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Exhibit 1 - Notice of Proposed Rule Change *

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BZX-22-056 Exhibit 5 (SPY and QQQ

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Item 1. Text of the Proposed Rule Change

- (a) Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc. (the "Exchange" or "BZX Options") proposes to amend the Short Term Option Series Program in Rule 19.6, Interpretation and Policy .05 and a related definition in Rule 16.1. The text of the proposed rule change is provided in Exhibit 5.
 - (b) Not applicable.
 - (c) Not applicable.

Item 2. <u>Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization</u>

- (a) The Exchange's President (or designee) pursuant to delegated authority approved the proposed rule change on November 11, 2022.
- (b) Please refer questions and comments on the proposed rule change to Pat Sexton, Executive Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary, (312) 786-7467, or Laura G. Dickman, (312) 786-7572, Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc., 433 West Van Buren Street, Chicago, Illinois 60607.

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

(a) Purpose

The Exchange proposes to amend the Short Term Option Series Program in Rule 19.6, Interpretation and Policy .05. Specifically, the Exchange proposes to amend the Short Term Option Series Program to : (1) limit the number of Short Term Option Expiration Dates for options on SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust (SPY), the INVESCO QQQ TrustSM, Series 1 (QQQ), and iShares Russell 2000 ETF (IWM) from five to two expirations for Monday and Wednesday expirations; and (2) expand the Short Term Option Series program to permit the listing and trading of options series with Tuesday and Thursday expirations for

options on SPY and QQQ listed pursuant to the Short Term Option Series Program, subject to the same proposed limitation of two expirations.

The Exchange also proposes to amend the definition of Short Term Option Series in Rule 16.1.

Curtail Short Term Option Expiration Dates

Currently, 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 on 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. Further, 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.

Today, 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 SPY, QQQ, and 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, 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 Rule 19.6, Interpretation and Policy .05.

Proposal

At this time, the Exchange proposes to curtail the number of Short Term Option

Expiration Dates from five to two¹ for SPY, QQQ and IWM for Monday and Wednesday

Expirations, as well as the proposed Tuesday and Thursday Expirations in SPY and QQQ

("Short Term Option Daily Expirations"). The Exchange proposes to create a new category

of Short Term Option Expirations Dates called "Short Term Option Daily Expirations,"

The Exchange proposes to list the two front months for Short Term Option Daily Expirations.

which will only permit two Short Term Option Expiration Dates for each of Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday expirations at one time. The Exchange proposes to include a table, labelled "Table 1", within Rule 19.6, Interpretation and Policy .05(h), which specifies each symbol that qualifies as a Short Term Option Daily Expiration. The table would note the number of expirations for each symbol as well as expiration days. The Exchange proposes to include Monday and Wednesday expirations for SPY, QQQ, and IWM and Tuesday and Thursday expirations for SPY and QQQ and list the number of expirations as "2" for these symbols. The Exchange's proposal to permit Tuesday and Thursday expirations for options on SPY and QQQ listed pursuant to the Short Term Option Series Program is explained below in more detail. In the event Short Term Option Daily Expirations expire on the same day in the same class as a monthly options series or a Quarterly Options Series, the Exchange would skip that week's listing and instead list the following week; the two weeks of Short Term Option Expiration Dates would therefore not be consecutive. Specifically, the Exchange proposes to state within Rule 19.6, Interpretation and Policy .05(h):

In addition to the above, the Exchange may open for trading series of options on the symbols provided in Table 1 below that expire at the close of business on each of the next two Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, respectively, that are business days and are not business days on which monthly options series or Quarterly Options Series expire ("Short Term Option Daily Expirations"). The Exchange may have no more than a total of two Short Term Option Daily Expirations for each of Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday expirations at one time. Short Term Option Daily Expirations would be subject to this Interpretation and Policy .05

SPY, QQQ, and IWM Friday expirations and other option symbols expiring on a Friday that are not noted in Table 1 will continue to have a total of five Short Term Option Expiration

Dates provided those Friday expirations are not Fridays on which monthly options series or

Quarterly Options Series expire ("Friday Short Term Option Expiration Dates"). These expirations would be referred to as "Short Term Option Weekly Expirations" to distinguish them from the proposed expirations that would be subject to Short Term Option Daily Expirations. The Exchange proposes to add rule text to Rule 19.6, Interpretation and Policy .05(h) which states that Monday Short Term Option Expiration Dates, Tuesday Short Term Option Expiration Dates, and Thursday Short Term Option Expiration Dates, together with Friday Short Term Option Expiration Dates, are collectively "Short Term Option Expiration Dates."

Tuesday and Thursday Expirations

At this time, the Exchange proposes to expand the Short Term Option Series

Program to permit the listing and trading of no more than a total of two consecutive Tuesday and Thursday "Tuesday Short Term Option Daily Expirations" and "Thursday Short Term Option Daily Expirations" each for SPY and QQQ at one time. Tuesday and Thursday Short Term Option Daily Expirations would be subject to Rule 19.6, Interpretation and Policy .05.

A Short Term Option Series means a series in an option class that is approved for listing and trading on the Exchange in which the series is opened for trading on any Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday that is a business day and that expires on the Monday, Wednesday, or Friday of the following business week that is a business day, or, in the case of a series that is listed on a Friday and expires on a Monday, is listed one business week and one business day prior to that expiration. If a Tuesday, Wednesday,

Defining the term "Short Term Option Expiration Dates" will make clear that this term includes expiration dates for each day Short Term Options are listed.

Thursday or Friday is not a business day, the series may be opened (or shall expire) on the first business day immediately prior to that Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. For a series listed pursuant to this section for Monday expiration, if a Monday is not a business day, the series shall expire on the first business day immediately following that Monday.

The Exchange proposes to amend this definition in Rule 16.1 to accommodate the listing of options series that expire on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Specifically, the Exchange proposes to add Tuesday and Thursdays to the permitted expiration days, which currently include Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, that it may open for trading.

The Exchange also proposes corresponding changes within Rule 19.6, Interpretation and Policy .05, which sets forth the requirements for SPY and QQQ options that are listed pursuant to the Short Term Option Series Program as Short Term Option Daily Expirations, to accommodate the listing of options series that expire on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Similar to Monday and Wednesday SPY, QQQ, and IWM Short Term Option Daily Expirations within Rule 19.6, Interpretation and Policy .05, the Exchange proposes that it may open for trading on any Monday or Tuesday that is a business day series of options on the symbols provided in Table 1 that expire at the close of business on each of the next two Tuesdays that are business days and are not business days in which monthly options series or Quarterly Options Series expire ("Tuesday Short Term Option Expiration Date").

Likewise, the Exchange proposes that it may open for trading on any Wednesday or Thursday that is a business day series of options on symbols provided in Table 1 that expire at the close of business on each of the next two Thursdays that are business days and are not business days in which monthly options series or Quarterly Options Series expire ("Thursday Short Term Option Expiration Date").

In the event that options on SPY and QQQ expire on a Tuesday or Thursday and that Tuesday or Thursday is the same day that a monthly option series or Quarterly Options Series expires, the Exchange would skip that week's listing and instead list the following week; the two weeks would therefore not be consecutive. Today, Monday and Wednesday Expirations in SPY, QQQ, and IWM skip the weekly listing in the event the weekly listing expires on the same day in the same class as a Quarterly Options Series. Currently, there is no rule text provision that states that Monday and Wednesday Expirations in SPY, QQQ, and IWM skip the weekly listing in the event the weekly listing expires on the same day in the same class as a monthly option series. Practically speaking, Monday and Wednesday Expirations in SPY, QQQ, and IWM would not expire on the same day as a monthly expiration.

The interval between strike prices for the proposed Tuesday and Thursday SPY and QQQ Short Term Option Daily Expirations will be the same as those for the current Short Term Option Series for Monday, Wednesday, and Friday expirations applicable to the Short Term Option Series Program.³ Specifically, the Tuesday and Thursday SPY and QQQ Short Term Option Daily Expirations will have a \$0.50 strike interval minimum.⁴ As is the case with other equity options series listed pursuant to the Short Term Option Series Program, the Tuesday and Thursday SPY and QQQ Short Term Option Daily Expiration series will be P.M.-settled.

Pursuant to proposed Rule 19.6, Interpretation and Policy .05, with respect to the Short Term Option Series Program, a Tuesday or Thursday expiration series will expire on

See Rule 19.6, Interpretation and Policy .05(e)

⁴ See id.

the first business day immediately prior to that Tuesday or Thursday, e.g., Monday or Wednesday of that week, respectively, if the Tuesday or Thursday is not a business day.

Currently, for each option class eligible for participation in the Short Term Option Series Program, the Exchange is limited to opening thirty (30) series for each expiration date for the specific class.⁵ The thirty (30) series restriction does not include series that are open by other securities exchanges under their respective weekly rules; the Exchange may list these additional series that are listed by other options exchanges.⁶ This thirty (30) series restriction would apply to Tuesday and Thursday SPY and QQQ Short Term Option Daily Expiration series as well. In addition, the Exchange will be able to list series that are listed by other exchanges, assuming they file similar rules with the Commission to list SPY and QQQ options expiring on Tuesdays and Thursdays with a limit of two Tuesday Short Term Daily Expirations and two Thursday Short Term Daily Expirations.

Finally, the Exchange is amending Rule 19.6, Interpretation and Policy .05(b) to conform the rule text to the usage of the term "Short Term Option Daily Expirations."

Today, with the exception of Monday and Wednesday SPY Expirations, Monday and Wednesday QQQ Expirations, and Monday and Wednesday IWM Expirations, no Short Term Option Series may expire in the same week in which monthly option series on the same class expire. With this proposal, Tuesday and Thursday SPY Expirations and Tuesday and Thursday QQQ Expirations would be treated similarly to existing Monday and Wednesday SPY, QQQ, and IWM Expirations. With respect to monthly option series, Short Term Option Daily Expirations will be permitted to expire in the same week in which

See Rule 19.6, Interpretation and Policy .05(a).

⁶ See id.

monthly option series in the same class expire. Not listing Short Term Option Daily Expirations for one week every month because there was a monthly on that same class on the Friday of that week would create investor confusion. Further, as with Monday and Wednesday SPY, QQQ, and IWM Expirations, the Exchange would not permit Tuesday and Thursday Short Term Option Daily Expirations to expire on a business day in which monthly options series or Quarterly Options Series expire. Therefore, all Short Term Option Daily Expirations would expire at the close of business on each of the next two Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, respectively, that are business days and are not business days on which monthly options series or Quarterly Options Series expire. The Exchange believes that it is reasonable to not permit two expirations on the same day in which a monthly options series or a Quarterly Options Series would expire.

The Exchange does not believe that any market disruptions will be encountered with the introduction of P.M.-settled Tuesday and Thursday Short Term Option Daily Expirations. The Exchange has the necessary capacity and surveillance programs in place to support and properly monitor trading in the proposed Tuesday and Thursday Short Term Option Daily Expirations. The Exchange currently trades P.M.-settled Short Term Option Series that expire Monday and Wednesday for SPY, QQQ and IWM and has not experienced any market disruptions nor issues with capacity. Today, the Exchange has surveillance programs in place to support and properly monitor trading in Short Term Option Series that expire Monday and Wednesday for SPY, QQQ and IWM.

While the Exchange proposes to add rule text within Rule 19.6, Interpretation and Policy .05 with respect to Monday Expirations, Tuesday Expirations, and Wednesdays Expirations stating that those expirations would not expire on business days that are business days on which monthly options series expire, practically speaking this would not occur.

Impact of Proposal

The Exchange notes that listings in the Short Term Option Series Program comprise a significant part of the standard listing in options markets. The below tables sets forth the percentage of weekly listings as compared to monthly, quarterly, and Long-Term Option Series in 2020 and 2022 in the options industry. The weekly strikes decreased from 24% to 19% in these two years. The Exchange notes that during this timeframe, all options exchanges mitigated weekly strike intervals.

Number of Strik	es - 2020
Expiration	Percent of Total Series
Monthly	59%
Weekly	24%
LEAP	16%
Quarterly	1%

Number of Strikes -	2022
Expiration	Percent of Total Series
Monthly	64%
Weekly	19%
LEAP	17%
Quarterly	0%

By limiting the number of Short Term Option Daily Expirations for SPY, QQQ, and IWM to two expirations for Monday and Wednesday expirations, and expanding the Short Term Option Series Program to permit Tuesday and Thursday expirations for SPY and QQQ, the Exchange anticipates that it would overall reduce the number of weekly

Per Nasdaq ISE, LLC ("Nasdaq ISE"), this information was sourced from The Options Clearing Corporation ("OCC"). The information includes time averaged data for all 16 options markets up to August 18, 2022. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 95841 (September 20, 2022), 87 FR 58399 (September 26, 2022) (SR-ISE-2022-18).

expiration dates. With respect to SPY, the reduction from five to two expirations will reduce 11.80% of strikes on SPY with Monday and Wednesday expirations. With respect to QQQ, the reduction from five to two expirations will reduce 12.86% of strikes on QQQ with Monday and Wednesday expirations. With respect to IWM, the reduction from five to two expirations will reduce 11.86% of strikes on IWM with Monday and Wednesday expirations. Additionally, expanding the Short Term Option Series Program to permit the listing of Tuesday and Thursday expirations in SPY and QQQ will account for the addition of 7.86% of strikes in SPY and the addition of 8.57% of strikes in QQQ. Therefore, the total net reduction would be 3.94% for SPY and 4.29% for OOO.⁹ The overall reduction offered by this proposal reduces the number of Short Term Option Expirations to be listed on the Exchange and should encourage Market-Makers to continue to deploy capital more efficiently and improve displayed market quality. 10 Also, the Exchange's proposal curtails the number of expirations in SPY, QQQ, and IWM without reducing the classes of options available for trading on the Exchange. The Exchange believes that despite the proposed curtailment of expirations, Trading Permit Holders will continue to be able to expand hedging tools because all days of the week would be available to permit Trading Permit Holders to tailor their investment and hedging needs more effectively in SPY and QQQ.

Total Volume – 2022	(through August 18)
Expiration	Percent of Total Series
Monthly	39%
Weekly	48%
LEAP	12%

Nasdaq ISE sourced this information, which are estimates, from LiveVol®. The information includes data for all 16 options markets as of August 18, 2022. See id.

Market-Makers are required to quote a specified time in their assigned options series. See Rule 22.6.

Quarterly 1%

Weeklies comprise 48% of the total volume of options listings. ¹¹ The Exchange believes that inner weeklies represent high volume as compared to outer weeklies and would be more attractive to market participants. Similar to SPY, QQQ and IWM Monday and Wednesday Expirations, the introduction of SPY and QQQ Tuesday and Thursday expirations will, among other things, expand hedging tools available to market participants and continue the reduction of the premium cost of buying protection. The Exchange believes that SPY and QQQ Tuesday and Thursday expirations will allow market participants to purchase SPY and QQQ options based on their timing as needed and allow them to tailor their investment and hedging needs more effectively.

<u>Implementation</u>

The Exchange proposes to implement this rule change on November 14, 2022. The Exchange will issue an Exchange Notice to notify Trading Permit Holders of the implementation date. Notwithstanding this implementation, Monday and Wednesday Expirations in SPY, QQQ, and IWM that were listed prior to the date of implementation will continue to be listed on the Exchange until those options expire pursuant to current Short Term Option Series rules within Rule 19.6, Interpretation and Policy .05.

This table sets forth industry volume. Weeklies comprise 48% of volume while only being 19% of the strikes. Nasdaq ISE sourced this information from OCC. The information includes data for all 16 options markets as of August 18, 2022.

See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 95841 (September 20, 2022), 87 FR 58399 (September 26, 2022) (SR-ISE-2022-18)

(b) Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act") and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to the Exchange and, in particular, the requirements of Section 6(b) of the Act. ¹² Specifically, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5)¹³ requirements that the rules of an exchange 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 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. Additionally, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5)¹⁴ requirement that the rules of an exchange not be designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

The proposal is consistent with the Act as the overall reduction offered by this proposal reduces the number of Short Term Option Expirations to be listed on the Exchange. This reduction would remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market by encouraging Market-Makers to continue to deploy capital more efficiently and improve displayed market quality.¹⁵ Also, the Exchange's proposal

¹⁵ U.S.C. 78f(b).

¹⁵ U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

^{14 &}lt;u>Id.</u>

Market-Makers are required to quote a specified time in their assigned options series. See Rule 22.6.

curtails the number of Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday expirations in SPY, QQQ, and IWM without reducing the classes of options available for trading on the Exchange. The Exchange believes that despite the proposed curtailment of expirations, Trading Permit Holders will continue to be able to expand hedging tools and tailor their investment and hedging needs more effectively in SPY, QQQ, and IWM.

Similar to SPY, QQQ, and IWM Monday and Wednesday Expirations (proposed to be SPY, QQQ and IWM Monday and Wednesday Short Term Daily Expirations), the introduction of SPY and QQQ Tuesday and Thursday Short Term Daily Expirations is consistent with the Act as it will, among other things, expand hedging tools available to market participants and continue the reduction of the premium cost of buying protection. The Exchange believes that SPY and QQQ Tuesday and Thursday expirations (proposed to be SPY and QQQ Tuesday and Thursday Short Term Daily Expirations) will allow market participants to purchase SPY and QQQ options based on their timing as needed and allow them to tailor their investment and hedging needs more effectively. Further, the proposal to permit Tuesday and Thursday Short Term Daily Expirations for options on SPY and QQQ listed pursuant to the Short Term Option Series Program, subject to the proposed limitation of two expirations, would protect investors and the public interest by providing the investing public and other market participants more flexibility to closely tailor their investment and hedging decisions in SPY and QQQ options, thus allowing them to better manage their risk exposure.

In particular, the Exchange believes the Short Term Option Series Program has been successful to date and that Tuesday and Thursday SPY and QQQ Short Term Daily Expirations should simply expand the ability of investors to hedge risk against market

movements stemming from economic releases or market events that occur throughout the month in the same way that the Short Term Option Series Program has expanded the landscape of hedging. Similarly, the Exchange believes Tuesday and Thursday SPY and QQQ Short Term Daily Expirations should create greater trading and hedging opportunities and flexibility and will provide customers with the ability to tailor their investment objectives more effectively. The Exchange currently lists Monday and Wednesday SPY, QQQ, and IWM Expirations (proposed to be SPY, QQQ, and IWM Monday and Wednesday Short Term Daily Expirations). ¹⁶

Today, with the exception of Monday and Wednesday SPY Expirations, Monday and Wednesday QQQ Expirations, and Monday and Wednesday IWM Expirations, no Short Term Option Series may expire in the same week in which monthly option series on the same class expire. With this proposal, Tuesday and Thursday SPY Expirations and Tuesday and Thursday QQQ Expirations would be treated similarly to existing Monday and Wednesday SPY, QQQ, and IWM Expirations. The Exchange believes that permitting Short Term Option Daily Expirations to expire in the same week that standard monthly options expire on Fridays is consistent with Act. Not listing Short Term Option Daily Expirations for one week every month because there was a monthly on that same class on the Friday of that week would create investor confusion.

Further, as with Monday and Wednesday SPY, QQQ, and IWM Expirations, the Exchange would not permit Tuesday and Thursday Short Term Option Daily Expirations to expire on a business day in which monthly options series or Quarterly Options Series expire. Therefore, all Short Term Option Daily Expirations would expire at the close of

See Rule 19.6, Interpretation and Policy .05.

business on each of the next two Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, respectively, that are business days and are not business days in which monthly options series or Quarterly Options Series expire. The Exchange believes that it is consistent with the Act to not permit two expirations on the same day in which a monthly options series or a Quarterly Options Series would expire similar to Monday and Wednesday SPY, QQQ, and IWM Expirations.

There are no material differences in the treatment of Wednesday SPY and QQQ expirations for Short Term Option Series as compared to the proposed Tuesday and Thursday SPY and QQQ Short Term Daily Expirations. Given the similarities between Wednesday SPY, QQQ and IWM Expirations and the proposed Tuesday and Thursday SPY and QQQ Short Term Daily Expirations, the Exchange believes that applying the provisions in Rule 19.6, Interpretation and Policy .05 that currently apply to Wednesday SPY, QQQ and IWM Expirations to Tuesday and Thursday SPY and QQQ Short Term Daily Expirations is justified.

The Exchange further represents that it has an adequate surveillance program in place to detect manipulative trading in the proposed Tuesday and Thursday SPY and QQQ Short Term Daily Expirations, in the same way that it monitors trading in the current Short Term Option Series and trading in Monday and Wednesday SPY, QQQ, and IWM Expirations. The Exchange also represents that it has the necessary systems capacity to support the new options series. Finally, the Exchange does not believe that any market disruptions will be encountered with the introduction of Tuesday and Thursday SPY and QQQ Short Term Daily Expirations.

Finally, the Exchange notes the proposed rule change is substantively the same as a rule change proposed by ISE, which the Commission recently approved.¹⁷

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

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 proposal will provide an overall reduction in the number of Short Term Option Expirations to be listed on the Exchange. The Exchange believes this reduction will not impose an undue burden on competition, rather, it should encourage Market-Makers to continue to deploy capital more efficiently and improve displayed market quality. Also, the Exchange's proposal curtails the number of weekly expirations in SPY, QQQ, and IWM without reducing the classes of options available for trading on the Exchange. The Exchange believes that despite the proposed curtailment of weekly expirations, Trading Permit Holders will continue to be able to expand hedging tools and tailor their investment and hedging needs more effectively in SPY, QQQ, and IWM.

Similar to SPY, QQQ and IWM Monday and Wednesday Expirations, the Exchange believes the introduction of SPY and QQQ Tuesday and Thursday Short Term Daily Expirations will not impose an undue burden on competition. The Exchange believes that it will, among other things, expand hedging tools available to market participants and continue the reduction of the premium cost of buying protection. The Exchange believes that SPY and QQQ Tuesday and Thursday Short Term Daily

See Securities and Exchange Act Release No. 96281 (November 9, 2022) (SR-ISE-2022-18).

Market-Makers are required to quote a specified time in their assigned options series. See Rule 22.6.

Expirations will allow market participants to purchase SPY and QQQ options based on their timing as needed and allow them to tailor their investment and hedging needs more effectively. The Exchange does not believe the proposal will impose any burden on intermarket competition, as nothing prevents the other options exchanges from proposing similar rules to list and trade Short-Term Option Series with Tuesday and Thursday Short Term Daily Expirations. The Exchange notes that having Tuesday and Thursday SPY and QQQ expirations is not a novel proposal, as Wednesday SPY, QQQ and IWM Expirations are currently listed on the Exchange. Additionally, as noted above, the Commission recently approved a substantively identical proposal of another exchange. Further, the Exchange does not believe the proposal will impose any burden on intramarket competition, as all market participants will be treated in the same manner under this proposal.

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

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

Item 6. <u>Extension of Time Period for Commission Action</u>

Not applicable.

^{19 &}lt;u>See</u> Rule 19.6, Interpretation and Policy .05.

See Securities and Exchange Act Release No. 96281 (November 9, 2022) (SR-ISE-2022-18).

Item 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)

- (a) The proposed rule change is filed for immediate effectiveness pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of Act²¹ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)²² thereunder.
- (b) The Exchange designates that the proposed rule change 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. Additionally, 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.

The Exchange believes the proposed rule change does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest, because the proposal reduces the number of Short Term Option Expirations to be listed on the Exchange, which may encourage Market-Makers to continue to deploy capital more efficiently and improve displayed market quality. Also, the Exchange's proposal curtails the number of Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday expirations in SPY, QQQ, and IWM without reducing the classes of options available for trading on the Exchange. The Exchange

²¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

²² 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

Market-Makers are required to quote a specified time in their assigned options series. <u>See</u> Rule 22.6.

believes that despite the proposed curtailment of expirations, Trading Permit Holders will continue to be able to expand hedging tools and tailor their investment and hedging needs more effectively in SPY, QQQ, and IWM.

Similar to SPY, QQQ, and IWM Monday and Wednesday Expirations (proposed to be SPY, QQQ and IWM Monday and Wednesday Short Term Daily Expirations), the Exchange believes the proposed introduction of SPY and QQQ Tuesday and Thursday Short Term Daily Expirations will protect investors because it will, among other things, expand hedging tools available to market participants and continue the reduction of the premium cost of buying protection. The Exchange believes that SPY and QQQ Tuesday and Thursday expirations (proposed to be SPY and QQQ Tuesday and Thursday Short Term Daily Expirations) will allow market participants to purchase SPY and QQQ options based on their timing as needed and allow them to tailor their investment and hedging needs more effectively. Further, the proposal to permit Tuesday and Thursday Short Term Daily Expirations for options on SPY and QQQ listed pursuant to the Short Term Option Series Program, subject to the proposed limitation of two expirations, would protect investors and the public interest by providing the investing public and other market participants more flexibility to closely tailor their investment and hedging decisions in SPY and QQQ options, thus allowing them to better manage their risk exposure.

The Exchange further represents that it has an adequate surveillance program in place to detect manipulative trading in the proposed Tuesday and Thursday SPY and QQQ Short Term Daily Expirations, in the same way that it monitors trading in the current Short Term Option Series and trading in Monday and Wednesday SPY, QQQ,

and IWM Expirations. The Exchange also represents that it has the necessary systems capacity to support the new options series. Finally, the Exchange does not believe that any market disruptions will be encountered with the introduction of Tuesday and Thursday SPY and QQQ Short Term Daily Expirations.

The Exchange believes the proposed rule change will not impose any undue burden on competition, because it will provide an overall reduction in the number of Short Term Option Expirations to be listed on the Exchange. The Exchange believes this reduction will not impose an undue burden on competition, but rather, it should encourage Market-Makers to continue to deploy capital more efficiently and improve displayed market quality. Also, the Exchange's proposal curtails the number of weekly expirations in SPY, QQQ, and IWM without reducing the classes of options available for trading on the Exchange. The Exchange believes that despite the proposed curtailment of weekly expirations, Trading Permit Holders will continue to be able to expand hedging tools and tailor their investment and hedging needs more effectively in SPY, QQQ, and IWM. The Exchange believes the introduction of SPY and QQQ Tuesday and Thursday Short Term Daily Expirations will, among other things, expand hedging tools available to market participants and continue the reduction of the premium cost of buying protection. The Exchange believes that SPY and QQQ Tuesday and Thursday Short Term Daily Expirations will allow market participants to purchase SPY and QQQ options based on their timing as needed and allow them to tailor their investment and hedging needs more effectively. The Exchange does not believe the proposal will impose any burden on intermarket competition, as nothing prevents the other options exchanges from proposing similar rules to list and trade Short-Term Option Series with Tuesday and Thursday Short Term Daily Expirations. The Exchange notes that having Tuesday and Thursday SPY and QQQ expirations is not a novel proposal, as Wednesday SPY, QQQ and IWM Expirations are currently listed on the Exchange.²⁴ Additionally, as noted above, the Commission recently approved a substantively identical proposal of another exchange.²⁵ Further, the Exchange does not believe the proposal will impose any burden on intramarket competition, as all market participants will be treated in the same manner under this proposal.

For the foregoing reasons, this rule filing qualifies as a "non-controversial" rule change under Rule 19b-4(f)(6), which renders the proposed rule change effective upon filing with the Commission. At any time within 60 days of the filing of this 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 will institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be approved or disapproved. The proposed rule change is not novel, as it is substantively identical to a proposal of another exchange that the Commission recently approved. Additionally, there are no material differences in the treatment of Wednesday SPY and QQQ expirations for Short Term Option Series as compared to the proposed Tuesday and Thursday SPY and QQQ Short Term Daily Expirations. Given the similarities between Wednesday SPY, QQQ and

See Rule 19.6, Interpretation and Policy .05.

See Securities and Exchange Act Release No. 96281 (November 9, 2022) (SR-ISE-2022-18).

See id.

IWM Expirations and the proposed Tuesday and Thursday SPY and QQQ Short Term Daily Expirations, the Exchange believes that applying the provisions in Rule 19.6, Interpretation and Policy .05 that currently apply to Wednesday SPY, QQQ and IWM Expirations to Tuesday and Thursday SPY and QQQ Short Term Daily Expirations is justified. The Exchange respectfully requests that the Commission waive the 30-day operative delay period after which a proposed rule change under Rule 19b-4(f)(6) becomes effective. The proposed rule change is intended for competitive purposes, and waiver of the operative delay will permit the Exchange to implement the proposal at the same time as its competitor exchanges, thus creating competition among Short Term Option Series throughout the industry.

- (c) Not applicable.
- (d) Not applicable.

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

The proposed rule change is substantively identical to Nasdaq ISE Options 4, Section 5, Supplementary Material .03 and Options 1, Section 1(a)(49).²⁷

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

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

See Securities and Exchange Act Release No. 96281 (November 9, 2022) (SR-ISE-2022-18).

Item 11. Exhibits

<u>Exhibit 1</u>. Completed Notice of Proposed Rule Change for publication in the

Federal Register.

Exhibit 5. Proposed rule text.

EXHIBIT 1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34- ; File No. SR-CboeBZX-2022-056]

[Insert date]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change to Amend the Short Term Option Series Program in Rule 19.6, Interpretation and Policy .05 and a Related Definition in Rule 16.1

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act"), ¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder, ² notice is hereby given that on [insert date], Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc. (the "Exchange" or "BZX") 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 Exchange filed the proposal as a "non-controversial" proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act³ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder. ⁴ The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

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

Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc. (the "Exchange" or "BZX Options") proposes to amend the Short Term Option Series Program in Rule 19.6, Interpretation and Policy .05 and a related definition in Rule 16.1. The text of the proposed rule change is provided in Exhibit 5.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

The text of the proposed rule change is also available on the Exchange's website (http://markets.cboe.com/us/equities/regulation/rule_filings/bzx/), at the Exchange's Office of the Secretary, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

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

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

1. <u>Purpose</u>

The Exchange proposes to amend the Short Term Option Series Program in Rule 19.6, Interpretation and Policy .05. Specifically, the Exchange proposes to amend the Short Term Option Series Program to : (1) limit the number of Short Term Option Expiration Dates for options on SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust (SPY), the INVESCO QQQ TrustSM, Series 1 (QQQ), and iShares Russell 2000 ETF (IWM) from five to two expirations for Monday and Wednesday expirations; and (2) expand the Short Term Option Series program to permit the listing and trading of options series with Tuesday and Thursday expirations for options on SPY and QQQ listed pursuant to the Short Term Option Series Program, subject to the same proposed limitation of two expirations.

The Exchange also proposes to amend the definition of Short Term Option Series in Rule 16.1.

Curtail Short Term Option Expiration Dates

Currently, 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 on 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. Further, 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.

Today, 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 SPY, QQQ, and 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, 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 Rule 19.6, Interpretation and Policy .05.

Proposal

At this time, the Exchange proposes to curtail the number of Short Term Option Expiration Dates from five to two⁵ for SPY, QQQ and IWM for Monday and Wednesday Expirations, as well as the proposed Tuesday and Thursday Expirations in SPY and QQQ ("Short Term Option Daily Expirations"). The Exchange proposes to create a new category of Short Term Option Expirations Dates called "Short Term Option Daily Expirations," which will only permit two Short Term Option Expiration Dates for each of Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday expirations at one time. The Exchange proposes to include a table, labelled "Table 1", within Rule 19.6, Interpretation and Policy .05(h), which specifies each symbol that qualifies as a Short Term Option Daily Expiration. The table

The Exchange proposes to list the two front months for Short Term Option Daily Expirations.

would note the number of expirations for each symbol as well as expiration days. The Exchange proposes to include Monday and Wednesday expirations for SPY, QQQ, and IWM and Tuesday and Thursday expirations for SPY and QQQ and list the number of expirations as "2" for these symbols. The Exchange's proposal to permit Tuesday and Thursday expirations for options on SPY and QQQ listed pursuant to the Short Term Option Series Program is explained below in more detail. In the event Short Term Option Daily Expirations expire on the same day in the same class as a monthly options series or a Quarterly Options Series, the Exchange would skip that week's listing and instead list the following week; the two weeks of Short Term Option Expiration Dates would therefore not be consecutive. Specifically, the Exchange proposes to state within Rule 19.6, Interpretation and Policy .05(h):

In addition to the above, the Exchange may open for trading series of options on the symbols provided in Table 1 below that expire at the close of business on each of the next two Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, respectively, that are business days and are not business days on which monthly options series or Quarterly Options Series expire ("Short Term Option Daily Expirations"). The Exchange may have no more than a total of two Short Term Option Daily Expirations for each of Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday expirations at one time. Short Term Option Daily Expirations would be subject to this Interpretation and Policy .05

SPY, QQQ, and IWM Friday expirations and other option symbols expiring on a Friday that are not noted in Table 1 will continue to have a total of five Short Term Option Expiration Dates provided those Friday expirations are not Fridays on which monthly options series or Quarterly Options Series expire ("Friday Short Term Option Expiration Dates"). These expirations would be referred to as "Short Term Option Weekly Expirations" to distinguish them from the proposed expirations that would be subject to Short Term Option Daily Expirations. The Exchange proposes to add rule text to Rule 19.6, Interpretation and Policy

.05(h) which states that Monday Short Term Option Expiration Dates, Tuesday Short Term Option Expiration Dates, Wednesday Short Term Option Expiration Dates, and Thursday Short Term Option Expiration Dates, together with Friday Short Term Option Expiration Dates, are collectively "Short Term Option Expiration Dates."

Tuesday and Thursday Expirations

At this time, the Exchange proposes to expand the Short Term Option Series

Program to permit the listing and trading of no more than a total of two consecutive Tuesday and Thursday "Tuesday Short Term Option Daily Expirations" and "Thursday Short Term Option Daily Expirations" each for SPY and QQQ at one time. Tuesday and Thursday Short Term Option Daily Expirations would be subject to Rule 19.6, Interpretation and Policy .05.

A Short Term Option Series means a series in an option class that is approved for listing and trading on the Exchange in which the series is opened for trading on any Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday that is a business day and that expires on the Monday, Wednesday, or Friday of the following business week that is a business day, or, in the case of a series that is listed on a Friday and expires on a Monday, is listed one business week and one business day prior to that expiration. If a Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday is not a business day, the series may be opened (or shall expire) on the first business day immediately prior to that Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. For a series listed pursuant to this section for Monday expiration, if a Monday is not a business day, the series shall expire on the first business day immediately following that Monday.

Defining the term "Short Term Option Expiration Dates" will make clear that this term includes expiration dates for each day Short Term Options are listed.

The Exchange proposes to amend this definition in Rule 16.1 to accommodate the listing of options series that expire on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Specifically, the Exchange proposes to add Tuesday and Thursdays to the permitted expiration days, which currently include Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, that it may open for trading.

The Exchange also proposes corresponding changes within Rule 19.6, Interpretation and Policy .05, which sets forth the requirements for SPY and QQQ options that are listed pursuant to the Short Term Option Series Program as Short Term Option Daily Expirations, to accommodate the listing of options series that expire on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Similar to Monday and Wednesday SPY, QQQ, and IWM Short Term Option Daily Expirations within Rule 19.6, Interpretation and Policy .05, the Exchange proposes that it may open for trading on any Monday or Tuesday that is a business day series of options on the symbols provided in Table 1 that expire at the close of business on each of the next two Tuesdays that are business days and are not business days in which monthly options series or Quarterly Options Series expire ("Tuesday Short Term Option Expiration Date").

Likewise, the Exchange proposes that it may open for trading on any Wednesday or Thursday that is a business day series of options on symbols provided in Table 1 that expire at the close of business on each of the next two Thursdays that are business days and are not business days in which monthly options series or Quarterly Options Series expire ("Thursday Short Term Option Expiration Date").

In the event that options on SPY and QQQ expire on a Tuesday or Thursday and that Tuesday or Thursday is the same day that a monthly option series or Quarterly Options

Series expires, the Exchange would skip that week's listing and instead list the following week; the two weeks would therefore not be consecutive. Today, Monday and Wednesday

Expirations in SPY, QQQ, and IWM skip the weekly listing in the event the weekly listing expires on the same day in the same class as a Quarterly Options Series. Currently, there is no rule text provision that states that Monday and Wednesday Expirations in SPY, QQQ, and IWM skip the weekly listing in the event the weekly listing expires on the same day in the same class as a monthly option series. Practically speaking, Monday and Wednesday Expirations in SPY, QQQ, and IWM would not expire on the same day as a monthly expiration.

The interval between strike prices for the proposed Tuesday and Thursday SPY and QQQ Short Term Option Daily Expirations will be the same as those for the current Short Term Option Series for Monday, Wednesday, and Friday expirations applicable to the Short Term Option Series Program. Specifically, the Tuesday and Thursday SPY and QQQ Short Term Option Daily Expirations will have a \$0.50 strike interval minimum. As is the case with other equity options series listed pursuant to the Short Term Option Series Program, the Tuesday and Thursday SPY and QQQ Short Term Option Daily Expiration series will be P.M.-settled.

Pursuant to proposed Rule 19.6, Interpretation and Policy .05, with respect to the Short Term Option Series Program, a Tuesday or Thursday expiration series will expire on the first business day immediately prior to that Tuesday or Thursday, e.g., Monday or Wednesday of that week, respectively, if the Tuesday or Thursday is not a business day.

Currently, for each option class eligible for participation in the Short Term Option Series Program, the Exchange is limited to opening thirty (30) series for each expiration date

⁷ <u>See</u> Rule 19.6, Interpretation and Policy .05(e)

⁸ See id.

for the specific class. The thirty (30) series restriction does not include series that are open by other securities exchanges under their respective weekly rules; the Exchange may list these additional series that are listed by other options exchanges. This thirty (30) series restriction would apply to Tuesday and Thursday SPY and QQQ Short Term Option Daily Expiration series as well. In addition, the Exchange will be able to list series that are listed by other exchanges, assuming they file similar rules with the Commission to list SPY and QQQ options expiring on Tuesdays and Thursdays with a limit of two Tuesday Short Term Daily Expirations and two Thursday Short Term Daily Expirations.

Finally, the Exchange is amending Rule 19.6, Interpretation and Policy .05(b) to conform the rule text to the usage of the term "Short Term Option Daily Expirations."

Today, with the exception of Monday and Wednesday SPY Expirations, Monday and Wednesday QQQ Expirations, and Monday and Wednesday IWM Expirations, no Short Term Option Series may expire in the same week in which monthly option series on the same class expire. With this proposal, Tuesday and Thursday SPY Expirations and Tuesday and Thursday QQQ Expirations would be treated similarly to existing Monday and Wednesday SPY, QQQ, and IWM Expirations. With respect to monthly option series, Short Term Option Daily Expirations will be permitted to expire in the same week in which monthly option series in the same class expire. Not listing Short Term Option Daily Expirations for one week every month because there was a monthly on that same class on the Friday of that week would create investor confusion. Further, as with Monday and Wednesday SPY, QQQ, and IWM Expirations, the Exchange would not permit Tuesday and

See Rule 19.6, Interpretation and Policy .05(a).

See id.

Thursday Short Term Option Daily Expirations to expire on a business day in which monthly options series or Quarterly Options Series expire. Therefore, all Short Term Option Daily Expirations would expire at the close of business on each of the next two Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, respectively, that are business days and are not business days on which monthly options series or Quarterly Options Series expire. The Exchange believes that it is reasonable to not permit two expirations on the same day in which a monthly options series or a Quarterly Options Series would expire.

The Exchange does not believe that any market disruptions will be encountered with the introduction of P.M.-settled Tuesday and Thursday Short Term Option Daily Expirations. The Exchange has the necessary capacity and surveillance programs in place to support and properly monitor trading in the proposed Tuesday and Thursday Short Term Option Daily Expirations. The Exchange currently trades P.M.-settled Short Term Option Series that expire Monday and Wednesday for SPY, QQQ and IWM and has not experienced any market disruptions nor issues with capacity. Today, the Exchange has surveillance programs in place to support and properly monitor trading in Short Term Option Series that expire Monday and Wednesday for SPY, QQQ and IWM.

Impact of Proposal

The Exchange notes that listings in the Short Term Option Series Program comprise a significant part of the standard listing in options markets. The below tables sets forth the

While the Exchange proposes to add rule text within Rule 19.6, Interpretation and Policy .05 with respect to Monday Expirations, Tuesday Expirations, and Wednesdays Expirations stating that those expirations would not expire on business days that are business days on which monthly options series expire, practically speaking this would not occur.

percentage of weekly listings as compared to monthly, quarterly, and Long-Term Option Series in 2020 and 2022 in the options industry. The weekly strikes decreased from 24% to 19% in these two years. The Exchange notes that during this timeframe, all options exchanges mitigated weekly strike intervals.

Number of Strikes - 2020			
Expiration Percent of Total Series			
Monthly	59%		
Weekly	24%		
LEAP	16%		
Quarterly	1%		

Number of Strikes - 2022			
Expiration	Percent of Total Series		
Monthly	64%		
Weekly	19%		
LEAP	17%		
Quarterly	0%		

By limiting the number of Short Term Option Daily Expirations for SPY, QQQ, and IWM to two expirations for Monday and Wednesday expirations, and expanding the Short Term Option Series Program to permit Tuesday and Thursday expirations for SPY and QQQ, the Exchange anticipates that it would overall reduce the number of weekly expiration dates. With respect to SPY, the reduction from five to two expirations will reduce 11.80% of strikes on SPY with Monday and Wednesday expirations. With respect to QQQ, the reduction from five to two expirations will reduce 12.86% of strikes on QQQ with

Per Nasdaq ISE, LLC ("Nasdaq ISE"), this information was sourced from The Options Clearing Corporation ("OCC"). The information includes time averaged data for all 16 options markets up to August 18, 2022. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 95841 (September 20, 2022), 87 FR 58399 (September 26, 2022) (SR-ISE-2022-18).

Monday and Wednesday expirations. With respect to IWM, the reduction from five to two expirations will reduce 11.86% of strikes on IWM with Monday and Wednesday expirations. Additionally, expanding the Short Term Option Series Program to permit the listing of Tuesday and Thursday expirations in SPY and QQQ will account for the addition of 7.86% of strikes in SPY and the addition of 8.57% of strikes in QQQ. Therefore, the total net reduction would be 3.94% for SPY and 4.29% for QQQ. The overall reduction offered by this proposal reduces the number of Short Term Option Expirations to be listed on the Exchange and should encourage Market-Makers to continue to deploy capital more efficiently and improve displayed market quality. Also, the Exchange's proposal curtails the number of expirations in SPY, QQQ, and IWM without reducing the classes of options available for trading on the Exchange. The Exchange believes that despite the proposed curtailment of expirations, Trading Permit Holders will continue to be able to expand hedging tools because all days of the week would be available to permit Trading Permit Holders to tailor their investment and hedging needs more effectively in SPY and QQQ.

Total Volume – 2022 (through August 18)			
Expiration	Percent of Total Series		
Monthly	39%		
Weekly	48%		
LEAP	12%		
Quarterly	1%		

Nasdaq ISE sourced this information, which are estimates, from LiveVol®. The information includes data for all 16 options markets as of August 18, 2022. See id.

Market-Makers are required to quote a specified time in their assigned options series. See Rule 22.6.

Weeklies comprise 48% of the total volume of options listings. The Exchange believes that inner weeklies represent high volume as compared to outer weeklies and would be more attractive to market participants. Similar to SPY, QQQ and IWM Monday and Wednesday Expirations, the introduction of SPY and QQQ Tuesday and Thursday expirations will, among other things, expand hedging tools available to market participants and continue the reduction of the premium cost of buying protection. The Exchange believes that SPY and QQQ Tuesday and Thursday expirations will allow market participants to purchase SPY and QQQ options based on their timing as needed and allow them to tailor their investment and hedging needs more effectively.

<u>Implementation</u>

The Exchange proposes to implement this rule change on November 14, 2022.

The Exchange will issue an Exchange Notice to notify Trading Permit Holders of the implementation date. Notwithstanding this implementation, Monday and Wednesday Expirations in SPY, QQQ, and IWM that were listed prior to the date of implementation will continue to be listed on the Exchange until those options expire pursuant to current Short Term Option Series rules within Rule 19.6, Interpretation and Policy .05.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act") and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to

This table sets forth industry volume. Weeklies comprise 48% of volume while only being 19% of the strikes. Nasdaq ISE sourced this information from OCC. The information includes data for all 16 options markets as of August 18, 2022.

See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 95841 (September 20, 2022), 87 FR 58399 (September 26, 2022) (SR-ISE-2022-18)

the Exchange and, in particular, the requirements of Section 6(b) of the Act. ¹⁶
Specifically, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5)¹⁷ requirements that the rules of an exchange 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 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. Additionally, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5)¹⁸ requirement that the rules of an exchange not be designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

The proposal is consistent with the Act as the overall reduction offered by this proposal reduces the number of Short Term Option Expirations to be listed on the Exchange. This reduction would remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market by encouraging Market-Makers to continue to deploy capital more efficiently and improve displayed market quality. Also, the Exchange's proposal curtails the number of Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday expirations in SPY, QQQ, and IWM without reducing the classes of options available for trading on the Exchange. The Exchange believes that despite the proposed curtailment of expirations,

¹⁵ U.S.C. 78f(b).

¹⁵ U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

^{18 &}lt;u>Id.</u>

Market-Makers are required to quote a specified time in their assigned options series. <u>See</u> Rule 22.6.

Trading Permit Holders will continue to be able to expand hedging tools and tailor their investment and hedging needs more effectively in SPY, QQQ, and IWM.

Similar to SPY, QQQ, and IWM Monday and Wednesday Expirations (proposed to be SPY, QQQ and IWM Monday and Wednesday Short Term Daily Expirations), the introduction of SPY and QQQ Tuesday and Thursday Short Term Daily Expirations is consistent with the Act as it will, among other things, expand hedging tools available to market participants and continue the reduction of the premium cost of buying protection. The Exchange believes that SPY and QQQ Tuesday and Thursday expirations (proposed to be SPY and QQQ Tuesday and Thursday Short Term Daily Expirations) will allow market participants to purchase SPY and QQQ options based on their timing as needed and allow them to tailor their investment and hedging needs more effectively. Further, the proposal to permit Tuesday and Thursday Short Term Daily Expirations for options on SPY and QQQ listed pursuant to the Short Term Option Series Program, subject to the proposed limitation of two expirations, would protect investors and the public interest by providing the investing public and other market participants more flexibility to closely tailor their investment and hedging decisions in SPY and QQQ options, thus allowing them to better manage their risk exposure.

In particular, the Exchange believes the Short Term Option Series Program has been successful to date and that Tuesday and Thursday SPY and QQQ Short Term Daily Expirations should simply expand the ability of investors to hedge risk against market movements stemming from economic releases or market events that occur throughout the month in the same way that the Short Term Option Series Program has expanded the landscape of hedging. Similarly, the Exchange believes Tuesday and Thursday SPY and

QQQ Short Term Daily Expirations should create greater trading and hedging opportunities and flexibility and will provide customers with the ability to tailor their investment objectives more effectively. The Exchange currently lists Monday and Wednesday SPY, QQQ, and IWM Expirations (proposed to be SPY, QQQ, and IWM Monday and Wednesday Short Term Daily Expirations).²⁰

Today, with the exception of Monday and Wednesday SPY Expirations, Monday and Wednesday QQQ Expirations, and Monday and Wednesday IWM Expirations, no Short Term Option Series may expire in the same week in which monthly option series on the same class expire. With this proposal, Tuesday and Thursday SPY Expirations and Tuesday and Thursday QQQ Expirations would be treated similarly to existing Monday and Wednesday SPY, QQQ, and IWM Expirations. The Exchange believes that permitting Short Term Option Daily Expirations to expire in the same week that standard monthly options expire on Fridays is consistent with Act. Not listing Short Term Option Daily Expirations for one week every month because there was a monthly on that same class on the Friday of that week would create investor confusion.

Further, as with Monday and Wednesday SPY, QQQ, and IWM Expirations, the Exchange would not permit Tuesday and Thursday Short Term Option Daily Expirations to expire on a business day in which monthly options series or Quarterly Options Series expire. Therefore, all Short Term Option Daily Expirations would expire at the close of business on each of the next two Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, respectively, that are business days and are not business days in which monthly options

See Rule 19.6, Interpretation and Policy .05.

series or Quarterly Options Series expire. The Exchange believes that it is consistent with the Act to not permit two expirations on the same day in which a monthly options series or a Quarterly Options Series would expire similar to Monday and Wednesday SPY, QQQ, and IWM Expirations.

There are no material differences in the treatment of Wednesday SPY and QQQ expirations for Short Term Option Series as compared to the proposed Tuesday and Thursday SPY and QQQ Short Term Daily Expirations. Given the similarities between Wednesday SPY, QQQ and IWM Expirations and the proposed Tuesday and Thursday SPY and QQQ Short Term Daily Expirations, the Exchange believes that applying the provisions in Rule 19.6, Interpretation and Policy .05 that currently apply to Wednesday SPY, QQQ and IWM Expirations to Tuesday and Thursday SPY and QQQ Short Term Daily Expirations is justified.

The Exchange further represents that it has an adequate surveillance program in place to detect manipulative trading in the proposed Tuesday and Thursday SPY and QQQ Short Term Daily Expirations, in the same way that it monitors trading in the current Short Term Option Series and trading in Monday and Wednesday SPY, QQQ, and IWM Expirations. The Exchange also represents that it has the necessary systems capacity to support the new options series. Finally, the Exchange does not believe that any market disruptions will be encountered with the introduction of Tuesday and Thursday SPY and QQQ Short Term Daily Expirations.

Finally, the Exchange notes the proposed rule change is substantively the same as a rule change proposed by ISE, which the Commission recently approved.²¹

See Securities and Exchange Act Release No. 96281 (November 9, 2022) (SR-

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 proposal will provide an overall reduction in the number of Short Term Option Expirations to be listed on the Exchange. The Exchange believes this reduction will not impose an undue burden on competition, rather, it should encourage Market-Makers to continue to deploy capital more efficiently and improve displayed market quality. Also, the Exchange's proposal curtails the number of weekly expirations in SPY, QQQ, and IWM without reducing the classes of options available for trading on the Exchange. The Exchange believes that despite the proposed curtailment of weekly expirations, Trading Permit Holders will continue to be able to expand hedging tools and tailor their investment and hedging needs more effectively in SPY, QQQ, and IWM.

Similar to SPY, QQQ and IWM Monday and Wednesday Expirations, the Exchange believes the introduction of SPY and QQQ Tuesday and Thursday Short Term Daily Expirations will not impose an undue burden on competition. The Exchange believes that it will, among other things, expand hedging tools available to market participants and continue the reduction of the premium cost of buying protection. The Exchange believes that SPY and QQQ Tuesday and Thursday Short Term Daily Expirations will allow market participants to purchase SPY and QQQ options based on their timing as needed and allow them to tailor their investment and hedging needs more

ISE-2022-18).

Market-Makers are required to quote a specified time in their assigned options series. See Rule 22.6.

effectively. The Exchange does not believe the proposal will impose any burden on intermarket competition, as nothing prevents the other options exchanges from proposing similar rules to list and trade Short-Term Option Series with Tuesday and Thursday Short Term Daily Expirations. The Exchange notes that having Tuesday and Thursday SPY and QQQ expirations is not a novel proposal, as Wednesday SPY, QQQ and IWM Expirations are currently listed on the Exchange.²³ Additionally, as noted above, the Commission recently approved a substantively identical proposal of another exchange.²⁴ Further, the Exchange does not believe the proposal will impose any burden on intramarket competition, as all market participants will be treated in the same manner under this proposal.

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

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

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

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. 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

^{23 &}lt;u>See</u> Rule 19.6, Interpretation and Policy .05.

See Securities and Exchange Act Release No. 96281 (November 9, 2022) (SR-ISE-2022-18).

Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act²⁵ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)²⁶ thereunder. 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 will institute proceedings 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/sro.shtml); or
- Send an e-mail to <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. <u>Please include File Number</u>
 <u>SR-CboeBZX-2022-056 on the subject line.</u>

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-CboeBZX-2022-056. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process

²⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

²⁶ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

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, D.C. 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-CboeBZX-2022-056 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.²⁷

Secretary

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EXHIBIT 5

(additions are <u>underlined</u>; deletions are [bracketed])

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Rules of Cboe BZX Exchange, Inc.

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Rule 16.1. Definitions

With respect to the Rules contained in Chapters XVI to XXIX below, relating to the trading of options contracts on the Exchange, the following terms shall have the meanings specified in this Rule. A term defined elsewhere in the Exchange Rules shall have the same meaning with respect to this Chapter XVI, unless otherwise defined below.

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Short Term Option Series

The term "Short Term Option Series" means a series in an option class that is approved for listing and trading on the Exchange in which the series is opened for trading on any Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday that is a business day and that expires on the Monday, <u>Tuesday</u>, Wednesday, <u>Thursday</u>, or Friday of the next business week, or, in the case of a series that is listed on a Friday and expires on a Monday, is listed one business week and one business day prior to that expiration. If a Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday is not a business day, the series may be opened (or shall expire) on the first business day immediately prior to that Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, respectively. For a series listed pursuant to this section for Monday expiration, if a Monday is not a business day, the series shall expire on the first business day immediately following that Monday.

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Rule 19.6. Series of Options Contracts Open for Trading

Interpretations and Policies

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.05 After an option class has been approved for listing and trading on BZX Options, 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 on each of the next five (5) Fridays that are business days and are not Fridays in which monthly options series or Quarterly Options Series expire ("Friday Short Term Option Expiration Dates"). The Exchange may have no more than a total of five Friday Short Term Option Expiration Dates ("Short Term Option Weekly

Expirations")[, not including any Monday or Wednesday SPY, IWM and QQQ Expirations as provided in paragraph (h) below]. If BZX Options is not open for business on the respective Thursday or Friday, the Short Term Option Opening Date for Short Term Option Weekly Expirations will be the first business day immediately prior to that respective Thursday or Friday. Similarly, if BZX Options is not open for business on the Friday that the options are set to expire, the Short Term Option Expiration Date for Short Term Option Weekly Expirations will be the first business day immediately prior to that Friday. Regarding Short Term Option Series:

- (a) No change.
- (b) With the exception of [Monday and Wednesday SPY, IWM and QQQ]Short Term Option Daily Expirations, no Short Term Option Series may expire in the same week in which monthly option series on the same class expire or, in the case of Quarterly Options Series, on an expiration that coincides with an expiration of Quarterly Options Series on the same class.

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(h) [Monday and Wednesday SPY, IWM and QQQ Expirations. The Exchange may open for trading on any Friday or Monday that is a business day series of options on the SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust ("SPY"), the iShares Russell 2000 ETF ("IWM") and the Invesco QQQ Trust ("QQQ") to expire on any Monday of the month that is a business day and is not a Monday on which Quarterly Options Series expire ("Monday SPY Expirations", "Monday IWM Expirations" and "Monday OOO Expirations"), provided that any Friday on which the Exchange opens for trading a Monday SPY, IWM and QQQ Expiration is one business week and one business day prior to expiration. The Exchange may also open for trading on any Tuesday or Wednesday that is a business day series of SPY options, IWM options and QQQ options to expire on any Wednesday of the month that is a business day and is not a Wednesday on which Quarterly Options Series expire ("Wednesday SPY Expirations", "Wednesday IWM Expirations" and "Wednesday QQQ Expirations"). The Exchange may list up to five consecutive series of each Monday SPY, IWM and QQQ Expirations and up to five consecutive series of each Wednesday SPY, IWM and QQQ Expirations at one time; the Exchange may have no more than a total of five of each Monday SPY, IWM and OOO Expirations and no more than a total of five of each Wednesday SPY, IWM and QQQ Expirations. Monday and Wednesday SPY, IWM and QOO Expirations will be subject to the provisions of this Rule.]

Short Term Option Daily Expirations.

In addition to the above, the Exchange may open for trading series of options on the symbols provided in Table 1 below that expire at the close of business on each of the next two Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, respectively, that are business days and are not business days on which monthly options series or Quarterly Options Series expire ("Short Term Option Daily Expirations"). The Exchange may have no more than a total of two Short Term Option Daily Expirations for each of Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday expirations at one time. Short Term Option Daily Expirations would be subject to this Interpretation and Policy .05.

Table 1

Symbol	Number of Expirations				
	Monday	<u>Tuesday</u>	Wednesday	Thursday	
SPY	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	
<u>IWM</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	
QQQ	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	

With respect to Monday expirations for symbols defined in Table 1 above ("Monday Expirations"), the Exchange may open for trading on any Friday or Monday that is a business day series of options on the symbols provided in Table 1 above that expire at the close of business on each of the next two Mondays that are business days and are not business days on which monthly options series or Quarterly Options Series expire ("Monday Short Term Option Expiration Date"), provided that Monday Expirations that are listed on a Friday must be listed at least one business week and one business day prior to the expiration.

With respect to Tuesday expirations for symbols defined in Table 1 above ("Tuesday Expirations"), the Exchange may open for trading on any Monday or Tuesday that is a business day series of options on the symbols provided in Table 1 above that expire at the close of business on each of the next two Tuesdays that are business days and are not business days on which monthly options series or Quarterly Options Series expire ("Tuesday Short Term Option Expiration Date").

With respect to Wednesday expirations for symbols defined in Table 1 above ("Wednesday Expirations"), the Exchange may open for trading on any Tuesday or Wednesday that is a business day series of options on the symbols provided in Table 1 above that expire at the close of business on each of the next two Wednesdays that are business days and are not business days on which monthly options series or Quarterly Options Series expire ("Wednesday Short Term Option Expiration Date").

With respect to Thursday expirations for symbols defined in Table 1 above ("Thursday Expirations"), the Exchange may open for trading on any Wednesday or Thursday that is a business day series of options on the symbols provided in Table 1 above that expire at the close of business on each of the next two Thursdays that are business days and are not business days on which monthly options series or Quarterly Options Series expire ("Thursday Short Term Option Expiration Date").

Monday Short Term Option Expiration Dates, Tuesday Short Term Option Expiration Dates, Wednesday Short Term Option Expiration Dates, and Thursday Short Term Option Expiration Dates, together with Friday Short Term Option Expiration Dates, are collectively "Short Term Option Expiration Dates."

If the Exchange is not open for business on a Monday, the Monday Short Term Option Expiration Date will be the business day immediately following that Monday. If the Exchange is not open for business on a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, the Tuesday Short Term Option Expiration Date, Wednesday Short Term Option Expiration Date, and Thursday Short Term Option Expiration Date,

respectively, will be the first business day immediately prior to that Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, respectively.

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