

proceeding, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505 (Public Representative). Section II also establishes comment deadline(s) pertaining to each request.

The public portions of the Postal Service's request(s) can be accessed via the Commission's Web site (<http://www.prc.gov>). Non-public portions of the Postal Service's request(s), if any, can be accessed through compliance with the requirements of 39 CFR 3007.40.

The Commission invites comments on whether the Postal Service's request(s) in the captioned docket(s) are consistent with the policies of title 39. For request(s) that the Postal Service states concern market dominant product(s), applicable statutory and regulatory requirements include 39 U.S.C. 3622, 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR part 3010, and 39 CFR part 3020, subpart B. For request(s) that the Postal Service states concern competitive product(s), applicable statutory and regulatory requirements include 39 U.S.C. 3632, 39 U.S.C. 3633, 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR part 3015, and 39 CFR part 3020, subpart B. Comment deadline(s) for each request appear in section II.

II. Docketed Proceeding(s)

1. *Docket No(s)*: MC2017-81 and CP2017-107; *Filing Title*: Request of the United States Postal Service to Add Priority Mail Contract 289 to Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing (Under Seal) of Unredacted Governors' Decision, Contract, and Supporting Data; *Filing Acceptance Date*: January 26, 2017; *Filing Authority*: 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 39 CFR 3020.30 *et seq.*; *Public Representative*: Erin Mahagan; *Comments Due*: February 3, 2017.

This notice will be published in the **Federal Register**.

Stacy L. Ruble,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-79883; File No. SR-IEX-2016-18]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Investors Exchange LLC; Notice of Designation of a Longer Period for Commission Action on Proposed Rule Change To: (i) Amend Rules 11.190(a)(3) and 11.190(b)(8) To Modify the Operation of the Primary Peg Order Type; (ii) Amend Rule 11.190(h)(3)(C)(ii) and (D)(ii) Regarding Price Sliding in Locked and Crossed Markets To Simplify the Price Sliding Process for Both Primary Peg Orders and Discretionary Peg Orders Resting on or Posting to the Order Book; and (iii) Make Minor Housekeeping Changes To Conform Certain Terminology

January 26, 2017.

On November 29, 2016, the Investors Exchange LLC ("Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² a proposed rule change to to: (i) Amend IEX Rules ("Rule(s)") 11.190(a)(3) and 11.190(b)(8) to modify the operation of the primary peg order type; (ii) amend Rule 11.190(h)(3)(C)(ii) and (D)(ii) regarding price sliding in locked and crossed markets to modify the price sliding process for both primary peg orders and discretionary peg orders resting on or posting to the order book; and (iii) make minor housekeeping changes to conform certain terminology. The proposed rule change was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on December 13, 2016.³ The Commission received no comment letters on the proposed rule change.

Section 19(b)(2) of the Act⁴ provides that within 45 days of the publication of notice of the filing of a proposed rule change, or within such longer period up to 90 days as the Commission may designate if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding, or as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission shall either approve the proposed rule change, disapprove the proposed rule change, or institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78(s)(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 79502 (December 7, 2016), 81 FR 90035 (December 13, 2016).

⁴ U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

disapproved. The 45th day after publication of the notice for this proposed rule change is January 27, 2017. The Commission is extending this 45-day time period.

The Commission finds it appropriate to designate a longer period within which to take action on the proposed rule change so as to allow sufficient time to consider the issues raised by the proposal. Accordingly, the Commission, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,⁵ designates March 13, 2017, as the date by which the Commission shall either approve or disapprove, or institute proceedings to determine whether to disapprove, the proposed rule change (File No. SR-IEX-2016-18).

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁶

Eduardo A. Aleman,
Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. IC-32457; File No. 812-14149]

Allstate Assurance Company, et al.; Notice of Application

January 27, 2017.

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission").

ACTION: Notice of Application for an order pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act" or "Act"), exempting Allstate Assurance Company Separate Account B from all provisions of the Act, subject to certain conditions.

APPLICANTS: Allstate Assurance Company (the "Company") and Allstate Assurance Company Separate Account B (the "Separate Account," and together with the Company, the "Applicants").

SUMMARY OF APPLICATION: The Applicants seek an order pursuant to Section 6(c) of the 1940 Act, exempting the Separate Account from all provisions of the 1940 Act, subject to certain conditions.

DATES: *Filing Date:* The application was filed on April 12, 2013, and amended and restated on February 18, 2014, August 20, 2015 and November 21, 2016.

HEARING OR NOTIFICATION OF HEARING: An order granting the application will be issued unless the Commission orders a hearing. Interested persons may request

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(31).