ensuring that the Processor, the Participants, and other market participants have the opportunity to refresh their systems during the pause prior to the start of a trading day. The Participants believe that implementing the pause will minimize the technological burden of the expanded trading hours.

The Participants believe that the amendments related to the allocation of costs is necessary and appropriate as it, (1) aligns the UTP Plan with the CQ/CTA Plans with respect to allocating costs, and (2) ensures that only those Participants that utilize the extended trading hours are required to pay for the

costs associated with its development and operation. The Participants further believe that reapportioning development costs is appropriate so that if a Participant begins trading during the extended hours after the initial development costs have been paid by first users, such Participant should not be able to avoid paying a share of the development costs. Otherwise, a Participant could avoid paying for such development costs by slightly delaying its extension of hours. On the other hand, the Participants believe it is appropriate to not reapportion the operating costs as such operating costs are incurred in real time and directly reflect the ongoing use of the system. Unlike development costs, which are borne before tangible operational benefits are realized, operating expenses are linked to actual usage of the system. As a result, traditional free-riding problems are not raised since there is no opportunity to defer or avoid operating expenses without also losing the ability to receive the benefits of the extended trading hours.

#### 6. Written Understanding or Agreements Relating to Interpretation of, or Participation in, Plan

No changes as a result of amendments.

#### 7. Approval by Sponsors in Accordance With Plan

Section IV(C)(1)(a) of the UTP Plan requires the Participants to unanimously approve the amendments proposed herein. They have so approved it as of the date specified in Amendment No. 55.

#### 8. Description of Operation of Facility Contemplated by the Proposed Amendment

Other than extending the hours of operations, the Processor will operate as it currently does.

#### 9. Terms and Conditions of Access

No changes as a result of amendments.

#### 10. Method of Determination and Imposition, and Amount of, Fees and Charges

The Participants have agreed that only Participants that utilize the extended hours described herein would be required to pay for the development and operating costs and expenses which would not have been incurred by the Processor had it not made the changes described herein. Further, the Participants have agreed that to the extent any additional Participant begins utilizing the extended hours described

herein at a later time, such additional Participant will be required to pay a proportionate share of the aggregate development costs previously paid by other Participants. The Participants agree that such additional Participant will contribute to the operating costs of the extended operating hours from the point at which it begins utilizing the extended hours, but that previously-incurred operating costs will not be reapportioned when a Participant begins utilizing the extended hours.

The UTP Plan already contains provisions relating to the allocation of development costs for technical enhancements made at the request of a Participant and solely for its use; however, unlike the CQ/CTA Plans, the UTP Plan is silent on the allocation of operating costs. The Participants accordingly believe it is reasonable to amend the cost allocation provisions of the UTP Plan with respect to operating costs to effectuate the Participants’ agreement above, which itself provides for a reasonable method to apportion the costs and expenses of the Proposal. Such proposed amendments would also eliminate the current inconsistency between the UTP and CTA/CQ Plans on the issue of cost allocation for such system enhancements, enhance the transparency of the Equity Data Plans as to how such costs will be borne and divided, and eliminate potential conflicts in the future among Participants about their individual financial responsibility for the enhancements described in this Proposal.

Additionally, the Participants have proposed utilizing the following methodology for considering whether quotations and transactions during the extended hours are incorporated into the revenue allocation formula, which aligns with current practice:

- Transactions reported outside the hours of 9:30 a.m. ET and 4:00 p.m. ET will be included in the calculation of total trade volume for purposes of determining net distributable operating revenue, but will not be included in the calculation of the daily high, low, or last sale.
- Quote Credits may be earned only in connection with quotations transmitted by a Participant to the Processor during Regular Trading Hours.

#### 11. Method and Frequency of Processor Evaluation

No changes as a result of amendments.

## 12. Dispute Resolution

No changes as a result of amendments.

## (b) Rule 601(a)

## 1. Equity Securities for Which Transaction Reports Shall Be Required by the Plan

No changes as a result of amendments.

## 2. Reporting Requirements

Other than extending the hours of operations, the Processor will operate as it currently does.

## 3. Manner of Collecting, Processing, Sequencing, Making Available and Disseminating Last Sale Information

Other than extending the hours of operations, the Processor will operate as it currently does.

## 4. Manner of Consolidation

Other than extending the hours of operations, the Processor will operate as it currently does.

## 5. Standards and Methods Ensuring Promptness, Accuracy and Completeness of Transaction Reports

Other than extending the hours of operations, the Processor will operate as it currently does.

## 6. Rules and Procedures Addressed to Fraudulent or Manipulative Dissemination

No changes as a result of amendments.

## 7. Terms of Access to Transaction Reports

No changes as a result of amendments.

## 8. Identification of Marketplace of Execution

No changes as a result of amendments.

### III. Proceedings To Determine Whether To Approve or Disapprove the Extended Hours Proposal

The Commission is instituting proceedings pursuant to Rule 608(b)(2)(i) of Regulation NMS,<sup>30</sup> and Rules 700 and 701 of the Commission's Rules of Practice,<sup>31</sup> to determine whether to approve or disapprove the Extended Hours Proposal, as modified by Amendment No. 1, or to approve the Extended Hours Proposal, as modified by Amendment No. 1, with any changes or subject to any conditions the Commission deems necessary or

appropriate. The Commission is instituting proceedings to have sufficient time to consider the issues raised by the Extended Hours Proposal, as modified by Amendment No. 1. Institution of proceedings does not indicate that the Commission has reached any conclusions with respect to any of the issues involved. Rather, the Commission seeks and encourages interested persons to provide additional comment on the Extended Hours Proposal, as modified by Amendment No. 1, to inform the Commission's analysis.

Rule 608(b)(2) of Regulation NMS provides that the Commission "shall approve a national market system plan or proposed amendment to an effective national market system plan, with such changes or subject to such conditions as the Commission may deem necessary or appropriate, if it finds that such plan or amendment is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors and the maintenance of fair and orderly markets, to remove impediments to, and perfect the mechanisms of, a national market system, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the [Exchange] Act."<sup>32</sup> Rule 608(b)(2) further provides that the Commission shall disapprove a national market system plan or proposed amendment if it does not make such a finding.<sup>33</sup> In the Notice, the Commission sought comment on the Extended Hours Proposal, including whether the Extended Hours Proposal is consistent with the Exchange Act.<sup>34</sup> In this order, pursuant to Rule 608(b)(2)(i) of Regulation NMS,<sup>35</sup> the Commission is providing notice of the grounds for disapproval under consideration. The Commission is instituting proceedings to allow for additional analysis of whether the Extended Hours Proposal, as modified by Amendment No. 1, is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors and the maintenance of fair and orderly markets, to remove impediments to, and perfect the mechanisms of, a national market system, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Exchange Act consistent with Rule 608 of Regulation NMS.<sup>36</sup>

In addition, the Commission is instituting proceedings to allow for additional analysis of whether modifications to the Extended Hours Proposal, as modified by Amendment No. 1, or conditions to its approval,

such as limiting the consideration of other market conditions by the Operating Committee before implementing the Extended Hours Proposal, as modified by Amendment No. 1, are necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors and the maintenance of fair and orderly markets, to remove impediments to, and perfect the mechanisms of, a national market system, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Exchange Act consistent with Rule 608 of Regulation NMS.<sup>37</sup>

Under the Commission's Rules of Practice, the "burden to demonstrate that a NMS plan filing is consistent with the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations issued thereunder . . . is on the plan participants that filed the NMS plan filing."<sup>38</sup> The description of the NMS plan filing, its purpose and operation, its effect, and a legal analysis of its consistency with applicable requirements must all be sufficiently detailed and specific to support an affirmative Commission finding.<sup>39</sup> Any failure of the plan participants that filed the NMS plan filing to provide such detail and specificity may result in the Commission not having a sufficient basis to make an affirmative finding that the NMS plan filing is consistent with the Exchange Act and the applicable rules and regulations thereunder.<sup>40</sup>

### IV. Commission's Solicitation of Comments

The Commission requests that interested persons provide written submissions of their views, data, and arguments with respect to the issues identified above, as well as any other concerns they may have with the Extended Hours Proposal, as modified by Amendment No. 1. In particular, the Commission invites the written views of interested persons concerning whether the Extended Hours Proposal, as modified by Amendment No. 1, is consistent with the Exchange Act, the rules and regulations thereunder.<sup>41</sup> The Commission asks that commenters address the sufficiency and merit of the Participant's statements in support of the Extended Hours Proposal, as modified by Amendment No. 1, in addition to any other comments they may wish to submit about the Extended Hours Proposal, as modified by Amendment No. 1.

<sup>32</sup> 17 CFR 242.608(b)(2).

<sup>33</sup> *Id.*

<sup>34</sup> See Notice, *supra* note 6, at 3611–3612.

<sup>35</sup> 17 CFR 242.608(b)(2)(i).

<sup>36</sup> 17 CFR 242.608(b)(2).

<sup>37</sup> 17 CFR 242.608(b)(2).

<sup>38</sup> 17 CFR 201.700(b)(3)(ii).

<sup>39</sup> *Id.*

<sup>40</sup> *Id.*

<sup>41</sup> See 17 CFR 242.608(b)(2).

<sup>30</sup> 17 CFR 242.608(b)(2)(i).

<sup>31</sup> 17 CFR 201.700; 17 CFR 201.701.

Although there do not appear to be any issues relevant to approval or disapproval that would be facilitated by an oral presentation of views, data, and arguments, the Commission will consider, pursuant to Rule 608(b)(2)(i) of Regulation NMS,<sup>42</sup> any request for an opportunity to make an oral presentation.<sup>43</sup>

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments regarding whether the Extended Hours Proposal, as modified by Amendment No. 1, should be approved or disapproved by May 13, 2026. Any person who wishes to file a rebuttal to any other person's submission must file that rebuttal by May 27, 2026. Comments may be

<sup>42</sup> 17 CFR 242.608(b)(2)(i).

<sup>43</sup> Rule 700(c)(2) of the Commission's Rules of Practice provides that "[t]he Commission, in its sole discretion, may determine whether any issues relevant to approval or disapproval would be facilitated by the opportunity for an oral presentation of views." 17 CFR 201.700(c)(2).

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](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include file number S7-24-89 (UTP Plan Extended Hours Proposal) 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 S7-24-89 (UTP Plan Extended Hours Proposal). 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 filing will be available for inspection and copying at the principal offices of the Participants. Do not include personal identifiable information in submissions; you should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. We may redact in part or withhold entirely from publication submitted material that is obscene or subject to copyright protection. All submissions should refer to File Number S7-24-89 (UTP Plan Extended Hours Proposal) and should be submitted on or before May 13, 2026.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>44</sup>

**Vanessa A. Countryman,**  
*Secretary.*

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<sup>44</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(85).

**EXHIBIT A****ADDENDUM 1****To the Fifty-Fifth  
Amendment to the UTP Plan**

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE UTP PLAN

MARKED TO SHOW CHANGES FROM THE EXISTING PLAN  
(Additions are double-underlined; Deletions are [~~struck through and bracketed~~].)

VI. Functions of the Processor

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C. Dissemination of Information

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1. Best Bid and Offer

The Processor shall disseminate on the UTP Quote Data Feed the best bid and offer information supplied by each Participant, including the FINRA Participant(s) that constitutes FINRA's single Best Bid and Offer quotations, and shall also calculate and disseminate on the UTP Quote Data Feed a national best bid and asked quotation with size based upon Quotation Information for Eligible Securities received from Participants. The Processor shall not calculate the best bid and offer for any individual Participant, including FINRA.

The Participant responsible for each side of the best bid and asked quotation making up the national best bid and offer shall be identified by an appropriate symbol. If the quotations of more than one Participant shall be the same best price, the largest displayed size among those shall be deemed to be the best. If the quotations of more than one Participant are the same best price and best displayed size, the earliest among those measured by the time reported shall be deemed to be the best. A reduction of only bid size and/or ask size will not change the time priority of a Participant's quote for the purposes of determining time reported, whereas an increase of the bid size and/or ask size will result in a new time reported. The consolidated size shall be the size of the Participant that is at the best.

If the best bid/best offer results in a locked or crossed quotation, the Processor shall forward that locked or crossed quote on the appropriate output lines (i.e., a crossed quote of bid 12, ask 11.87 shall be disseminated). [~~The Processor shall normally cease the calculation of the best bid/best offer after 6:30 p.m., Eastern Time.~~]

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XI. Hours of Operation

A. [Quotation Information may be entered by Participants as to all Eligible Securities in which they make a market between 9:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time ("ET") on all days the Processor is in operation. Transaction Reports shall be entered between 9:30 a.m. and 4:01:30 p.m. ET by Participants as to all Eligible Securities in which they execute transactions between 9:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. ET on all days the Processor is in operation.] The Processor will receive and disseminate Quotation Information and Transaction Reports in Eligible Securities from 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time ("ET") Sunday to 8:00 p.m. ET Friday; provided, however, that the Processor will pause operations at 8:00 p.m. ET on Monday through Thursday for one hour to accommodate technical refreshes for the Processor, Participants, and other market participants. In the event of a holiday where U.S. markets are closed, the Processor will not operate from 8:00 p.m. ET the day before the holiday through 9:00 p.m. ET the day of the holiday. With respect to a holiday where U.S. markets close early the day before the holiday, the Processor will not operate from 5:00 p.m. ET the day before the holiday through 9:00 p.m. ET the day of the holiday. The Processor will begin receiving and disseminating Quotation Information and Transaction Reports at the same time each day.

B. The Processor will consider a trade date to be between 8:00 p.m. ET on the day before Regular Trading Hours begin and 8:00 p.m. ET on the same day as when Regular Trading Hours begin. For purposes of this Section XI, Regular Trading Hours shall have the meaning specified in Rule 600 of Regulation NMS of the Act for "regular trading hours."

~~[B]C.~~ [Participants that execute transactions in Eligible Securities outside the hours of 9:30 a.m. ET and 4:00 p.m., ET, shall be report such transactions as follows: (i) transactions in Eligible Securities executed between 4:00 a.m. and 9:29:59 a.m. ET and between 4:00:01 and 8:00 p.m. ET, shall be designated as ".T" trades to denote their execution outside normal market hours; (ii) transactions in Eligible Securities executed after 8:00 p.m. and before 12:00 a.m. (midnight) shall be reported to the Processor between the hours of 4:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. ET on the next business day (T+1), and shall be designated "as/of" trades to denote their execution on a prior day, and be accompanied by the time of execution; (iii) transactions in Eligible Securities executed between 12:00 a.m. (midnight) and 4:00 a.m. ET shall be transmitted to the Processor between 4:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. ET, on trade date, shall be designated as ".T" trades to denote their execution outside normal market hours, and shall be accompanied by the time of execution;] Transactions in Eligible Securities outside the hours of 9:30 a.m. ET and 4:00 p.m. ET, shall be designated as ".T" trades to denote their execution outside Regular Trading Hours. [(iv)†] Transactions reported pursuant to this provision of the Plan shall be included in the calculation of total trade volume for purposes of determining net distributable operating revenue, but shall not be included in the calculation of the daily high, low, or last sale.

~~[E]D.~~ Late trades shall be reported in accordance with the rules of the Participant in whose Market the transaction occurred and can be reported [between the hours of 4:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.] at any time the Processor is able to receive Transaction Reports.

~~[D.]~~ The Processor shall collect, process and disseminate Quotation Information in Eligible Securities at other times between 4:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. ET, and after 4:00 p.m. ET, when any Participant or FINRA Participant is open for trading, until

8:00 p.m. ET (the "Additional Period"); provided, however, that the national best bid and offer quotation will not be disseminated before 4:00 a.m. or after 8:00 p.m. ET. Participants that enter Quotation Information or submit Transaction Reports to the Processor during the Additional Period shall do so for all Eligible Securities in which they enter quotations.]

E. Participant or Participants that report Quotation Information and Transaction Reports between 9:00 p.m. ET and 4:00 a.m. ET have agreed to pay all development and operating costs and expenses which would not have been incurred by the Processor had it not made the Quotation Information and Transaction Reports available between 9:00 p.m. ET and 4:00 a.m. ET. To the extent an additional Participant begins to report Quotation Information or Transaction Reports between 9:00 p.m. ET and 4:00 a.m. ET, such additional Participant shall be required to pay a proportionate share of the aggregate development costs previously paid by other Participants. Previously incurred operating costs shall not be reapportioned should any other Participant subsequently make use of the enhancement.

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### XIII. Financial Matters

#### A. Development Costs

Any Participant becoming a signatory to this Plan after June 26, 1990, shall, as a condition to becoming a Participant, pay to the other Plan Participants a proportionate share of the aggregate development costs previously paid by Plan Participants to the Processor, which aggregate development costs totaled \$439,530, with the result that each Participant's share of all development costs is the same.

Each Participant shall bear the cost of implementation of any technical enhancements to the Nasdaq system made at its request and solely for its use as well as the ongoing operating expense for such technical enhancements, subject to reapportionment of development costs should any other Participant subsequently make use of the enhancement, or the development thereof. Previously incurred operating costs shall not be reapportioned should any other Participant subsequently make use of the enhancement.

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4. Quoting Share. The Quoting Share of a Participant in an Eligible Security shall be determined by multiplying (A) an amount equal to fifty percent of the Security Income Allocation for the Eligible Security by (B) the Participant's Quote Rating in the Eligible Security. A Participant's Quote Rating in an Eligible Security shall be determined by dividing (A) the sum of the Quote Credits earned by the Participant in such Eligible Security during the calendar year by (B) the sum of the Quote Credits earned by all Participants in such Eligible Security during the calendar year. A Participant shall earn one Quote Credit for each second of time (with a minimum of one full second) multiplied by

dollar value of size that an automated best bid (offer) transmitted by the Participant to the Processor during [¶]Regular [†]Trading [‡]Hours is equal to the price of the national best bid (offer) in the Eligible Security and does not lock or cross a previously displayed automated quotation. Regular Trading Hours shall have the meaning specified in Rule 600 of Regulation NMS of the Act for “regular trading hours.” An automated bid (offer) shall have the meaning specified in Rule 600 of Regulation NMS of the Act for an “automated quotation.” The dollar value of size of a quote shall be determined by multiplying the price of a quote by its size.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–105273; File No. SR–CboeEDGX–2026–021]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; Cboe EDGX Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Amend Rules 21.19 and 21.21 To Permit Orders for the Accounts of Market-Makers With an Appointment in the Applicable Class To Be Solicited for the Initiating Order for a Simple AIM or Simple SAM Auction

April 20, 2026.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act”),<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on April 7, 2026, Cboe EDGX Exchange, Inc. (the “Exchange” or “EDGX”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “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

Cboe EDGX Exchange, Inc. (the “Exchange” or “EDGX”) proposes to amend Rules 21.19 and 21.21 to permit orders for the accounts of Market-Makers with an appointment in the applicable class on the Exchange, in all classes, to be solicited for the Initiating Order submitted for execution against an Agency Order into a simple AIM or simple SAM Auction.

The text of the proposed rule change is also available on the Commission’s website (<https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>), the Exchange’s website (<https://www.cboe.com/us/equities/>

[regulation/rule\\_filings/bzx/](#)), and at the principal office of the Exchange.

#### 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

The Exchange proposes to amend Rules 21.19 (Automated Improvement Mechanism (“AIM” or “AIM Auction”)) and 21.21 (“Solicitation Auction Mechanism (“SAM” or “SAM Auction”)), to permit orders for the accounts of Market-Makers with an appointment in the applicable class on the Exchange, in all classes, to be solicited for the Initiating Order<sup>3</sup> submitted for execution against an Agency Order into a simple AIM Auction pursuant to Rule 21.19 or a simple SAM Auction pursuant to Rule 21.21.

By way of background, Rule 21.19 contains the requirements applicable to the execution of certain customer orders (“Agency Orders”) using AIM. An AIM Auction is an electronic auction intended to provide an Agency Order with the opportunity to receive price improvement (over the National Best Bid or Offer (“NBBO”)). Rule 21.21 contains the requirements applicable to the execution of Agency Orders using

SAM. Similarly, a SAM Auction is an electronic auction intended to provide a larger-sized Agency Order with the opportunity to receive price improvement over the NBBO. Upon submitting an Agency Order into an AIM or SAM Auction, the initiating Member (“Initiating Member”) must also submit a contra-side second order (“Initiating Order”) for the same size as the Agency Order. The Initiating Order guarantees that the Agency Order will receive an execution at no worse than the auction price. Upon commencement of an auction, market participants may submit responses to trade against the Agency Order.<sup>4</sup> At the conclusion of an AIM Auction, depending on the contra-side interest (including auction responses) available, the Initiating Order may be allocated a certain percentage (or more) of the Agency Order.<sup>5</sup> At the conclusion of a SAM Auction, depending on the contra-side interest (including auction responses) available, the Initiating Order may be allocated the entire Agency Order or none of the Agency Order.<sup>6</sup>

Currently, the introductory paragraphs of Rules 21.19 and 21.21 prohibit orders for the account of any Market-Maker registered in the applicable series on the Exchange to be solicited to execute against the Agency Order in a simple AIM or simple SAM Auction, respectively.

While market participants other than appointed Market-Makers may contribute liquidity to these crossing auctions as either contra orders or responses, appointed Market-Makers, who are the primary source of liquidity on the Exchange in their appointed classes, are limited in the manner in which they may provide liquidity to these auctions. Given that contra orders that comprise Initiating Orders may be allocated a percentage of the Agency Order at the conclusion of the auctions, the limited ability of appointed Market-Makers to participate in simple AIM and simple SAM Auctions may reduce the

<sup>3</sup> The “Initiating Order” is the order comprised of principal interest or a solicited order(s) submitted to trade against the order the submitting Member (the “Initiating Member”) represents as agent (the “Agency Order”).

<sup>4</sup> See Rules 21.19(c)(5) and 21.21(c)(5).

<sup>5</sup> See Rule 21.19(e).

<sup>6</sup> See Rule 21.21(e).

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b–4.