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For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.²¹

Vanessa A. Countryman,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-106165; File No. SR-NYSEAMER-2026-54]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE American LLC; Notice of Designation of a Longer Period for Commission Action on a Proposed Rule Change To Amend Rules 903G and 906G

August 19, 2026.

On June 29, 2026, NYSE American LLC (“Exchange” or “NYSE American”) 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 Rules 903G and 906G to, among other things, permit cash settlement for up to 50 non-ETF Flexible Exchange (“FLEX”) Options. The proposed rule change was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on July 7, 2026.³

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 August 21, 2026. 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 proposed rule change and the issues raised therein. Accordingly, the Commission, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,⁵ designates October 5, 2026, 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-NYSEAMER-2026-54).

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

Vanessa A. Countryman,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[OMB Control No. 3235-0237]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Extension: Form N-54A

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.

Under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-1 *et seq.*) (the “Investment Company Act”), certain investment companies can elect to be regulated as business development companies, as defined in Section 2(a)(48) of the Investment Company Act (15 U.S.C. 80a-2(a)(48)). Under Section 54(a) of the Investment Company Act (15 U.S.C. 80a-53(a)), any company defined in Section 2(a)(48)(A) and (B) may elect to be subject to the provisions of Sections 55 through 65 of the Investment Company Act (15 U.S.C. 80a-54 to 80a-64) by filing with the Commission a notification of election, if such company has: (1) a class of equity securities registered under Section 12 of

the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*) (“Exchange Act”); or (2) filed a registration statement pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act for a class of its equity securities. The Commission adopted Form N-54A (17 CFR 274.53) as the form for notification of election to be regulated as a business development company.

The purpose of Form N-54A is to notify the Commission that the investment company making the notification elects to be subject to Sections 55 through 65 of the Investment Company Act, enabling the Commission to administer those provisions of the Investment Company Act to such companies.

The Commission staff estimates that on average approximately 25 business development companies file these notifications each year.¹ Each of those business development companies need only make a single filing of Form N-54A. The Commission staff further estimates that such business development companies will each spend 0.5 hours at a cost of \$470.5 per hour preparing the form, resulting in a total annual time burden of 12.5 hours. Based on the estimated wage rate, the total cost to the business development company industry of the hour burden for complying with Form N-54A would be approximately \$5,881.25.

The Commission staff estimates that there is no additional cost burden associated with the form other than the cost of the burdens identified above.

The collection of information under Form N-54A is mandatory. The information provided by the form is not kept confidential.

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

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

¹ This number is based on the average annual number of Form N-54A filings with the Commission from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025.

²¹ 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. 105831 (July 1, 2026), 91 FR 41696. The Commission has received no comments regarding the proposed rule change.

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(31).

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 23, 2026.

Dated: August 20, 2026.

Vanessa A. Countryman,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[OMB Control No. 3235-0222]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Extension: Rule 17f-1

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 (the "Commission") is soliciting comments on the collections of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit these existing collections of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

Rule 17f-1 (17 CFR 270.17f-1) under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act") (15 U.S.C. 80a) is entitled: "Custody of securities with members of national securities exchanges." Rule 17f-1 provides that any registered management investment company ("fund") that wishes to place its assets in the custody of a national securities exchange member may do so only under a written contract that must be ratified initially and approved annually by a majority of the fund's board of directors. The written contract also must contain certain specified provisions. In addition, the rule requires an independent public accountant to examine the fund's assets in the custody of the exchange member at least three times during the fund's fiscal year. The rule requires the written contract and the certificate of each examination to be transmitted to the Commission. The purpose of the rule is to ensure the safekeeping of fund assets.

Commission staff estimates that each fund makes 1 response and spends an average of 3.5 hours annually in

complying with the rule's requirements. Commission staff estimates that on an annual basis it takes: (i) 0.5 hours for the board of directors¹ to review and ratify the custodial contracts; and (ii) 3 hours for the fund's controller to assist the fund's independent public auditors in verifying the fund's assets. Approximately 4 funds rely on the rule annually, with a total of 4 responses.² Thus, the total annual internal hour burden for rule 17f-1 is approximately 14 hours.³

Funds that rely on rule 17f-1 generally use a lawyer to prepare the custodial contract for the board's review and to transmit the contract to the Commission. Commission staff estimates the cost of a lawyer to perform these tasks for a fund each year is \$1,548.⁴ Funds also must have an independent public accountant verify the fund's assets three times each year and prepare the certificate of examination. Commission staff estimates the annual cost for an independent public accountant to perform this service is \$11,550.⁵ Therefore, the total annual cost burden for a fund that relies on rule 17f-1 would be approximately \$13,098.⁶ As noted above, the staff estimates that 4 funds rely on rule 17f-1 each year, for

¹ Estimates of the number of hours are based on conversations with representatives of mutual funds that comply with the rule. The actual number of hours may vary significantly depending on individual fund assets. The hour burden for rule 17f-1 does not include preparing the custody contract because that would be part of customary and usual business practice.

² This estimate is based on a review of Form N-17f-1 filings over the last three years. In 2023 there were six unique filers, in 2024 there were three unique filers, and in 2025 there were four unique filers. $(6 + 3 + 4)/3 = 4.33$ funds, rounded down to an estimated 4 funds. $4 \text{ funds} \times 1 \text{ response per filer} = 4 \text{ responses}$.

³ This estimate is based on the following calculation: $(4 \text{ respondents} \times 3.5 \text{ hours} = 14 \text{ hours})$. The annual burden for rule 17f-1 does not include time spent preparing Form N-17f-1. The burden for Form N-17f-1 is included in a separate collection of information.

⁴ This estimate is based on the following calculation: $(2 \text{ hours of outside counsel time} \times \$774 = \$1,548)$. To calculate the occupational hourly rates used in this release, the Commission uses occupational mean hourly wage data from the Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics ("OEWS") program of the Bureau of Labor Statistics ("BLS") for "Securities, Commodity Contracts, and Other Financial Investments and Related Activities" ("NAICS 523").

⁵ Commission staff estimates that this would require approximately 35 hours for an accountant to complete at a cost of approximately \$330 per hour. $35 \text{ hours} \times \$330 = \$11,550$. The occupational wage rate was derived using wage data from the OEWS program of BLS for NAICS 523.

⁶ This estimate is based on the following calculation: $\$1,548 + \$11,550 = \$13,098$.

an estimated total annualized external cost burden of \$52,392.⁷

The estimate of average burden hours is made solely for the purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act, and is not derived from a comprehensive or even a representative survey or study of the costs of Commission rules. Compliance with the collections of information required by rule 17f-1 is mandatory for funds that place their assets in the custody of a national securities exchange member. Responses will not be kept confidential. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Extension: Rule 163

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⁷ This estimate is based on the following calculation: $4 \text{ funds} \times \$13,098 = \$52,392$.