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| 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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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549 For complete Form 19b-4 instructions please refer to the EFFS website. The self-regulatory organization must provide all required information, presented in a Form 19b-4 Information * clear and comprehensible manner, to enable the public to provide meaningful comment on the proposal and for the Commission to determine whether the proposal Remove is consistent with the Act and applicable rules and regulations under the Act. The Notice section of this Form 19b-4 must comply with the guidelines for publication Exhibit 1 - Notice of Proposed Rule Change * 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 Add Remove View 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) The Notice section of this Form 19b-4 must comply with the guidelines for publication **Exhibit 1A- Notice of Proposed Rule** in the Federal Register as well as any requirements for electronic filing as published Change, Security-Based Swap Submission, by the Commission (if applicable). The Office of the Federal Register (OFR) offers or Advance Notice by Clearing Agencies * 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, security-based swap submission, or advance notice being deemed not properly filed. See also Rule 0-3 under the Act (17 CFR 240.0-3) Exhibit 2 - Notices, Written Comments, Copies of notices, written comments, transcripts, other communications. If such Transcripts, Other Communications documents cannot be filed electronically in accordance with Instruction F, they shall be filed in accordance with Instruction G. Remove View Add Exhibit Sent As Paper Document П Exhibit 3 - Form, Report, or Questionnaire 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 Add Remove View referred to by the proposed rule change. Exhibit Sent As Paper Document The full text shall be marked, in any convenient manner, to indicate additions to and **Exhibit 4 - Marked Copies** deletions from the immediately preceding filing. The purpose of Exhibit 4 is to permit Add Remove View 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** 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 Add Remove View of the proposed rule change. If the self-regulatory organization is amending only part of the text of a lengthy **Partial Amendment** 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) Pursuant to the provisions of Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"), 1 Bats BZX Exchange, Inc. ("Exchange" or "BZX") is filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission") a proposed rule change to amend Exchange Rule 11.27 to modify the date of Appendix B website data publication pursuant to the Regulation NMS Plan to Implement a Tick Size Pilot Program ("Plan").

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 on February 11, 2014. Exchange staff will advise the Board of Directors of the Exchange of any action taken pursuant to delegated authority. No other action is necessary for the filing of the rule change.

The persons on the Exchange staff prepared to respond to questions and comments on the proposed rule change are:

Joanne Moffic-Silver
Executive Vice President, General
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(312) 786-7462

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3. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis</u>

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

for, the Proposed Rule Change

(a) Purpose

Rule 11.27(b) (Compliance with Data Collection Requirements)² implements the data collection and website publication requirements of the Plan.³ Rule 11.27(b).08 provides, among other things, that the requirement that the Exchange or Designated Examining Authority ("DEA") make certain data for the Pre-Pilot Period and Pilot Period⁴ publicly available on their website pursuant to Appendix B and C to the Plan shall commence on April 28, 2017.⁵ The Exchange is proposing to amend Rule 11.27.08 to delay the Appendix B data website publication date until August 31, 2017. The Exchange is proposing to further delay the website publication of Appendix B data until August 31, 2017 to permit additional time to consider a methodology to mitigate concerns raised in connection with the publication of Appendix B data.

Pursuant to this proposed amendment, the Exchange or DEA would publish the required Appendix B data for the Pre-Pilot Period through April 30, 2017, by August 31,

See Exchange Rule 11.27(b). See also Securities Exchange Act Release Nos.
 77105 (February 10, 2016), 81 FR 8112 (February 17, 2016); and 77310 (March 7, 2016), 81 FR 13012 (March 11, 2016).

The Participants filed the Plan to comply with an order issued by the Commission on June 24, 2014. See Letter from Brendon J. Weiss, Vice President, Intercontinental Exchange, Inc., to Secretary, Commission, dated August 25, 2014 ("SRO Tick Size Plan Proposal"). See Securities Exchange Act Release No 72460 (June 24, 2014), 79 FR 36840 (June 30, 2014); see also Securities Exchange Act Release No. 74892 (May 6, 2015), 80 FR 27513 (May 13, 2015).

Unless otherwise defined herein, capitalized terms have the meaning ascribed to them in Exchange Rule 11.27.

See Exchange Rule 11.27.08. See also Securities Exchange Act Release No. 80207 (March 10, 2017), 82 FR 14056 (March 16, 2017). See also Letter from David S. Shillman, Associate Director, Division of Trading and Markets, Commission, to Robert L.D. Colby, Executive Vice President and Chief Legal Officer, FINRA, dated February 28, 2017.

2017.⁶ Thereafter, Appendix B data for a given month would be published within 120 calendar days following month end.⁷ Thus, for example, Appendix B data for May 2017 would be made available on the Exchange or DEA's website by September 28, 2017, and data for the month of June 2017 would be made available on the Exchange or DEA's website by October 28, 2017.

(b) Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act⁸ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act⁹ in particular, in that it is designed 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 Plan is designed to allow the Commission, market participants, and the public to study and assess the impact of increment conventions on the liquidity and trading of the common stock of small-capitalization companies. The Exchange believes that this proposal is consistent with the Act because it is in furtherance of the objectives of Section VII(A) of the Plan in that it is designed to provide the Exchange with additional time to

The Exchange initially submitted this proposed rule change on April 28, 2017. (SR-BatsBZX-2017-27). On May 4, 2017, the Exchange withdrew SR-BatsBZX-2017-27 and submitted this filing.

FINRA, on behalf of the Exchange, also is submitting an exemptive request to the SEC in connection with the instant filing.

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

consider a methodology to mitigate concerns raised in connection with the publication of Appendix B data.

4. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition</u>

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will result in any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The Exchange notes that the proposed rule change implements the provisions of the Plan.

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

The Exchange has neither solicited nor received written comments on the proposed rule change.

- Extension of Time Period for Commission Action
 Not applicable.
- 7. Basis for Summary Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3) or for Accelerated Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) or Section 19(b)(7)(D)

The proposed rule change is effective upon filing pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act¹⁰ and paragraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder,¹¹ in that the proposed rule change: (1) does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest, (2) does not impose any significant burden on competition, and (3) and does not become operative for 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate. The Exchange has filed the proposed rule change for immediate effectiveness to become operative on the date of filing. Thus, the Exchange

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹¹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

requests that the Commission waive the five-day pre-filing notice requirement specified in Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) under the Act. ¹² The Exchange also requests that the Commission waive the 30-day operative waiting period contained in Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) under the Act so that the proposed rule change may become operative prior to February 28, 2017. ¹³

The Exchange notes that the proposed rule change is intended to mitigate concerns raised in connection with Section VII(A) of the Plan, which requires that the data made publicly available will not identify the trading center. Specifically, this proposed rule change will provide additional time to consider a methodology to mitigate concerns raised in connection with the publication of Appendix B data. The Exchange notes that the proposal does not alter the Plan requirements related to the information that must be submitted to the SEC.

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.

- 8. Proposed Rule Change Based on Rules of Another Self-Regulatory Organization or of the Commission
 Not applicable.
- 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

¹² 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

¹³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

Not applicable.

11. <u>Exhibits</u>

Exhibit 1. Completed notice of proposed rule change for publication in the

Federal Register.

Exhibit 5. Text of the proposed rule change.

EXHIBIT 1

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| (Release No. 34- | ; File No. SR-BatsBZX-2017-31) |

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Bats BZX Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change to Rule 11.27 of Bats BZX Exchange, Inc. to Modify the Date of Appendix B Website Data Publication Pursuant to the Regulation NMS Plan to Implement a Tick Size Pilot Program.

I. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change</u>

The Exchange filed a proposal to amend Rule 11.27 to modify the date of Appendix B website data publication pursuant to the Regulation NMS Plan to Implement a Tick Size Pilot Program ("Plan").

The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Exchange's website at

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

www.bats.com, at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

II. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis</u> 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 parts of such statements.

- (A) <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory</u>
 <u>Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change</u>
- 1. Purpose

Rule 11.27(b) (Compliance with Data Collection Requirements)⁵ implements the data collection and website publication requirements of the Plan.⁶ Rule 11.27(b).08 provides, among other things, that the requirement that the Exchange or Designated Examining Authority ("DEA") make certain data for the Pre-Pilot Period and Pilot Period⁷ publicly available on their website pursuant to Appendix B and C to the Plan

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shall commence on April 28, 2017.⁸ The Exchange is proposing to amend Rule 11.27.08 to delay the Appendix B data website publication date until August 31, 2017. The Exchange is proposing to further delay the website publication of Appendix B data until August 31, 2017 to permit additional time to consider a methodology to mitigate concerns raised in connection with the publication of Appendix B data.

Pursuant to this proposed amendment, the Exchange or DEA would publish the required Appendix B data for the Pre-Pilot Period through April 30, 2017, by August 31, 2017. Thereafter, Appendix B data for a given month would be published within 120 calendar days following month end. Thus, for example, Appendix B data for May 2017 would be made available on the Exchange or DEA's website by September 28, 2017, and data for the month of June 2017 would be made available on the Exchange or DEA's website by October 28, 2017.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act¹¹ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act¹² in particular,

See Exchange Rule 11.27.08. See also Securities Exchange Act Release No. 80207 (March 10, 2017), 82 FR 14056 (March 16, 2017). See also Letter from David S. Shillman, Associate Director, Division of Trading and Markets, Commission, to Robert L.D. Colby, Executive Vice President and Chief Legal Officer, FINRA, dated February 28, 2017.

The Exchange initially submitted this proposed rule change on April 28, 2017. (SR-BatsBZX-2017-27). On May 4, 2017, the Exchange withdrew SR-BatsBZX-2017-27 and submitted this filing.

FINRA, on behalf of the Exchange, also is submitting an exemptive request to the SEC in connection with the instant filing.

¹⁵ U.S.C. 78f(b).

¹⁵ U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

in that it is designed 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 Plan is designed to allow the Commission, market participants, and the public to study and assess the impact of increment conventions on the liquidity and trading of the common stock of small-capitalization companies. The Exchange believes that this proposal is consistent with the Act because it is in furtherance of the objectives of Section VII(A) of the Plan in that it is designed to provide the Exchange with additional time to consider a methodology to mitigate concerns raised in connection with the publication of Appendix B data.

- (B) <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition</u>

 The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will result in any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The Exchange notes that the proposed rule change implements the provisions of the Plan.
 - (C) <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed</u> <u>Rule Change Received from Members, Participants or Others</u>

The Exchange has neither solicited nor received written comments on the proposed rule change.

III. <u>Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission</u>
Action

Because the foregoing proposed rule change does not: (A) significantly affect the

protection of investors or the public interest; (B) impose any significant burden on competition; and (C) by its terms, 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 Act¹³ and paragraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder, ¹⁴ the Exchange has designated this rule filing as non-controversial. The Exchange has given the Commission written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change, along with a brief description and text of 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.

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: (1) necessary or appropriate in the public interest; (2) for the protection of investors; or (3) 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 proposal is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Comments:

• Use the Commission's Internet comment form

¹⁵ U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

(http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml); or

• Send an e-mail to <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include File No. SR-BatsBZX-2017-31 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 No. SR-BatsBZX-2017-31. 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 website (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 am and 3:00 pm. Copies of such filing will also 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-BatsBZX-2017-31 and should be submitted on or before [______21 days from publication in the Federal Register].

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority. 15

Robert W. Errett Deputy Secretary

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EXHIBIT 5

Proposed new language is <u>underlined</u>; proposed deletions are marked by [brackets].

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Rule 11.27. Compliance with Regulation NMS Plan to Implement a Tick Size Pilot (No change).

- (a) (No change).
- (b) Compliance with Data Collection Requirements
 - (1) (5) (No change).

Interpretations and Policies

.01 - .07 (No change).

A Trading Center shall begin the data collection required pursuant to Appendix B.I.a(1) through B.II.(y) of the Plan and Item I of Appendix C of the Plan on April 4, 2016. The requirement that the Exchange or their DEA provide information to the SEC within 30 days following month end pursuant to Appendix B and C of the Plan shall commence at the beginning of the Pilot Period. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (b)(2), (b)(3) and (b)(5) of this Rule, with respect to data for the Pre-Pilot Period and Pilot Period, the requirement that the Exchange or DEA make Appendix B data publicly available on their website shall commence on [April 28] August 31, 2017. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (b)(4) of this Rule, the Exchange or DEA shall make Appendix C data for the Pre-Pilot Period through January 2017 publicly available on their website by February 28, 2017.

.09 - .11 (No change).

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