

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 that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purpose of the Act. The Exchange believes that the proposal will allow the Exchange to better compete with Arca by putting the two exchanges on equal footing as it relates to listing standards applicable to Equity Index-Linked Securities.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

The Exchange has neither solicited nor received written comments on 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 from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, it has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act⁹ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.¹⁰

A proposed rule change filed under Rule 19b-4(f)(6)¹¹ normally does not become operative for 30 days after the date of its filing. However, pursuant to Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii),¹² the Commission may designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Exchange requests that the Commission waive the 30-day operative delay so that the proposal may become operative immediately upon filing. The Exchange represents that waiver of the 30-day operative delay will allow the Exchange to immediately compete with respect to listing new series of Equity Index-Linked Securities on the Exchange. Because the proposed rules previously have been approved by the Commission for, and are substantively identical to those of, another listing exchange, the Commission believes that the proposal

promotes competition with respect to the listing and trading of Equity Index-Linked Securities, and does not believe that the proposal raises any novel or unique regulatory issues.¹³ Therefore, the Commission believes that waiving the 30-day operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Commission hereby waives the 30-day operative delay and designates the proposed rule change operative upon filing.¹⁴

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is: (i) Necessary or appropriate in the public interest; (ii) for the protection of investors; or (iii) otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings 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-CboeBZX-2018-020 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-CboeBZX-2018-020. 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 (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written

communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549 on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change. Persons submitting comments are cautioned that we do not redact or edit personal identifying information from comment submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-CboeBZX-2018-020, and should be submitted on or before April 12, 2018.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁵

Eduardo A. Aleman,
Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon Written Request Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of FOIA Services, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549-2736.

Extension:

Form F-6, SEC File No. 270-270, OMB Control No. 3235-0292

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 ("Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget this request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

Form F-6 (17 CFR 239.36) is a form used by foreign companies to register the offer and sale of American Depositary Receipts (ADRs) under the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77a *et seq.*). Form F-6 requires disclosure of information regarding the terms of the depository bank, fees charged, and a description of the ADRs. No special

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹⁰ 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 at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The Exchange has satisfied this requirement.

¹¹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

¹² 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

¹³ See *supra* note 5.

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).

¹⁵ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

information regarding the foreign company is required to be prepared or disclosed, although the foreign company must be one which periodically furnishes information to the Commission. The information is needed to ensure that investors in ADRs have full disclosure of information concerning the deposit agreement and the foreign company. Form F-6 takes approximately 1.35 hour per response to prepare and is filed by 476 respondents annually. We estimate that 25% of the 1.35 hour per response (0.338 hours) is prepared by the filer for a total annual reporting burden of 161 hours (0.338 hours per response × 476 responses). The information provided on Form F-6 is mandatory to best ensure full disclosure of ADRs being issued in the U.S. All information provided to the Commission is available for public review upon request.

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.

The public may view the background documentation for this information collection at the following website, www.reginfo.gov. Comments should be directed to: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503, or by sending an email to: [Shagufta Ahmed@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Shagufta.Ahmed@omb.eop.gov); and (ii) Pamela Dyson, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Remi Pavlik-Simon, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549 or send an email to: PRA.Mailbox@sec.gov. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: March 19, 2018.

Eduardo A. Aleman,
Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 10362]

Defense Trade Advisory Group; Notice of Open Meeting

The Defense Trade Advisory Group (DTAG) will meet in open session from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 1777 F Street NW, Washington, DC 20006. Entry and registration will begin at 12:30 p.m. The membership of this advisory committee consists of private sector defense trade

representatives, appointed by the Assistant Secretary of State for Political-Military Affairs, who advise the Department on policies, regulations, and technical issues affecting defense trade. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss current defense trade issues and topics for further study.

The following agenda topics will be discussed and final reports presented: (1) Address one remaining task not briefed as final by the IT working group at the February 1 plenary meeting. Pass any remaining work by way of recommendations for further study; (2) Provide recommended changes to ITAR § 123.17 exemption that would cover other commonly carried Government Furnished Equipment (GFE); and (3) Further discussion and recommendations with regards to the Defense Services Working Group.

Members of the public may attend this open session and will be permitted to participate in the question and answer discussion period following the formal DTAG presentation on each agenda topic in accordance with the Chair's instructions. Members of the public may also, if they wish, submit a brief statement (less than 3 pages) to the committee in writing for inclusion in the public minutes of the meeting.

As seating is limited to 125 persons, each member of the public or DTAG member that wishes to attend this plenary session should provide: His/her name and contact information such as email address and/or phone number and any request for reasonable accommodation to the DTAG Alternate Designated Federal Officer (DFO), Anthony Dearth, via email at DTAG@state.gov by COB Monday, April 30, 2018. If notified after this date, the Department might be unable to accommodate requests due to requirements at the meeting location. One of the following forms of valid photo identification will be required for admission to the meeting: U.S. driver's license, passport, U.S. Government ID or other valid photo ID.

For additional information, contact Ms. Barbara Eisenbeiss, PM/DDTC, SA-1, 12th Floor, Directorate of Defense Trade Controls, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20522-0112; telephone (202) 663-2835 or email DTAG@state.gov.

Anthony Dearth,

Alternate Designated Federal Officer, Defense Trade Advisory Group, Department of State.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36166]

Indiana Southern Railroad, LLC—Amendment to Trackage Rights Exemption—The Indiana Rail Road Company

Indiana Southern Railroad, LLC (ISRR), a Class III railroad, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(7) for overhead trackage rights over a line of railroad owned by The Indiana Rail Road Company (INRD), pursuant to an amendment (Amendment) to an existing trackage rights agreement (Base Agreement) between ISRR and INRD. The trackage rights relate to approximately 5.8 miles of rail line between INRD milepost 224.1 at or near Elnora, Ind., and INRD milepost 218.3 at or near Beehunter, Ind. (the Line).¹

ISRR states that the Amendment grants ISRR the right to construct one or more additional connections at the Beehunter end of the Line, to reinstall a crossing diamond there, and to extend the term of the Base Agreement by 22 years to August 12, 2065. ISRR, in return, agreed to contribute toward INRD's obligations under a federal Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant to be used to improve the Line.² According to ISRR, the Amendment does not make any material change to the trackage rights (which remain overhead with the same end points).

A redacted public version of the Amendment is attached to ISRR's verified notice of exemption.³

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the trackage rights will be protected by the conditions set forth in *Norfolk & Western Railway—Trackage Rights—Burlington Northern, Inc.*, 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Railway—Lease & Operate—California Western Railroad*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980).

The transaction may be consummated on or after April 5, 2018, the effective

¹ ISRR currently holds overhead trackage rights over the Line under the Base Agreement. *Ind. S. R.R.—Trackage Rights Exemption—Soo Line R.R.*, FD 32538 (ICC served Oct. 13, 1993). ISRR states that it is the successor to Indiana Southern Railroad, Inc., and INRD is the successor in interest to Soo Line Railroad Company. (Notice 1 n.1.)

² According to ISRR, the Amendment, which was executed in May 2013, was contingent on INRD being awarded a TIGER grant and ISRR contributing toward INRD's costs after the project's completion. ISRR states that the grant was awarded in 2014 and that it made the required payment to INRD on August 12, 2015. (Notice 2 n.2.)

³ With its verified notice, ISRR filed a motion for a protective order to protect the confidential and commercial sensitive information contained in the agreement, which ISRR submitted under seal. That motion will be addressed in a separate decision.