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*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 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 Act<sup>11</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.<sup>12</sup>

A proposed rule change filed pursuant to Rule 19b-4(f)(6) under the Act<sup>13</sup> normally does not become operative for 30 days after the date of its filing. However, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii)<sup>14</sup> permits the Commission to 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. According to the Exchange, waiver would allow the Exchange to conform the rule to the current settlement cycle and eliminate outdated references to the T+3 settlement cycle without undue delay. The Commission believes that the proposed rule change raises no new or novel issues and that waiver of the operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. Therefore, the Commission hereby waives the operative delay and designates the proposal operative upon filing.<sup>15</sup>

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 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 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](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR-NYSE-2019-03 on the subject line.

*Paper Comments*

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Brent J. Fields, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NYSE-2019-03. 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-NYSE-2019-03 and should be submitted on or before March 14, 2019.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>16</sup>

**Eduardo A. Aleman,**  
*Deputy Secretary.*

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

[Release No. 34-85133; File No. SR-BOX-2019-03]

**Self-Regulatory Organizations; BOX Exchange LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Amend the Fee Schedule on the BOX Options Market LLC ("BOX") Facility To Modify Its Strategy QOO Order Fee Cap and Rebate**

February 14, 2019.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act"),<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on February 1, 2019, BOX Exchange LLC (the "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Exchange filed the proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act,<sup>3</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(2) thereunder,<sup>4</sup> which renders the proposal 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 the Substance of the Proposed Rule Change**

The Exchange is filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") a proposed rule change to amend the Fee Schedule to amend the Fee Schedule [sic] on the BOX Options Market LLC ("BOX") options facility. The text of the proposed rule change is available from the principal office of the Exchange, at the Commission's Public Reference Room

<sup>16</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

<sup>3</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

<sup>4</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

<sup>11</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>12</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). As required under Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii), the Exchange provided the Commission with written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change, along with a brief description and the text of 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.

<sup>13</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

<sup>14</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

<sup>15</sup> For purposes only of waiving the 30-day operative delay, the Commission has also considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

and also on the Exchange's internet website at <http://boxexchange.com>.

## 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 aspects 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 the Fee Schedule for trading on BOX to amend Section II.D (Strategy QOO Order Fee Cap and Rebate). Currently, the Exchange caps fees and offers rebates on all reversal, conversion, jelly roll, and box spread strategies on the BOX Trading Floor. The Exchange is now proposing to cap fees and offer a Floor Broker rebate for short stock interest strategy transactions.

A short stock interest strategy is a transaction done to achieve a short stock interest arbitrage involving the purchase, sale, and exercise of in-the-money options of the same class. The Exchange proposes to include this definition in a footnote in the BOX Fee Schedule along with the other definitions of the strategies in Section II.D.

The Exchange proposes to offer a strategy cap for short stock interest strategies. Today, Floor Participant transactions are capped at \$1,000 for all reversal, conversion, jelly roll, and box spread strategies executed on the same trading day.<sup>5</sup> The Exchange proposes to include short stock interest strategies in the daily Strategy QOO Order Fee Cap and Rebate. As such, Floor Participant transactions will also be capped at \$1,000 for all short stock interest strategies executed on the same trading day. Further, the Exchange proposes to include short stock interest strategies in the Floor Broker Strategy QOO Rebate. As proposed, on each trading day, Floor Brokers are eligible to receive a \$500 rebate for presenting certain Strategy

QOO Orders on the Trading Floor. The rebate will be applied once the \$1,000 fee cap for all short stock interest, reversal, conversion, jelly roll, and box spread strategies is met.

The Exchange notes that the fee cap discussed herein exists at another options exchange in the industry.<sup>6</sup>

#### 2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposal is consistent with the requirements of Section 6(b) of the Act, in general, and Section 6(b)(4) and 6(b)(5) of the Act,<sup>7</sup> in particular, in that it provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among BOX Participants and other persons using its facilities and does not unfairly discriminate between customers, issuers, brokers or dealers.

The Exchange believes that including short stock interest strategies in Section II.D of the BOX Fee Schedule is reasonable, as another exchange offers fee caps for short stock interest strategies, namely Cboe.<sup>8</sup> Moreover, the Exchange believes the proposed fees are reasonable in comparison because BOX's fee cap for short stock interest strategies is identical to Cboe's fee cap. Further, the Exchange believes that including short stock interest strategies in the Strategy QOO Order rebate is appropriate as Floor Brokers are eligible to receive a \$500 rebate for presenting all other strategies to the BOX Trading Floor.

The Exchange believes that the proposed fee cap for short stock interest strategies is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because it provides incentives for all Participants to submit these types of strategy orders to the BOX Trading Floor, which brings increased liquidity and order flow to the floor for the benefit of all market participants. Further, the Exchange believes that including short stock interest strategies in the Strategy QOO Order rebate is equitable and not unfairly discriminatory as the rebate is available to all Floor Brokers who submit such orders to the BOX Trading Floor.

<sup>6</sup> See Cboe Exchange Inc. ("Cboe") Fee Schedule Footnote 13. At Cboe, market-maker, Clearing Trading Permit Holder, JBO participant, broker-dealer and non-Trading Permit Holder market-maker transaction fees are capped at \$1,000 for all short stock interest strategies. Unlike Cboe, BOX does not have a monthly fee cap because the Exchange previously removed it for being unnecessary due to the fact that if Participants are capped at \$1,000 per day, they would never reach the previous \$25,000 monthly fee cap. See SR-BOX-2018-11.

<sup>7</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4) and (5).

<sup>8</sup> See *supra* note 6.

### 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 in furtherance of the purposes of the Act because the proposed change applies uniformly to all Participants that incur transaction fees for short stock interest strategies. Further, another options exchange today offer caps on short stock interest strategies; therefore, the Exchange believes that the proposal is consistent with robust competition and does not provide any unnecessary burden on competition. Further, because Floor Participants pay Floor Brokers to execute trades on the Exchange floor, the Exchange believes that offering fee caps on short stock interest strategies to Participants executing floor transactions and not electronic executions does not create an unnecessary burden on competition because the fee cap defrays brokerage costs associated with executing short stock interest strategy transactions, similar to other strategies today.

The Exchange operates in a highly competitive market in which market participants can easily and readily direct order flow to competing venues if they deem fee levels at a particular venue to be excessive or rebates to be inadequate. Accordingly, the fee cap and Floor Broker rebate for short stock interest strategies proposed by the Exchange, as described in the proposal, are influenced by these robust market forces and therefore must remain competitive with fee caps at other venues and therefore must continue to be reasonable and equitably allocated to those Participants that opt to direct orders to the Exchange rather than competing venues.

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

No written comments were either solicited or received.

## III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Exchange Act<sup>9</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(2) thereunder,<sup>10</sup> because it establishes or changes a due, or fee.

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may

<sup>9</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

<sup>10</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

<sup>5</sup> Reversal, conversion, jelly roll and box spread transactions are not included in the monthly fee cap for Broker Dealers.

temporarily suspend the rule change if it appears to the Commission that the action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or would otherwise further the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule 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](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR-BOX-2019-03 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-BOX-2019-03. 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 such 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-BOX-2019-03, and should be submitted on or before March 14, 2019.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>11</sup>

**Eduardo A. Aleman,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. EP 558 (Sub-No. 22)]

### Railroad Cost of Capital—2018

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board.

**ACTION:** Notice of decision instituting a proceeding to determine the railroad industry's 2018 cost of capital.

**SUMMARY:** The Board is instituting a proceeding to determine the railroad industry's cost of capital for 2018. The decision solicits comments on the following issues: The railroads' 2018 current cost of debt capital; the railroads' 2018 current cost of preferred equity capital (if any); the railroads' 2018 cost of common equity capital; and the 2018 capital structure mix of the railroad industry on a market value basis. Comments should focus on the various cost-of-capital components listed above using the same methodology followed in *Railroad Cost of Capital—2017*, EP 558 (Sub-No. 21) (STB served Dec. 6, 2018).

**DATES:** Notices of intent to participate are due by April 1, 2019. Statements of the railroads are due by April 22, 2019. Statements of other interested persons are due by May 13, 2019. Rebuttal statements by the railroads are due by June 3, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted either via the Board's e-filing system or in the traditional paper format. Any person using e-filing should comply with the instructions at the E-FILING link at [www.stb.gov](http://www.stb.gov). Any person submitting a filing in the traditional paper format should send an original and 10 copies to: Surface Transportation Board, Attn: Docket No. EP 558 (Sub-No. 22), 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Pedro Ramirez at (202) 245-0333. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

<sup>11</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Board's decision is posted at [www.stb.gov](http://www.stb.gov). Copies of the decision may be purchased by contacting the Board's Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance at (202) 245-0238. Assistance for the hearing impaired is available through FIRS at 1-800-877-8339.

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 10704(a).

Decided: February 14, 2019.

By the Board, Board Members Begeman, Fuchs, and Oberman.

**Aretha Laws-Byrum,**

*Clearance Clerk.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Requests for Comments; Clearance of Renewed Approval of Information Collection: Specific Release Form

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FAA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to renew an information collection. The information garnered from a Specific Release Form will be used by FAA Special Agents to obtain information related to a specific investigation. That information is then provided to the FAA decision making authority to make FAA employment and/or pilot certification/revocation determinations.

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted by April 22, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to the FAA at the following address: Barbara Hall, Federal Aviation Administration, ASP-110, 10101 Hillwood Parkway, Fort Worth, TX 76177.

*Public Comments Invited:* You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for FAA's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for FAA to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency