exposures to its participants by establishing a risk-based margin system that, at a minimum, considers, and produces margin levels commensurate with, the risks and particular attributes of each relevant product, portfolio, and market.[45] The Proposed Rule Change is consistent with Rule 17Ad–22(e)(6)(i) under the Act for the reasons stated below.

FICC's proposal to amend the correlation calculation for bond haircut models should enable FICC to more effectively address the risks posed by the exposure to short-term bond positions in members' portfolios. As discussed above in Section II, FICC applies a haircut calculation to all short-term bonds and bonds with no vendor provided sensitivity analytics data. The haircut calculation is determined by placing the bonds into relevant maturity buckets, then using correlations to account for cross-bucket effects. Currently, although short-term bonds are substantially intercorrelated, FICC manually set the correlation calculation of the maturity buckets for short-terms bonds to zero due to a lack of data from a designated vendor.[46] The Impact Study reviewed and analyzed by the Commission shows the effects of using a correlation number other than zero calculated based on index data provided by an alternate vendor for the following maturity buckets of short-term bonds: Treasury 0–6 months, Treasury 6–12 months, and TIPS 0–12 months.[47] The Impact Study shows that enhancing the correlation calculation for bond haircut models would have increased the aggregate VaR Charges at GSD and increased member margin portfolio levels, on average, during the coverage period.[48] Additionally, if Margin Proxy would have been deployed during this coverage period, the Impact Study shows this charge would have also increased aggregate VaR Charges at GSD and increased member margin portfolio levels, on average.[49]

By revising the correlation of bond haircut models to use fixed income data from an alternate vendor when none is provided by a designated vendor, specifically for short-term bond maturity buckets whose correlation calculation was set to zero, FICC should be able to better cover its credit exposures to its participants and produce margin levels commensurate with the risks and particular attributes of short-term bond positions held in members' portfolio. As a result, implementing the Proposed Rule Change should better enable FICC to collect margin amounts at levels commensurate with FICC's credit exposures to its members.

Accordingly, the Proposed Rule Change is consistent with Rule 17Ad–22(e)(6)(i) under the Act because it is designed to assist FICC in maintaining a risk-based margin system that considers, and produces margin levels commensurate with, the risks of short-term bond positions in members' portfolios.[50]

V. Conclusion

On the basis of the foregoing, the Commission finds that the Proposed Rule Change is consistent with the requirements of the Act and in particular with the requirements of Section 17A of the Act[51] and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act[52] that proposed rule change SR–FICC–2026–002, be, and hereby is, *approved.*[53]

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.[54]

Sherry R. Haywood,

Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–104953; File No. SR–CBOE–2026–005]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Cboe Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Designation of a Longer Period for Commission Action on a Proposed Rule Change To Amend Rules 4.13 and 5.1 To Permit Options on the Dow Jones Industrial Average Index To Be P.M.-Settled

March 9, 2026.

On January 6, 2026, Cboe Exchange, Inc. 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 Rules 4.13 and 5.1 to permit options on the Dow Jones Industrial Average index to be P.M.-settled. The proposed rule change was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on January 26, 2026.[3]

Section 19(b)(2) of the Act[4] provides that within 45 days of the publication of notice of the filing of a proposed rule change, or within such longer period up to 90 days as the Commission may designate if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission shall either approve the proposed rule change, disapprove the proposed rule change, or institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved. The 45th day after publication of the notice for this proposed rule change is March 12, 2026. The Commission is extending this 45-day time period.

The Commission finds it appropriate to designate a longer period within which to take action on the proposed rule change so that it has sufficient time to consider the proposed rule change and the issues raised therein. Accordingly, the Commission, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,[5] designates April 26, 2026, as the date by which the Commission shall either approve or disapprove, or institute proceedings to determine whether to disapprove, the proposed rule change (File No. SR–CBOE–2026–005).

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.[6]

Sherry R. Haywood,

Assistant Secretary.

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[6] 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(31).

[1] 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

[2] 15 U.S.C. 78a.

[3] 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

[4] For purposes of the Exchange's colocation services, a "User" means any market participant

[50] 17 CFR 240.17Ad–22(e)(6)(i).

[51] 15 U.S.C. 78q–1.

[52] 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

[53] In approving the Proposed Rule Changes, the Commission considered its impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

[54] 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).

[1] 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

[2] 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

[3] *See* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 104644 (Jan. 21, 2026), 91 FR 3284. The Commission has received no comment letters on the proposed rule change.

[4] 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

[5] 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

[6] 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(31).