The exemption is required by paragraph A.4 of Section VIII. “Processes for Changes and Departures,” appendix D, to 10 CFR part 52 to allow SNC to depart from Tier 1 information. With the requested license amendment, SNC proposed changes to plant-specific DCD Tier 2 and Tier 2 * information and related changes to the VEGP Units 3 and 4, COL Appendix A and COL Appendix C (and corresponding plant-specific DCD Tier 1) to modify an administrative program to incorporate the results of various updated plant-specific containment integrity analyses.

Part of the justification for granting the exemption was provided by the review of the amendment. Because the exemption is necessary in order to issue the requested license amendment, the NRC granted the exemption and issued the amendment concurrently, rather than in sequence. This included issuing a combined safety evaluation containing the NRC staff's review of both the exemption request and the license amendment. The exemptions met all applicable regulatory criteria set forth in 10 CFR 50.12, 10 CFR 52.7, and Section VII.A.4 of appendix D to 10 CFR part 52. The license amendments met all applicable regulatory criteria and were found to be acceptable as well. The combined safety evaluation is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML18289A753.

Identical exemption documents (except for referenced unit numbers and license numbers) were issued to SNC for VEGP Units 3 and 4 (COLs NPF–91 and NPF–92). The exemption documents for VEGP Units 3 and 4 can be found in ADAMS under Accession Nos. ML18289A750 and ML18289A752, respectively. The exemption is reproduced (with the exception of abbreviated titles and additional citations), in Section II of this document. The amendment documents for COLs NPF–91 and NPF–92 are available in ADAMS under Accession Nos. ML18289A745 and ML18289A748, respectively. A summary of the amendment documents is provided in Section III of this document. 

II. Exemption

Reproduced below is the exemption document issued to VEGP Units 3 and Unit 4. It makes reference to the combined safety evaluation that provides the reasoning for the findings made by the NRC (and listed under Item 1) in order to grant the exemption:

1. In a letter dated December 21, 2017, as supplemented by letter dated September 28, 2018, SNC requested that the Commission an exemption to allow departure from Tier 1 information in the certified DCD incorporated by reference in 10 CFR part 52, appendix D, “Design Certification Rule for the AP1000 Design,” as part of license amendment request (LAR) 17–043, “Containment Pressure Analysis.”

For the reasons set forth in Section 3.2 of the NRC staff’s Safety Evaluation, which can be found in ADAMS under Accession No. ML18289A753, the Commission finds that:

A. The exemption is authorized by law;
B. the exemption presents no undue risk to public health and safety;
C. the exemption is consistent with the common defense and security;
D. special circumstances are present in that the application of the rule in this circumstance is not necessary to serve the underlying purpose of the rule;
E. the special circumstances outweigh any decrease in safety that may result from the reduction in standardization caused by the exemption; and
F. the exemption will not result in a significant decrease in the level of safety otherwise provided by the design.

2. Accordingly, SNC is granted an exemption from the certified DCD Tier 1 information, with corresponding changes to Appendix C of the Facility Combined License, as described in SNC’s request dated December 21, 2017, as supplemented September 28, 2018. This exemption is related to, and necessary for the granting of License Amendment Nos. 147 [(Unit 3) and 146 (Unit 4)], which is being issued concurrently with this exemption.

3. As explained in the NRC staff’s Safety Evaluation (ADAMS Accession No. ML18289A753), this exemption meets the eligibility criteria for categorical exclusion set forth in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(9). Therefore, pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(b), no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment needs to be prepared in connection with the issuance of the exemption.

4. This exemption is effective as of the date of its issuance.

III. License Amendment Request

By letter dated December 21, 2017, as supplemented by letter dated September 28, 2018 (ADAMS Accession Nos. ML18029A243 and ML18271A188), SNC requested that the NRC amend the COLs for VEGP Units 3 and 4, COLs NPF–91 and NPF–92. The proposed amendment is described in Section I of this Federal Register notice.

The Commission has determined for these amendments that the application complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission’s rules and regulations.

The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission’s rules and regulations in 10 CFR chapter I, which are set forth in the license amendment.

A notice of consideration of issuance of amendment to facility operating license or COL, as applicable, proposed no significant hazards consideration determination, and opportunity for a hearing in connection with these actions, was published in the Federal Register on May 8, 2018 (83 FR 20866). No comments were received during the 30-day comment period.

The Commission has determined that these amendments satisfy the criteria for categorical exclusion in accordance with 10 CFR 51.22. Therefore, pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(b), no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment need be prepared for these amendments.

IV. Conclusion

Using the reasons set forth in the combined safety evaluation, the staff granted the exemptions and issued the amendments that SNC requested by letter December 21, 2017, and supplemented by letter dated September 28, 2018 (ADAMS Accession Nos. ML18029A243 and ML18271A188).

The exemptions and amendments were issued on November 7, 2018, as part of a combined package to SNC (ADAMS Package Accession No. ML18289A742).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 26th day of February 2019.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION


Self-Regulatory Organizations; The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Relating to Communications With the Public

February 25, 2019.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”), 1 and Rule 19b–4 thereunder, 2 notice is hereby given that on February


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Section 6(b) of the Act,\(^4\) in general, and proposed rule change is consistent with confusion among Nasdaq members as to rulebook. The Exchange believes the change from the NASD rulebook to the FINRA simply reflects a change in the reference NASD Rule 2210 to FINRA Rule 2210.3 The change is to update the reference to 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 purpose of the proposed rule change is to update the reference to NASD Rule 2210 to FINRA Rule 2210.3 The change is non-substantive as it simply reflects a change in the reference from the NASD rulebook to the FINRA rulebook. The Exchange believes the proposed rule change will remove confusion among Nasdaq members as to their obligations when communicating with the public.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,\(^5\) in general, and Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,\(^5\) in particular, as it merely corrects a reference to the current FINRA rule. The proposed rule change will have no impact on just and equitable principles of trade or the protection of investors and the public interest.

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

The proposed rule change does not impose any burden on competition because it is a non-substantive change that imposes no new requirement on Nasdaq members.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The Exchange has filed the proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act\(^6\) and Rule 19b–4(f)(6) thereunder.\(^7\) Because the proposed rule change does not: (i) Significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) 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)(iii) thereunder.

A proposed rule change filed under Rule 19b–4(f)(6)\(^8\) normally does not become operative for 30 days after the date of the filing. However, pursuant to Rule 19b–4(f)(6)(iii),\(^9\) the Commission may designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. In its filing with the Commission, Nasdaq has asked the Commission to waive the 30-day operative delay to allow Nasdaq to immediately reflect the proper rule regarding communications material requirement. Immediate implementation of the proposed rule change will avoid confusion by correcting the reference to the relevant FINRA rule regarding communications with the public.

The Commission believes that waiver of the 30-day operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest and hereby waives the 30-day operative delay and designates the proposed rule change operative upon filing.\(^10\)

At any time within 60 days of the filing of such 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)\(^11\) 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/rso.shtml);
- Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR–NASDAQ–2019–008 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–NASDAQ–2019–008. 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/rso.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 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.

\(^{5}\) 15 U.S.C. 78b(b)(5).
\(^{10}\) For purposes only of waiving the operative delay, the Commission has considered the proposed rule’s impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

orders, and to amend Rules 21.1(d) and 21.20 to add Qualified Contingent Cross With Stock Order ("QCC with Stock Order") functionality. The text of the proposed rule change is provided below.

(additions are italicized; deletions are [bracketed])

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Rules of Cboe EDGX Exchange, Inc.

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Rule 20.6. Nullification and Adjustment of Options Transactions Including Obvious Errors

The Exchange may nullify a transaction or adjust the execution price of a transaction in accordance with this Rule. However, the determination as to whether a trade was executed at an erroneous price may be made by mutual agreement of the parties involved in a particular transaction. A trade may be nullified or adjusted on the terms that all parties to a particular transaction agree, provided, however, that such agreement to nullify or adjust must be conveyed to the Exchange in a manner prescribed by the Exchange prior to 8:30 a.m. Eastern Time on the first trading day following the execution. It is considered conduct inconsistent with just and equitable principles of trade for any Member to use the mutual adjustment process to circumvent any applicable Exchange rule, the Act or any of the rules and regulations thereunder.

(a)–(l) No change.

Interpretations and Policies .01–.03 No change.

.04 Complex Orders and Stock-Option Orders:

(a)–(b) No change.

(c) If the option leg of a stock-option order qualifies as an Obvious Error under paragraph (c)(1) or a Catastrophic Error under paragraph (d)(1), then the option leg that is an Obvious or Catastrophic Error will be adjusted in accordance with paragraph (c)(4)(A) or (d)(3), respectively, regardless of whether one of the parties is a Customer. However, the option leg of any Customer order subject to this paragraph (c) will be nullified if the adjustment would result in an execution price higher (for buy transactions) or lower (for sell transactions) than the Customer’s limit price on the stock-option order, and the Exchange will attempt to nullify the stock leg. Whenever a stock trading venue nullifies the stock leg of a stock-option order or whenever the stock leg cannot be executed, the Exchange will nullify the option leg upon request of one of the parties to the transaction or in accordance with paragraph (c)(3).

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Rule 21.1. Definitions

The following definitions apply to Chapter XXI for the trading of options listed on EDGX Options.

(a)–(c) No change.

(d) The term “Order Type” shall mean the unique processing prescribed for designated orders, subject to the restrictions set forth in paragraph (j) below with respect to orders and bulk messages submitted through bulk ports, that are eligible for entry into the System, and shall include:

(1)–(9) No change.

(10) A “Qualified Contingent Cross Order” is comprised of an originating order to buy or sell at least 1,000 standard option contracts that is identified as being part of a qualified contingent trade, as that term is defined in paragraph (A) below, coupled with a contra-side order or orders totaling an equal number of contracts. See Rule 21.20 for a definition of a QCC with Stock Order. For purposes of this order type:

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Rule 21.20. Complex Orders

(a) No change.

(b) Availability of Types of Complex Orders. The Exchange will determine and communicate to Members via specifications and/or a Regulatory Circular listing when the complex order types, among the complex order types set forth in this Rule, are available for use on the Exchange. The complex order types that may be submitted are limit orders and market orders, and orders with a Time in Force of GTD, IOC, DAY, GTC, or OPG as such terms are defined in Rule 21.1(f). Users may not submit complex orders through bulk ports. The following complex orders will also be accepted by the Exchange:

(1)–(5) No change.

(6) QCC with Stock Orders. A “QCC with Stock Order” is a qualified contingent cross order, as defined in Rule 21.1(d)(10), entered with a stock component to be electronically communicated by the Exchange to a designated broker-dealer for execution on behalf of the submitting User pursuant to subparagraph (c)(7) below. QCC with Stock Orders are available to Users on a voluntary basis.

(c) Trading of Complex Orders. The Exchange will determine and communicate to Members via specifications and/or Regulatory Circular which complex order types are available for use on the Exchange (i.e., no broker-dealers, customers, broker-dealers that are not Market Makers on an options exchange, and/or Market Makers on an options exchange) are eligible for entry onto the COB. Complex orders will be subject to all other Exchange Rules that pertain to orders submitted to the Exchange generally, unless otherwise provided in this Rule.

(1)–(6) No change.

(7) QCC with Stock Orders. The System processes QCC with Stock Orders as follows:

(A) Entry of QCC with Stock Order. When a User enters a QCC with Stock Order on the Exchange, it enters a QCC with Stock Order with a stock component (pursuant to Rule 21.10(d)(10)). When entering a QCC with Stock Order, the User must:

(i) Include a net price for the stock and option components;

(ii) give up a Clearing Member in accordance with Rule 21.12; and

(iii) designate a specific broker-dealer to which the stock components will be communicated, which broker-dealer the Exchange must have identified as having connectivity to electronically communicate...