

III. Opportunity to Comment

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.110(b), the NRC staff is inviting public comments on the SDA application within 60 days of publication of this notice, for consideration by the NRC staff and Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards in their review of the application. Comments should be submitted as described in the ADDRESSES section of this document. The NRC staff will perform a detailed technical review of the SDA application and will document its safety findings in a safety evaluation report.

Docketing of the application does not preclude the NRC from requesting additional information from the applicant as the review proceeds, nor does it predict whether the Commission will grant or deny the application.

Dated: August 1, 2023.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Project No. 99902069; NRC-2023-0138]

Kairos Power, LLC; Receipt of Construction Permit Application

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Construction permit application; receipt.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is providing public notice of receipt and availability of an application for construction permits for a two-unit reactor facility from Kairos Power, LLC. The application for the construction permits was received on July 14, 2023.

DATES: August 4, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2023-0138 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 Website:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2023-0138. Address questions about Docket IDs in *Regulations.gov* to Stacy Schumann; telephone: 301-415-0624; email: Stacy.Schumann@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 collection at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select "Begin Web-based ADAMS Search." For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-209, at 301-415-4737, or by email to PDR.Resource@nrc.gov. The ADAMS accession number for each document referenced (if it is available in ADAMS) is provided the first time that it is mentioned in this document.

- *NRC's PDR:* The PDR, where you may examine and order copies of publicly available documents, is open by appointment. To make an appointment to visit the PDR, please send an email to PDR.Resource@nrc.gov or call 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Discussion

On July 14, 2023, Kairos Power LLC (Kairos) filed, pursuant to section 104c of the Atomic Energy Act, as amended, part 50 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), "Domestic Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities," an application for two construction permits for a two-unit test reactor facility located in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. The two-unit facility is to be identified as Hermes 2, and both units are based on a high-temperature fluoride salt-cooled design that utilizes solid tristructural isotropic fuel.

The application is available in ADAMS under Package Accession No. ML23195A121. Along with other documents, the ADAMS package includes the transmittal letter (ADAMS Accession No. ML23195A122), the preliminary safety analysis report (ADAMS Accession No. ML23195A124), and the environmental report (ADAMS Accession No. ML23195A125). The information submitted by the applicant includes certain administrative information such as financial qualifications submitted pursuant to 10 CFR 50.33, technical information submitted pursuant to 10 CFR 50.34,

and the environmental report submitted pursuant to 10 CFR part 51, "Environmental Protection Regulations for Domestic Licensing and Related Regulatory Functions."

The NRC staff is currently undertaking its acceptance review of the application. If the application is accepted for docketing, subsequent **Federal Register** notices will be issued that address the acceptability of the tendered construction permit application for docketing and provisions for participation of the public in the permitting process.

Dated: July 31, 2023.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Project Manager, Advanced Reactor Licensing Branch 1, Division of Advanced Reactors and Non-Power Production and Utilization Facilities, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-98028; File No. SR-MEM-2023-14]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; MEMX LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Amend the Manner in Which the Exchange Will Designate Certain Options Members To Participate in its Mandatory Disaster Recovery Testing for Calendar Year 2023

Pursuant to section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act"),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on July 25, 2023, MEMX LLC ("MEMX" or the "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "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 is filing with the Commission a proposed rule change to amend the manner in which the Exchange will designate certain Options Members to participate in mandatory

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

disaster recovery testing, pursuant to Regulation SCI and MEMX Rule 2.4 for calendar year 2023. The text of the proposed rule change is provided in Exhibit 5.

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

In preparation for the launch of the Exchange's options market ("MEMX Options"),³ the Exchange proposes to amend MEMX Rule 2.4, Mandatory Participation in Testing of Backup Systems, to specify how the Exchange will designate certain Options Members⁴ to participate in mandatory disaster recovery pursuant to Regulation SCI and MEMX Rule 2.4 for calendar year 2023. Regulation SCI requires MEMX, as an SCI entity, to maintain business continuity and disaster recovery plans that provide for resilient and geographically diverse backup and recovery capabilities that are reasonably designed to achieve two-hour resumption of critical SCI systems and next business day resumption of other SCI systems following a wide-scale disruption.⁵

Regulation SCI and MEMX Rule 2.4 also require MEMX to designate certain Members⁶ to participate in business

continuity and disaster recovery testing in a manner specified by MEMX and at a frequency of not less than once every 12 months.⁷ Such testing is part of an industry-wide test, which is next scheduled for October 14, 2023.

MEMX Rule 2.4 governs mandatory participation in testing of the Exchange's backup systems, and states that the Exchange will designate Members that account for a specified percentage of executed volume on MEMX as required to connect to the Exchange's backup systems and participate in functional and performance testing of such system.⁸ MEMX Options, which is scheduled to launch in September 2023, is not expecting to have sufficient trading data on which to base its Options Member designation prior to the October 14, 2023 test. Thus, as currently written, Rule 2.4 would not permit the Exchange to designate any Options Members to participate in the industry-wide test for 2023 because no Options Members will have sufficient trading volume on MEMX Options upon which a designation can be based.

To address the unique circumstances for disaster recovery testing in 2023, the year in which MEMX Options will become operational, the Exchange proposes to amend paragraph (c). Proposed paragraph (c) would provide that for calendar year 2023 with respect to MEMX Options, notwithstanding paragraph (b) which assigns the Exchange responsibility of "identifying Members that account for a meaningful percentage of the Exchange's overall volume," the Exchange will instead designate at least three Options Members who have a meaningful percentage of trading volumes in options on other options exchanges. This would allow the Exchange to identify Options Members for industry-wide disaster recovery testing in the absence of metrics that will be used in ordinary course to designate such firms.

MEMX believes that designating at least three Options Members who are likely already to be participating in the industry-wide test by virtue of their trading activities on MEMX and other exchanges is likely to reduce the burdens associated with being

limited liability company or other organization which is a registered broker or dealer pursuant to section 15 of the Act, and which has been approved by the Exchange. See MEMX Rule 1.5(p). The term "Options Member" means a firm, or organization that is registered with the Exchange pursuant to Chapter 17 of the Exchange's Rules for purposes of participating in options trading on MEMX Options as an "Options Order Entry Firm" or "Options Market Maker". See MEMX Rule 16.1.

⁷ MEMX Rule 2.4(a) and (b).

⁸ *Id.*

designated for disaster recovery testing by MEMX Options in absence of significant trading volumes on the Exchange. Moreover, to reduce the burdens on designated Options Members, the Exchange proposes, where possible, to designate firms that have already established connections to its backup systems. This is intended to address the "notice" requirements in the existing Rule 2.4.⁹ The Exchange believes that designating three or more such firms is reasonably designed to provide the minimum necessary for the maintenance of fair and orderly markets in the event of the activation of such plans.

MEMX intends to notify Options Members of their designation for disaster recovery testing no later than October 1, 2023. With respect to industry-wide disaster recovery testing in 2024 and beyond, the Exchange will issue one or more regulatory circulars establishing the standards to be used for determining which Options Members contribute a meaningful percentage of the Exchange's overall volume and thus are required to participate in functional and performance testing. Such standards will be informed by the Exchange's actual market and trading data, in accordance with MEMX Rule 2.4(b).

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with section 6(b) of the Act,¹⁰ in general, and furthers the objectives of section 6(b)(5) of the Act,¹¹ in particular, in that it is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative 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 mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general to protect investors and the public interest.

MEMX believes that, in the absence of sufficient trading data on MEMX Options, its proposed methodology of designating Options Members who have meaningful levels of trading activity on other exchanges and who have established connectivity to the Exchange's backup systems is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Exchange further

⁹ Pursuant to Rule 2.4(b), the Exchange will provide at least six months prior notice to a Member that is designated for mandatory testing. See MEMX Rule 2.4(b).

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

¹¹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

³ On August 8, 2022, the Commission approved SR-MEMX-2022-10, which proposed rules for the trading of options on the Exchange. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 95445 (August 9, 2022), 87 FR 49884 (August 12, 2022) (SR-MEMX-2022-010). The Exchange plans to launch MEMX Options in September of 2023.

⁴ As of July 18, 2023, 15 firms have filed paperwork with the Exchange making them eligible for MEMX Options membership.

⁵ Securities Exchange Act Release No. 73639 (November 19, 2014), 79 FR 72252 (December 5, 2014).

⁶ The term "Member" refers to any registered broker or dealer that has been admitted to membership in the Exchange. A Member will have the status of a member of the Exchange as that term is defined in section 3(a)(3) of the Act. Membership may be granted to a sole proprietor, corporation,

believes that the proposed rule change will ensure that the Options Members necessary to ensure the maintenance of fair and orderly markets in the event of the activation of the Exchange's disaster recovery plans have been designated consistent with MEMX Rule 2.4 and Rule 1004 of Regulation SCI. Specifically, the proposal will address the unique circumstances of industry-wide testing taking place within a short time of MEMX Options commencing operations. The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change balances the objectives of having Options Members participate in industry-wide disaster recovery testing, including MEMX Options' backup systems, and the burdens on such Options Members who, at the time of designation, will not have traded on MEMX Options.

As set forth in the SCI Adopting Release, "SROs have the authority, and legal responsibility, under section 6 of the Exchange Act, to adopt and enforce rules (including rules to comply with Regulation SCI's requirements relating to BC/DR testing) applicable to their members or participants that are designed to, among other things, 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 mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest."¹² The Exchange believes that this proposal is consistent with such authority and legal responsibility.

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

The Exchange believes its proposed rule change would not impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. To the contrary, the Exchange believes that the proposed rule change promotes fair competition among brokers and dealers and exchanges by ensuring the Exchange can designate Options Members to participate in mandatory disaster recovery testing pursuant to Regulation SCI for calendar year 2023. The Exchange believes that designating three or more such firms is reasonably designed to provide the minimum necessary for the maintenance of fair and orderly markets in the event of the activation of such plans, thereby promoting intermarket competition between exchanges in furtherance of the principles of section 11(a)(1) of the

Act.¹³ The Exchange notes that MEMX and the Long-Term Stock Exchange, Inc. ("LTSE") adopted similar rules for 2020 in advance of launches that year.¹⁴

With respect to intramarket competition, the proposed rule change seeks to reduce the burdens on Members by only designating Options Members who are likely already participating in the industry-wide test by virtue of their trading activities on other exchanges. Under the proposed rule change, the Exchange will designate firms that have already established connections to the Exchange's backup systems. Consequently, MEMX does not believe that the proposed rule change would impose any burden on intramarket competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the Act.

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 foregoing 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, it has become effective pursuant to section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act¹⁵ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.¹⁶

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

change 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 (<https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include file number SR-MEMX-2023-14 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-MEMX-2023-14. 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 (<https://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 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. Do not include personal identifiable information in submissions; you should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. We may redact in part or withhold entirely from publication submitted material that is obscene or subject to copyright protection. All submissions should refer to file number SR-MEMX-2023-14 and should be submitted on or before August 25, 2023.

¹² See *supra* note 7 at 72350.

¹³ 15 U.S.C. 78k-1(a)(1).

¹⁴ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 89899 (September 16, 2020), 85 FR 59580 (September 22, 2020) (SR-MEMX-2020-07), and Release No. 89216 (July 2, 2020), 85 FR 41259 (July 9, 2020) (SR-LTSE-2020-10).

¹⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹⁶ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii). In addition, Rule 19b-4(f)(6) requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file 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.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁷

Dated: July 31, 2023.

Sherry R. Haywood,
Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Extension: Form SF-3

Upon Written Request Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of FOIA Services, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549-2736

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 this request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

Form SF-3 (17 CFR 239.45) is a short form registration statement used for non-shelf issuers of asset-backed securities to register a public offering of their securities under the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77a *et seq.*). Form SF-3 takes approximately 1,380 hours per response and is filed by approximately 71 issuers annually. The information collected is intended to ensure that the information required to be filed by the Commission permits verification of compliance with securities law requirements and assures the public availability of such information in the asset-backed securities market. We estimate that 25% of the 1,380.50 hours per response (345.12 hours) is prepared by the issuer for a total annual reporting burden of 24,504 hours (345.12 hours per response × 71 responses).

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

The public may view background documentation for this information collection at the following website: www.reginfo.gov. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the

search function. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice by September 5, 2023 to (i) www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain and (ii) David Bottom, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o John Pezzullo, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549, or by sending an email to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov.

Dated: August 1, 2023.

Sherry R. Haywood,
Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-98029; File No. SR-FINRA-2023-008]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc.; Order Approving a Proposed Rule Change To Amend FINRA Rules 1015, 9261, 9341, 9524, 9830 and Funding Portal Rule 900 (Code of Procedure) To Permit Hearings Under Those Rules To Be Conducted by Video Conference

I. Introduction

On April 26, 2023, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (“FINRA”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC” or “Commission”), pursuant to section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Exchange Act”)¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² a proposed rule change to amend FINRA Rules 1015, 9261, 9341, 9524 and 9830 and Funding Portal Rule 900 to allow for video conference hearings before the Office of Hearing Officers (“OHO”) and the National Adjudicatory Council (“NAC”) under specified conditions. The proposed rule change was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on May 4, 2023.³ On June 7, 2023, FINRA consented to extend until August 2, 2023, the time period in which the Commission must approve the proposed rule change, disapprove the proposed rule change, or institute proceedings to determine whether to approve or

disapprove the proposed rule change.⁴ This order approves the proposed rule change.

II. Description of the Proposed Rule Change

A. Background

FINRA Rules 1015, 9261, 9341, 9524 and 9830 and Funding Portal Rule 900 pertain to the procedures for various types of proceedings conducted by OHO and the NAC.⁵ As summarized in the Notice, OHO conducts hearings in disciplinary proceedings⁶ and hearings for temporary and permanent cease and desist orders (“TCDOs” and “PCDOs”).⁷ When orders in disciplinary proceedings are appealed, the NAC holds hearings on oral argument.⁸ The NAC also conducts hearings in membership proceedings,⁹ eligibility proceedings,¹⁰ and Funding Portal eligibility proceedings.¹¹ Under these

⁴ See Letter from Ilana Reid, Associate General Counsel, FINRA (June 7, 2023) available at <https://www.finra.org/sites/default/files/2023-06/sr-finra-2023-008-extension-no-1.pdf>.

⁵ See Notice at 28646.

⁶ See Notice at 28646. FINRA stated that the FINRA Rule 9200 Series sets forth the procedures for disciplinary proceedings initiated by the Department of Enforcement against any FINRA member or associated person for alleged violation of any rule, regulation, or statutory provision that FINRA has jurisdiction to enforce, including the federal securities laws and the regulations thereunder. See Notice at n.8. See also FINRA Rule 9261.

⁷ See Notice at 28646. FINRA stated that the FINRA Rule 9800 Series sets forth the procedures for TCDO and PCDO proceedings. These provide a mechanism for FINRA to take necessary remedial action against a member or associated person where there is a significant risk that the alleged misconduct could cause continuing harm to the investing public, if not addressed expeditiously. See Notice at n.9. See also FINRA Rule 9830.

⁸ See Notice at 28646. FINRA stated that the FINRA Rule 9300 Series sets forth the procedures for review of disciplinary proceedings by the NAC. See Notice at n.10. See also FINRA Rule 9341.

⁹ See Notice at 28646. FINRA stated that the FINRA Rule 1000 Series governs, among other things, the process for: (i) applying for FINRA membership; (ii) FINRA members to seek approval of a change in ownership, control or business operations; and (iii) an applicant to request that the NAC review a FINRA decision rendered under the Rule 1000 Series. See Notice at n.11. See also FINRA Rule 1015.

¹⁰ See Notice at 28646. FINRA stated that the FINRA Rule 9520 Series sets forth the procedures for eligibility proceedings and review of those proceedings by the NAC and FINRA Board. See Notice at n.12. See also FINRA Rule 9524. “Eligibility proceedings,” refer to the process where FINRA may allow a person subject to statutory disqualification to enter or remain in the securities industry. See e.g., <https://www.finra.org/rules-guidance/guidance/eligibility-requirements> (providing general information about these proceedings).

¹¹ See Notice at 28646. Paragraph (b) of Funding Portal Rule 900 was established as a streamlined version of the FINRA Rule 9520 Series, discussed *supra* note 10, and sets forth the procedures for

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ See Exchange Act Release No. 97403 (May 4, 2023), 88 FR 28645 (May 4, 2023) (File No. SR-FINRA-2023-008) (“Notice”). The Commission did not receive any comments in connection with the Notice.

¹⁷ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).