

not result in a significant change in the types or amount of effluents that may be released and does not result in any additional occupational exposure. Therefore, the requirements of 10 CFR 51.22(c)(9)(ii) and (iii) are met.

**V. Conclusions.**

Accordingly, the Commission has determined that, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12, the exemption is authorized by law, will not

present an undue risk to the public health and safety, and is consistent with the common defense and security. Also, special circumstances are present in that application of the regulation is not necessary to achieve the underlying purpose of the rule.

Therefore, the Commission hereby grants Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, an exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR 50, Appendix R, Section III.G.2, for Monticello Nuclear

Generating Plant, to allow the use of a shorting switch to ensure that one redundant train of Drywell Spray is free of fire damage to achieve and maintain hot shutdown conditions in the event of a fire.

**VI. Availability of Documents.**

The documents identified in the following table are available in ADAMS.

Document	ADAMS Accession No.
Risk-Informed Request for Exemption from 10 CFR 50, Appendix R, III.G.2 Requirements for Multiple Spurious Operations of Drywell Spray Motor-Operated Valves.	ML17096A599
Request for additional information RE: Monticello Request for Exemption from Appendix R Requirements (CAC NO. MF9586; EPID L-2017-LLE-00012).	ML17293A091
Response to Request for Additional Information regarding Risk-Informed Request for Exemption from 10 CFR 50, Appendix R, III.G.2 Requirements for Multiple Spurious Operations of Drywell Spray Motor-Operated Valves (CAC No. MF9586).	ML17324B361
Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant Triennial Fire Protection Inspection Report 05000263/2014008 .....	ML14119A216
Letter of Intent to Transition to 10 CFR 50.48(c)—National Fire Protection Association Standard NFPA 805. "Performance-based Standards for Fire Protection for Light Water Reactor Electric Generating Plants." 2001 Edition.	ML053460342
Notice of Withdrawal of Letter of Intent to Transition to 10 CFR 50.48(c)" .....	ML102000433
NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2007-06 Regulatory Guide 1.200 Implementation .....	ML070650428
NEI 05-04, Rev. 2 Process for Performing Internal Events PRA Peer Reviews Using the ASME/ANS PRA Standard .....	ML083430462
NEI 07-12 [REV 1] Fire Probabilistic Risk Assessment (FPRA) Peer Review Process Guidelines .....	ML102230070
NUREG/CR-7150, Vol. 2 Joint Assessment of Cable Damage and Quantification of Effects from Fire (JACQUE-FIRE) .....	ML14141A129
Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, Units 1, 2, And 3—Issuance of Amendments Regarding Transition to a Risk-Informed, Performance-Based Fire Protection Program in Accordance with 10 CFR 50.48(c) (CAC NOS. MF1185, MF1186, AND MF1187).	ML15212A796
Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit 1—Issuance of Amendment Regarding Transition to a Risk-Informed, Performance-Based Fire Protection Program in Accordance with 10 CFR 50.48(c) (CAC NO. MF3419).	ML16223A481
Regulatory Guide 1.189 "Fire Protection for Nuclear Power Plants," Revision 2 .....	ML092580550
Regulatory Guide 1.174 "An Approach for Using Probabilistic Risk Assessment in Risk-Informed Decisions on Plant-Specific Changes to the Licensing Basis," Revision 2.	ML100910006
Regulatory Guide 1.200 "An Approach for Determining the Technical Adequacy of Probabilistic Risk Assessment Results for Risk-Informed Activities," Revision 2.	ML090410014
Monticello Nuclear Generating Station: Evaluation of Risk Significance of Permanent Integrated Leak Rate Test Extension .....	ML16047A273

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 1st day of May 2018.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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*Acting Director, Division of Operating Reactor Licensing, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

[Release No. 34-83165; File No. SR-CBOE-2018-038]

**Self-Regulatory Organizations; Cboe Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Renew the Nonstandard Expirations Pilot Program**

May 3, 2018.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act"),<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup>

notice is hereby given that on May 2, 2018, Cboe Exchange, Inc. (the "Exchange" or "Cboe Options") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II 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 Act<sup>3</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.<sup>4</sup> 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 renew an existing pilot program until November 5, 2018.

(additions are *italicized*; deletions are [bracketed])

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**Cboe Exchange, Inc. Rules**

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**Rule 24.9. Terms of Index Option Contracts**

- (a)-(d) (No change).
- (e) Nonstandard Expirations Pilot Program (1)-(2) (No change).
- (3) Duration of Nonstandard Expirations Pilot Program. The Nonstandard Expirations Pilot Program shall be through [May 3]November 5, 2018.
- (4) (No change).

. . . *Interpretations and Policies:*  
.01-.14 (No change).

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The text of the proposed rule change is also available on the Exchange's website (<http://www.cboe.com/AboutCBOE/CBOELegalRegulatoryHome.aspx>), at the Exchange's Office of the Secretary, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

**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

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

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

<sup>3</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

<sup>4</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

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 the Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change*

1. Purpose

On September 14, 2010, the Commission approved a Cboe Options proposal to establish a pilot program under which the Exchange is permitted to list P.M.-settled options on broad-based indexes to expire on (a) any Friday of the month, other than the third Friday-of-the-month, and (b) the last trading day of the month.<sup>5</sup> On January 14, 2016, the Commission approved a Cboe Options proposal to expand the pilot program to allow P.M.-settled options on broad-based indexes to expire on any Wednesday of month, other than those that coincide with an EOM.<sup>6</sup> On August 10, 2016, the Commission approved a Cboe Options proposal to expand the pilot program to allow P.M.-settled options on broad-based indexes to expire on any Monday of month, other than those that coincide with an EOM.<sup>7</sup> Under the terms of the Nonstandard Expirations Pilot Program ("Program"), Weekly Expirations and EOMs are permitted on any broad-based index that is eligible for regular options trading. Weekly Expirations and EOMs are cash-settled and have European-style exercise. The proposal became effective on a pilot basis for a period of fourteen months that commenced on the next full month after approval was received to establish the Program<sup>8</sup> and was subsequently extended.<sup>9</sup> The

<sup>5</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release 62911 (September 14, 2010), 75 FR 57539 (September 21, 2010) (order approving SR-CBOE-2009-075).

<sup>6</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release 76909 (January 14, 2016), 81 FR 3512 (January 21, 2016) (order approving SR-CBOE-2015-106).

<sup>7</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release 78531 (August 10, 2016), 81 FR 54643 (August 16, 2016) (order approving SR-CBOE-2016-046).

<sup>8</sup> *Id.*

<sup>9</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release 65741 (November 14, 2011), 76 FR 72016 (November 21, 2011) (immediately effective rule change extending the Program through February 14, 2013). See also Securities Exchange Act Release 68933 (February 14, 2013), 78 FR 12374 (February 22, 2013) (immediately effective rule change extending the Program through April 14, 2014); 71836 (April 1, 2014), 79 FR 19139 (April 7, 2014) (immediately effective rule change extending the Program through November 3, 2014); 73422 (October 24, 2014), 79 FR 64640 (October 30, 2014) (immediately

Program is scheduled to expire on May 3, 2018. The Exchange believes that the Program has been successful and well received by its Trading Permit Holders and the investing public during that the time that it has been in operation. The Exchange hereby proposes to extend the Program until November 5, 2018. This proposal does not request any other changes to the Program.

Pursuant to the order approving the establishment of the Program, two months prior to the conclusion of the pilot period, Cboe Options is required to submit an annual report to the Commission, which addresses the following areas: Analysis of Volume & Open Interest, Monthly Analysis of Weekly Expirations & EOM Trading Patterns and Provisional Analysis of Index Price Volatility. The Exchange has submitted, under separate cover, the annual report in connection with the present proposed rule change. Additionally, the Exchange will provide the Commission with any additional data or analyses the Commission requests because it deems such data or analyses necessary to determine whether the Program is consistent with the Exchange Act. The Exchange will make public all data and analyses previously submitted to the Commission under the Program, as well as any data and analyses it makes to the Commission under the Program in the future.

If, in the future, the Exchange proposes an additional extension of the Program, or should the Exchange propose to make the Program permanent (which the Exchange currently intends to do), the Exchange will submit an annual report (addressing the same areas referenced above and consistent with the order approving the establishment of the Program) to the Commission at least two months prior to the expiration date of the Program. Any positions established under the Program will not be impacted by the expiration of the Program.

The Exchange believes there is sufficient investor interest and demand in the Program to warrant its extension. The Exchange believes that the Program has provided investors with additional means of managing their risk exposures and carrying out their investment objectives. Furthermore, the Exchange has not experienced any adverse market effects with respect to the Program.

effective rule change extending the Program through May 3, 2016); 76909 (January 14, 2016), 81 FR 3512 (January 21, 2016) (extending the Program through May 3, 2017); and 80387 (April 6, 2017), 82 FR 17706 (April 12, 2017) (extending the Program through May 3, 2018).

The Exchange believes that the proposed extension of the Program will not have an adverse impact on capacity.

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 the Exchange and, in particular, the requirements of Section 6(b) of the Act.<sup>10</sup> Specifically, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5)<sup>11</sup> 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 facilitation 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)<sup>12</sup> requirement that the rules of an exchange not be designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

In particular, the Exchange believes that the Program has been successful to date and states that it has not encountered any problems with the Program. The proposed rule change allows for an extension of the Program for the benefit of market participants. Additionally, the Exchange believes that there is demand for the expirations offered under the Program and believes that that Weekly Expirations and EOMs will continue to provide the investing public and other market participants increased opportunities to better manage their risk exposure.

*B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition*

Cboe Options 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. Specifically, the Exchange believes that, by extending the expiration of the Program, the proposed rule change will allow for further analysis of the Program and a determination of how the Program shall be structured in the future. In doing so, the proposed rule change will also serve to promote regulatory clarity and

<sup>10</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>11</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

<sup>12</sup> *Id.*

consistency, thereby reducing burdens on the marketplace and facilitating investor protection.

*C. 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.

**III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action**

Because the proposed rule change does not (i) significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) become operative for 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest, the proposed rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act<sup>13</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.<sup>14</sup>

A proposed rule change filed under Rule 19b-4(f)(6)<sup>15</sup> normally does not become operative for 30 days after the date of filing. However, pursuant to Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii),<sup>16</sup> the Commission may designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Exchange has asked the Commission to waive the 30-day operative delay so that the proposal may become operative immediately upon filing. The Exchange states that such waiver will allow the Exchange to extend the pilot program prior to its expiration on May 3, 2018, and maintain the status quo, thereby reducing market disruption. The Commission believes that waiving the 30-day operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest as it will allow the pilot program to continue uninterrupted, thereby avoiding investor confusion that could result from a temporary interruption in the pilot program. For this reason, the Commission designates

the proposed rule change to be operative upon filing.<sup>17</sup>

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 shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule should be approved or disapproved.

**IV. Solicitation of Comments**

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the 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 email to [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR-CBOE-2018-038 on the subject line.

*Paper Comments*

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090.
- All submissions should refer to File Number SR-CBOE-2018-038. This file number should be included on the subject line if email is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's internet website (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of

10:00 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. Persons submitting comments are cautioned that we do not redact or edit personal identifying information from comment submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-CBOE-2018-038, and should be submitted on or before May 30, 2018.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>18</sup>

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**Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

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*Extension:*

Rule 17g-7, SEC File No. 270-563, OMB Control No. 3235-0656.

\*\* This corrected notice replaces the notice published on May 2, 2018 in the **Federal Register** Vol. 83, No. 85, page 19370.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") a request for approval of extension of the previously approved collection of information provided for in Rule 17g-7 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*).<sup>1</sup>

Rule 17g-7 contains disclosure requirements for Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organizations ("NRSROs") including certain information to be published when taking a rating action with respect to a credit rating. Currently, there are 10 credit rating agencies registered as NRSROs with the Commission. The Commission estimates that the total burden for respondents to comply with Rule 17g-7 is 695,797 hours.

<sup>13</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>14</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). In addition, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) requires the Exchange to give the Commission written notice of the Exchange's 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 has satisfied this requirement.

<sup>15</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

<sup>16</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

<sup>17</sup> For purposes only of waiving the 30-day operative delay, the Commission has also considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. *See* 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

<sup>18</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

<sup>1</sup> *See* 17 CFR 240.17g-1 and 17 CFR 249b.300.