personal nature about individuals who submitted comments on the competition entries, where disclosure would constitute unwarranted invasions of personal privacy. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: August 27, 2019.

Crystal Robinson,
Committee Management Officer.
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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
[NRC–2019–0001]

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: Weeks of September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, October 7, 2019.

PLACE: Commissioners’ Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

STATUS: Public and Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Week of September 2, 2019
There are no meetings scheduled for the week of September 2, 2019.

Week of September 9, 2019—Tentative
Monday, September 9, 2019
10:00 a.m. NRC All Employees Meeting (Public Meeting) Marriott Bethesda North Hotel, 5701 Marinelli Road, Rockville, MD 20852.

Tuesday, September 10, 2019
10:00 a.m. Briefing on NRC International Activities (Closed—Ex. 1 & 9).

Week of September 16, 2019—Tentative
There are no meetings scheduled for the week of September 16, 2019.

Week of September 23, 2019—Tentative
There are no meetings scheduled for the week of September 23, 2019.

Week of September 30, 2019—Tentative
There are no meetings scheduled for the week of September 30, 2019.

Week of October 7, 2019—Tentative
There are no meetings scheduled for the week of October 7, 2019.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:
For more information or to verify the status of meetings, contact Denise McGovern at 301–415–0681 or via email at Denise.McGovern@nrc.gov. The schedule for Commission meetings is subject to change on short notice.


The NRC provides reasonable accommodation to individuals with disabilities where appropriate. If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in these public meetings or need this meeting notice or the transcript or other information from the public meetings in another format (e.g., braille, large print), please notify Kimberly Meyer-Chambers, NRC Disability Program Manager, at 301–287–0739, by videophone at 240–428–3217, or by email at Kimberly.Meyer-Chambers@nrc.gov. Determinations on requests for reasonable accommodation will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Members of the public may request to receive this information electronically. If you would like to be added to the distribution, please contact the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of the Secretary, Washington, DC 20555 (301–415–1969), or by email at Wendy.Moore@nrc.gov or Tyesha.Bush@nrc.gov.

The NRC is holding the meetings under the authority of the Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552b.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 28th day of August, 2019.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Denise L. McGovern,
Policy Coordinator, Office of the Secretary.
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Cboe Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change Concerning End-of-Month and End-of-Day Indicative Values

August 26, 2019.

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 August 12, 2019, Cboe Exchange, Inc. (the “Exchange” or “Cboe Options”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I, and II, below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Exchange filed the proposal as a “non-controversial” proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act 3 and Rule 19b–4(f)(6) thereunder. 4 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

Cboe Exchange, Inc. (the “Exchange” or “Cboe Options”) proposes to amend and move certain Current Rules in connection with end-of-month and end-of-day indicative values from the Exchange’s currently effective Rulebook (“current Rulebook”) to the shell structure for the Exchange’s Rulebook that will become effective upon the migration of the Exchange’s trading platform to the same system used by the Cboe Affiliated Exchanges (as defined below) (“shell Rulebook”). The text of the proposed rule change is provided in Exhibit 5. The text of the proposed rule change is also available on the Exchange’s website (http://www.cboe.com/AboutCBOE/CBOELegalRegulatoryHome.aspx), at the Exchange’s Office of the Secretary, 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 aspects of such statements.

A. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose


together with Cboe Options, C2, EDGX, EDGA, and BZX, the “Cboe Affiliated Exchanges”). The Exchange intends to migrate its trading platform to the same system used by the Cboe Affiliated Exchanges, which the Exchange expects to complete on October 7, 2019. In connection with this technology migration, the Exchange has a shell Rulebook that resides alongside its current Rulebook, which shell Rulebook will contain the Rules that will be in place upon completion of the Cboe Options technology migration. The Exchange proposes to adopt Rule 4.17 (in the shell Rulebook), which amends its current rules regarding end-of-month (“EOM”) and end-of-day (“EOD”) indicative values. Currently, Rule 6.2.06(a) describes the Exchange’s process for calculating EOM values. Specifically, it provides that following the close of trading on the last business day of each calendar month, the Exchange will conduct special non-trading closing rotations for each series of S&P 500 Index ("SPX") options in order to determine the theoretical “fair value” of such series as of time of the close of trading in the underlying cash market. During such special non-trading closing rotations, Lead Market Makers (“LMMs”) or Select Market Makers (“SMMs”) in the SPX options in each series of SPX options, may provide bid and offer quotations, the midpoint of which will reflect the theoretical fair value of the series of SPX options, as determined by the LMM(s) or SMM(s) pursuant to the LMMs’ or SMMs’ algorithmic analysis of relevant and available data. Notwithstanding that trading in SPX options on the Exchange continues until fifteen minutes after the close of trading in the underlying cash market, on the last business day of each month, after the close of trading, the Exchange shall disseminate the fair value quotations as of the close of trading in the underlying cash market provided by the LMM(s) or SMM(s) as the quotations used to calculate the theoretical fair value for each series of SPX options. In particular, LMMs and SMMs of the Exchange with quotes to fairly represent the market of the subject series, using the final EOM fair value of the corresponding E-Mini S&P 500 (“ES”) futures price provided by the CME Group, Inc. (“CME”), usually within 10 minutes of CME’s EOM fair value market close, which occurs at 3:00 p.m. on the last trading day of the month.

Current Rule 6.2.06(b) describes the Exchange’s process for calculating EOD values. Specifically, it provides that following the close of trading of Regular Trading Hours on any trading day that is not the last business day of a calendar month, in addition to the Exchange’s regular end-of-day quotations, the Exchange may determine, on a series-by-series basis, to disseminate two-sided indicative values in non-expiring series of SPX options in the interests of fair and orderly markets. The Exchange derives end-of-day indicative values for series of SPX options using an algorithm based on quotations and orders displayed in series of SPX options prior to the close of trading or, in the absence of sufficient quote and order data in a series, using generally accepted volatility and options pricing models as determined by the Exchange. EOD indicative values shall be clearly identified and disseminated via the Options Price Reporting Authority ("OPRA"). This permits the Exchange to disseminate informational indicative values more reflective of actual options values in addition to final end-of-day displayed quotations when Users’ systems issues or market conditions result in an absence of final quotes or extraordinarily wide final quotes without interfering in the markets or impeding any market functionalities that rely on accurate pricing or EOD quotes.

Upon migration, the Exchange will discontinue the dissemination of indicative values to OPRA, 6 as well as the EOM closing rotation. Instead, the Exchange will make publicly available, e.g., on its website, the indicative prices calculated for each series in classes as the Exchange determines on a class-by-class basis, on any trading day, including the last trading day of the month, using the same logic currently implemented for calculating indicative values under current Rule 6.2.06(b). As such, the Exchange now proposes Rule 4.17 (in the shell Rulebook), which amends the language under current Rule 6.2.06(b) and does not adopt language from current Rule 6.2.06(a), to account for the above-described changes to be implemented upon migration. The proposed rule does not present any new or novel functionality as the indicative value logic will function for all trading days in the same manner as it does today for EOD. The proposed change merely applies the same process to every trading day, including the last business day of the calendar month. This will provide a streamlined indicative price process for each trading day in which indicative prices may be published. In addition to streamlining the process for each trading day, the Exchange proposes to remove the theoretical fair value process for EOM for a number of other reasons. First, the migrated technology platform will no longer support the ability for LMMs or SMMs to quote after the close as the current rule provides. Second, the Exchange believes using an algorithm based on quotations and orders displayed will provide a more objective, static formulation for indicative prices as opposed to the current analysis conducted by LMMs or SMMs, which potentially varies across different LMMs or SMMs. Third, though CME currently provides for a EOM fair value procedure for many of its equities products (which differs from the 3:15 p.m. daily settlement process for such products), it may determine to have a 3:00 p.m. daily settlement process for all days, including the last trading day of the month, in its equities products as it currently has in place for other products, which could interfere with the current EOM process. Therefore, the Exchange proposes to mitigate any possibility that indicative values could not be calculated on the last day of the month by applying the current Exchange-generated EOD logic to all trading days.

The Exchange also proposes that, instead of a series-by-series basis, the Exchange may determine which indicative values will be provided on a class-by-class basis, which is consistent with the majority of Exchange determinations, where applicable, throughout the Exchange rules, as well as provides the Exchange with flexibility to potentially provide indicative prices for any and all of its options classes exclusively listed on the Exchange. 7 This will benefit all market participants by providing more indicative values than if the Exchange determined indicative prices on the narrower series-by-series basis. In addition to this, rather than disseminating the indicative pricing to OPRA, for which market participants must pay a fee to OPRA to access, the Exchange will make indicative prices publicly available, e.g., by posting on its website, which will provide free access

5 The Exchange notes that current Rule 6.2.06, which currently provides for EOM and EOD values, was already “removed” from the current Rulebook in anticipation of migration, therefore, is effective only until October 7, 2019. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 86387 (July 16, 2019), 84 FR 35147 (July 22, 2019) (SR-CBOE-2019-004).

6 The Exchange has communicated and worked with OPRA reporting authorities regarding the implementation of this change.

7 Upon migration, the Exchange plans to provide indicative prices for SPX, SPXW, VIX, and VIXX options.
to such prices for all market participants.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act”) and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to the Exchange and, in particular, the requirements of Section 6(b) of the Act. Specifically, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5) requirement that the rules of an exchange be designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in regulating, clearing, settling, processing information with respect to, and facilitating transactions in securities, 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 notes that the proposed rule does not present any new or novel functionality, as it will continue to use the EOM logic in the same manner for calculating indicative values as it does today for all trading days. The proposed change merely applies the current EOD logic to every trading day, including the last business day of the calendar month. As such, the proposed rule change will protect investors by fostering cooperation and coordination with market participants processing information with respect to securities and by removing impediments to and perfecting the mechanism of a free and open market and national market system by providing market participants with a streamlined indicative price process. The Exchange believes this will make the process itself easier to understand within the Exchange Rules, as well as provide easier access to such pricing. In addition to streamlining the process for each trading day, removing the theoretical fair value process for EOM will also remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and national market system by providing market participants with rules that will accurately reflect the manner in which the Exchange’s System will function upon migration, allow for a more objective, static formulation for indicative prices than the current LMM or SMM analysis, which potentially varies across different LMMs or SMMs, as well as mitigate any potential issues in deriving indicative values from CME’s EOM fair value process, which is subject to change and, as a result, could interfere with the current EOM process. Additionally, by providing the Exchange with the flexibility to determine indicative values on a broader class-by-class basis, the proposed rule change will potentially provide more indicative pricing information, benefitting all market participants. Exchange determinations on a class-by-class basis are also consistent with the majority of Exchange determinations currently under the Rules. Moreover, the proposed rule change will remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and national market system by making the indicative values publicly available and free for all participants to access, as opposed to the current dissemination of such prices to OPRA, for which market participants must pay a fee to access.

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 purposes of the Act. The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on intramarket competition because the dissemination of EOD indicative values does not impact trading on the Exchange, but is intended merely to make indicative pricing information available to all market participants. Likewise, the Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on intermarket competition because the indicative values will be publicly available, e.g., on the Exchange’s website, to all market participants for free.

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

The Exchange neither solicited nor received 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:

A. Significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest;
B. impose any significant burden on competition; and
C. 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 and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder. 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 under Section 19(b)(2)(B) of the Act 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-CBOE-2019-046 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

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

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-CBOE-2019-046. 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 and 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–CBOE–2019–046 and should be submitted on or before September 20, 2019.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.14

Jill M. Peterson, Assistant Secretary.

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SEcurities and ExChANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 33610; File No. 812–15004]

Hartford Schroders Opportunistic Income Fund and Hartford Funds Management Company, LLC

August 27, 2019.

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”).

ACTION: Notice.

Notice of an application under section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the “Act”) for an exemption from sections 18(a)(2), 18(c), and 18(i) of the Act, under sections 6(c) and 23(c) of the Act for an exemption from rule 23c–3 under the Act, and for an order pursuant to section 17(d) of the Act and rule 17d–1 under the Act.

SUMMARY OF APPLICATION: Applicants request an order to permit certain registered closed-end management investment companies to issue multiple classes of shares and to impose asset-based service and distribution fees, and early withdrawal charges (“EWCs”).

APPLICANTS: Hartford Schroders Opportunistic Income Fund (the “Initial Fund”) and Hartford Funds Management Company, LLC (the “Adviser”).

FILING DATES: The application was filed on February 25, 2019 and amended on May 29, 2019 and July 29, 2019.

HEARING OR NOTIFICATION OF HEARING: An order granting the requested relief will be issued unless the Commission orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing by writing to the Commission’s Secretary and serving applicants with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the Commission by 5:30 p.m. on September 23, 2019, and should be accompanied by proof of service on the applicants, in the form of an affidavit, or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Pursuant to rule 0–5 under the Act, hearing requests should state the nature of the writer’s interest, any facts bearing upon the desirability of a hearing on the matter, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons who wish to be notified of a hearing may request notification by writing to the Commission’s Secretary.

ADDRESSES: Secretary, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549–1090; Applicants: Hartford Schroders Opportunistic Income Fund and Hartford Funds Management Company, LLC, 690 Lee Road, Wayne, Pennsylvania 19087.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bradley Gude, Senior Counsel, at (202) 551–5590, or Trace W. Rakestraw, Branch Chief, at (202) 551–6825 (Division of Investment Management, Chief Counsel’s Office).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following is a summary of the application. The complete application may be obtained via the Commission’s website by searching for the file number, or for an applicant using the Company name box, at http://www.sec.gov/search/search.htm by calling (202) 551–8090.

Applicants’ Representations

1. The Initial Fund is a Delaware statutory trust that is registered under the Act as a diversified, closed-end management investment company. The Initial Fund’s investment objective will be to provide current income and long-term return consistent with preservation of capital.

2. The Adviser is a Delaware limited liability company registered as an investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940. The Adviser will serve as investment adviser to the Initial Fund.

3. The applicants seek an order to permit the Initial Fund to issue multiple classes of shares, each having its own fee and expense structure, and to impose asset-based distribution and service fees, and EWCs.

4. Applicants request that the order also apply to any continuously offered registered closed-end management investment company that has been previously organized or that may be organized in the future for which the Adviser or any entity controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the Adviser, or any successor in interest to any such entity, acts as investment adviser and which operates as an interval fund pursuant to rule 23c–3 under the Act or provides periodic liquidity with respect to its shares pursuant to rule 13e–4 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Exchange Act”) (each, a “Future Fund” and together with the Initial Fund, the “Funds”).

5. The Initial Fund will make a continuous public offering of its shares. Applicants state that additional offerings by any Fund relying on the order may be made on a private placement or public offering basis. Shares of the Funds will not be listed on any securities exchange, nor quoted on any quotation medium. The Funds do not expect there to be a secondary trading market for their shares.

6. If the requested relief is granted, the Initial Fund may also offer additional classes of shares in the future, with each class having its own fee and expense structure.

7. Applicants state that, from time to time, the Funds may create additional classes of shares, the terms of which may differ from the initial class pursuant to and in compliance with rule 16f–3 under the Act.

8. Applicants state that the Initial Fund will adopt a fundamental policy to repurchase a specified percentage of its shares (no less than 5% and not more than 25%) at net asset value on a periodic basis. Such repurchase offers will be conducted pursuant to rule 23c–3 under the Act. Each Future Fund will likewise adopt a fundamental investment policy in compliance with

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1 A successor in interest is limited to an entity that results from a reorganization into another jurisdiction or a change in the type of business organization.

2 Any Fund relying on this relief in the future will do so in compliance with the terms and conditions of the application. Applicants represent that each entity presently intending to rely on the requested relief is listed as an applicant.

3 Applicants submit that rule 23c–3 and Regulation M under the Exchange Act permit an interval fund to make repurchase offers to repurchase its shares while engaging in a continuous offering of its shares pursuant to rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933.