

## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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#### Extension:

Rules 6a-1 and 6a-2, Form 1

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") 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 6a-1 (17 CFR 240.6a-1), Rule 6a-2 (17 CFR 240.6a-2), and Form 1 (17 CFR 249.1) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act" or "Act") (15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*).

The Exchange Act sets forth a regulatory scheme for national securities exchanges. Rule 6a-1 under the Act generally requires an applicant for initial registration as a national securities exchange to file an application with the Commission on Form 1. An exchange that seeks an exemption from registration based on limited trading volume also must apply for such exemption on Form 1. Rule 6a-2 under the Act requires registered and exempt exchanges: (1) To amend the Form 1 if there are any material changes to the information provided in the initial Form 1; and (2) to submit periodic updates of certain information provided in the initial Form 1, whether such information has changed or not. The information required pursuant to Rules 6a-1 and 6a-2 is necessary to enable the Commission to maintain accurate files regarding the exchange and to exercise its statutory oversight functions. Without the information submitted pursuant to Rule 6a-1 on Form 1, the Commission would not be able to determine whether the respondent has met the criteria for registration (or an exemption from registration) set forth in Section 6 of the Exchange Act. The amendments and periodic updates of information submitted pursuant to Rule 6a-2 are necessary to assist the Commission in determining whether a national securities exchange or exempt exchange is continuing to operate in compliance with the Exchange Act.

Initial filings on Form 1 by new exchanges are made on a one-time basis. The Commission estimates that it will receive approximately one initial Form 1 filing per year and that each respondent would incur an average burden of 880 hours to file an initial Form 1 at an average internal compliance cost per response of approximately \$335,984. Therefore, the Commission estimates that the annual burden for all respondents to file the initial Form 1 would be 880 hours (one response/respondent × one respondent × 880 hours/response) and an internal compliance cost of \$335,984 (one response/respondent × one respondent × \$335,984/response).

There currently are 21 entities registered as national securities exchanges. The Commission estimates that each registered or exempt exchange files nine amendments or periodic updates to Form 1 per year, incurring an average burden of 25 hours to comply with Rule 6a-2. The SEC estimates that the average internal compliance cost for a national securities exchange per response would be approximately \$8,365. The Commission estimates that the annual burden for all respondents to file amendments and periodic updates to the Form 1 pursuant to Rule 6a-2 is 4,725 hours (21 respondents × 25 hours/response × 9 responses/respondent per year) and an internal compliance cost of \$1,580,985 (21 respondents × \$8,365/response × 9 responses/respondent per year).

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

The public may view background documentation for this information collection at the following website: [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov). Comments should be directed to: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503, or by sending an email to: [Lindsay.M.Abate@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Lindsay.M.Abate@omb.eop.gov); and (ii) Charles Riddle, Acting Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Candace Kenner, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549, or by sending an email to: [PRA\\_Mailbox@sec.gov](mailto:PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov). Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: February 27, 2019.

**Eduardo A. Aleman,**  
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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-85220; File No. SR-NYSEArca-2019-06]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE Arca, Inc.; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change To Amend Commentary .01 to NYSE Arca Rule 8.600-E Relating to Generic Listing Standards for Managed Fund Shares Applicable To Holdings in Fixed Income Securities

February 28, 2019.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1)<sup>1</sup> of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act")<sup>2</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>3</sup> notice is hereby given that, on February 14, 2019, NYSE Arca, Inc. (the "Exchange" or "NYSE Arca") 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 self-regulatory organization. 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 Commentary .01(b)(5) to NYSE Arca Rule 8.600-E relating to a generic listing standards for Managed Fund Shares applicable to holdings in fixed income securities. The proposed change is available on the Exchange's website at [www.nyse.com](http://www.nyse.com), at the principal office of the Exchange, 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 self-regulatory organization 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 those 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,

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

<sup>2</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78a.

<sup>3</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

of the most significant parts of such statements.

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

1. Purpose

Commentary .01 to NYSE Arca Rule 8.600–E sets forth generic listing standards for listing and trading of Managed Fund Shares on the Exchange.<sup>4</sup> The Exchange proposes to amend Commentary .01(b)(5) to Rule 8.600–E, as described below.<sup>5</sup>

Proposed Amendment to Commentary .01(b)(5) to Rule 8.600–E

Commentary .01(b) to NYSE Arca Rule 8.600–E sets forth generic listing standards applicable to fixed income securities included in the portfolio of a series of Managed Fund Shares.<sup>6</sup> Commentary .01(b)(5) provides that non-agency, non-GSE and privately-issued mortgage-related and other asset-backed securities (“ABS” and, collectively, “non-agency ABS”) components of a portfolio shall not account, in the aggregate, for more than 20% of the weight of the fixed income portion of the portfolio. The Exchange proposes to amend Commentary .01(b)(5) by deleting the words “fixed income portion” to provide that such 20% limitation would apply to the entire portfolio rather than to only the fixed income portion of the portfolio. Thus, Commentary .01(b)(5) would

<sup>4</sup> A Managed Fund Share is a security that represents an interest in an investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a–1) (the “1940 Act”) organized as an open-end investment company or similar entity that invests in a portfolio of securities selected by its investment adviser consistent with its investment objectives and policies. In contrast, an open-end investment company that issues Investment Company Units, listed and traded on the Exchange under NYSE Arca Rule 5.2–E(j)(3), seeks to provide investment results that correspond generally to the price and yield performance of a specific foreign or domestic stock index, fixed income securities index or combination thereof.

<sup>5</sup> The Commission approved the generic listing standards in Commentary .01 to NYSE Arca Rule 8.600–E in Securities Exchange Act Release No. 78397 (July 22, 2016), 81 FR 49320 (July 27, 2016) (SR–NYSEArca–2015–110) (Order Granting Approval of Proposed Rule Change, as Modified by Amendment No. 7 Thereto, Amending NYSE Arca Equities Rule 8.600 to Adopt Generic Listing Standards for Managed Fund Shares).

<sup>6</sup> Commentary .01(b) provides that fixed income securities are debt securities that are notes, bonds, debentures or evidence of indebtedness that include, but are not limited to, U.S. Department of Treasury securities (“Treasury Securities”), government-sponsored entity securities (“GSE Securities”), municipal securities, trust preferred securities, supranational debt and debt of a foreign country or a subdivision thereof, investment grade and high yield corporate debt, bank loans, mortgage and asset backed securities, and commercial paper.

provide that non-agency, non-GSE and privately-issued mortgage-related and other ABS components of a portfolio shall not account, in the aggregate, for more than 20% of the weight of the portfolio.

The Exchange believes this amendment is appropriate because a fund’s investment in non-agency, non-GSE and privately-issued mortgage-related and other ABS may provide a fund with benefits associated with increased diversification, as such investments may be less correlated to interest rates than many other fixed income securities. The Exchange notes that application of the 20% limitation only to the fixed income portion of a fund’s portfolio may impose a much more restrictive percentage limit on permitted holdings of non-agency ABS for funds that have a more diversified investment portfolio than for funds that hold principally or exclusively fixed income securities. For example, a fund holding 100% of its assets in fixed income securities can hold 20% of its entire portfolio’s weight in non-agency ABS. In contrast, a fund holding 25% of its assets in fixed income securities, 25% in U.S. Component Stocks, and 50% in cash and cash equivalents is limited to a 5% (25% \* 20% = 5%) allocation to non-agency ABS. The Exchange, therefore, believes application of the 20% limitation to a fund’s entire portfolio would be more equitable for Managed Fund Shares issuers with different investment objectives and holdings.

In addition, a fund’s investment in non-agency, non-GSE and privately-issued mortgage-related and other ABS will be subject to a fund’s liquidity risk management program as approved by a fund’s board of directors.<sup>7</sup> The liquidity procedures generally include public disclosure by funds of their liquidity and redemption practices. A fund’s holdings in non-agency ABS would be encompassed within a fund’s liquidity risk management program. To the extent a fund’s procedures facilitate its ability to meet its redemption obligations, they may reduce potential manipulation of a fund’s shares by promoting an efficient redemption mechanism for exchange-

<sup>7</sup> Rule 22e–4(b) under the 1940 Act requires, among other things, that a fund “adopt and implement a written liquidity risk management program that is reasonably designed to assess and manage its liquidity risk.” The rule is “designed to promote effective liquidity risk management throughout the open-end investment company industry, thereby reducing the risk that funds will be unable to meet their redemption obligations and mitigating dilution of the interests of fund shareholders.” See Release Nos. 33–10233; IC–32315; File No. S7–16–15 (October 13, 2016).

traded funds, including funds that hold non-agency ABS.

The Exchange notes that the Commission has previously approved the listing of actively managed exchange-traded funds that can invest 20% of their total assets in non-U.S. Government, non-agency, non-GSE and other privately issued ABS and mortgage-backed securities (“MBS”).<sup>8</sup> In addition, the Commission has previously approved listing and trading of shares of an issue of Managed Fund Shares where such fund’s investments in non-U.S. Government, non-agency, non-GSE and other privately issued ABS will, in the aggregate, not exceed 20% of the total assets of the fund, rather than the weight of the fixed income portion of the fund’s portfolio.<sup>9</sup> Therefore, the Exchange believes it is appropriate to apply the 20% limitation to a fund’s investment in non-agency, non-GSE and privately-issued mortgage-related and other ABS components of a portfolio in Commentary .01(b)(5) to a fund’s total assets.

The Exchange believes the proposed amendments would provide issuers of Managed Fund Shares with additional investment choices for fund portfolios for issues permitted to list and trade on the Exchange pursuant to the Rule 19b–4(e), which would enhance competition among market participants, to the benefit of investors and the marketplace.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act,<sup>10</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Sections 6(b)(5) of the Act,<sup>11</sup> in particular,

<sup>8</sup> See, e.g., Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 80946 (June 15, 2017) 82 FR 28126 (June 20, 2017) (SR–NASDAQ–2017–039) (permitting the Guggenheim Limited Duration ETF to invest up to 20% of its total assets in privately-issued, non-agency and non-GSE ABS and MBS); 76412 (November 10, 2015), 80 FR 71880 (November 17, 2015) (SR–NYSEArca–2015–111) (permitting the RiverFront Strategic Income Fund to invest up to 20% of its assets in privately-issued, non-agency and non-GSE ABS and MBS); 74814 (April 27, 2015), 80 FR 24986 (May 1, 2015) (SR–NYSEArca–2014–107) (permitting the Guggenheim Enhanced Short Duration ETF to invest up to 20% of its assets in privately-issued, non-agency and non-GSE ABS and MBS); 74109 (January 21, 2015), 80 FR 4327 (January 27, 2015) (SR–NYSEArca–2014–134) (permitting the IQ Wilshire Alternative Strategies ETF to invest up to 20% of its total assets in MBS and other ABS, without any limit on the type of such MBS and ABS).

<sup>9</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 83319 (May 24, 2018), 83 FR 25097 (May 31, 2018) (SR–NYSEArca–2018–15) (Order Approving a Proposed Rule Change, as Modified by Amendment No. 1 Thereto, to Continue Listing and Trading Shares of the PGIM Ultra Short Bond ETF Under NYSE Arca Rule 8.600–E).

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

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

because it is 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 facilitating transactions in securities, to remove impediments to, and perfect the mechanisms of, a free and open market and a national market system and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest and because it is not designed to permit unfair discrimination between customers, issuers, brokers, or dealers.

The Exchange has in place surveillance procedures that are adequate to properly monitor trading in series of Managed Fund Shares in all trading sessions and to deter and detect violations of Exchange rules and applicable federal securities laws. The Exchange notes that the Exchange or Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA"), on behalf of the Exchange, or both, would communicate as needed regarding trading in Managed Fund Shares with other markets and other entities that are members of the Intermarket Surveillance Group, and the Exchange or FINRA, on behalf of the Exchange, or both, could obtain trading information regarding trading in Managed Fund Shares from such markets and other entities. In addition, the Exchange could obtain information regarding trading in Managed Fund Shares from markets and other entities that are members of ISG or with which the Exchange has in place a comprehensive surveillance sharing agreement.

With respect to the proposed amendment to Commentary .01(b)(5), the Exchange believes this amendment is appropriate because a fund's investment in non-agency, non-GSE and privately-issued mortgage-related and other ABS may provide a fund with benefits associated with increased diversification, as such investments may be less correlated to interest rates than many other fixed income securities. As noted above, application of the 20% limitation to only the fixed income portion of a fund's portfolio may impose a much lower percentage limit on permitted holdings of non-agency ABS for funds that have a more diversified investment portfolio than for funds that hold principally or exclusively fixed income securities. The Exchange, therefore, believes application of the 20% limitation to a fund's entire portfolio would be more equitable for Managed Fund Shares issuers with different investment objectives and holdings.

In addition, a fund's investment in non-agency, non-GSE and privately-issued mortgage-related and other ABS will be subject to a fund's risk management program as approved by a fund's board of directors, as required by Rule 22e-4 under the 1940 Act, which requires investment companies, including in-kind exchange-traded funds, to adopt a liquidity risk management program.<sup>12</sup> The liquidity procedures generally include public disclosure by funds of their liquidity and redemption practices. A fund's holdings in non-GSE and privately-issued mortgage-related and other ABS would be encompassed within a fund's liquidity risk management program. To the extent a fund's procedures facilitate its ability to meet its redemption obligations, they may reduce potential manipulation of a fund's shares by promoting an efficient redemption mechanism for exchange-traded funds, including those that hold non-agency ABS.

The Exchange notes that the Commission has previously approved the listing of actively managed exchange-traded funds that can invest 20% of their total assets in non-U.S. Government, non-agency, non-GSE and other privately issued ABS and MBS.<sup>13</sup> In addition, the Commission has previously approved listing and trading of shares of an issue of Managed Fund Shares where such fund's investments in non-U.S. Government, non-agency, non-GSE and other privately issued ABS will, in the aggregate, not exceed more than 20% of the total assets of the fund, rather than the weight of the fixed income portion of the fund's portfolio.<sup>14</sup> Therefore, the Exchange believes it is appropriate to apply the 20% limitation to a fund's investment in non-agency, non-GSE and privately-issued mortgage-related and other ABS components of a portfolio in Commentary .01(b)(5) to a fund's total assets.

The proposed rule change is designed to perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest in that it will facilitate the listing and trading of additional types of Managed Fund Shares that will enhance competition among market participants, to the benefit of investors and the marketplace.

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

In accordance with Section 6(b)(8) of the Act,<sup>15</sup> the Exchange believes that the

proposed rule change would not impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The proposed rule change would permit Exchange listing and trading under Rule 19b-4(e) of additional types of Managed Fund Shares, which would enhance competition among market participants, to the benefit of investors and the marketplace.

#### *C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others*

No written comments were solicited or received with respect to the proposed rule change.

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

Within 45 days of the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** or *within such longer period up to 90 days* (i) as the Commission may designate if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or (ii) as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission will:

(A) by order approve or disapprove the proposed rule change, or

(B) institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be 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-NYSEArca-2019-06 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-NYSEArca-2019-06. 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/>

<sup>12</sup> See note 7, *supra*.

<sup>13</sup> See note 8, *supra*.

<sup>14</sup> See note 9, *supra*.

<sup>15</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(8).

*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-NYSEArca-2019-06 and should be submitted on or before March 27, 2019.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>16</sup>

**Eduardo A. Aleman,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-85223; File No. SR-MSRB-2019-05]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Amend Rule G-21, on Advertising by Brokers, Dealers and Municipal Securities Dealers, Rule G-40, on Advertising by Municipal Advisors, and Rule G-8, on Books and Records

February 28, 2019.

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 February 26, 2019 the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board ("MSRB") 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 MSRB. 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 MSRB filed with the Commission a proposed rule change (the "proposed rule change") to amend MSRB Rule G-21, on advertising by brokers, dealers and municipal securities dealers, ("proposed amended Rule G-21") and MSRB Rule G-40, on advertising by municipal advisors, ("proposed amended Rule G-40") to exempt interactive content that is an advertisement and that would be posted or disseminated on an interactive electronic forum from the requirement that a municipal securities principal, a general securities principal, or a municipal advisor principal approve that advertisement prior to first use. The proposed rule change would also make a technical amendment to Rule G-8, on books and records to be made by brokers, dealers, and municipal securities dealers and municipal advisors ("proposed amended Rule G-8"). The proposed rule change has been filed for immediate effectiveness under Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Exchange Act<sup>3</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.<sup>4</sup> The effective date of the amendments to Rule G-21 and Rule G-40 will be announced in an MSRB Notice to be published on the MSRB's website following the effectiveness of this proposed rule change. To provide brokers, dealers, municipal securities dealers and municipal advisors (collectively, "regulated entities") with sufficient time to develop supervisory and compliance policies and procedures, the effective date to be announced will be no less than 30 days and no more than 180 days following publication of the MSRB Notice.<sup>5</sup> However, proposed amended Rule G-8

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

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

<sup>5</sup> See Exchange Act Release No. 83177 (May 7, 2018), 83 FR 21794 (May 10, 2018) (File No. SR-MSRB-2018-01). The amendments to Rule G-21 and new Rule G-40 were to become effective on February 7, 2019. However, to provide the industry with sufficient time to establish supervisory and compliance policies and procedures, the MSRB filed with the SEC for immediate effectiveness an extension of that effective date. The new effective date of the amendments to Rule G-21 and new Rule G-40 will be announced in an MSRB Notice to be published on the MSRB's website. See File No. SR-MSRB-2019-01.

will become operative 30 days after the date of filing.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the MSRB's website at [www.msrb.org/Rules-and-Interpretations/SEC-Filings/2019-Filings.aspx](http://www.msrb.org/Rules-and-Interpretations/SEC-Filings/2019-Filings.aspx), at the MSRB's principal office, 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 MSRB 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 MSRB 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 proposed rule change would amend Rule G-21 and Rule G-40 (the "advertising rules") to exempt interactive content that is an advertisement and that would be posted or disseminated on an interactive electronic forum from the requirement that a municipal securities principal, a general securities principal, or a municipal advisor principal approve that advertisement prior to first use. The proposed rule change also would make a technical amendment to Rule G-8.

###### Background

###### Interactive and Static Content

During the development of the recent amendments to Rule G-21 and new Rule G-40, the MSRB received requests for guidance regarding the applicability of those rules to the use of social media by brokers, dealers, and municipal securities dealers (collectively, "dealers") and municipal advisors in connection with their municipal securities activities and municipal advisory activities. The MSRB committed to providing that guidance<sup>6</sup> before the effective date of the

<sup>6</sup> Letter from Pamela K. Ellis, Associate General Counsel, Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, dated April 30, 2018, available at <http://msrb.org/~media/Files/SEC-Filings/2018/MSRB-2018-01%20MSRB%20Letter%20to%20SEC.ashx?>

<sup>16</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

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

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