NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION


Exelon Generation Company, LLC; Establishment of Atomic Safety and Licensing Board

Pursuant to delegation by the Commission dated December 29, 1972, see 37 FR 28,710 (1972), and the Commission’s regulations, see, e.g., 10 CFR 2.104, 2.105, 2.300, 2.309, 2.313, 2.318, and 2.321, notice is hereby given that an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (Board) is being established to preside over the following proceeding:

Exelon Generation Company, LLC (Byron Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2, and Braidwood Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2)

This proceeding involves an application by Exelon Generation Company, LLC to renew for twenty years its operating licenses for Byron Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2, and Braidwood Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2, which are located, respectively, near Byron, Illinois and Braidwood, Illinois. The current operating licenses for Byron Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2, expire, respectively, on October 31, 2024 and November 6, 2026. The current operating licenses for Braidwood Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2, expire, respectively, on October 17, 2026 and December 18, 2027. In response to a notice that provided an opportunity for a hearing on the renewal application, see 78 FR 44,603, July 24, 2013, the Environmental Law and Policy Center filed a hearing request on September 23, 2013.

The Board is comprised of the following administrative judges:


All correspondence, documents, and other materials shall be filed in accordance with the NRC E-Filing rule. See 10 CFR 2.302.
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 Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to amend Commentary .07 to Rule 904 to extend the time period of the SPY Pilot Program, which is currently scheduled to expire on October 15, 2013, through December 15, 2014. This filing does not propose any substantive changes to the SPY Pilot Program. In proposing to extend the SPY Pilot Program, the Exchange reaffirms its consideration of several factors that supported the original proposal of the SPY Pilot Program, including (1) the availability of economically equivalent products and their respective position limits, (2) the liquidity of the option and the underlying security, (3) the market capitalization of the underlying security and the related index, (4) the reporting of large positions and requirements surrounding margin, and (5) the potential for market on close volatility.

In the original proposal to establish the SPY Pilot Program, the Exchange stated that if it were to propose an extension, permanent approval or termination of the program, the Exchange would submit, along with any filing proposing such amendments to the program, a report providing an analysis of the SPY Pilot Program covering the first twelve (12) months during which the SPY Pilot Program was in effect (the “Pilot Report”). However, because not all self-regulatory organizations (“SROs”) have adopted similar rules eliminating position limits on SPY and market participants that are members of such SROs are required to comply with more restrictive SPY position limits, no market participants have availed themselves of the SPY Pilot Program. As a result, there is no meaningful data available to compile the Pilot Report at this time and therefore the Exchange is not filing a Pilot Report with this extension request. The Exchange believes it is appropriate to extend the SPY Pilot Program to provide time for other SROs to adopt similar rules eliminating position limits on SPY so that the Exchange can prepare a meaningful Pilot Report if it were to propose any further extension, permanent approval or termination of the program.

As with the original proposal to establish the SPY Pilot Program, the Exchange represents that the Pilot Report will be submitted within thirty (30) days of the end of such twelve (12) month time period. The Pilot Report will detail the size and different types of strategies employed with respect to positions established as a result of the elimination of position limits in SPY. In addition, the Pilot Report will note whether any problems resulted due to the no limit approach and any other information that may be useful in evaluating the effectiveness of the pilot program. The Pilot Report will compare the impact of the pilot program, if any, on the volumes of SPY options and the volatility in the price of the underlying SPY shares, particularly at expiration. In preparing the report the Exchange will utilize various data elements such as volume and open interest. In addition, the Exchange has represented that it will make available to Commission staff data elements relating to the effectiveness of the pilot.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act in particular, in that it is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. The Exchange believes that extending the SPY Pilot Program promotes just and equitable principles of trade by permitting market participants, including market makers, institutional investors and retail investors, to establish greater positions when pursuing their investment goals and needs.

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The proposed rule change is not designed to address any aspect of competition, whether between the Exchange and its competitors, or among market participants. Instead, the proposed rule change is designed to allow the SPY Pilot Program to continue while other SROs adopt similar provisions and meaningful data can be compiled into a Pilot Report.

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

The Exchange has filed the proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act and Rule 19b–4(f)(6) thereunder. Because the proposed rule change does not: (i) Significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) become operative prior to 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest, the proposed rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act and Rule 19b–4(f)(6) thereunder.

A proposed rule change filed under Rule 19b–4(f)(6) normally does not become operative prior to 30 days after the date of the filing. However, pursuant to Rule 19b–4(f)(6)(iii), the Commission may designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Exchange has asked the Commission to waive the 30-day operative delay so that the proposal may become operative immediately upon filing. The Exchange believes that waiver of the 30-day operative delay is appropriate and will benefit market participants because immediate operability will allow the SPY Pilot Program to continue without interruption. The Commission believes that waiving the 30-day operative delay

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is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. Therefore, the Commission hereby waives the 30-day operative delay and designates the proposal operative upon filing.14

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) of the Act 15 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 (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml); or
- Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR–NYSEMKT–2013–83 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Elizabeth M. Murphy, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549–1090.

All submissions will be available for Web site viewing and public inspection and copying at the principal public reference room of the Securities and Exchange Commission, 105 North Capitol Street NE., Washington, DC 20549. All submissions received will be posted without change; identify submissions with reference to File Number SR–NYSEMKT–2013–83.

Accordingly, the Commission, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,6 designates December 9, 2013, as the date by which the Commission should either approve or disapprove, or institute proceedings to determine whether to disapprove, the proposed rule change (File No. SR–NYSEArca–2013–42).

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.7

Kevin M. O’Neill,
Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION


Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE Arca, Inc.; Notice of Designation of a Longer Period for Commission Action on Proposed Rule Change Amending Rule 6.72 To Make the Penny Pilot Program for Options Permanent

October 22, 2013.

On August 20, 2013, NYSE Arca, Inc. (.“NYSE Arca” or the “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (.“Commission”), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (.“Act”) 8 and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,9 a proposed rule change to amend NYSE Arca Rule 6.72 to make permanent the penny program for options (.“Penny Pilot Program”). The proposed rule change was published for comment in the Federal Register on September 10, 2013.10 The Commission received 8 comment letters on this proposal.11

Section 19(b)(2) of the Act 5 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 for this filing is October 25, 2013. 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, which relates to the Penny Pilot Program, so that it has sufficient time to consider this proposed rule change, the Comment Letters that have been submitted in connection with this proposed rule change, and NYSE Arca’s forthcoming Response to the Comment Letters.

Accordingly, the Commission, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,6 designates December 9, 2013, as the date by which the Commission should either approve or disapprove, or institute proceedings to determine whether to disapprove, the proposed rule change (File No. SR–NYSEArca–2013–42).

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Elizabeth M. Murphy, Secretary, Commission, from John M. Liftin, Managing Director and General Counsel, D.E. Shaw & Co., L.P., dated September 30, 2013; Michael J. Simon, Secretary, ISE, dated October 1, 2013; Benjamin R. Londergan, Chief Executive Officer, Group One Trading, L.P., dated October 1, 2013; Jenny L. Golding, Senior Attorney, Legal Division, Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated, dated October 7, 2013; John C. Nagel, Managing Director and General Counsel, Citadel Securities, dated October 15, 2013; Michael J. Simon, Secretary, ISE, dated October 16, 2013; and Harris Bock, Chief Executive Officer, Dynamex Trading LLC, dated October 17, 2013 (collectively “Comment Letters”).

14 For purposes only of waiving the 30-day operative delay, the Commission has considered the proposed rule’s impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).
19 See Position Paper from Michael J. Simon, Secretary, International Securities Exchange, LLC (“ISE”), dated September 19, 2013; and letters to