The SEC believes that it is appropriate to estimate the total respondent burden associated with preparing each registration statement form rather than attempt to isolate the impact of the procedural instructions under Section 8(b) of the Investment Company Act, which impose burdens only in the context of the preparation of the various registration statement forms. Accordingly, the SEC is not submitting a separate burden estimate for the rules under Section 8(b), but instead will include the burden for these rules in its estimates of burden for each of the registration forms under the Investment Company Act. The SEC is, however, submitting an hourly burden estimate of one hour for administrative purposes.

The collection of information under the rules under Section 8(b) is mandatory. The information provided under the rules under Section 8(b) is not kept confidential.

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Written comments are invited on: (a) whether this proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the SEC, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the SEC's estimate of the burden imposed by the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and the assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated, electronic collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please direct your written comments on this 60-Day Collection Notice to Austin Gerig, Director/Chief Data Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Tanya Ruttenberg via email to *PaperworkReductionAct@sec.gov* by October 9, 2026.

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Sherry R. Haywood,

Assistant Secretary.

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general character of the securities to be issued. Rule 8b–22 (17 CFR 270.8b–22) provides that if the existence of control is open to reasonable doubt, the registrant may disclaim the existence of control, but it must state the material facts pertinent to the possible existence of control. The information required by both of these rules is necessary to ensure that investors have clear and complete information upon which to base an investment decision.

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[OMB Control No. 3235–0360]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Extension: Form N–17f–2

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of FOIA Services, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549–2736

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 (SEC or ''Commission'') is soliciting comments on the proposed collection of information described below.

Rule 17f–2 (17 CFR 270.17f–2), entitled ''Custody of Investments by Registered Management Investment Company,'' was adopted in 1940 under section 17(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a–17(f)) (the ''Act''), and was last amended materially in 1947. Rule 17f–2 establishes safeguards for arrangements in which a registered management investment company (''fund'') is deemed to maintain custody of its own assets, such as when the fund maintains its assets in a facility that provides safekeeping but not custodial services.[1]

Form N–17f–2 (17 CFR 274.220) is entitled ''Certificate of Accounting of Securities and Similar Investments in the Custody of Management Investment Companies.'' Form N–17f–2 is the cover sheet for the accountant examination certificates prepared under rule 17f–2. Form N–17f–2 facilitates the filing process for accountant examination certificates. The form has a purely administrative purpose and does not require any additional information (beyond that required by rule 17f–2) to be collected. Form N–17f–2 increases the accessibility of the examination certificates to both Commission staff and interested investors by ensuring that the certificates are filed under the proper SEC file number and correct name of a fund.

The rule includes several recordkeeping or reporting requirements. The fund's directors must prepare a resolution designating not more than five fund officers or responsible employees who may have access to the fund's assets. The designated access persons (two or more of whom must act jointly when handling fund assets) must prepare a written notation providing certain information about each deposit or withdrawal of fund assets, and must transmit the notation to another officer or director designated by the directors. Independent public accountants must verify the fund's assets three times each year, and two of those examinations must be unscheduled.[2]

We estimate that approximately 194 funds file Form N–17f–2 each year,[3] and that it takes approximately 2 hours per response to prepare and file Form N–17f–2 with the Commission. Commission staff further estimates that on average each fund files Form N–17f–2 approximately three times a year for a total annual hourly burden per fund of approximately 6 hours. Thus, the total annual burden for preparing and filing Form N–17f–2 is approximately 1,160 hours (an increase from the previously approved 990 hours). Commission staff estimates that it takes on average 1.25 hours of fund accountants at a cost of $243 per hour to prepare each Form N–17f–2 and 0.75 hours of clerical time at a cost of $125 per hour to file the form with the Commission for a total annual cost per fund of approximately $1,192.50. Therefore we estimate the total cost of the hour burden for filing Form N–17f–2's collection of information requirements to be approximately $231,345.

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[1] The rule generally requires all assets to be deposited in the safekeeping of a ''bank or other company whose functions and physical facilities are supervised by Federal or State authority.'' The fund's securities must be physically segregated at all times from the securities of any other person.

[2] The accountant must transmit to the Commission promptly after each examination a certificate describing the examination on Form N–17f–2. The third (scheduled) examination may coincide with the annual verification required for every fund by section 30(g) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 80a29(g)).

[3] On average, each year approximately 194 funds filed Form N–17f–2 with the Commission during calendar years 2023–2025.

information on respondents, including through the use of automated, electronic collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–106042; File No. 4–631]

Joint Industry Plan; Order Granting Approval of the Twenty-Seventh Amendment to the National Market System Plan To Address Extraordinary Market Volatility To Establish Temporary Price Band Protections in Overnight Trading

August 5, 2026.

I. Introduction

On May 27, 2026, Nasdaq, Inc., on behalf of the following parties to the Plan to Address Extraordinary Market Volatility (''Plan'' or ''LULD Plan'') Pursuant to Rule 608 of Regulation NMS under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (''Act'' or ''Exchange Act''): [1] 24X National Exchange LLC, Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc., Cboe BYX Exchange, Inc., Cboe EDGA Exchange, Inc., Cboe EDGX Exchange, Inc., Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc., Investors Exchange LLC, Long-Term Stock Exchange, Inc., MEMX LLC, MIAX PEARL, LLC, Nasdaq Texas LLC, Nasdaq PHLX LLC, New York Stock Exchange LLC, NYSE American LLC, NYSE Arca, Inc., NYSE Texas, Inc., NYSE National, Inc., and The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC (collectively, ''Participants''), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (''Commission'') pursuant to Section 11A(a)(3) of the Exchange Act [2] and Rule 608 thereunder,[3] a proposal to amend the Plan (''Amendment No. 27'').[4] Amendment No. 27 proposes to establish phased price band protections to overnight trading (''Overnight Protections'') in anticipation of overnight trading by certain national securities exchanges.[5]

Notice of filing of Amendment No. 27 was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on June 4, 2026.[6] The Commission has received no comments regarding the proposed amendment to the Plan. The Commission hereby grants approval of Amendment No. 27.

II. Description of the Plan

The Participants filed the Plan with the Commission on April 5, 2011, to create a market-wide limit up-limit down (''LULD'') mechanism intended to address extraordinary market volatility in NMS Stocks, as defined in Rule 600(b)(65) of Regulation NMS under the Exchange Act.[7] The Plan sets forth procedures that provide for market-wide LULD requirements to prevent trades in individual NMS Stocks from occurring outside of the specified Price Bands.[8] These LULD requirements are coupled with Trading Pauses, as defined in Section I(Y) of the Plan, to accommodate more fundamental price moves. In particular, the Participants adopted this Plan to address extraordinary volatility in the securities markets, *i.e.,* significant fluctuations in individual securities' prices over a short period of time, such as those experienced during the ''Flash Crash'' on the afternoon of May 6, 2010.

III. Description of Proposed Amendment No. 27 to the Plan [9]

The Participants propose to implement Overnight Protections in two phases. Amendment No. 27 proposes amendments to the Plan that constitute the first phase (''Phase 1''). Amendment No. 27 also discusses how the Participants will gather and analyze information concerning overnight trading that they will use to develop recommendations for a final proposal to be implemented in the overnight session. The final proposal will be submitted to the Commission as a plan amendment that will remove the interim measures and replace them with revised overnight protections (''Phase 2'').

In this Amendment, the Participants propose to add a new Section VIII to the Plan, entitled ''Overnight Protections,'' which establishes a framework for calculating and disseminating ''Overnight Price Bands'' for use during ''Overnight Protected Hours'' (defined as 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Sunday through Thursday to 4:00 a.m. Eastern Time on the next calendar day),[10] and requires all trading centers that are operative during such hours to establish, maintain, and enforce written policies and procedures that are reasonably designed to prevent trades outside of such Overnight Price Bands.[11]

The proposed amendments for Phase 1 include the following key aspects:

(1) The Primary Listing Exchange for each NMS Stock will calculate and disseminate to the Processors an Overnight Lower Price Band and an Overnight Upper Price Band to be

[1] *See* Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 67091, 77 FR 33498 (June 6, 2012); 68953 (February 20, 2013), 78 FR 13113 (Feb. 26, 2013); 69287 (April 3, 2013), 78 FR 21483 (Apr. 10, 2013); 70273 (August 27, 2013), 78 FR 54321 (September 3, 2013); 70530 (September 26, 2013), 78 FR 60937 (October 2, 2013); 71247 (January 7, 2014), 79 FR 2204 (January 13, 2014); 71851 (April 3, 2014), 79 FR 19687 (April 9, 2014); 74323 (February 19, 2015), 80 FR 10169 (February 25, 2015); 76244 (October 22, 2015), 80 FR 66099 (October 28, 2015); 77679 (April 21, 2016), 81 FR 24908 (April 27, 2016); 78703 (August 26, 2016), 81 FR 60397 (September 1, 2016); 79845 (January 19, 2017), 82 FR 8551 (January 26, 2017); 80455 (April 13, 2017), 82 FR 18519 (April 19, 2017); 80549 (April 28, 2017), 82 FR 20928 (May 4, 2017); 81720 (September 26, 2017), 82 FR 45922 (October 2, 2017); 82887 (March 15, 2018), 83 FR 12414 (March 21, 2018); 83044 (April 12, 2018), 83 FR 17205 (April 18, 2018); 85623 (April 11, 2019), 84 FR 16086 (April 17, 2019); 88122 (February 5, 2020), 85 FR 7805 (February 11, 2020); 88704 (April 21, 2020), 85 FR 23383 (April 27, 2020); 89420 (July 29, 2020), 85 FR 46762 (August 3, 2020); 90068 (October 1, 2020), 85 FR 63322 (October 7, 2020); 101036 (September 16, 2024), 89 FR 77203 (September 20, 2024); 103042 (May 14, 2025), 90 FR 21529 (May 20, 2025); 103845 (September 3, 2025), 90 FR 43254 (September 8, 2025); and 105443 (May 12, 2026), 91 FR 27995 (May 15, 2026).

[2] 15 U.S.C 78k–1(a)(3).

[3] 17 CFR 242.608.

[4] *See* Letter from Andrew Oppenheimer, Head of U.S. Equities, Nasdaq, to Vanessa Countryman, Secretary, Commission, dated May 27, 2026 (''Transmittal Letter''). According to the Transmittal Letter, each of the Participants approved Amendment No. 27 in accordance with Section III(C) of the Plan. The Participants also received and incorporated feedback from the Plan Advisory Committee in preparing Amendment No. 27.

[5] Amendment No. 27 is available on the Commission's website at: *https://www.sec.gov/files/rules/sro/nms/2026/34-105596.pdf.*

[6] *See* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 105596 (June 1, 2026), 91 FR 33774 (''Notice'').

[7] 17 CFR 242.600(b)(65).

[8] Unless otherwise stated, capitalized terms used herein are defined in the LULD Plan.

[9] Additional information regarding Amendment No. 27 can be found in the Notice. *See* Notice, *supra* note 6.

[10] *See* Notice, *supra* note 6 at 33776. The Participants state that the 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time commencement of the Overnight Protected Hours corresponds to the time at which the Processors will open for overnight trading, thereby ensuring that the LULD mechanism is operative from the moment overnight trading activity becomes available through the consolidated market data infrastructure. The Participants further state that the 4:00 a.m. Eastern Time conclusion of the Overnight Protected Hours was selected to accommodate the well-established practice of issuers releasing earnings announcements, material corporate disclosures, and other price-sensitive information during pre-market hours in advance of the Regular Trading Session. By terminating Overnight Protected Hours at 4:00 a.m. Eastern Time, the Participants state that they intend for market participants to be able to incorporate newly disclosed information into securities prices without the constraints of pricing bands based on the prior day's activity. *See id.*

[11] *See id.*