

usefulness of the reports issued by MSPB's Office of Policy & Evaluation. As a result of these surveys we have established baseline performance measures for both our appeals process and merit systems review responsibilities.

**Burden Statement:** The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.50 hours per respondent.

**Respondents/Affected Entities:** Participants are selected via simple or stratified random sampling to facilitate a representative sample of Federal employees.

**Estimated Number of Respondents Survey:** 3,000.

**Frequency of Response:** Once.

**Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden:** 750 hours.

**William D. Spencer,**  
Clerk of the Board.

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## NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

### National Endowment for the Arts

#### Arts Advisory Panel Meetings

**AGENCY:** National Endowment for the Arts, National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities.

**ACTION:** Notice of meetings.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given that one meeting of the Arts Advisory Panel to the National Council on the Arts will be held by teleconference.

**DATES:** All meetings are Eastern time and ending times are approximate:

**Arts Education** (review of applications): This meeting will be closed.

**Date and time:** September 15, 2015; 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** National Endowment for the Arts, Constitution Center, 400 7th St. SW., Washington, DC 20506.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Further information with reference to these meetings can be obtained from Ms. Kathy Plowitz-Worden, Office of Guidelines & Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, DC 20506; [plowitzk@arts.gov](mailto:plowitzk@arts.gov), or call 202/682-5691.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The closed portions of meetings are for the purpose of Panel review, discussion, evaluation, and recommendations on

financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including information given in confidence to the agency. In accordance with the determination of the Chairman of February 15, 2012, these sessions will be closed to the public pursuant to subsection (c)(6) of section 552b of title 5, United States Code.

Dated: August 24, 2015.

**Kathy Plowitz-Worden,**

Panel Coordinator, National Endowment for the Arts.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2015-0195]

### Inservice Inspection of UngROUTED Tendons in Prestressed Concrete Containments

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Regulatory guide; withdrawal.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is withdrawing Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.35, "Inservice Inspection of UngROUTED Tendons in Prestressed Concrete Containments." The regulatory guide is being withdrawn because of changes in NRC regulations, which render the RG obsolete. The withdrawal does not affect the licensing bases of current licensees approved to use RG 1.35.

**ADDRESSES:** Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2015-0195 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may obtain publicly-available information related to this document using any of the following methods:

- **Federal Rulemaking Web site:** Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2015-0195. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301-415-3463; email: [Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov](mailto:Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov). For technical questions, contact the individuals listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- **NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):** You may obtain publicly available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents Library at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select "ADAMS Public Documents" and then select "Begin Web-based ADAMS Search." For problems with ADAMS,

please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by email to [pdr.resource@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr.resource@nrc.gov). The ADAMS accession number for each document referenced in this Notice (if that document is available in ADAMS) is provided the first time that a document is referenced.

- **NRC's PDR:** You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC's PDR, Room O1-F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas Herrity, telephone: 301-415-2351, email: [Thomas.Herrity@nrc.gov](mailto:Thomas.Herrity@nrc.gov) and Edward O'Donnell, telephone: 301-415-3317, email: [Edward.ODonnell@nrc.gov](mailto:Edward.ODonnell@nrc.gov). Both are staff of the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The NRC is withdrawing Regulatory Guide 1.35 because it has been superseded by changes in NRC regulations as set forth in section 50.55a of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), "Codes and Standards." The change in the regulations provides more complete and more up to date guidance.

The withdrawal of RG 1.35 does not alter any prior or existing licensing commitments based on its use. Although a regulatory guide is withdrawn, its use in existing licenses is still valid, and changes to the licenses can be accomplished using other regulatory products. Withdrawal of a regulatory guide means that the RG no longer provides useful information or has been superseded by other guidance, technological innovations, congressional actions, or other events. A withdrawn RG should not be used for future NRC licensing activities.

Since RG 1.35 was last revised in 1990, ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code Section XI, Subsection IWL was issued. This subsection addresses the examination and repair/replacement of the reinforced concrete and the post-tensioning systems of concrete containments. The NRC incorporated the requirements of the 1992 Edition of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code with the 1992 Addenda of Subsection IWL into its regulations, with specified modifications and limitations, in an amendment to section 50.55a, which was published in the **Federal Register** on August 8, 1996 (61 FR 41303). The rulemaking also required that all nuclear power plants in the United States develop and implement a containment inspection program in accordance with Section XI,

Subsection IWL (as applicable for the type of containment) by September 9, 2001. Subsequent, NRC amendments to 10 CFR 50.55a have incorporated by reference later editions of Subsection IWL, with modifications and limitations which continue to address issues addressed by RG 1.35.

The guidance provided in RG 1.35 has been incorporated into later revisions of Subsection IWL, or preserved in 10 CFR 50.55a. As a result, RG 1.35 has become redundant and is no longer needed.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 21st day of August, 2015.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Thomas H. Boyce,**

*Chief, Regulatory Guidance and Generic Issues Branch, Division of Engineering, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-75744; File No. SR-BX-2015-050]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; NASDAQ OMX BX, Inc.; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change To Adopt a Kill Switch

August 20, 2015.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”),<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on August 7, 2015, NASDAQ OMX BX, Inc. (“BX” or “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC” or “Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III, below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

#### I. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to amend Chapter VI, Section 6, entitled “Acceptance of Quotes and Orders,” of the BX rules to adopt an optional Kill Switch protection.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s Web site at <http://nasdaqomxbx.cchwallstreet.com>, at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission’s Public Reference Room.

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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

In its filing with the Commission, the Exchange included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

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

###### 1. Purpose

The purpose of the filing is to adopt a new risk protection, a Kill Switch, applicable to all BX Participants. The Kill Switch will allow BX Participants to remove quotes and cancel open orders and prevent new order submission. This feature provides firms with a powerful risk management tool for immediate control of their quote and order activity.

The Exchange proposes to amend Chapter VI, Section 6, entitled “Acceptance of Quotes and Orders,” to add new section (d) to adopt the Kill Switch. The BX Options Kill Switch will be an optional tool that enables Participants to initiate a message(s)<sup>3</sup> to the System to: (i) Promptly remove quotes; and/or (ii) promptly cancel orders. Participants may submit a request to the System to remove/cancel quotes and/or orders based on certain identifiers on either a user or group level. Participants may elect to remove quotes and cancel orders by Exchange account, port, and/or badge or mnemonic (“Identifier”) or by a group (one or more Identifier combinations),<sup>4</sup> which are provided by such Participant to the Exchange. Participants may not remove quotes/orders by symbol. The System will send an automated message to the Participant when a Kill Switch request has been processed by the Exchange’s System.

If the Participant selects quotes to be cancelled utilizing the Kill Switch, the BX Participant must send a message to

<sup>3</sup> BX Participants will be able to utilize an interface to send a message to the Exchange to initiate the Kill Switch or they may contact the Exchange directly.

<sup>4</sup> The type of group permissible would be within a broker-dealer. For example, this could be including but not limited to all market maker accounts or all order entry ports.

the Exchange to request the removal of all quotes requested for the certain specified Identifier(s).<sup>5</sup> The BX Participant will be unable to enter any additional quotes for the affected Identifier(s) until re-entry has been enabled pursuant to proposed section (d)(iii).<sup>6</sup>

If the Participant selects orders to be cancelled utilizing the Kill Switch, the BX Participant must send a message to the Exchange to request the cancellation of all orders requested for the certain specified Identifier(s).<sup>7</sup> The BX Participant will be unable to enter additional orders for the affected Identifier(s) until re-entry has been enabled pursuant to section (d)(iii).

Proposed section (d)(iii) stipulates that after quotes and/or orders are removed/cancelled by the BX Participant utilizing the Kill Switch, the BX Participant will be unable to enter additional quotes and/or orders for the affected Identifier(s) until the BX Participant has made a request to the Exchange and Exchange staff has set a re-entry indicator to enable re-entry.<sup>8</sup> Once enabled for re-entry, the System will send a Re-entry Notification Message to the BX Participant. The applicable Clearing Participant for that BX Participant also will be notified of the re-entry into the System after quotes and/or orders are removed/cancelled as a result of the Kill Switch, provided the Clearing Participant has requested to receive such notification.

The Exchange offers many risk mitigation and management tools today including, but not limited to, certain rapid fire risk controls,<sup>9</sup> 15c3-5 risk controls, Order Price Protections,<sup>10</sup> and cancel on disconnect and purge functionality for Specialized Quote Feed (SQF) and FIX. The Kill Switch offers Participants a means to control their exposure, through an interface which is not dependent on the integrity of the Participant’s own systems, should the Participant experience a failure.

The Exchange proposes to implement this rule within ninety (90) days of the implementation date. The Exchange will issue an Options Trader Alert in advance to inform market participants of such date.

<sup>5</sup> See note 3.

<sup>6</sup> Sweeps will also be cancelled. A sweep is a one-sided electronic quote submitted over the Specialized Quote Feed, which is the market making quoting interface.

<sup>7</sup> See note 3.

<sup>8</sup> The BX Participant must directly and verbally contact the Exchange to request the re-set.

<sup>9</sup> See BX Rules at Chapter VII, Section 6(f).

<sup>10</sup> See BX Rules at Chapter VI, Section 18.