

Exchange intended to assess the desk and badge fees upon the expiration of the Initial Waiver Period. Pursuant to Section 9(c) of the Fee Schedule, Floor Participants that purchase a Trading Permit will receive a desk and badge included in their Trading Permit fee and all Floor Participants will be subject to the same desk fee for each additional requested desk.

#### Data Center Hosting Fees

The Exchange believes that the proposal to remove the reference to the Initial Waiver Period for data center hosting fees will not result in any burden on intra-market competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act because the Exchange originally established the Initial Waiver Period with an automatic sunset date for the end of February 2026. As such, market participants were aware since September 2025 that the Exchange intended to assess the data center hosting fees upon the expiration of the Initial Waiver Period and all current and new Floor Participants that choose to install their own equipment within the 545Wyn Data Center will be subject to the same initial and on-going fees.

#### Inter-Market Competition

The Exchange believes that the proposed changes will not result in any burden on inter-market competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The Exchange believes that market participants have the choice to trade on the Exchange's Trading Floor, electronic platform, or not trade on the Exchange at all. The Exchange believes that all of the proposed changes will not cause any burden on inter-market competition because none of the proposed fee waivers are intended to impact the ability to compete of other exchanges' that offer a trading floor for equity options.

Accordingly, the Exchange does not believe its proposed fee changes impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

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

Written comments were neither solicited nor 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 Act,<sup>41</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(2)<sup>42</sup> 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 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 (<https://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-SAPPHIRE-2026-11 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-SAPPHIRE-2026-11. 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 (<https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the filing will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. Do not include personal identifiable information in submissions; you should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. We may redact in part or withhold entirely from publication submitted material that is obscene or subject to copyright protection.

All submissions should refer to file number SR-SAPPHIRE-2026-11 and should be submitted on or before April 20, 2026.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>43</sup>

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### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Extension: Ombudsman Matter Management System (OMMS) Form

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

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 (SEC or "Commission") is submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) this request for extension without change of the proposed collection of information.

Section 4(g)(8) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Exchange Act), 15 U.S.C. 78d(g)(8) requires the SEC Ombuds to (i) act as a liaison between the Commission and any retail investor in resolving problems that retail investors may have with the Commission or with self-regulatory organizations ("SROs"); (ii) review and make recommendations regarding policies and procedures to encourage persons to present questions to the Investor Advocate regarding compliance with the securities laws; and (iii) establish safeguards to maintain the confidentiality of communications between the persons described in clause (ii) and the Ombuds. In addition, Section 4(g)(8) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Exchange Act), 15 U.S.C. 78d(g)(8) requires the Ombuds to submit a semi-annual report to the Investor Advocate describing the activities and evaluating the effectiveness of the Ombuds during the preceding year.

Each year, the Commission's Office of the Investor Advocate, Office of the Ombuds ("Ombuds") receives over 2,500 contacts from investors who have complaints or questions about the SEC or any of the self-regulatory organizations that it oversees. To make it easier for the public to contact the

<sup>41</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

<sup>42</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

<sup>43</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

Ombuds, the Ombuds created an electronic form (Ombudsman Matter Management System Submission Form) that provides drop down options to choose from in order to categorize the investor's complaint or question, and may also provide the investor with automated information about their issue. The Ombudsman Matter Management System (OMMS) Submission Form asks investors to provide information concerning, among other things, their names, how they can be reached, the names of the individuals or entities involved, the nature of their complaint or tip, what documents they can provide, and what, if any, actions they have taken. Use of the OMMS Submission Form is voluntary. Absent the forms, the public still has several ways to contact the Ombuds, including telephone, letters, and email. Investors can access the OMMS Submission Form through the Ombuds web page at the web address <https://www.sec.gov/ombuds> or directly at the web address <https://omms.sec.gov>.

The dual purpose of the OMMS Submission Form is to make it easier for the public to contact the agency with complaints, questions, tips, or other feedback and to streamline the workflow of Ombuds staff that record, process, and respond to investor contacts. Investors who submit complaints, ask questions, or provide tips do so voluntarily. Although the OMMS Submission Form provides a structured format for incoming investor correspondence, the Commission does not require that investors use any particular form or format when contacting the Ombuds. Investors who choose not to use the OMMS Submission Form will receive the same level of service as those who do.

The Ombuds receives approximately 1,500 contacts each year through the Ombudsman Matter Management System Submission Form. The Ombudsman uses the information that investors supply on the Ombudsman Matter Management System Submission Form to review and process the contact (which may, in turn, involve responding to questions, processing complaints, or, as appropriate, referring matters to enforcement or examinations for potential investigations), to maintain a record of contacts, to track the volume of investor complaints, and to analyze trends.

The staff of the Commission estimates that the total reporting burden for using the Ombudsman Matter Management System Submission Form is 750 hours. The calculation of this estimate depends on the number of investors who use the forms each year and the estimated time

it takes to complete the forms: 1,500 respondents × 30 minutes = 750 burden hours.

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 OMB Control Number.

The public may view and comment on this information collection request at: [https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref\\_nbr=202601-3532-008](https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAViewICR?ref_nbr=202601-3532-008) or email comment to [MBX.OMB.OIRA.SEC\\_desk\\_officer@omb.eop.gov](mailto:MBX.OMB.OIRA.SEC_desk_officer@omb.eop.gov) within 30 days of the day after publication of this notice, by April 30, 2026.

Dated: March 25, 2026.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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### Self-Regulatory Organizations; Cboe Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Introduce an Exchange Clock Service

March 25, 2026.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”),<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on March 16, 2026, Cboe Exchange, Inc. (the “Exchange” or “Cboe”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC” or “Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II, below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. 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 proposes to introduce a new service called the Clock Service. The text of the proposed rule change is also available on the Commission's website (<https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>), the Exchange's website ([https://www.cboe.com/us/options/regulation/rule\\_filings/bzx/](https://www.cboe.com/us/options/regulation/rule_filings/bzx/) [sic]), and at the principal office of the Exchange.

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

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

#### 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 introduce a new service called the Clock Service.<sup>3</sup> The Clock Service is an optional product<sup>4</sup> available to Members and non-Members alike. In sum, a subscriber would be able to utilize the proposed Clock Service to synchronize their time recording systems to those of the Exchange for highly correlated latency measurements between the Exchange's and the subscriber's systems time measurements related to the same message or order. Time synchronization services are well established in the U.S. and utilized in many areas of the U.S. economy and infrastructure. The proposed Clock Service is not novel to the securities markets and it is similar to the network time synchronization service currently offered by MIAX Emerald, LLC (“MIAX Emerald”).<sup>5</sup> The Exchange proposes to provide the Clock Service in response to participant demand for more precise and more accurate clock synchronization options with the Exchange's network.

The U.S. Government's Global Positioning System (“GPS”) clock<sup>6</sup> time

<sup>3</sup> The Exchange also proposes to amend the title of Rule 21.15 from “Exchange Data Products” to “Exchange Data Products and Services.”

<sup>4</sup> A firm that chooses to subscribe to the proposed Clock Service may discontinue the Clock Service at any time if that firm determines that it is no longer useful or that alternatives better meet their business or system needs. The Exchange intends to submit a separate filing with the Commission pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) to propose fees for the Clock Service.

<sup>5</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 94915 (May 16, 2022), 87 FR 31022 (May 20, 2022) (SR-EMERALD-2022-16).

<sup>6</sup> For a description of the GPS clock, see Official U.S. Government Information About the Global Positioning System (GPS) and Related Topic, available at <https://www.gps.gov/applications/timing/> (providing that “[i]n addition to longitude,