

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–80461; File No. SR–BatsBZX–2016–60]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Bats BZX Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Designation of a Longer Period for Commission Action on Proceedings To Determine Whether To Approve or Disapprove a Proposed Rule Change to Bats BZX Rule 14.13, Company Listing Fees, and to the Bats BZX Fee Schedule

April 14, 2017.

On September 29, 2016, Bats BZX Exchange, Inc. (“Exchange” or “BZX”) 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 (1) the fees set forth in BZX Rule 14.13 applicable to securities listed on the Exchange, and (2) the fee schedule applicable to Members³ and non-Members of the Exchange pursuant to Exchange Rules 15.1(a) and (c). BZX designated the proposed rule change as immediately effective upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act.⁴ On October 14, 2016, the Commission published notice of filing of the proposed rule change and pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(C) of the Act: (1) temporarily suspended the proposed rule change; and (2) instituted proceedings to determine whether to approve or disapprove the proposal. The notice was published for comment in the *Federal Register* on October 20, 2016.⁵ The Commission has received three comment letters on the proposal.⁶

Section 19(b)(2) of the Act⁷ provides that, after instituting proceedings, the Commission shall issue an order approving or disapproving the proposed rule change not later than 180 days after the date of publication of notice of filing

of the proposed rule change. The Commission may, however, extend the period for issuing an order approving or disapproving the proposed rule change by not more than 60 days if the Commission determines that a longer period is appropriate and publishes the reasons for such determination. The proposed rule change was published for notice and comment in the *Federal Register* on October 20, 2016.⁸ The 180th day after publication of the notice in the *Federal Register* is April 18, 2017 and June 17, 2017 is an additional 60 days from that date.

The Commission finds it appropriate to designate a longer period within which to issue an order approving or disapproving the proposed rule change so that it has sufficient time to consider this proposed rule change. Accordingly, the Commission, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,⁹ designates June 17, 2017 as the date by which the Commission should either approve or disapprove the proposed rule change (File No. SR–BatsBZX–2016–60).

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁰

Brent J. Fields,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 9969]

U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy; Notice of Meeting

The U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy will hold a public meeting from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at George Washington University’s Elliot School for International Affairs (Lindner Commons, 1957 E Street NW., Washington, DC 20052).

The meeting will be on “Echo Chambers, Artificial Intelligence, and Bot-Driven Disinformation: New Challenges in Public Diplomacy.” This session will examine how public diplomacy practitioners need to adjust strategies and tactics for the modern information ecosystem, including understanding echo chambers, automated disinformation, algorithmic bias, and the proliferation and diversity of foreign propaganda efforts.

The meeting will feature former Chairman of the House Permanent

Select Committee on Intelligence (2011–15), Congressman Mike Rogers, as well as a panel of experts on artificial intelligence, political communication, and social media.

This meeting is open to the public, Members and staff of Congress, the State Department, Defense Department, the media, and other governmental and non-governmental organizations. To attend and make any requests for reasonable accommodation, email Michelle Bowen at BowenMC1@state.gov by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 3, 2017. Please arrive for the meeting by 10:15 a.m. to allow for a prompt meeting start.

The United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy appraises U.S. Government activities intended to understand, inform, and influence foreign publics. The Advisory Commission may conduct studies, inquiries, and meetings, as it deems necessary. It may assemble and disseminate information and issue reports and other publications, subject to the approval of the Chairperson, in consultation with the Executive Director. The Advisory Commission may undertake foreign travel in pursuit of its studies and coordinate, sponsor, or oversee projects, studies, events, or other activities that it deems desirable and necessary in fulfilling its functions.

The Commission consists of seven members appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The members of the Commission shall represent the public interest and shall be selected from a cross section of educational, communications, cultural, scientific, technical, public service, labor, business, and professional backgrounds. Not more than four members shall be from any one political party. The President designates a member to chair the Commission.

The current members of the Commission are: Mr. Sim Farar of California, Chairman; Mr. William Hybl of Colorado, Vice Chairman; Ambassador Lyndon Olson of Texas, Vice Chairman; Ambassador Penne Korth-Peacock of Texas; Anne Terman Wedner of Illinois; and Ms. Georgette Mosbacher of New York. One seat on the Commission is currently vacant.

To request further information about the meeting or the U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy, you

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

³ A Member is defined as “any registered broker or dealer that has been admitted to membership in the Exchange.” See BZX Rule 1.5(n).

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁵ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 79103, 81 FR 72624 (Oct. 14, 2016).

⁶ See letter to Brent J. Fields, Secretary, Commission, from Kyle Murray, Assistant General Counsel, Bats Global Markets, Inc., dated November 22, 2016; letter to Brent J. Fields, Secretary, Commission, from Douglas A. Cifu, Chief Executive Officer, Virtu Financial, Inc., dated December 20, 2016; and letter to Brent J. Fields, Secretary, Commission, from Andrew Madar, Senior Associate General Counsel, Nasdaq Stock Market LLC, dated January 27, 2017. Comment letters are available at: <https://www.sec.gov/comments/sr-batsbzx-2016-60/batsbzx201660.shtml>.

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

⁸ See *supra* note 5.

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

¹⁰ 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(57).