2. Statutory Basis

The proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act, in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5), in particular, in that it is 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.

Specifically, the Exchange believes that the proposed rule change supports the objectives of the Act by addressing an inconsistency in the scienter requirements between Rule 476(a)(8) on the one hand and Rule 6140—Equities, NYSE Rule 6140, and FINRA Rule 6140 on the other. Eliminating this inconsistency would provide member organizations with better notice of prohibited wash sale activities in the Exchange’s equities and options markets and promote transparency and clarity with respect to the Exchange’s rules, thereby facilitating FINRA’s enforcement of them. The proposed rule change also would achieve greater consistency between the Exchange’s options and equities rules that prohibit wash sale activity. Moreover, the proposed rule change would not result in any material diminution of the Exchange’s overall enforcement authority or any material change in surveillance of potentially problematic trading activity. The Exchange may still bring a disciplinary action in appropriate cases where a market participant engages in a significant amount of trades without change of beneficial ownership, even if such activity does not violate proposed Rule 6140(b)—Equities or proposed Rule 995NY(f) per se because the participant did not act with “purpose,” because such conduct could violate supervision rules, just and equitable principles of trade, or other Exchange rules prohibiting unethical conduct. As such, the Exchange’s rules would continue to protect investors and the public interest.

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 proposed rule change is not intended to address competitive issues, but rather to achieve greater consistency both within the Exchange’s rules and among Exchange, NYSE, and FINRA rules.

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

Within 45 days of the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register or within such longer period up to 90 days (i) as the Commission may designate if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or (ii) as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission will:

(A) by order approve or disapprove the proposed rule change, or

(B) institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be 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);

• Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File No. SR–NYSEMKT–2013–88 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

• Send paper comments in triplicate to Elizabeth M. Murphy, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549–1090.

All submissions should refer to File No. SR–NYSEMKT–2013–88. 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 Web site (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements in response 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 filing 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 No. SR–NYSEMKT–2013–88 and should be submitted on or before December 5, 2013.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.\(^\text{17}\)
Kevin M. O’Neill, Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION


Self-Regulatory Organizations; The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC; Order Granting Approval of Proposed Rule Change To List and Trade Shares of the First Trust Low Beta Income Fund of First Trust Exchange-Traded Fund VI

November 7, 2013.

I. Introduction

On September 12, 2013, The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC (“Nasdaq” or the “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission...
("Commission"), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act" or "Exchange Act") and Rule 19b–4 thereunder, a proposed rule change to list and trade shares ("Shares") of the First Trust Low Beta Income ETF ("Fund") under Nasdaq Rule 5735. The proposed rule change was published for comment in the Federal Register on September 26, 2013. The Commission received no comments on the proposed rule change. This order grants approval of the proposed rule change.

II. Description of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to list and trade Shares of the Fund pursuant to Nasdaq Rule 5735, which governs the listing and trading of Managed Fund Shares on the Exchange. The Shares will be offered by First Trust Exchange-Traded Fund VI ("Trust"). The Trust is registered with the Commission as an investment company. The Fund is a series of the Trust.

First Trust Advisors L.P. will be the investment adviser ("Adviser") to the Fund. First Trust Portfolios L.P. ("Distributor") will be the principal underwriter and distributor of the Fund's Shares. Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. will act as the administrator, accounting agent, custodian and transfer agent to the Fund.

The Exchange represents that the Adviser is not a broker-dealer, but is affiliated with the Distributor, a broker-dealer, and has implemented a fire wall with respect to its broker-dealer affiliate regarding access to information concerning the composition and/or changes to the portfolio. The Exchange represents that the Shares will be subject to Nasdaq Rule 5735, which sets forth the initial and continued listing criteria applicable to Managed Fund Shares. The Exchange represents that for initial and/or continued listing, the Fund must be in compliance with Rule 10A–3 under the Act.

Principal Investments

The Fund's investment objective is to provide current income. The Fund will pursue its objective by investing in large-cap U.S. exchange-traded equity securities and by utilizing an "options strategy" consisting of buying U.S. exchange-traded put options on the Standard & Poor's 500 Index ("Index") and writing (selling) U.S. exchange-traded covered call options on the Index.

In pursuing its investment objective, under normal market conditions, the Fund will invest primarily in large-cap U.S. exchange-traded equity securities. The Fund will also employ an options strategy in which it will write U.S. exchange-traded covered call options on the Index in order to seek additional cash flow in the form of premiums on the options. Those premiums may be distributed to shareholders on a monthly basis or used to purchase U.S. exchange-traded put options on the Index that seek to provide the Fund with downside protection, and which are expected to reduce the Fund's price sensitivity to declining markets. The market value of the options strategy may be up to 20% of the Fund's overall net asset value.

The equity securities in which the Fund will invest and the options that the Fund will buy and/or write will be limited to U.S. exchange-traded securities and options, respectively, that trade in markets that are members of the Intermarket Surveillance Group ("ISG") or are parties to a comprehensive dissemination of material non-public information regarding such portfolio. See id.

Other Investments

In addition to the options strategy described in Principal Investments above, the Fund may invest up to 10% of the market value of its net assets in futures, options, futures on options, future total return swaps, credit default swaps, and forward contracts. The Fund may utilize such derivatives to enhance return, to hedge some of the risks of its investments in securities, as a substitute for holding cash/cash-like instruments; however, to the extent possible, the Adviser would continue to seek to achieve the Fund's investment objective.

4 The Trust has filed a registration statement on Form N–1A ("Registration Statement") with the Commission. See Post-Effective Amendment No. 4 to Registration Statement on Form N–1A for the Trust, dated Jan. 16, 2013 (File Nos. 333–182308 and 811–22717).
5 The notifications in the proposed amendment to the Exchange Act and the registration statement on Form N–1A for the Trust provide for initial and/or continued listing, and Rule 10A–3 under the Act.
6 See id. at 59398.
7 See 17 CFR 240.10A–3. See also Notice, supra note 5, 78 FR at 59398.
8 The term "under normal market conditions" includes, but is not limited to, the absence of adverse market, economic, political or other conditions, including extreme volatility or trading halts in the securities markets or the financial markets generally; operational issues causing dissemination of inaccurate market information; or force majeure type events such as systems failure, natural or man-made disaster, act of God, armed conflict, act of terrorism, riot or labor disruption or any similar intervening circumstance. In periods of extreme market disturbance, the Fund may take temporary defensive positions, by over-weighting its portfolio in cash/cash-like instruments; however, to the extent possible, the Adviser would continue to seek to achieve the Fund's investment objective.

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A list of ISG members is available at www.isgportal.org.

To the extent practicable, the Fund will invest in swaps cleared through the facilities of a centralized clearing house.
for a position in the underlying asset, to reduce transaction costs, to maintain full market exposure (which means to adjust the characteristics of its investments to more closely approximate those of the markets in which it invests), to manage cash flows, or to preserve capital. In attempting to enhance returns and/or hedge risks, the Fund may buy and write U.S. exchange-traded options on single stocks included in the portfolio, on the Index, and/or on other equity indexes. The Fund may also write covered call spreads on the Index and/or other equity indexes.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund may invest up to 10% of its net assets in short-term debt securities and cash equivalents, or it may hold cash. The percentage of the Fund’s net assets invested in such holdings will vary and will depend on several factors, including market conditions.

For temporary defensive purposes and during periods of high cash inflows or outflows, the Fund may depart from its principal investment strategies and invest part or all of its assets in short-term debt securities or cash equivalents or it may hold cash. During such periods, the Fund may not be able to achieve its investment objective. The Fund may adopt a defensive strategy when the Adviser believes securities in which the Fund normally invests have elevated risks due to political or economic factors and in other extraordinary circumstances. The use of temporary investments will not be a part of a principal investment strategy of the Fund.

Short-term debt securities are securities from issuers having a long-term debt rating of at least A by Standard & Poor’s Ratings Group (“S&P Ratings”), Moody’s Investors Service, Inc. (“Moody’s”), or Fitch, Inc. (“Fitch”), and having a maturity of one year or less. Short-term debt securities are defined to include, without limitation, the following: (1) U.S. government securities, including bills, notes, and bonds differing as to maturity and rates of interest, which are either issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Treasury or by U.S. government agencies or instrumentalities; (2) certificates of deposit issued against funds deposited in a bank or savings and loan association; (3) bankers’ acceptances, which are short-term credit instruments used to finance commercial transactions; (4) repurchase agreements,11 which involve purchases

11The Fund intends to enter into repurchase agreements only with financial institutions and dealers believed by the Adviser to present minimal credit risks in accordance with criteria approved by

III. Discussion and Commission’s Findings

After careful review, the Commission finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of Section 6 of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to a national securities exchange.14 In particular, the Commission finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,15 which requires, among other things, that the Exchange’s rules 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 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 Commission notes that the Fund and the Shares must comply with the requirements of Nasdaq Rule 5735 to be listed and traded on the Exchange.

The Commission finds that the proposal to list and trade the Shares on the Exchange is consistent with Section 11A(a)(1)(C)(iii) of the Act,16 which sets forth Congress’s finding that it is in the public interest and appropriate for the protection of investors and the maintenance of fair and orderly markets to assure the availability to brokers, dealers, and investors of information with respect to quotations for, and transactions in, securities. Quotation and last sale information for the Shares will be available via Nasdaq proprietary quote and trade services, as well as in accordance with the Unlisted Trading Privileges and the Consolidated Tape Association plans for the Shares and any underlying exchange-traded products.17 In addition, the Intraday Indicative Value (as defined in Nasdaq Rule 5735(c)(3)) will be based upon the current value of the components of the Disclosed Portfolio (as defined in Nasdaq Rule 5735(c)(2)), will be available on the NASDAQ OMX Information LLC proprietary index data service,18 and will be updated and

18 According to the Exchange, the NASDAD OMX Global Index Data Service is the NASDAQ OMX global index data feed service, offering real-time updates, daily summary messages, and access to widely followed indexes and Intraday Indicative Values for exchange-traded funds. See id. at 59400.
widely disseminated and broadly displayed at least every 15 seconds during the Regular Market Session. On each business day, before commencement of trading in Shares in the Regular Market Session on the Exchange, the Fund will disclose on its Web site the Disclosed Portfolio, which will form the basis for the Fund’s calculation of NAV at the end of the business day. The NAV of the Fund will be determined once each business day, normally as of the close of trading on the New York Stock Exchange (normally 4:00 p.m. Eastern time). Information regarding market price and volume of the Shares will be continually available on a real-time basis throughout the day on brokers’ computer screens and other electronic services.

Information regarding the previous day’s closing price and trading volume information for the Shares will be published daily in the financial section of newspapers. Intra-day, executable price quotations for the securities and other assets held by the Fund will be available from major broker-dealer firms or on the exchange on which they are traded, as applicable. Intra-day price information will also be available through subscription services, such as Bloomberg, Market and Thomson Reuters, which can be accessed by authorized participants and other investors. The Distributor’s Web site will include a form of the prospectus for the Fund and additional data relating to NAV and other applicable quantitative information.

The Commission further believes that the proposal to list and trade the Shares is reasonably designed to promote fair disclosure of information that may be necessary to price the Shares appropriately and to prevent trading when a reasonable degree of transparency cannot be assured. The Commission notes that the Exchange will obtain a representation from the issuer of the Shares that the NAV will be calculated daily and that the NAV and the Disclosed Portfolio will be made available to all market participants at the same time. In addition, a basket composition file, which includes the security names, amounts and share quantities, as applicable, required to be delivered in exchange for one Creation Unit of the Shares, together with estimates and actual cash components, will be publicly disseminated daily prior to the opening of Nasdaq via the National Securities Clearing Corporation. Further, trading in the Shares will be subject to Nasdaq 5735(d)(2)(D), which sets forth the initial and circumstances under which trading in the Shares of the Fund may be halted. The Exchange may halt trading in the Shares if trading is not occurring in the securities or the financial instruments constituting the Disclosed Portfolio of the Fund or if other unusual conditions or circumstances detrimental to the maintenance of a fair and orderly market are present. Further, the Commission notes that the Reporting Authority that provides the Disclosed Portfolio must implement and maintain, or be subject to, procedures designed to prevent the use and dissemination of material, non-public information regarding the actual components of the portfolio. The Exchange states that it has a general policy prohibiting the distribution of material, non-public information by its employees. The Exchange also states that the Adviser is affiliated with a broker-dealer and has implemented a firewall with respect to its broker-dealer affiliate regarding access to information concerning the composition of or changes to the portfolio. The Exchange states that the

See id.
28 On a daily basis, the Disclosed Portfolio will include for each portfolio security and other financial instrument of the Fund the following information: Ticker symbol (if applicable), name of security and financial instrument, number of shares (if applicable) and dollar value of securities and financial instruments held by the Fund, and percentage weighting of the security and financial instrument in the Fund. The Web site information will be publicly available at no charge. See id. at 59398.
29 See id.
30 See id.
31 See id.
32 See id.
33 See id.
34 See id.
35 See id.

See supra note 5 and accompanying text. An investment adviser to an open-end fund is required to be registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (“Advisers Act”). As a result, the Adviser and Sub-Adviser and their related personnel are subject to the provisions of Rule 204A–1 under the Advisers Act relating to codes of ethics. This Rule requires investment advisers to adopt a code of ethics that reflects the fiduciary nature of the relationship to clients as well as compliance with Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA), on behalf of the Exchange, will communicate as needed regarding trading in the Shares, in the equity securities in which the Fund will invest, and in the U.S. exchange-traded options that the Fund will buy and write, with other markets and other entities that are members of the ISG, and that FINRA may obtain trading information regarding trading in the Shares and in such equity securities and U.S. exchange-traded options from such markets and other entities. In addition, the Exchange may obtain information regarding trading in the Shares and in such equity securities and U.S. exchange-traded options from markets and other entities that are members of ISG or with which the Exchange has in place a comprehensive surveillance sharing agreement. The Exchange further represents that the Shares are deemed to be equity securities, thus rendering trading in the Shares subject to the Exchange’s existing rules governing the trading of equity securities. In support of this proposal, the Exchange has made representations, including:

(1) The Shares will be subject to Rule 5735, which sets forth the initial and continued listing criteria applicable to Managed Fund Shares.
(2) The Exchange has appropriate rules to facilitate transactions in the Shares during all trading sessions.
(3) The Exchange represents that trading in the Shares will be subject to the existing trading surveillances, administered by both Nasdaq and FINRA on behalf of the Exchange, which are designed to detect violations of Exchange rules and applicable federal securities laws, and that these procedures are adequate to properly monitor Exchange trading of the Shares in all trading sessions and to deter and other applicable securities laws. Accordingly, procedures designed to prevent the communication and misuse of non-public information by an investment adviser must be consistent with Rule 204A–1 under the Advisers Act. In addition, Rule 206(4)–7 under the Advisers Act makes it unlawful for an investment adviser to provide investment advice to clients unless such investment adviser has (i) adopted and implemented written policies and procedures reasonably designed to prevent violation, by the investment adviser and its supervised persons, of the Advisers Act and the Commission rules adopted thereunder; (ii) implemented, at a minimum, an annual review regarding the adequacy of the policies and procedures established pursuant to subparagraph (i) above and the effectiveness of their implementation; and (iii) designated an individual (who is a supervised person) responsible for administering the policies and procedures adopted under subparagraph (i) above.
detect violations of Exchange rules and applicable federal securities laws.

(4) Prior to the commencement of trading, the Exchange will inform its members in an Information Circular of the special characteristics and risks associated with trading the Shares. Specifically, the Information Circular will discuss the following: (a) The procedures for purchases and redemptions of Shares in Creation Units (and that Shares are not individually redeemable); (b) Nasdaq Rule 2111A, which imposes suitability obligations on Nasdaq members with respect to recommending transactions in the Shares to customers; (c) how information regarding the Intraday Indicative Value is disseminated; (d) the risks involved in trading the Shares during the Pre-Market and Post-Market Sessions when an updated Intraday Indicative Value will not be calculated or publicly disseminated; (e) the requirement that members deliver a prospectus to investors purchasing newly issued Shares prior to or concurrently with the confirmation of a transaction; and (f) trading information.

(5) For initial and continued listing, the Fund must be in compliance with Rule 10A–3 under the Exchange Act.37

(6) A minimum of 100,000 Shares will be outstanding at the commencement of trading on the Exchange.

(7) The Fund may hold up to an aggregate amount of 15% of its net assets in illiquid securities (calculated at the time of investment); will monitor its portfolio liquidity on an ongoing basis to determine whether, in light of current circumstances, an adequate level of liquidity is being maintained; and will consider taking appropriate steps in order to maintain adequate liquidity if, through a change in values, net assets, or other circumstances, more than 15% of the Fund’s net assets are held in illiquid securities.

(8) The equity securities in which the Fund will invest and the options that the Fund will buy and write will be limited to U.S. exchange-traded securities and options, respectively, that trade in markets that are members of the ISG, which includes all U.S. national securities exchanges and certain foreign exchanges, or are parties to a comprehensive surveillance sharing agreement with the Exchange.

(9) Under normal market conditions, the Fund will invest primarily in large-cap U.S. exchange-traded equity securities. The Fund will also utilize an options strategy consisting of buying U.S. exchange-traded put options on the Index and writing U.S. exchange-traded covered call options on the Index. The market value of the options strategy may be up to 20% of the Fund’s overall net asset value.

(10) In addition to the options strategy that is part of the Fund’s principal investment strategy, the Fund may invest up to 10% of the market value of its net assets in futures, options, options on futures, total return swaps, credit default swaps, and forward contracts. To the extent practicable, the Fund will invest in swaps cleared through the facilities of a centralized clearing house.

(11) The Fund’s investments will be consistent with the Fund’s investment objective and will not be used to enhance leverage.

This approval order is based on all of the Exchange’s representations and description of the Fund, including those set forth above and in the Notice.

For the foregoing reasons, the Commission finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act38 and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to a national securities exchange.

IV. Conclusion

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,39 that the proposed rule change (SR–NASDAQ–2013–121) be, and it hereby is, approved.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.40

Kevin M. O’Neill,
Deputy Secretary.

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Self-Regulatory Organizations;
Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Amend the CBSX Fees Schedule

November 7, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act”), and Rule 19b–4 thereunder, notice is hereby given that on October 29, 2013, Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated (the “Exchange” or “CBOE”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III 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 amend the Fees Schedule of its CBOE Stock Exchange (“CBSX”). The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s Web site (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

CBSX proposes to amend its Fees Schedule to remove AAPL, BAC, GOOG, NOK, and SIRI (the “Removed Symbols”) from its list of Select Symbols for whom transactions priced $1 or greater (all fees addressed in this filing relate to transactions priced $1 or greater) are assessed a fee of $0.0050 per share (for Maker executions) and provided a rebate of $0.0045 per share (for Taker executions). This means that the Removed Symbols will now fall into the “all other securities” category and fees and rebates applicable to “all other securities” will apply to the Removed Symbols, which are as follows (and are not being changed in this proposed rule change):