

should be submitted on or before March 14, 2018.

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

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 22, 2018.

PLACE: Closed Commission Hearing Room 10800.

STATUS: This meeting will be closed to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Commissioners, Counsel to the Commissioners, the Secretary to the Commission, and recording secretaries will attend the closed meeting. Certain staff members who have an interest in the matters also may be present.

The General Counsel of the Commission, or his designee, has certified that, in his opinion, one or more of the exemptions set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(3), (5), (6), (7), (8), 9(B) and (10) and 17 CFR 200.402(a)(3), (a)(5), (a)(6), (a)(7), (a)(8), (a)(9)(ii) and (a)(10), permit consideration of the scheduled matters at the closed meeting.

Commissioner Piwowar, as duty officer, voted to consider the items listed for the closed meeting in closed session.

The subject matters of the closed meeting will be:

Institution and settlement of injunctive actions;

Institution and settlement of administrative proceedings;

Adjudicatory matters; and

Other matters relating to enforcement proceedings.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting items.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

For further information and to ascertain what, if any, matters have been added, deleted or postponed; please contact Brent J. Fields from the Office of the Secretary at (202) 551-5400.

Dated: February 15, 2018.

Brent J. Fields,
Secretary.

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⁷ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Temporarily Amend Rule 11.23(d)(2)(E) Relating to the Halt Auction Collar for a Halt Auction for REX VolMAXX Short Weekly Futures Strategy ETF

February 14, 2018.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act”),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on February 7, 2018, Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc. (the “Exchange” or “BZX”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Exchange has designated this proposal as a “non-controversial” proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act³ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) thereunder,⁴ which renders it effective upon filing with the Commission. 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 filed a proposal to temporarily amend Rule 11.23(d)(2)(E) relating to the Halt Auction Collar for a Halt Auction for REX VolMAXX Short Weekly Futures Strategy ETF (VMIN), which would be operative for February 6, 2018 only.

The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Exchange’s website at www.markets.cboe.com, at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission’s Public Reference Room.

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 Exchange 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 these 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 Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to temporarily amend Rule 11.23(d)(2)(E) relating to the Halt Auction Collar for a Halt Auction for REX VolMAXX Short Weekly Futures Strategy ETF (VMIN), which would be operative for February 6, 2018 only.

On February 5, 2018, both the U.S. and global markets experienced increased selling pressure and the Dow Jones Industrial Average (“DJIA”) closed 4.6% down over the prior closing day. In addition, on February 5, 2018, volatility was significantly higher across all measures of U.S. markets and continued to fluctuate significantly through the morning of February 6, 2018.

VMIN, which is listed on the Exchange, seeks to provide investors with inverse exposure to the implied volatility of the broad-based, large-cap U.S. equity market by obtaining investment exposure to an actively managed portfolio of exchange-traded Cboe Volatility Index (“VIX”) Futures Contracts with weekly and monthly expirations. On February 5, 2018, the Official Closing Price for VMIN was \$16.57. The price of VMIN declined in after-market trading on February 5, 2018, and the last reported extended-hours trade price on that day was \$7.50. The reported NAV for February 5, 2018 was \$3.37. Because of the volatility in the pricing for VMIN and based on information from the issuer that there was a news event forthcoming, the Exchange halted trading in VMIN during the Pre-Opening Session. While the security was halted, an Intraday Indicative Value (“IIV”) was published under the ticker VMIN.IV, and as of 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time on February 6, 2018, the IIV was \$3.19. As such, the Halt Auction Reference Price for a Halt Auction would be the prior day’s Official Closing Price, \$16.57, and the Halt Auction Collar would be \$14.91 and \$18.23.

However, because of market events unique to the circumstances of February 5, 2018 and February 6, 2018, and the impact on pricing of VMIN, the Exchange does not believe that VMIN’s Official Closing Price would be an appropriate Halt Auction Reference Price and the basis for calculating the

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).