comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

Please direct your written comments to Thomas Bayer, Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, C/O Remi Pavlik-Simon, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549; or send an email to: *PRA\_Mailbox@sec.gov.* 

Dated: June 4, 2014.

### Kevin M. O'Neill,

Deputy Secretary.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

# Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Investor Education and Advocacy, Washington, DC 20549–0213.

Extension:

Rule 10b–17; SEC File No. 270–427, OMB Control No. 3235–0476.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 ("PRA") (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") is soliciting comments on the existing collection of information provided for in Rule 10b–17 (17 CFR 240.10b–17), under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C 78a et seq.). The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") for extension and approval.

Rule 10b–17 requires any issuer of a class of securities publicly traded by the use of any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce or of the mails or of any facility of any national securities exchange to give notice of the following specific distributions relating to such class of securities: (1) A dividend or other distribution in cash or in kind other than interest payments on debt securities; (2) a stock split or reverse stock split; or (3) a rights or other subscription offering.

There are approximately 6,668 respondents per year. These respondents make approximately 22,354 responses per year. Each response takes approximately 10 minutes to complete. Thus, the total compliance burden per year is 3,726 burden hours. The total internal labor cost of compliance for the respondents, associated with producing

and filing the reports, is approximately \$254,038.68.

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's estimates of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information subject to the PRA unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Please direct your written comments to: Thomas Bayer, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Remi Pavlik-Simon, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549, or send an email to: PRA Mailbox@sec.gov.

Dated: June 4, 2014.

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Deputy Secretary.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 31071; 812–13951]

### ValMark Advisers, Inc. and Northern Lights Variable Trust; Notice of Application

June 4, 2014.

**AGENCY:** Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission").

**ACTION:** Notice of an application for an order under section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 ("Act") for an exemption from section 15(a) of the Act and rule 18f–2 under the Act.

Summary of Application: Applicants request an order that would permit them to enter into and materially amend subadvisory agreements without shareholder approval.

Applicants: ValMark Advisers, Inc. ("ValMark Advisers" or the "Adviser") and Northern Lights Variable Trust (the "Trust").

Filing Dates: The application was filed on August 30, 2011, and amended on December 8, 2011, March 30, 2012, and May 9, 2014.

Hearing or Notification of Hearing: An order granting the application will be issued unless the Commission orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing by writing to the Commission's Secretary and serving applicants with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the Commission by 5:30 p.m. on June 30, 2014 and should be accompanied by proof of service on the applicants, in the form of an affidavit or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Hearing requests should state the nature of the writer's interest, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons who wish to be notified of a hearing may request notification by writing to the Commission's Secretary.

ADDRESSES: Secretary, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549–1090. Applicants: c/o James Ash, Gemini Fund Services, LLC, 450 Wireless Boulevard, Hauppauge, New York 11788.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Deepak T. Pai, Senior Counsel, at (202) 551–6876, or Mary Kay Frech, Branch Chief, at (202) 551–6821 (Division of Investment Management, Chief Counsel's Office).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following is a summary of the application. The complete application may be obtained via the Commission's Web site by searching for the file number, or an applicant using the Company name box, at <a href="http://www.sec.gov/search/search.htm">http://www.sec.gov/search/search.htm</a> or by calling (202) 551–8090.

## **Applicants' Representations**

1. The Trust, a Delaware statutory trust, is registered under the Act as an open-end management investment company and is comprised of multiple series, including the TOPS Protected Balanced ETF Portfolio, TOPS Protected Moderate Growth ETF Portfolio, and TOPS Protected Growth ETF Portfolio (collectively, the "Protected Portfolios"). Each series has its own investment objectives, policies and restrictions.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Applicants also request relief with respect to any existing or future series of the Trust and any other existing or future registered open-end management investment company or series thereof that: (a) Is advised by the Adviser or any entity controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the Adviser or its successors (included Continued