

rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,¹⁸ which requires, among other things, that the rules of a national securities exchange be designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts, 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 Commission believes that the proposed change may provide the investing public and other market participants more flexibility to closely tailor their investment and hedging decisions, thus allowing them to better manage their risk exposure. As the Exchange notes, standard expiration contracts currently trade in wider strike price intervals than their weekly counterparts, except during the week prior to expiration.¹⁹ The Exchange further states that this creates a situation where contracts on the same option class that expire both several weeks before and several weeks after the standard expiration are eligible to trade in strike price intervals that the standard expiration contract is not.²⁰ According to the Exchange, the proposed rule change will increase market efficiency by harmonizing strike price intervals for contracts that are close to expiration, whether those contracts are listed pursuant to weekly or monthly expiration cycles.²¹

The Commission believes that the proposed rule change to remove obsolete rule next concerning the listing of new short term option during the week of expiration is consistent with the Act because it protects investors and the public interest by eliminating any confusion about the opening of additional series during the week of expiration.

Finally, in approving this proposal, the Commission notes that the Exchange has represented that it and OPRA have the necessary systems capacity to handle the potential additional traffic associated with this proposed rule change.²² The Exchange further stated that it believes its members will not have a capacity issue as a result of the proposal and that it does not believe this expansion will cause fragmentation of liquidity.²³

IV. Conclusion

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act²⁴ that the proposed rule change (SR-ISE-2014-23), as modified by Amendment No. 2, be, and hereby is, approved.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.²⁵

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Deputy Secretary.

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[Release No. 34-72458; File No. SR-NYSEArca-2014-56]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE Arca, Inc.; Notice of Designation of a Longer Period for Commission Action on Proposed Rule Change Relating to the Listing and Trading of Shares of the PIMCO Income Exchange-Traded Fund Under NYSE Arca Equities Rule 8.600

June 24, 2014.

On May 1, 2014, NYSE Arca, 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 relating to the listing and trading of shares of the PIMCO Income Exchange-Traded Fund. The proposed rule change was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on May 21, 2014.³ The Commission received no comment letters on the proposed rule change.

Section 19(b)(2) of the Act⁴ 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 Commission is extending this 45-day time period. The Commission finds that it is 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.

Accordingly, the Commission, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,⁵ designates August 19, 2014, as the date by which the Commission should either approve or disapprove or institute proceedings to determine whether to disapprove the proposed rule change (File Number SR-NYSEArca-2014-56).

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

Kevin M. O'Neill,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-72455; File No. SR-ISE-2014-09]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; International Securities Exchange, LLC; Order Instituting Proceedings to Determine Whether to Approve or Disapprove Proposed Rule Change Relating to Market Maker Risk Parameters

June 24, 2014.

I. Introduction

On March 10, 2014, the International Securities Exchange, LLC ("Exchange" or "ISE") 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 ISE Rules 722 and 804 to mitigate market maker risk by adopting an Exchange-provided risk management functionality. The proposed rule change was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on March 26, 2014.³ The Commission received no comments on the proposal. On May 7, 2014, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,⁴ the Commission designated a longer period within which to either approve the proposed rule change, disapprove the proposed rule change, or institute proceedings to determine whether to

¹⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

¹⁹ See Notice, *supra* note 5, at 27007.

²⁰ See Notice, *supra* note 5, at 27007-8.

²¹ See Notice, *supra* note 5, at 27008.

²² *Id.*

²³ *Id.*

²⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(2).

²⁵ 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. 72170 (May 15, 2014), 79 FR 29231.

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(31).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 71759 (Mar. 20, 2014), 79 FR 16850 ("Notice").

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

disapprove the proposed rule change.⁵ This order institutes proceedings under Section 19(b)(2)(B) of the Act⁶ to determine whether to approve or disapprove the proposed rule change.⁷

II. Description of the Proposal

As described in the Notice, the Exchange proposes to amend ISE Rules 722 and 804 to mitigate market maker risk by adopting an Exchange-provided risk management functionality. Currently, pursuant to ISE Rules 722 and 804, the Exchange automatically removes a market maker's quotes in all series of an options class when certain parameter settings are triggered. Specifically, there are four parameters that can be set by market makers on a class-by-class basis and are available for market maker quotes in single options series and in complex instruments on the complex order book. Pursuant to the rules, market makers establish a time frame during which the system calculates: (1) The number of contracts executed by the market maker in an options class; (2) the percentage of the total size of the market maker's quotes in the class that has been executed; (3) the absolute value of the net between contracts bought and contracts sold in an options class; and (4) the absolute value of the net between (a) calls purchased plus puts sold and (b) calls sold plus puts purchased. The market maker establishes limits for each of these four parameters, and when the limits are exceeded within the prescribed time frame, the market maker's quotes in that class are removed or curtailed.⁸ Separately, the Exchange recently adopted another risk management parameter that permits market maker quotes in all classes to be automatically removed from the trading system if a specified number of curtailment events are exceeded within the prescribed time period across the

ISE market.⁹ It is mandatory for market makers to enter values into all of the quotation risk management parameters for all options classes in which it enters quotes.

In the Notice, the Exchange proposes to further enhance its risk management offering by implementing an additional functionality that would permit market maker quotes to be automatically removed from the trading system if a specified number of curtailment events occur across ISE and its affiliated exchange, ISE Gemini. According to the Exchange, a single trading system governs the trading activity on both ISE and ISE Gemini.¹⁰

As proposed, market makers who choose to use this functionality would be able to set market wide parameters to govern its trading activity across both ISE and ISE Gemini. Once the parameter is set, the trading system would count the number of times a market maker's pre-set curtailment event occurs on each exchange, as specified in ISE Rule 804(g) (for regular orders) and ISE Rule 722, Supplementary Material .04 (for complex orders) and aggregate them. Once the specified number of curtailment events across both markets has been reached, the trading system would automatically remove all of the market maker's quotes in all classes on both ISE and ISE Gemini. The Exchange believes this functionality would reduce market maker risk in the event the market maker suffers from a systems issue or the occurrence of an unusual or unexpected market activity. As proposed, any quotes sent by the market maker after the market-wide parameter across both markets has been triggered would be rejected until the market maker notifies each exchange—in a non-automated manner, such as email or telephone—that it is ready to come out of its curtailment. Once notified by the market maker, the market operations staff for each exchange would reactivate the market maker's quotes and the market maker would again be active in on both ISE and ISE Gemini.¹¹

According to the Exchange, the proposed risk management functionality would operate consistently with the firm quote obligations of a broker-dealer pursuant to Rule 602 of Regulation NMS. The Exchange anticipates that any marketable orders or executable quotes received before the proposed

functionality is triggered would automatically execute at the price up to the market maker's size, regardless of whether such execution would result in executions in excess of the market maker's pre-set parameters. Further, the Exchange states that the proposed cross-exchange market wide parameter will not be mandatory and that market makers who prefer to use their own risk management systems can set the Exchange parameters to not be triggered.

III. Proceedings to Determine Whether to Approve or Disapprove SR-ISE-2014-09 and Grounds for Disapproval Under Consideration

The Commission is instituting proceedings pursuant to Section 19(b)(2)(B) of the Act¹² to determine whether the proposed rule change should be approved or disapproved. Institution of such proceedings is appropriate at this time in view of the legal and policy issues raised by the proposed rule change, as discussed below. Institution of proceedings does not indicate that the Commission has reached any conclusions with respect to any of the issues involved. Rather, as described below, the Commission seeks and encourages interested persons to provide additional comment on the proposed rule change.

As discussed above, the Exchange proposes to amend ISE Rules 722 and 804, which would expand the current risk management offerings by ISE and provide for cross-exchange risk management functionality. The Commission believes that the proposal, which seeks to allow removal of a market maker's quotes in all classes on both ISE and ISE Gemini once an aggregated pre-set number of curtailment events on both exchanges is reached, raises important issues that warrant further public comment and Commission consideration. Namely, the Commission believes that proceedings are appropriate to consider, among other matters, whether the proposal is unfairly discriminatory to any member of the Exchange and the impact of the proposal on competition among exchanges.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(2)(B) of the Act,¹³ the Commission is providing notice of the grounds for disapproval under consideration. The Commission is instituting proceedings to allow for additional analysis of the proposed rule change's consistency with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act, which requires, among other things, that the rules of a national securities exchange be

⁵ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 72117 (May 7, 2014), 79 FR 27360 (May 13, 2014). The Commission determined that it was 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. Accordingly, the Commission designated June 24, 2014 as the date by which it should approve, disapprove, or institute proceedings to determine whether to disapprove the proposed rule change.

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2)(B).

⁷ Relatedly, the Commission is also instituting proceedings under Section 19(b)(2)(B) of the Act to determine whether to approve or disapprove a proposed rule change filed by ISE's affiliated exchange, ISE Gemini, LLC ("ISE Gemini"), that mirrors the rule change proposed by ISE. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 34-72454 (June 24, 2014).

⁸ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 70132 (August 7, 2013), 78 FR 49311 (August 13, 2013) (SR-ISE-2013-38).

⁹ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 71446 (January 30, 2014), 79 FR 6951 (February 5, 2014) (SR-ISE-2014-04).

¹⁰ See Notice, *supra* note 3.

¹¹ See Notice, *supra* note 3 for examples illustrating how the Exchange's market wide risk management parameter would be applied under the proposal.

¹² 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2)(B).

¹³ *Id.*

“designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market systems; and not be designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.”¹⁴ The Commission is also instituting proceedings to allow for additional analysis of the proposed rule change’s consistency with Section 6(b)(8) of the Act, which requires that rules of a national securities exchange “do not impose any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of” the Act.

IV. Procedure: Request for Written Comments

The Commission requests that interested persons provide written submissions of their views, data, and arguments with respect to the concerns identified above, as well as any other concerns they may have with the proposal. In particular, the Commission invites the written views of interested persons concerning whether the proposal is consistent with Sections 6(b)(5) and 6(b)(8) or any other provision of the Act, or the rules and regulations thereunder. Although there do not appear to be any issues relevant to approval or disapproval which would be facilitated by an oral presentation of views, data, and arguments, the Commission will consider, pursuant to Rule 19b-4, any request for an opportunity to make an oral presentation.¹⁵

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments regarding whether the proposal should be approved or disapproved by July 21, 2014. Any person who wishes to file a rebuttal to any other person’s submission must file that rebuttal by August 4, 2014.

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-ISE-2014-09 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-ISE-2014-09. 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 Web site (<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 Web site 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 filings also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-ISE-2014-09 and should be submitted on or before July 21, 2014. Rebuttal comments should be submitted by August 4, 2014.

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

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE Arca, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Reflect Changes to the Name of, and the Means of Seeking the Investment Objective Applicable to, the PIMCO Real Return Exchange-Traded Fund

June 24, 2014.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1)¹ of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”)² and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,³ notice is hereby given that, on June 12, 2014, NYSE Arca, Inc. (“Exchange” or “NYSE Arca”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by the self-regulatory organization. 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 reflect changes to the name of, and the means of seeking the investment objective applicable to, the PIMCO Real Return Exchange-Traded Fund (the “Fund”). The Commission has approved the listing and trading of shares of the Fund on the Exchange under NYSE Arca Equities Rule 8.600. Shares of the Fund have not yet commenced trading on the Exchange. The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s Web site at www.nyse.com, at the principal office of the Exchange, 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 self-regulatory organization 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 those 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,

¹⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

¹⁵ Section 19(b)(2) of the Act, as amended by the Securities Act Amendments of 1975, Public Law 94-29 (June 4, 1975), grants the Commission flexibility to determine what type of proceeding—either oral or notice and opportunity for written comments—is appropriate for consideration of a particular proposal by a self-regulatory organization. See Securities Act Amendments of 1975, Senate Comm. on Banking, Housing & Urban Affairs, S. Rep. No. 75, 94th Cong., 1st Sess. 30 (1975).

¹⁶ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(57).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 15 U.S.C. 78a.

³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4.