

regarding the substance of the changes proposed in the Proposed Rule Change.⁷

Section 19(b)(2)(i) of the Exchange Act⁸ provides that, within 45 days of the publication of notice of the filing of a proposed rule change, 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 unless the Commission extends the period within which it must act as provided in Section 19(b)(2)(ii) of the Exchange Act.⁹ Section 19(b)(2)(ii) of the Exchange Act allows the Commission to designate a longer period for review (up to 90 days from the publication of notice of the filing of a proposed rule change) if the Commission finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding, or as to which the self-regulatory organization consents.¹⁰

The 45th day after publication of the Notice of Filing is May 12, 2024. In order to provide the Commission with sufficient time to consider the Proposed Rule Change, the Commission finds that it is appropriate to designate a longer period within which to take action on the Proposed Rule Change and therefore is extending this 45-day time period.

Accordingly, the Commission, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Exchange Act,¹¹ designates June 26, 2024, as the date by which the Commission shall either approve, disapprove, or institute proceedings to determine whether to disapprove proposed rule change SR-FICC-2024-007.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹²

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⁷ Comments on the Proposed Rule Change are available at <https://www.sec.gov/comments/sr-ficc-2024-007/srficc2024007.htm>.

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2)(i).

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78 s(b)(2)(ii).

¹⁰ *Id.*

¹¹ *Id.*

¹² 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 35175; 812-15524]

Venerable Insurance and Annuity Company, et al.

April 24, 2024.

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission” or “SEC”).

ACTION: Notice.

Notice of an application for an order pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the “Act”).

SUMMARY OF APPLICATION: Applicants request an order pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Act exempting them from the provisions of Sections 2(a)(32), 22(c), and 27(i)(2)(A) of the Act and Rule 22c-1 under the Act to the extent necessary to permit Applicants, under specified circumstances, to recapture certain bonus credits applied to purchase payments with respect to certain deferred annuity contracts issued by Venerable Insurance and Annuity Company.

APPLICANTS: Venerable Insurance and Annuity Company, Separate Account EQ of Venerable Insurance and Annuity Company, and Directed Services LLC.

FILING DATES: The application was filed on November 20, 2023, and amended on March 6, 2024.

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 on any application by emailing the SEC’s Secretary at Secretarys-Office@sec.gov and serving the Applicants with a copy of the request by email, if an email address is listed for the relevant Applicant below, or personally or by mail, if a physical address is listed for the relevant Applicant below. Hearing requests should be received by the Commission by 5:30 p.m. on May 20, 2024, and should be accompanied by proof of service on the Applicants, in the form of an affidavit, or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Pursuant to rule 0-5 under the Act, hearing requests should state the nature of the writer’s interest, any facts bearing upon the desirability of a hearing on the matter, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons who wish to be notified of a hearing may request notification by emailing the Commission’s Secretary.

ADDRESSES: The Commission: Secretarys-Office@sec.gov. Applicants: J. Neil McMurdie, neil.mcmurdie@venerable.com.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jill Ehrlich, Senior Counsel, or Lisa Reid Ragen, Branch Chief, at (202) 551-6825 (Division of Investment Management, Chief Counsel’s Office).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For Applicants’ representations, legal analysis, and conditions, please refer to Applicants’ amended application, dated March 6, 2024, which may be obtained via the Commission’s website by searching for the file number at the top of this document, or for an Applicant using the Company name search field on the SEC’s EDGAR system.

The SEC’s EDGAR system may be searched at <https://www.sec.gov/edgar/searchedgar/legacy/companysearch.html>. You may also call the SEC’s Public Reference Room at (202) 551-8090.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, under delegated authority.

Sherry R. Haywood,
Assistant Secretary.

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[Release No. 34-100024; File Nos. SR-BOX-2024-07; SR-CBOE-2024-005; SR-ISE-2024-03; SR-ISE-2024-14; SR-MIAX-2024-03; SR-NYSEAMER-2024-10; SR-PEARL-2024-03]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; BOX Exchange LLC; Cboe Exchange, Inc.; MIAX International Securities Exchange LLC; MIAX PEARL LLC; Nasdaq ISE, LLC; NYSE American LLC; Order Instituting Proceedings To Determine Whether To Approve or Disapprove Proposed Rule Changes To Permit the Listing and Trading of Options on Trusts That Hold Bitcoin

April 24, 2024.

I. Introduction

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act” or “Exchange Act”)¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² BOX Exchange LLC (“BOX”); Cboe Exchange, Inc. (“Cboe Options”); MIAX International Securities Exchange LLC (“MIAX”); MIAX PEARL LLC (“MIAX Pearl”); Nasdaq ISE, LLC (“ISE”); and NYSE American LLC (“NYSE American”) (collectively, the “Exchanges” and each an “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) proposed rule changes to list and trade options on exchange-

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.