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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**[Release No. 34–106174; File No. SR–NYSETEX–2026–31]****Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE Texas, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Amend Rule 7.18 Regarding Trading Halts**

August 21, 2026.

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 August 14, 2026, the NYSE Texas, Inc. (“NYSE Texas” or the “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “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 Rule 7.18 (“Trading Halts”) to set forth specific requirements for halting and resuming trading in a security that is subject to certain corporate actions. The proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s website at www.nyse.com 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 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**

NYSE Texas, Inc. (“NYSE Texas” or the “Exchange”) proposes to amend Rule 7.18 (“Trading Halts”) to set forth specific requirements for halting and resuming trading in a security that is subject to certain corporate actions.

In conjunction with the industry’s plans for the introduction of trading 23 hours a day, 5 days a week (“23/5 Trading”), the Exchange’s affiliate exchange, NYSE Arca, Inc. (“NYSE Arca”), filed with the Commission a proposal to amend its rules to set forth specific requirements for halting trading in a security for which the Exchange is the Primary Listing Market that is subject to certain issuer-related corporate actions and for resuming trading in that security using a Trading Halt Auction. NYSE Arca explained that the proposal would expand on the framework already in place with respect to its authority to declare a mandatory regulatory halt in advance of a reverse stock split, thereby providing greater transparency and clarity with respect to the situations in which trading certain securities subject to issuer-related corporate actions will be halted and the process through which that halt will be implemented and terminated. On July 8, 2026, the Commission published a notice of filing and immediate effectiveness of NYSE Arca’s proposal.⁴

The Exchange now proposes to make the same changes to its own rules. The Exchange understands that the other Primary Listing Markets also plan to implement substantially identical versions of this rule to ensure consistent treatment of corporate actions across the market.

Background

The Exchange’s current Rule 7.18(e) includes a “Reverse Stock Split Halt” that is identical to the “Reverse Stock Split Halt” on its affiliate exchange NYSE Arca LLC (“NYSE Arca”).

In 2024, NYSE Arca filed a rule proposal to establish the Exchange’s authority to declare a mandatory regulatory halt in a security for which NYSE Arca is the Primary Listing Market when that security is subject to a reverse stock split, which the Commission noticed for immediate

effectiveness.⁵ Specifically, NYSE Arca proposed halting such a security before the end of the Late Trading Session on the day immediately before the effective date of a reverse stock split, with trading to resume with a Trading Halt Auction at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time (“ET”)—instead of 4:00 a.m. ET—on the next trading day. NYSE Arca noted that because it processes reverse stock splits overnight, having the security reopen for trading at 4:00 a.m. ET raised the “potential for errors resulting in a material effect on the market resulting from market participants’ processing of the reverse stock split, including incorrect adjustment or entry of orders.”⁶ NYSE Arca explained that this concern could be rectified by imposing a trading halt, “which would prohibit pre-market trading immediately after a reverse stock split” and open trading in such securities at 9:00 a.m. ET instead of 4:00 a.m. ET.⁷ NYSE Arca further noted that imposing such a trading halt and deferring the opening of the security until 9:00 a.m. ET would “allow the Exchange and market participants to better detect any errors or problems with orders for the security resulting from the reverse stock split before trading in the security begins and thereby avoid any material effect on the market.”⁸ In approving the substantively identical proposal of another market, the Commission noted that the proposal was “designed to promote fair and orderly trading on the Exchange by reducing the potential for order entry or other system-related errors associated with a reverse stock split in a security for which [the Exchange] is the Primary Listing Market.”⁹

In 2025, the Exchange added the Reverse Stock Split Halt to its own version of Rule 7.18.¹⁰

With the launch of 23/5 Trading later this year, the concerns that led the Exchange and NYSE Arca to adopt a regulatory halt framework for reverse stock splits will likewise arise with

⁵ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 99863 (March 27, 2024), 89 FR 22757 (April 2, 2024) (SR–NYSEAMER–2024–22) (Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Amend Rule 7.18E) (“NYSE Arca Reverse Stock Split Proposal”).

⁶ *Id.*, 89 FR at 22762.

⁷ *Id.*, 89 FR at 22761.

⁸ *Id.*

⁹ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 98878 (November 7, 2023), 88 FR 78081 (November 14, 2023) SR–NASDAQ–2023–036) (Notice of Filing of Amendment No. 1 and Order Granting Accelerated Approval of Proposed Change, as Modified by Amendment No. 1, Relating to Nasdaq Rules 4120 and 4753).

¹⁰ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 103039 (May 13, 2025), 90 FR 21369 (May 19, 2025) (SR–NYSETEX–2025–08).

⁴ See Securities Exchange Release No. 105862 (July 8, 2026), 91 FR 42999 (July 13, 2026) (SR–NYSEARCA–2026–71) (Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Amend Rule 7.18–E Regarding Regulatory Halts for Corporate Actions and Issuer-Related Events).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 15 U.S.C. 78a.

³ 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

respect to a broader set of corporate actions. Although the Exchange does not currently plan to extend its own trading hours, the Exchange is a Primary Listing Market whose listed securities may trade on any venue, including NYSE Arca and other exchanges that opt to offer 23/5 Trading. Under the current market structure, the Exchange processes corporate action-related changes and updates for its listed securities during overnight hours. Other market participants, including broker-dealers, likewise use that overnight period to process corporate action-related information and adjust quotes, orders, and related instructions accordingly.

Under 23/5 Trading, however, trading in the Exchange's listed securities will resume on other markets at 9:00 p.m., only one hour after the close of trading at 8:00 p.m. Consequently, there will no longer be a substantial non-trading window during which the Exchange and market participants can process such corporate actions without potentially impacting overnight trading on other markets. These corporate actions require coordinated updates across Exchange and market-participant systems—including adjustments to orders, quotes, and related instructions—to ensure orderly trading and accurate pricing and execution in the affected security. With only a one-hour pause between trading days, neither the Exchange nor other market participants would have sufficient time to process and incorporate corporate action-related information—such as adjustments to systems, orders, quotes, and related instructions—without the risk that trading could occur in the affected security based on incomplete or inconsistent information. In short, the continued trading of securities undergoing such corporate actions could potentially result in price dislocations, investor confusion, erroneous executions, and general operational risk.

To address these concerns, the Exchange proposes to implement the same changes regarding corporate action regulatory halts that the Commission recently noticed for immediate effectiveness on NYSE Arca. The Exchange proposes to build on the framework established under Rule 7.18 for reverse stock splits by extending that rule's mandatory regulatory halt requirement to additional corporate actions that, much like reverse stock splits, require a clearly defined and transparent pause in trading to permit coordinated processing. As proposed, under 23/5 Trading, if a security is affected by any of the corporate actions

enumerated in the proposal, the Exchange would implement a mandatory regulatory halt¹¹ in that security before the start of overnight trading on other markets at 9:00 p.m. ET, and trading would resume with a Trading Halt Auction at 8:00 a.m. ET.¹² The Exchange believes these changes would provide important operational safeguards by ensuring that both the Exchange and market participants have adequate time to process such corporate actions in a nearly continuous trading environment, thereby preserving a protection that has historically been implicit in a market structure with limited trading hours.

Proposed Rule Change

Implicit in Rule 7.18 is the recognition that certain corporate actions—such as reverse stock splits—require a clearly defined and transparent pause in trading to permit their coordinated processing and thereby avoid the risks associated with concurrent trading in the affected security while that processing is underway. The same principle applies to the categories of corporate actions addressed in this proposal, particularly in the context of nearly continuous trading.

In the context of 23/5 Trading, the Exchange has determined—based on discussions both internal and with industry participants, including the other Primary Listing Markets—that, similar to reverse stock splits, certain other corporate actions require a clearly defined and transparent pause in trading to facilitate their coordinated processing by the Exchange and other market participants before orderly trading may resume in the affected security.

Specifically, the Exchange believes that the following issuer-related corporate actions are analogous to reverse stock splits with respect to processing requirements and thus warrant analogous treatment with respect to their categorization and regulatory response: (1) changes in trading symbol, (2) changes in CUSIP number, (3) dividends equal to at least 25% of the Official Closing Price;¹³ (4) stock splits (including forward and reverse stock splits); (5) De-SPAC

transactions; (6) spin-off transactions; (7) security-type changes; (8) mergers or similar mandatory exchanges of shares; and (9) any other corporate action or issuer-related event not enumerated above, for which the Exchange determines that a regulatory halt is appropriate for the maintenance of fair and orderly markets, the protection of investors, or otherwise in the public interest, as described below. Like reverse stock splits, these corporate actions all involve non-discretionary changes to core security characteristics that require synchronized updates across Exchange and market-participant systems.

Accordingly, the Exchange proposes to amend Rule 7.18 and make certain conforming changes to incorporate such corporate actions into the regulatory framework established for corporate actions consisting of reverse stock splits, as follows.

The Exchange proposes to amend Rule 7.18(b)(1)(A)(iii) to extend the current reverse stock split regulatory halt framework to the categories of other corporate actions discussed above that, in addition to reverse stock splits, would be subject to the mandatory regulatory requirements of that rule. The Exchange accordingly proposes to delete the current text of Rule 7.18(b)(1)(A)(iii) and replace it with revised text stating that the Exchange will declare a Regulatory Halt:

for a security for which the Exchange is the Primary Listing Market that is the subject of an issuer corporate action or other issuer-related event referenced below after the end of the Late Trading Session and before 9:00 p.m. ET on the day immediately preceding the market effective date of such issuer corporate action or issuer-related event (“Corporate Action Halt”). A security subject to an issuer corporate action or issuer event-related Regulatory Halt pursuant to this rule will resume trading with a Trading Halt Auction at 8:00 a.m. ET on the market effective date of such corporate action or issuer-related event.

The Exchange proposes to further amend Rule 7.18(b)(1)(A)(iii) to provide that “[f]or purposes of this rule, the following shall be deemed corporate actions or issuer-related events subject to the mandatory Regulatory Halt provisions of this rule,” followed by the nine categories of corporate actions discussed above that would be subject to a mandatory regulatory halt under that provision. As proposed, the nine categories of enumerated corporate actions subject to a mandatory regulatory halt would consist of the following corporate actions: (1) trading

¹¹ Notification of the declaration and termination of the proposed regulatory halt would be provided in accordance with Rule 7.18.

¹² As described below, the Exchange also proposes a conforming change to move the time for the Trading Halt Auction that re-opens trading after a reverse stock split regulatory halt to 8:00 a.m. ET, from the current time of 9:00 a.m. ET.

¹³ The term “Official Closing Price” is defined in Rule 1.1(t).

symbol changes;¹⁴ (2) changes in CUSIP;¹⁵ (3) dividends equal to at least 25% of the Official Closing Price;¹⁶ (4) forward (and reverse) stock splits;¹⁷ (5) de-SPAC transactions;¹⁸ (6) spin-off transactions;¹⁹ (7) security-type changes;²⁰ (8) mergers/mandatory exchanges;²¹ and (9) other corporate actions or issuer-related events not specifically enumerated in (1)–(8)

¹⁴ As proposed, Rule 7.18(b)(1)(A)(iii)(1) would define changes to any “Trading Symbol” as “a change in the issuer’s trading symbol.”

¹⁵ As proposed, Rule 7.18(b)(1)(A)(iii)(2) would define changes in “CUSIP” as “[a] change in the issuer’s Committee on Uniform Securities Identification Procedures (“CUSIP”).”

¹⁶ As proposed, Rule 7.18(b)(1)(A)(iii)(3) would define “Dividend” transactions as “[s]tock dividends, whether payable in cash, stock, or another security of the issuer (or a subsidiary or other affiliate of the issuer), or any combination thereof, other than stock splits or similar adjustments described in paragraph (4), where the Exchange determines that such dividend has an aggregate value per share that is equal to at least 25% of the Official Closing Price of the affected security on the date immediately preceding the ex-date of such dividend; provided, however, that if no such Official Closing Price is available, the Exchange shall use the most recent available Official Closing Price for such shares (or other securities).”

¹⁷ As proposed, Rule 7.18(b)(1)(A)(iii)(4) would define “Forward, Reverse Stock Splits” as “[a]ny stock split or similar adjustment that affects the number of outstanding shares of an issuer or changes the relative equity ownership of holders of such shares, including any forward or reverse stock split, subdivision, reclassification, or combination of shares, or any similar transaction that has the effect of adjusting the number of outstanding shares or the relative equity ownership of holders, whether effected pursuant to a fixed or variable exchange ratio or otherwise, and whether occurring as a stand-alone action or in conjunction with any other corporate action or issuer-related event.”

¹⁸ As proposed, Rule 7.18(b)(1)(A)(iii)(5) would define a “De-SPAC” transaction as “[a]ny De-SPAC transaction, as that term is defined in Item 1601(a) of Regulation S-K.”

¹⁹ As proposed, Rule 7.18(b)(1)(A)(iii)(6) would define a “Spin-off” transactions as “[a]ny transaction in which an issuer distributes to its security holders, on a pro rata basis, (i) equity securities of a subsidiary or other business that is separated into a new or existing standalone issuer; or (ii) any different class of securities.”

²⁰ As proposed, Rule 7.18(b)(1)(A)(iii)(7) would define a “Security Type Change” as “[a]ny change in the form, type, class, or designation of a listed security, including, without limitation, (i) American Depositary Receipts or American Depositary Shares (“ADR”/“ADS”) to ordinary shares (and ordinary shares to ADR/ADS); (ii) conversions between ordinary shares and common stock (in either direction); and (iii) similar transactions.”

²¹ As proposed, Rule 7.18(b)(1)(A)(iii)(8) would define a “Merger/Mandatory Exchange” as “[a]ny merger, consolidation, statutory share exchange, or similar business combination or corporate action that results in the affected security being mandatorily exchanged, converted, redeemed, or cancelled for cash, securities, or other consideration (including an exchange into securities of a successor issuer); provided, however, that this paragraph (8) does not include transactions that solely effect a change in the issuer’s (company) name without a mandatory exchange of the affected security.”

above as more particularly described below.²²

Specifically, proposed Rule 7.18(b)(1)(A)(iii)(9) would require the Exchange to declare a regulatory halt for any other corporate action or issuer-related event not enumerated in (1)–(8) above for which the Exchange determines, based on the totality of the circumstances and any information available to it, including without limitation information obtained from the issuer, that a regulatory halt is necessary or appropriate for the maintenance of fair and orderly markets, the protection of investors, or otherwise in the public interest.

This residual provision is designed to capture issuer-related corporate actions that, while not enumerated in Rule 7.18(b)(1)(A)(iii)(1)–(8), raise operational or market-integrity concerns comparable to those actions. Once the Exchange determines that such a corporate action warrants a Regulatory Halt based on its application of the standards in Rule 7.18(b)(1)(A)(iii)(9), implementation of the regulatory halt would be required.²³ Accordingly, the provision is intended to promote consistent regulatory treatment across comparable corporate actions and to preserve transparency and uniformity in the application of the proposed framework in a 23/5 Trading environment.

Timing of Corporate Action Regulatory Halts

The Exchange proposes that under 23/5 Trading, the mandatory regulatory halts described above in proposed Rule 7.18(b)(1)(A)(iii) would be implemented after the conclusion of the Late Trading Session and before the start of overnight trading on other markets at 9:00 p.m. ET. This timing differs from the Exchange’s current process for reverse stock split regulatory halts, pursuant to which the Exchange implements the mandatory regulatory halt at 7:50 p.m. ET, before the end of the Late Trading Session, on the day immediately before the reverse split becomes effective. That approach has been feasible in the reverse stock split context, but this

²² As proposed, Rule 7.18(b)(1)(A)(iii)(9) would define any “Other Corporate Action or Issuer-Related Event” as “[a]ny other corporate action or issuer-related event not enumerated in (1)–(8) above for which the Exchange determines, based on the totality of the circumstances and any information available to it, including without limitation information obtained from the issuer, that a Regulatory Halt is necessary or appropriate for the maintenance of fair and orderly markets, the protection of investors, or otherwise in the public interest.”

²³ Such determination would be made by the Exchange’s senior trading and regulatory officials in advance of the corporate action effective date.

proposal would extend the mandatory regulatory halt framework beyond reverse stock splits to a broader set of corporate actions that, although differing in form, share the need for coordinated systems and reference-data updates before trading may resume in an orderly manner. Because some of those actions may involve entirely new symbols or CUSIPs that would not yet exist at 7:50 p.m. ET on the prior trading day, the Exchange does not believe that the current reverse stock split timing can practicably be applied across the full set of covered corporate actions. The Exchange therefore believes it is reasonable, in the context of 23/5 Trading, to adopt a single, uniform implementation time for all halts under proposed Rule 7.18(b)(1)(A)(iii)—after the Late Trading Session and before overnight trading begins on other markets at 9:00 p.m. ET—which would facilitate consistent treatment of covered corporate actions and enable the halts to be implemented through an automated process.²⁴ This timing would apply to each of the corporate actions addressed in this filing, as well as to the Exchange’s existing reverse stock split regulatory halt. The proposed change to the timing for the implementation of the reverse stock split regulatory halt is therefore conforming in nature, as it is intended only to align that halt with the trading session structure under 23/5 Trading.

Resumption of Trading After Corporate Action-Related Regulatory Halts

The Exchange proposes to amend Rule 7.18(b)(5)(B)(iii) to provide that

²⁴ See Exchange proposed Rule 7.18(b)(1)(A)(iii). Shifting the implementation time for such regulatory halts from 7:50 p.m. to before 9:00 p.m. would not have a material effect on market participants. The Exchange notes that market participants, including alternative trading systems (“ATSs”), would have advance notice of the types of issuer corporate actions addressed in this proposal through the Exchange’s existing issuer notification, market notice, and public dissemination mechanisms. Under the Exchange’s existing listing and related rules and/or procedures, listed issuers are required in various circumstances to provide the Exchange advance notice of corporate actions and to publicly disclose such events before they become effective. In addition, the Exchange’s established corporate action processing and market notification procedures generally result in the Exchange receiving notice of, and disseminating information concerning, other covered corporate actions sufficiently in advance of their effectiveness to support the orderly implementation of the proposed halt process. Accordingly, the Exchange believes that ATSs and other market participants would have adequate advance awareness of the types of corporate actions addressed by this proposal to make informed business decisions with respect to the affected securities, and that proposed Rule 7.18(b)(1)(A)(iii) thus provides a transparent and appropriate mechanism for addressing such corporate actions in a 23/5 Trading environment.

under 23/5 Trading, trading in a security halted pursuant to proposed Rule 7.18(b)(1)(A)(iii) would resume “at 8:00 a.m. ET with a Trading Halt Auction on the market effective date of such corporate action or issuer-related event.”²⁵ This is similar to the Exchange’s current process with respect to reverse stock split regulatory halts, where the Exchange resumes trading at 9:00 a.m. ET, with a modification to 8:00 a.m. ET from 9:00 a.m. ET.

In supporting its reverse stock split-related proposal, the Exchange explained that re-opening the security at 9:00 a.m. ET, “which is after the start of early trading on other markets and the Exchange but before the opening of the Exchange’s Core Trading Session at 9:30 a.m., would promote fair and orderly trading, protect investors, and promote the public interest by allowing market participants and the Exchange a better opportunity to notice errors or problems with orders for the security because it would be opening for trading at a unique time, and not at a time when thousands of other securities open for trading.”²⁶

Since the introduction of the reverse stock split regulatory halt in 2024, the Exchange has determined that it would be preferable to re-open from a reverse stock split halt at 8:00 a.m. ET instead of 9:00 a.m. ET. That alteration would provide for an additional hour of liquidity formation and price discovery before the 9:30 a.m. ET Core Opening Auction, while still being consistent with the rationales cited above for re-opening trading at a “unique” time. Specifically, the Exchange believes that resuming trading in the affected securities at 8:00 a.m. ET is appropriate because the proposed pause in trading provides a sufficient and transparent interval for the Exchange and market participants to complete the processing of such corporate actions and the earlier resumption of trading would provide the affected securities with additional price discovery and liquidity formation opportunities before participating in the Core Opening Auction at 9:30 a.m. ET.

Consistent with that rationale, the Exchange proposes that the securities subject to the mandatory regulatory halts addressed in this filing, including reverse stock splits, would re-open at 8:00 a.m. ET.²⁷ To effectuate this change, the Exchange proposes to amend the re-opening time for securities subject to a reverse stock split-related regulatory halt to 8:00 a.m. ET (from

9:00 a.m. ET) and to apply that same 8:00 a.m. ET re-opening time to the additional corporate action-related regulatory halts covered under proposed Rule 7.18(b)(1)(A)(iii). This proposed change is based on the Exchange’s experience with reverse stock splits and is designed to promote uniformity and transparency with respect to the resumption of trading in securities subject to a corporate actions-related regulatory halt under proposed Rule 7.18(b)(1)(A)(iii).

In sum, the corporate actions addressed in this proposal raise operational and market integrity concerns in a 23/5 Trading environment that mirror the concerns addressed by the Commission in approving NYSE Arca’s Reverse Stock Split Proposal. Under 23/5 Trading, the Exchange will no longer have a substantial non-trading window during which it and other market participants can process these corporate actions before trading resumes. With only one hour between trading days, neither the Exchange nor other market participants would have sufficient time to process and incorporate corporate action-related information, resulting in a risk of price dislocations, investor confusion, erroneous executions, and broader operational issues. The Exchange believes that extending its reverse stock split regulatory framework to the additional corporate actions described herein would appropriately preserve, in a 23/5 Trading environment, the safeguard implicit in the current market structure—specifically, the overnight pause in trading that allows for coordinated processing and related systems and reference-data updates. Accordingly, the proposal would promote fair and orderly trading, mitigate operational risk, and help ensure that trading resumes only after those updates have been completed.

Implementation

The Exchange understands that the other Primary Listing Markets plan to implement substantially identical versions of this rule to ensure consistent treatment of corporate actions across the market. The Exchange proposes that the changes in this proposal and in the other Primary Listing Markets’ similar filings would become operative at the commencement of 23/5 Trading.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,²⁸ in general, and furthers the

objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,²⁹ in particular, in that it is designed 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. The Exchange believes that the proposed rules will provide greater transparency and clarity with respect to the situations in which trading will be halted due to certain corporate actions and the process through which that halt will be implemented and terminated, as discussed below.

The Exchange believes that extending the reverse stock split regulatory halt framework to the additional, analogous corporate actions addressed in this proposal would promote free and open trade, protect investors, and serve the public interest by helping to ensure fair and orderly markets. Specifically, the proposal would preserve and apply an established, transparent framework for pausing and resuming trading in securities subject to reverse stock splits to certain corporate actions with analogous processing requirements, so that trading in an affected security does not occur before the corporate action has been processed and the related systems and reference-data updates have been completed and applied across the market.

With respect to the specific categories of corporate actions addressed in this proposal, the Exchange believes that it is reasonable and appropriate to extend the regulatory halt framework applicable to reverse stock splits to certain categories of corporate actions with analogous processing requirements, as more specifically described above. Like reverse stock splits, these corporate actions all involve non-discretionary changes to core security characteristics that require synchronized updates across Exchange and market-participant systems.

Under the current market structure, an overnight pause in trading has historically provided a defined non-trading window during which the Exchange and other market participants have sufficient time to process such corporate actions in an orderly and coordinated manner prior to the resumption of trading. But in the 23/5 Trading environment, with only one hour of non-trading time between trading days, there is a substantial chance that trading in an impacted security could occur based on incomplete, inconsistent, or partially updated information, giving rise to

²⁵ See proposed Rule 7.18(b)(5)(B)(iii).

²⁶ See NYSE Arca Reverse Stock Split Proposal, *supra* note 5, 89 FR at 22758.

²⁷ See proposed Rule 7.18(b)(1)(A)(iii).

²⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

²⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

pricing anomalies, investor confusion, erroneous executions, and heightened operational risk. The Exchange believes the proposed approach promotes fair and orderly markets by helping to ensure that trading resumes only once systems and reference data concerning these corporate actions have been fully and consistently updated across the marketplace.

With respect to the mandatory regulatory halts specifically enumerated in proposed Rule 7.18(b)(1)(A)(iii)(1)–(8), if the corporate action falls within the categories enumerated in the rule, the Exchange will not have discretion about whether to declare a trading halt in the affected security.

In addition, proposed Rule 7.18(b)(1)(A)(iii)(9) is intended to operate as a residual provision covering issuer-related corporate actions not enumerated in Rule 7.18(b)(1)(A)(iii)(1)–(8) that nonetheless raise operational or market-integrity concerns comparable to those presented by the enumerated actions. Under that provision, when the Exchange determines, based on the totality of the circumstances and the information available to it, including information obtained from the issuer, that it is necessary or appropriate for the maintenance of fair and orderly markets, the protection of investors, or otherwise in the public interest, it would be required to declare a regulatory halt in that security. Once the Exchange makes that determination, the regulatory halt would be mandatory, thereby avoiding ad hoc treatment once the applicable standard has been met. In that respect, proposed Rule 7.18(b)(1)(A)(iii)(9) serves as a narrow residual mechanism designed to promote consistent regulatory treatment across comparable corporate actions and to preserve transparency and uniformity in the application of proposed Rule 7.18(b)(1)(A)(iii) in a 23/5 Trading environment by requiring the Exchange to declare a regulatory halt in such cases. The Exchange therefore believes that it is reasonable and appropriate to extend its authority to declare a regulatory halt in this instance.

In all cases under proposed Rule 7.18(b)(1)(A)(iii), a mandatory regulatory halt in the affected security would be implemented after the conclusion of the Late Trading Session and before the start of overnight trading on other markets at 9:00 p.m. ET on the date immediately preceding the market-effective date of the corporate action.

The Exchange also believes it is reasonable and appropriate to use a Trading Halt Auction under Rule 7.35 to re-open trading in a security that is subject to a regulatory halt pursuant to

this proposal because it is consistent with the process that the Exchange currently uses to re-open a security after a reverse stock split regulatory halt, and the operational complexity and processing demands associated with such corporate actions are comparable to those involved regarding reverse stock splits. Furthermore, using a Trading Halt Auction to re-open trading after the regulatory halts addressed in this proposal is consistent with the process that is typically used by the Exchange when re-opening a security that has been halted under Rule 7.18. Applying a uniform, previously approved framework enhances transparency and predictability for issuers, investors, and market participants.

The Exchange believes that resuming trading in the corporate action-impacted securities addressed in this proposal at 8:00 a.m. ET would promote fair and orderly markets, protect investors, and serve the public interest by providing the Exchange and market participants sufficient time to process the relevant corporate actions correctly. The Exchange further believes that resuming trading in the affected securities through a Trading Halt Auction at 8:00 a.m. ET, rather than at 9:30 a.m. ET through a Core Open Auction, would provide a more focused re-opening window and a better opportunity to identify and address potential order-entry or processing issues before the broader market opening, when thousands of other securities are undergoing their opening process.

The Exchange's proposal to make conforming changes to its existing reverse stock split regulatory halt structure to harmonize the halt time and re-opening time with the times proposed in this filing is reasonable and would promote transparency and predictability for issuers, investors, and market participants. As described above, the current practice of implementing a mandatory regulatory halt for a security undergoing a reverse stock split at 7:50 p.m. ET has been feasible in the reverse stock split context, but this proposal would extend the mandatory regulatory halt framework beyond reverse stock splits to a broader set of corporate actions that, although differing in form, share the need for coordinated systems and reference-data updates before trading may resume in an orderly manner. Because some of those actions may involve entirely new symbols or CUSIPs that would not yet exist at 7:50 p.m. ET on the prior trading day, the Exchange does not believe that the current reverse stock split timing can practicably be applied across the full set

of covered corporate actions. The Exchange therefore believes it is reasonable, in the context of 23/5 Trading, to adopt a single, uniform implementation time for all halts under proposed Rule 7.18(b)(1)(A)(iii)—after the Late Trading Session and before overnight trading begins on other markets at 9:00 p.m. ET—which would facilitate consistent treatment of comparable corporate actions, enhance transparency and predictability for issuers, investors, and market participants, and support the orderly and automated implementation of such halts. The Exchange also believes that the proposal is consistent with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act because the Exchange's existing issuer notification, market notice, and public dissemination mechanisms generally provide market participants with advance awareness of the types of corporate actions addressed herein, thereby supporting the orderly implementation of the proposed halt process and helping to protect investors and the public interest.

Similarly, the Exchange believes its proposal to move the re-opening time for a symbol after a reverse stock split regulatory halt to 8:00 a.m. ET from 9:00 a.m. ET would remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system by creating uniformity in the re-opening times for securities after a corporate action regulatory halt. As discussed above, the Exchange believes that the proposed duration of the regulatory halt is appropriate to permit full processing of the proposed corporate actions and resuming trading in the security at an earlier time, as proposed, would provide the security with opportunities for enhancing price discovery and liquidity before participating in the Core Open Auction at 9:30 a.m. ET.

The Exchange notes that these timing harmonization changes are purely conforming and that, by aligning the reverse stock split provisions with the corporate action-related halts described in this filing, the proposal promotes a consistent and harmonized rule structure, enhances transparency and predictability for issuers, investors, and market participants, and reduces the potential for confusion.

Overall, establishing mandatory trading halts for securities that are subject to the corporate actions addressed in this filing and resuming trading thereafter promotes fair and orderly markets and the protection of investors, because it allows the Exchange to protect the broader interests of the national market system and addresses potential concerns that

system errors may affect immediate trading in those securities. The Exchange believes that with the advent of 23/5 Trading, the proposed rules will help the Exchange reduce the potential for errors resulting in a material effect on the market resulting from the challenge of processing such corporate actions with only a one-hour non-trading window between trading days. As discussed above, in a 23/5 Trading environment, overnight trading on other markets will begin only one hour after trading closes on the Exchange, meaning that there will no longer be a substantial overnight period during which the Exchange can process corporate actions of the type addressed in this proposal. By extending the existing reverse stock split regulatory halt framework to those categories of corporate actions, the proposal is designed to preserve the safeguards currently afforded by that overnight pause.

For these reasons, the Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is designed to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system by mitigating operational and market integrity risks that would otherwise arise in a nearly continuous trading environment. By helping to ensure that trading resumes only after corporate action processing has been completed in an orderly and coordinated manner, the proposed rule change promotes just and equitable principles of trade and protects investors and the public interest, consistent with Sections 6(b) and 6(b)(5) of the Act.

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

The Exchange believes the proposal will not impose a burden on intermarket competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act because the proposed rule change is designed to protect investors and facilitate a fair and orderly market, which are both important purposes of the Act. To the extent that there is any impact on intermarket competition, it is incidental to these objectives.

Rather, the proposed changes will promote competition by ensuring that trading in corporate action-affected securities resumes only when the Exchange has processed corporate actions in a coordinated manner across Exchange and market participants' systems, consistent with its obligations as a Primary Listing Market, thereby avoiding concurrent trading and potential confusion with respect to the affected securities while such corporate

action processing is underway. In addition, the Exchange believes that the proposal does not impose any burden on competition because it applies equally to all issuers and market participants. The proposal builds on an established, uniform, and transparent framework governing the timing of trading halts and resumptions in trading in connection with certain corporate actions and is designed to address operational and market-integrity concerns, rather than competitive considerations. In substance, the proposal preserves an operational safeguard implicit in the current market structure and adapts that safeguard to a nearly continuous trading environment by extending the well-established reverse stock split framework to analogous corporate actions. By helping to ensure that trading resumes only after systems and reference data have been updated in a coordinated manner, the proposal promotes fair and orderly markets and enhances, rather than burdens, competition.

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change imposes a burden on intra-market competition because the provisions apply to all market participants and issuers equally. In addition, information regarding the halting and resumption of trading will be disseminated using several freely accessible sources to ensure the widespread availability of that information.

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 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 after the date of the filing, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, it has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act³⁰ and subparagraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.³¹

³⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

³¹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). In addition, Rule 19b-4(f)(6) 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

At any time within 60 days of the filing of such 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 under Section 19(b)(2)(B)³² of the Act to determine whether the proposed rule change 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. Please include file number SR-NYSETEX-2026-31 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-NYSETEX-2026-31. 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-NYSETEX-2026-31 and should be submitted on or before September 16, 2026.

of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The Exchange has satisfied this requirement.

³² 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2)(B).

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.³³

Vanessa A. Countryman,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 36308; 812-16031]

ARK Venture Fund and ARK Investment Management LLC

August 24, 2026.

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission” or “SEC”).

ACTION: Notice.

Notice of an application to amend a prior order under section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the “Act”) for an exemption from sections 18(a)(2), 18(c) and 18(i) of the Act, under sections 6(c) and 23(c) of the Act for an exemption from rule 23c-3 under the Act, and for an order pursuant to section 17(d) of the Act and rule 17d-1 under the Act.

SUMMARY OF APPLICATION: Applicants request an order (“Order”) to amend and supersede a prior order that permits certain registered closed-end management investment companies (“funds”) to issue multiple classes of shares and to impose asset-based distribution and/or service fees and early withdrawal charges (“Prior Order”). In applying for the Prior Order, the applicants represented that “[s]hares of the [f]unds will not be listed on any securities exchange, nor quoted on any quotation medium, and the [f]unds do not expect there to be a secondary trading market for their shares.” Applicants seek to amend the Prior Order so that the funds may now offer (i) a class of shares (“Exchange Class”) listed on a national securities exchange (an “Exchange”), and (ii) a class of tokenized shares (“Tokenized Class”) traded on one or more alternative trading systems (“ATSs”) or quoted on one or more other quotation mediums.

APPLICANTS ARK Venture Fund (the “Initial Fund”) and ARK Investment Management LLC (the “Adviser” and together with the Initial Fund, the “Applicants”).

FILING DATES: The application (“Application”) was filed on May 20, 2026, and amended on June 11, 2026 and August 7, 2026.

HEARING OR NOTIFICATION OF HEARING: An order granting the requested relief will be issued unless the Commission orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing on any application by emailing the SEC’s Secretary at *Secretarys-Office@sec.gov* and serving the Applicants with a copy of the request by email, if an email address is listed for the relevant Applicant below, or personally or by mail, if a physical address is listed for the relevant Applicant below. The email should include the file number referenced above. Hearing requests should be received by the Commission by 5:30 p.m., Eastern Time, on September 18, 2026, and should be accompanied by proof of service on the Applicants, in the form of an affidavit or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Pursuant to rule 0-5 under the Act, hearing requests should state the nature of the writer’s interest, any facts bearing upon the desirability of a hearing on the matter, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons who wish to be notified of a hearing may request notification by emailing the Commission’s Secretary at *Secretarys-Office@sec.gov*.

ADDRESSES: The Commission: *Secretarys-Office@sec.gov*. Applicants: Tom Staudt, ARK Investment Management LLC, 200 Central Avenue, Suite 220, St. Petersburg, FL 33701; Allison Fumai, Esq., William J. Bielefeld, Esq., Robert Shapiro, Esq., Dechert LLP, *allison.fumai@dechert.com*, *william.bielefeld@dechert.com*, *robert.shapiro@dechert.com*, respectively.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jill Ehrlich, Senior Counsel, Thomas Ahmadifar, Branch Chief, or Daniele Marchesani, Assistant Chief Counsel at (202) 551-6825 (Division of Investment Management, Chief Counsel’s Office).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following is a summary of the application, filed August 7, 2026, which may be obtained via the Commission’s website by searching for the file number at the top of this document, or for an Applicant using the Company name search field, on the SEC’s EDGAR system. The SEC’s EDGAR system may be searched at <https://www.sec.gov/search-filings>. You may also call the SEC’s Office of Investor Education and Assistance at (202) 551-8090.

Applicants’ Representations

1. The Initial Fund is a Delaware statutory trust that is registered under the Act as a continuously offered, non-diversified closed-end management investment company and operated as an

interval fund pursuant to rule 23c-3 under the Act. The Initial Fund’s investment objective is to seek long-term growth of capital. The Initial Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing primarily in domestic and foreign equity securities of companies that are relevant to the Initial Fund’s investment theme of disruptive innovation. Pursuant to the Prior Order, the Initial Fund is currently offering Class D, Class S and Class U shares, which are subject to different sales loads, distribution fees, and shareholder services fees.

2. The Adviser is a Delaware limited liability company and is an investment adviser registered with the Commission under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940. The Adviser serves as the Initial Fund’s investment adviser pursuant to an advisory agreement.

3. On November 17, 2025, the SEC issued the Prior Order granting certain exemptions permitting the Initial Fund to issue multiple classes of shares and to impose early withdrawal charges (“EWCs”) and asset-based distribution and/or service fees with respect to certain classes.¹

4. The application for the Prior Order included a representation that “[s]hares of the [f]unds will not be listed on any securities exchange, nor quoted on any quotation medium, and the [f]unds do not expect there to be a secondary trading market for their shares.” Applicants seek to amend the Prior Order so that the funds may now issue (i) Exchange Class shares that will be listed on an Exchange, and (ii) Tokenized Class shares that may be traded on one or more ATSs that are subject to Regulation ATS, registered with the SEC, and operated by broker-dealers that are registered with the SEC and members of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (“FINRA”) or quoted on one or more other quotation mediums. The Order would supersede the Prior Order, with the result that no person will continue to rely on the Prior Order if the Order is granted.

5. Applicants request that the Order, like the Prior Order, also apply to any continuously offered registered closed-end management investment company that has been previously organized or that may be organized in the future for which the Adviser or any entity controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the Adviser, or any successor in interest to any such

¹ ARK Venture Fund & ARK Inv. Mgmt. LLC, Investment Company Act Release No. IC-35744 (Sept. 9, 2025) (notice); Investment Company Act Release No. IC-35787 (Nov. 17, 2025) (order).

³³ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).