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Notice of proposed change pursuant to the Payment, Clearing, and Settlement Act of 2010
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Section 3C(b)(2) *

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Description

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Proposal to Extend the Pilot Period for the Exchanges Nonstandard Expirations Pilot Program

Contact Information

Provide the name, telephone number, and e-mail address of the person on the staff of the self-regulatory organization prepared to respond to questions and comments on the action.

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Signature

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange of 1934, Nasdaq PHLX LLC has duty caused this filing to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duty authorized.

Date 10/20/2021 (Title *)

By John Zecca EVP and Chief Legal Counsel
(Name *)

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The self-regulatory organization must provide all required information, presented in a clear and comprehensible manner, to enable the public to provide meaningful comment on the proposal and for the Commission to determine whether the proposal is consistent with the Act and applicable rules and regulations under the Act.

Exhibit 1 - Notice of Proposed Rule Change *

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The Notice section of this Form 19b-4 must comply with the guidelines for publication in the Federal Register as well as any requirements for electronic filing as published by the Commission (if applicable). The Office of the Federal Register (OFR) offers guidance on Federal Register publication requirements in the Federal Register Document Drafting Handbook, October 1998 Revision. For example, all references to the federal securities laws must include the corresponding cite to the United States Code in a footnote. All references to SEC rules must include the corresponding cite to the Code of Federal Regulations in a footnote. All references to Securities Exchange Act Releases must include the release number, release date, Federal Register cite, Federal Register date, and corresponding file number (e.g., SR-[SRO]-xx-xx). A material failure to comply with these guidelines will result in the proposed rule change being deemed not properly filed. See also Rule 0-3 under the Act (17 CFR 240.0-3)

Exhibit 1A - Notice of Proposed Rule Change, Security-Based Swap Submission, or Advanced Notice by Clearing Agencies *

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Copies of any form, report, or questionnaire that the self-regulatory organization proposes to use to help implement or operate the proposed rule change, or that is referred to by the proposed rule change.

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Exhibit 4 - Marked Copies

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The full text shall be marked, in any convenient manner, to indicate additions to and deletions from the immediately preceding filing. The purpose of Exhibit 4 is to permit the staff to identify immediately the changes made from the text of the rule with which it has been working.

Exhibit 5 - Proposed Rule Text

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The self-regulatory organization may choose to attach as Exhibit 5 proposed changes to rule text in place of providing it in Item I and which may otherwise be more easily readable if provided separately from Form 19b-4. Exhibit 5 shall be considered part of the proposed rule change

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If the self-regulatory organization is amending only part of the text of a lengthy proposed rule change, it may, with the Commission's permission, file only those portions of the text of the proposed rule change in which changes are being made if the filing (i.e. partial amendment) is clearly understandable on its face. Such partial amendment shall be clearly identified and marked to show deletions and additions.

1. Text of the Proposed Rule Change

(a) Nasdaq PHLX LLC (“Phlx” or “Exchange”), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”)¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² is filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC” or “Commission”) a proposal to extend the pilot period for the Exchange’s nonstandard expirations pilot program, currently set to expire on November 4, 2021.

The Exchange also proposes a technical amendment to Options 4, Section 5, Series of Options Contracts Open for Trading.

A notice of the proposed rule change for publication in the Federal Register is attached hereto as Exhibit 1. The text of the proposed rule change is attached as Exhibit 5.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) Not applicable.

2. Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization

The proposed rule change was approved by senior management of the Exchange pursuant to authority delegated by the Board of Directors of the Exchange (the “Board”) on November 5, 2020. Exchange staff will advise the Board of any action taken pursuant to delegated authority. No other action is necessary for the filing of the rule change.

Questions and comments on the proposed rule change may be directed to:

Angela Saccomandi Dunn
Principal Associate General Counsel
Nasdaq, Inc.
(215) 496-5692

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

3. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

a. Purpose

On December 15, 2017, the Commission approved a rule change for the listing and trading on the Exchange, on a twelve month pilot basis, of p.m.-settled options on broad-based indexes with nonstandard expirations dates (“Program”).³ The Program permits both Weekly Expirations and End of Month (“EOM”) expirations similar to those of the a.m.-settled broad-based index options, except that the exercise settlement value of the options subject to the pilot are based on the index value derived from the closing prices of component stocks. This pilot was extended various times and is currently extended through November 4, 2021.⁴

Pursuant to Phlx Options 4A, Section 12(b)(5)(A) the Exchange may open for trading Weekly Expirations on any broad-based index eligible for standard options trading to expire on any Monday, Wednesday, or Friday (other than the third Friday-of-the-month or days that coincide with an EOM expiration). Weekly Expirations are subject to all provisions of Options 4A, Section 12 and are treated the same as options on

³ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 82341 (December 15, 2017), 82 FR 60651 (December 21, 2017) (approving SR-Phlx-2017-79) (Order Approving a Proposed Rule Change, as Modified by Amendment No. 1 and Granting Accelerated Approval of Amendment No. 2, of a Proposed Rule Change To Establish a Nonstandard Expirations Pilot Program).

⁴ See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 84835 (December 17, 2018), 83 FR 65773 (December 21, 2018) (SR-Phlx-2018-80); 85669 (April 17, 2019), 84 FR 16913 (April 23, 2019) (SR-Phlx-2019-13); 87381 (October 22, 2019), 84 FR 57788 (October 28, 2019) (SR-Phlx-2019-43); 88684 (April 17, 2020), 85 FR 22781 (April 23, 2020) (SR-Phlx-2020-24); 90256 (October 22, 2020), 85 FR 68393 (October 28, 2020) (SR-Phlx-2020-48); and 91484 (April 6, 2021), 86 FR 19050 (April 12, 2021) (SR-Phlx-2021-21).

the same underlying index that expire on the third Friday of the expiration month. Unlike the standard monthly options, however, Weekly Expirations are p.m.-settled.

Similarly, pursuant to Options 4A, Section 12(b)(5)(B) the Exchange may open for trading EOM expirations on any broad-based index eligible for standard options trading to expire on the last trading day of the month. EOM expirations are subject to all provisions of Options 4A, Section 12 and treated the same as options on the same underlying index that expire on the third Friday of the expiration month. However, the EOM expirations are p.m.-settled.

The Exchange now proposes to amend Options 4A, Section 12(b)(5)(C) so that the duration of the Program for these nonstandard expirations will be through May 4, 2022. The Exchange continues to have sufficient systems capacity to handle p.m.-settled options on broad-based indexes with nonstandard expirations dates and has not encountered any issues or adverse market effects as a result of listing them. Additionally, there is continued investor interest in these products. The Exchange will continue to make public on its website any data and analysis it submits to the Commission under the Program.

The Exchange will be submitting a rule change to request that the pilot program become permanent. In lieu of submitting any additional annual reports, the Exchange would provide additional information requested by the Commission in connection with the permanency rule change for this Program. The Exchange would continue to provide the Commission with ongoing data unless and until the Program is made permanent or discontinued.

The Exchange believes that the proposed extension of the Program will not have an adverse impact on capacity.

Technical Amendment

The Exchange proposes a technical amendment to Options 4, Section 5, Series of Options Contracts Open for Trading. Specifically, the Exchange proposes to amend the second sentence of Supplementary Material .03 to Options 4, Section 5, related to the Short Term Options Series Program, which states, “The Exchange may have no more than a total of five Short Term Option Expiration Dates, not including any Monday or Wednesday SPY Expirations as provided below.” The Exchange proposes to amend the sentence to instead provide, “The Exchange may have no more than a total of five Short Term Option Expiration Dates, not including any Monday or Wednesday SPY, QQQ and IWM Expirations as provided below.” The Exchange previously filed to permit Monday and Wednesday expirations for options listed pursuant to the Short Term Options Program on the Invesco QQQ TrustSM Series ETF Trust (“QQQ”),⁵ and recently filed and was approved to permit Monday and Wednesday expirations for options listed pursuant to the Short Term Options Program on the iShares Russell 2000 ETF (“IWM”).⁶ The Exchange inadvertently omitted the references to “QQQ” and “IWM” in the rule text for those filings. At this time, the Exchange proposes to add “QQQ and IWM” to the rule

⁵ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 91614 (April 20, 2021), 86 FR 22082 (April 26, 2021) (SR-Phlx-2021-10) (Order Approving a Proposed Rule Change To Permit Monday and Wednesday Expirations for Options Listed Pursuant to the Short Term Options Program on the Invesco QQQ TrustSM Series ETF Trust).

⁶ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 93157 (September 28, 2021), 86 FR 54749 (October 4, 2021) (SR-PHLX-2021-43) (Order Approving a Proposed Rule Change To Permit Monday and Wednesday Expirations for Options Listed Pursuant to the Short Term Options Program on the iShares Russell 2000 ETF (IWM)).

text within Supplementary Material .03 to Options 4, Section 5 for clarity. This amendment is non-substantive as it proposes to make clear that Monday and Wednesday expirations are not included in determining the maximum number of Short Term Option Expiration Dates that may be listed on the Exchange. Short Term Options Series expire, by definition, on Friday. To avoid any confusion, the proposed amendment makes clear which Monday and Wednesday expirations are specifically being excluded by the Exchange.

b. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,⁷ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,⁸ in particular, in that it is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, 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 Exchange believes the proposed rule change will protect investors and the public interest by providing the Exchange, the Commission and investors the benefit of additional time to analyze nonstandard expiration options. In particular, the Exchange believes that the Program has been successful to date. The Exchange has not encountered any problems with the Program. By extending the Program, investors may continue to benefit from a wider array of investment opportunities. Additionally, both the Exchange and the Commission may continue to monitor the potential for adverse market effects of p.m.-

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

settlement on the market, including the underlying cash equities market, at the expiration of these options.

Technical Amendment

The Exchange's proposal to amend Supplementary Material .03 to Options 4, Section 5, related to the Short Term Options Series Program, to add rule text related to Monday and Wednesday expirations for options listed pursuant to the Short Term Options Program on QQQ and IWM, which was inadvertently omitted, is consistent with the Act. Adding references to "QQQ" and "IWM" within the second sentence of Supplementary Material .03 to Options 4, Section 5 will bring greater clarity to the Exchange's rules by explicitly stating which Monday and Wednesday expirations are specifically being excluded by the Exchange. This amendment is non-substantive and is intended to promote clarity and avoid investor confusion.

4. 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 not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. Options with nonstandard expirations would be available for trading to all market participants.

Technical Amendment

The Exchange's proposal to amend Supplementary Material .03 to Options 4, Section 5, related to the Short Term Options Series Program, to add rule text related to Monday and Wednesday expirations for options listed pursuant to the Short Term Options Program on QQQ and IWM, which was inadvertently omitted, does not impose an undue burden on competition as adding references to "QQQ" and "IWM" within the second sentence of Supplementary Material .03 to Options 4, Section 5 will bring greater

clarity to the Exchange's rules by explicitly stating which Monday and Wednesday expirations are specifically being excluded by the Exchange. This amendment is non-substantive and is intended to promote clarity and avoid investor confusion.

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

No written comments were either solicited or received.

6. Extension of Time Period for Commission Action

The Exchange does not consent to an extension of the time period for Commission action.

7. Basis for Summary Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3) or for Accelerated Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(2)

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder in that it effects a change that: (i) does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) does not impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) by its terms, does not become operative for 30 days after the date of the filing, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. This filing proposes to extend a previously approved Program and raises no new regulatory issues. The Exchange therefore believes that the proposed rule change qualifies for immediate effectiveness as a "non-controversial" rule change.

The proposed rule change does not significantly affect the protection of investors. The Exchange has adequate surveillance procedures to monitor trading in these options thereby helping to ensure the maintenance of a fair and orderly market, and it has sufficient capacity to handle nonstandard expiration options. The proposed rule change does not impose any significant burden on competition because, as discussed above,

options with nonstandard expirations would be available for trading to all market participants. The proposed rule change will facilitate the continued listing and trading of nonstandard expiration options that will enhance competition among market participants, to the benefit of investors and the marketplace. Further, the proposed technical amendment to Supplementary Material .03 to Options 4, Section 5, is non-substantive and is intended to promote clarity and avoid investor confusion.

Furthermore, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file a proposed rule change under that subsection at least five business days prior to the date of filing, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The Exchange has provided such notice.

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.

A proposed rule change filed under Rule 19b-4(f)(6) normally does not become operative prior to 30 days after the date of filing. Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii), however, permits the Commission to designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Exchange requests that the Commission waive the 30-day operative delay contained in Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) so that it may immediately extend a previously approved Program prior to the expiration date of November 4, 2021 so that the pilot may continue uninterrupted, thereby avoiding any investor confusion that

could result from an interruption of the Program. Also, the non-substantive technical amendment to Supplementary Material .03 to Options 4, Section 5 will promote clarity and avoid investor confusion.

8. Proposed Rule Change Based on Rules of Another Self-Regulatory Organization or of the Commission

Not applicable.

9. Security-Based Swap Submissions Filed Pursuant to Section 3C of the Act

Not applicable.

10. Advance Notices Filed Pursuant to Section 806(e) of the Payment, Clearing and Settlement Supervision Act

Not applicable.

11. Exhibits

1. Notice of Proposed Rule Change for publication in the Federal Register.
5. Text of the proposed rule change.

EXHIBIT 1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
(Release No. _____ ; File No. SR-Phlx-2021-65)

October __, 2021

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Nasdaq PHLX LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Extend the Pilot Period for the Exchange's Nonstandard Expirations Pilot Program

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 October 20, 2021 Nasdaq PHLX LLC ("Phlx" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "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 extend the pilot period for the Exchange's nonstandard expirations pilot program, currently set to expire on November 4, 2021.

The Exchange also proposes a technical amendment to Options 4, Section 5, Series of Options Contracts Open for Trading.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's Website at <https://listingcenter.nasdaq.com/rulebook/phlx/rules>, at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 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

On December 15, 2017, the Commission approved a rule change for the listing and trading on the Exchange, on a twelve month pilot basis, of p.m.-settled options on broad-based indexes with nonstandard expirations dates (“Program”).³ The Program permits both Weekly Expirations and End of Month (“EOM”) expirations similar to those of the a.m.-settled broad-based index options, except that the exercise settlement value of the options subject to the pilot are based on the index value derived from the closing prices of component stocks. This pilot was extended various times and is currently extended through November 4, 2021.⁴

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Similarly, pursuant to Options 4A, Section 12(b)(5)(B) the Exchange may open for trading EOM expirations on any broad-based index eligible for standard options trading to expire on the last trading day of the month. EOM expirations are subject to all provisions of Options 4A, Section 12 and treated the same as options on the same underlying index that expire on the third Friday of the expiration month. However, the EOM expirations are p.m.-settled.

The Exchange now proposes to amend Options 4A, Section 12(b)(5)(C) so that the duration of the Program for these nonstandard expirations will be through May 4, 2022. The Exchange continues to have sufficient systems capacity to handle p.m.-settled options on broad-based indexes with nonstandard expirations dates and has not encountered any issues or adverse market effects as a result of listing them. Additionally, there is continued investor interest in these products. The Exchange will continue to make public on its website any data and analysis it submits to the Commission under the Program.

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was approved to permit Monday and Wednesday expirations for options listed pursuant to the Short Term Options Program on the iShares Russell 2000 ETF (“IWM”).⁶ The Exchange inadvertently omitted the references to “QQQ” and “IWM” in the rule text for those filings. At this time, the Exchange proposes to add “QQQ and IWM” to the rule text within Supplementary Material .03 to Options 4, Section 5 for clarity. This amendment is non-substantive as it proposes to make clear that Monday and Wednesday expirations are not included in determining the maximum number of Short Term Option Expiration Dates that may be listed on the Exchange. Short Term Options Series expire, by definition, on Friday. To avoid any confusion, the proposed amendment makes clear which Monday and Wednesday expirations are specifically being excluded by the Exchange.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,⁷ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,⁸ in particular, in that it is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, 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 Exchange believes the proposed rule change will protect investors and the public interest by

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B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

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

No written comments were either solicited or received.

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

Because the foregoing 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)(iii) of the Act⁹ and subparagraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.¹⁰

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

¹⁰ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). In addition, Rule 19b-4(f)(6) requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The Exchange has satisfied this requirement.

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 (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an e-mail to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-Phlx-2021-65 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-Phlx-2021-65. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail 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 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. Copies of the 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 Number SR-Phlx-2021-65 and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from publication in the Federal Register].

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹¹

J. Matthew DeLesDernier
Assistant Secretary

¹¹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

EXHIBIT 5

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Nasdaq PHLX LLC Rules

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Options Rules

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Options 4 Options Listing Rules

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Section 5. Series of Options Contracts Open for Trading

(a) - (k) No Change.

Supplementary Material to Options 4, Section 5

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.03 Short Term Option Series Program. After an option class has been approved for listing and trading on the Exchange, the Exchange may open for trading on any Thursday or Friday that is a business day (“Short Term Option Opening Date”) series of options on that class that expire at the close of business on each of the next five Fridays that are business days and are not Fridays in which monthly options series or Quarterly Options Series expire (“Short Term Option Expiration Dates”). The Exchange may have no more than a total of five Short Term Option Expiration Dates, not including any Monday or Wednesday SPY, QQQ and IWM Expirations as provided below. If the Exchange is not open for business on the respective Thursday or Friday, the Short Term Option Opening Date will be the first business day immediately prior to that respective Thursday or Friday. Similarly, if the Exchange is not open for business on a Friday, the Short Term Option Expiration Date will be the first business day immediately prior to that Friday. With respect to Wednesday SPY, QQQ and IWM Expirations, the Exchange may open for trading on any Tuesday or Wednesday that is a business day series of options on the SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust (SPY), the INVESCO QQQ TrustSM, Series 1 (QQQ), and iShares Russell 2000 ETF (IWM) to expire on any Wednesday of the month that is a business day and is not a Wednesday in which Quarterly Options Series expire (“Wednesday SPY Expirations,” “Wednesday QQQ Expirations,” and “Wednesday IWM Expirations”). With respect to Monday SPY, QQQ and IWM Expirations, the Exchange may open for trading on any Friday or Monday that is a business day series of options on the SPY, QQQ, or IWM to expire on any Monday of the month that is a business day and is not a Monday in which Quarterly Options Series expire (“Monday SPY Expirations,” “Monday QQQ Expirations,” and “Monday IWM Expirations”), provided that Monday SPY Expirations, Monday QQQ Expirations, and Monday IWM Expirations that are listed on a Friday must be listed at least one business week and one business day

prior to the expiration. The Exchange may list up to five consecutive Wednesday SPY Expirations, Wednesday QQQ Expirations, and Wednesday IWM Expirations and five consecutive Monday SPY Expirations, and Monday QQQ Expirations, and Monday IWM Expirations at one time; the Exchange may have no more than a total of five each of Wednesday SPY Expirations, Wednesday QQQ Expirations and Wednesday IWM Expirations and a total of five each of Monday SPY Expirations, Monday QQQ Expirations and Monday IWM Expirations. Monday and Wednesday SPY Expirations, Monday and Wednesday QQQ Expirations and Monday and Wednesday IWM Expirations will be subject to the provisions of this Rule. Regarding Short Term Option Series:

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Options 4A Options Index Rules

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Section 12. Terms of Index Options Contracts

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(b) No change.

(1) – (4) No change.

(5) Nonstandard Expirations Pilot Program

(A) and (B) No change.

(C) Duration of Nonstandard Expirations Pilot Program. The Nonstandard Expirations Pilot Program shall be through [November 4, 2021]May 4, 2022.

(D) No change.

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