

change could encourage market participants to submit orders that offset imbalances in constituent option series, thereby reducing the likelihood that a constituent option series will fail to open due to an order imbalance. By reducing the likelihood that constituent option series will fail to open, the proposal is reasonably designed to facilitate an orderly opening for volatility index derivatives.

Nevertheless, the Commission remains mindful of the potential for disruptive or manipulative trading to occur in connection with the opening process in constituent options series on exercise settlement value determination days for volatility index options. The Commission believes that the proposal provides narrowly tailored guidance to market participants to promote participation in the modified HOSS opening procedure on exercise settlement value determination days in a manner that is reasonably designed to support orderly trading in a free and open market, which can benefit investors in those constituent options series and the volatility index derivatives.

Further, the Commission notes that TPHs will continue to be subject to Exchange Rules 4.1 (Just and Equitable Principles of Trade), 4.7 (Manipulation), and 4.18 (Prevention of the Misuse of Material, Nonpublic Information).²² In addition, the Exchange will continue to conduct surveillance to monitor trading in the constituent option series,²³ which the Commission believes is essential to protect investors and the public interest.

IV. Conclusion

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,²⁴ that the proposed rule change (SR-CBOE-2018-062) is approved.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.²⁵

Eduardo A. Aleman,
Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-84439; File No. SR-NASDAQ-2018-070]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC; Notice of Designation of a Longer Period for Commission Action on Proposed Rule Change To List and Trade Corporate Non-Convertible Bonds on Nasdaq

October 16, 2018.

On August 27, 2018, The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC (“Nasdaq” or “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 list and trade corporate non-convertible bonds on Nasdaq. The proposed rule change was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on September 6, 2018.³ On October 12, 2018, the Exchange filed Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change.⁴ The Commission has received no comments on the proposal.

Section 19(b)(2) of the Act⁵ 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 disapproved. The 45th day after publication of the notice for this proposed rule change is October 21, 2018. The Commission is extending the 45-day time period for Commission action on the proposed rule change.

The Commission finds it appropriate to designate a longer period within which to take action on the proposed rule change so that it has sufficient time to consider this proposed rule change and Amendment No. 1 thereto. Accordingly, the Commission, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,⁶ designates December 5, 2018, 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-NASDAQ-2018-070).

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁷

Eduardo A. Aleman,
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-84435; File No. SR-FICC-2018-011]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Fixed Income Clearing Corporation; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Allow CCIT Members To Elect To Pay Their Funds-Only Settlement Amount Debits Using a Different Process

October 16, 2018.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”)¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on October 15, 2018, Fixed Income Clearing Corporation (“FICC”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II and III below, which Items have been prepared by the clearing agency. FICC filed the proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act³ and Rule 19b-4(f)(4) thereunder⁴ so that the proposal was effective upon filing with the Commission. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Clearing Agency’s Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The proposed rule change consists of proposed modifications to the FICC Government Securities Division (“GSD”) Rulebook (“Rules”)⁵ that would allow CCIT Members to elect to pay their Funds-Only Settlement Amount debits using a process for debit payments that is different than the current required process described in Section 5 of Rule 13. Under this

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 84001 (August 30, 2018), 83 FR 45289.

⁴ Amendment No. 1 is available at: <https://www.sec.gov/comments/sr-nasdaq-2018-070/srnasdaq2018070-4514560-176013.pdf>.

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

⁶ *Id.*

⁷ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(31).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(4).

⁵ Capitalized terms not defined herein are defined in the Rules, available at <http://dtcc.com/legal/rules-and-procedures>.

²² See Notice, *supra* note 3, at 46236.

²³ See *id.*

²⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

²⁵ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

proposal, CCIT Members' Funds-Only Settlement Amount credits would continue to be processed pursuant to Section 5 of Rule 13.

II. Clearing Agency's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, the clearing agency 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 clearing agency has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

(A) Clearing Agency's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

(i) Background on the CCIT Service

FICC received approval from the Commission to implement its CCIT Service in May 2017.⁶ The CCIT Service enables tri-party repurchase agreement transactions in GCF Repo Securities between Netting Members that participate in the GCF Repo Service and institutional cash lenders (other than investment companies registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended) (called "CCIT Members").⁷ The CCIT Service is governed by Rule 3B, which includes provisions on the processing of Funds-Only Settlement Amount obligations of CCIT Members, which are the subject of the present filing.⁸ Under Section 13 of Rule 3B, CCIT Members are subject to the Invoice Amount,⁹ the Miscellaneous Adjustment Amount,¹⁰ and CCIT Repo Daily Interest.¹¹

⁶ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 80574 (May 2, 2017), 82 FR 21439 (May 8, 2017) (SR-FICC-2017-005) ("CCIT Approval Order"). See Rule 3B, Section 13(a), *supra* note 5.

⁷ See CCIT Approval Order, *supra* note 2. See Rule 3B, Section 13(a), *supra* note 5.

⁸ See Rule 3B, *supra* note 5.

⁹ See *id.* "Invoice Amount" means all fee amounts due and owing from a Netting Member or CCIT Member, as applicable, to FICC on a particular Business Day. See Rule 1, *supra* note 5.

¹⁰ See Rule 3B, *supra* note 5. "Miscellaneous Adjustment Amount" means the net total of all miscellaneous funds-only amounts that, on a particular Business Day, are required to be paid by a Netting Member or CCIT Member, as applicable, to FICC and/or are entitled to be collected by a Member (including a CCIT Member, as applicable) from FICC. See Rule 1, *supra* note 5.

¹¹ See Rule 3B, *supra* note 5. The term "CCIT Daily Repo Interest" means the interest amount that is collected from or paid to a Netting Member, as applicable, and collected from or paid to a CCIT Member, as applicable, on a daily basis resulting from a CCIT Transaction. See Rule 1, *supra* note 5.

(ii) Proposed Change to Rule 3B, Section 13 (Funds-Only Settlement)

Currently, CCIT Members are required to satisfy their Funds-Only Settlement Amount obligations (both debits and credits) using the same process that Netting Members are required to use for the same purpose.¹² This process is described in Rule 13.¹³ CCIT Members are required to appoint a Funds-Only Settling Bank to process their Funds-Only Settlement Amount obligations.

FICC understands that some prospective CCIT Members do not have business relationships established with Funds-Only Settling Banks that would permit the Funds-Only Settling Banks to settle such prospective CCIT Members' Funds-Only Settlement Amount debits. Therefore, such prospective CCIT Members are currently unable to participate in the CCIT Service unless an alternative mechanism for them to satisfy their Funds-Only Settlement Amount debits directly with FICC, rather than through a Funds-Only Settling Bank, is permitted by FICC. Specifically, FICC is proposing to allow prospective CCIT Members to satisfy their Funds-Only Settlement Amount debits with FICC through the invoicing process applicable to Comparison-Only Members under Rule 25 (the "invoicing process").¹⁴ Prospective CCIT Members would elect, as part of their onboarding process, to settle their Funds-Only Settlement Amount debits through the Funds-Only Settling Banks or the invoicing process. Furthermore, CCIT Members would also be permitted to change their initial election with respect to Funds-Only Settlement Amount debits after the onboarding process is completed. The proposal would not affect the calculation of the Funds-Only Settlement Amount obligations of CCIT Members, and all other requirements set forth in Rule 13 would remain. In addition, Funds-Only Settlement Amount credits would continue to be processed through Funds-Only Settling Banks and the current process described in Rule 13.¹⁵

In order to effectuate the proposed rule change, FICC proposes to revise Rule 3B, Section 13 to describe that a CCIT Member may elect to pay its Funds-Only Settlement Amount debits using the invoicing process applicable to Comparison-Only Members under Rule 25 in lieu of the process described in Section 5 of Rule 13. In addition, Rule 3B, Section 13 would be revised to state that, if the CCIT Member elects the

invoicing process, the CCIT Member's Funds-Only Settling Bank shall no longer be responsible for processing Funds-Only Settlement Amounts that are debits for such CCIT Member.

2. Statutory Basis

FICC believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to a registered clearing agency. In particular, FICC believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 17A(b)(3)(F) of the Act.¹⁶ Section 17A(b)(3)(F) of the Act requires, in part, that the Rules be designed to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a national system for the prompt and accurate clearance and settlement of securities transactions.¹⁷ FICC believes that the proposed rule change described above to allow CCIT Members to elect to use the invoicing process to pay their Funds-Only Settlement Amount debits would remove an impediment for prospective CCIT Members to join the CCIT Service. Specifically, some prospective CCIT Members cannot join because they are unable to settle Funds-Only Settlement Amount debits under the current process because they do not have business relationships established with Funds-Only Settling Banks that would permit the Funds-Only Settling Banks to settle such prospective CCIT Members' Funds-Only Settlement Amount debits. The proposed rule change would remove this impediment by allowing CCIT Members to elect the invoicing process for settling their Funds-Only Settlement Amount debits and thereby would enable more entities to become CCIT Members and use the CCIT Service. As such, the proposed rule change would remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a national system for the prompt and accurate clearance and settlement of securities transactions, consistent with Section 17A(b)(3)(F) of the Act.¹⁸

(B) Clearing Agency's Statement on Burden on Competition

FICC believes this proposed rule change to enable CCIT Members to elect the invoicing process to pay their Funds-Only Settlement Amount debits in connection with their CCIT Transactions could have an impact on competition. FICC believes that the proposed rule change could promote competition. At this time, there are entities that have expressed an interest

¹² See Rule 3B, Section 13, *supra* note 5.

¹³ See Rule 13, *supra* note 5.

¹⁴ See Rule 25, *supra* note 5.

¹⁵ See Rules 3B and 13, *supra* note 5.

¹⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78q-1(b)(3)(F).

¹⁷ *Id.*

¹⁸ *Id.*

in becoming CCIT Members but cannot do so, as discussed above. The proposed rule change would allow such entities to join the CCIT Service. By enabling more entities to join the CCIT Service, the proposed rule change would promote competition by having more entities in central clearing.

FICC does not believe that not providing the alternative mechanism to Netting Members would create a burden on competition. Netting Members, as full-service Members, are able to avail themselves of the existing Funds-Only Settling Bank process for Funds-Only Settlement Amount debits and credits. This existing process is automated and efficient, and FICC does not believe that Netting Members would desire to switch to an invoicing process nor would FICC allow them to do so given their ability to participate in the current Funds-Only Settling Bank process.

(C) Clearing Agency's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

Written comments relating to this proposed rule change have not been solicited or received. FICC will notify the Commission of any written comments received by FICC.

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

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act¹⁹ and paragraph (f) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.²⁰ 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.

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. Please include File Number SR-FICC-2018-011 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-FICC-2018-011. 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 FICC and on FICC's website (<http://dtcc.com/legal/sec-rule-filings.aspx>). 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-FICC-2018-011 and should be submitted on or before November 13, 2018.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.²¹

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 33273; File No. 812-14772]

Procure Active ETF Trust, et al.

October 17, 2018.

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

ACTION: Notice.

Notice of an application for an order under section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act") for an exemption from sections 2(a)(32), 5(a)(1), 22(d), and 22(e) of the Act and rule 22c-1 under the Act, under sections 6(c) and 17(b) of the Act for an exemption from sections 17(a)(1) and 17(a)(2) of the Act, and under section 12(d)(1)(J) for an exemption from sections 12(d)(1)(A) and 12(d)(1)(B) of the Act. The requested order would permit (a) actively-managed series of certain open-end management investment companies ("Funds") to issue shares redeemable in large aggregations only ("Creation Units"); (b) secondary market transactions in Fund shares to occur at negotiated market prices rather than at net asset value ("NAV"); (c) certain Funds to pay redemption proceeds, under certain circumstances, more than seven days after the tender of shares for redemption; (d) certain affiliated persons of a Fund to deposit securities into, and receive securities from, the Fund in connection with the purchase and redemption of Creation Units; (e) certain registered management investment companies and unit investment trusts outside of the same group of investment companies as the Funds ("Funds of Funds") to acquire shares of the Funds; and (f) certain Funds ("Feeder Funds") to create and redeem Creation Units in-kind in a master-feeder structure.

Applicants: Procure Active ETF Trust (the "Trust"), a Delaware statutory trust that will register under the Act as an open-end management investment company with multiple series, ProcureAM, LLC (the "Initial Adviser"), a Delaware limited liability company that will be registered as an investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, and Quasar Distributors LLC (the "Distributor"), a Delaware limited liability company and broker-dealer registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act").

Filing Dates: The application was filed on May 10, 2017 and amended on February 15, 2018, May 29, 2018, August 2, 2018, and October 15, 2018.

Hearing or Notification of Hearing: An order granting the requested relief 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 November 6, 2018, and should be accompanied by proof of

¹⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

²⁰ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f).

²¹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).