

proposed strike setting regime for GLD options will allow options on this an actively traded ETF with index levels at corresponding price levels to trade pursuant to the same strike setting regime. This will permit investors to employ similar investment and hedging strategies for each of these options.

The Exchange does not believe the proposal will impose any burden on intermarket competition, as nothing prevents other options exchanges from proposing similar rules to make a finer strike price intervals above a \$200 price point available for GLD options. The Exchange notes that the proposed rule change is not a novel proposal, as the Commission recently approved a substantively identical proposal of another exchange.¹¹

Further, the Exchange does not believe the proposal will impose any burden on intramarket competition, as all market participants will be treated in the same manner under this proposal.

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

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

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

The Exchange has filed the proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act¹² and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.¹³ 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)(iii) of the Act¹⁴ and subparagraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.¹⁵

A proposed rule change filed under Rule 19b-4(f)(6)¹⁶ normally does not become operative prior to 30 days after the date of the filing. However, pursuant

to Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii),¹⁷ the Commission may designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Exchange has requested that the Commission waive the 30-day operative delay so that the proposal may become operative immediately upon filing. According to the Exchange, the proposed rule change is a competitive response to a filing submitted by ISE that recently was approved by the Commission.¹⁸ The Exchange has stated that waiver of the 30-day operative delay would permit the Exchange to implement the proposal in close time proximity to competitor exchanges. The Commission believes that the proposed rule change presents no novel issues and that waiver of the 30-day operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. Accordingly, the Commission hereby waives the 30-day operative delay and designates the proposed rule change as operative upon filing.¹⁹

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 (<https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include file number SR-PEARL-2024-30 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.

¹⁷ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

¹⁸ See *supra* note 7.

¹⁹ 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).

All submissions should refer to file number SR-PEARL-2024-30. 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-PEARL-2024-30 and should be submitted on or before August 13, 2024.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.²⁰

Vanessa A. Countryman,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-100547; File No. 10-244]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Green Impact Exchange, LLC; Notice of Filing of Application for Registration as a National Securities Exchange Under Section 6 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

July 17, 2024.

On May 9, 2024, Green Impact Exchange, LLC ("GIX" or "Applicant") submitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") a Form 1 application under the

²⁰ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12), (59).

¹¹ *Id.*

¹² 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

¹³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

¹⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

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

¹⁶ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Exchange Act”), seeking registration as a national securities exchange under Section 6 of the Exchange Act.¹ The Applicant’s Form 1 application provides detailed information on how GIX proposes to satisfy the requirements of the Exchange Act.

The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on GIX’s Form 1 application. The Commission will take any comments it receives into consideration in making its determination about whether to grant GIX’s request to be registered as a national securities exchange. The Commission will grant the registration if it finds that the requirements of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations thereunder with respect to GIX are satisfied.²

GIX’s Form 1 application states that GIX would be wholly owned by its parent company, Green Exchange, PBC (“GEPBC”). The Form 1 application provides that GIX would operate a fully automated electronic trading platform for the trading of listed equities and would not maintain a physical trading floor. One feature of GIX’s Form 1 application is that GIX proposes to enter into an agreement with MEMX Technologies, LLC to license the technology underlying the GIX trading platform.³ The Form 1 application provides that liquidity would be derived from orders to buy and orders to sell submitted to GIX electronically by GIX members from remote locations. GIX proposes to have one class of membership open to registered broker-dealers. A novel feature of GIX’s proposed listing standards is that GIX intends to require all companies that list on GIX to comply with its Green Governance Standards, which, according to GIX, will be designed to provide transparency and accountability for listed companies’ green and sustainability promises and signal to investors focused on green practices that listed companies are credible.⁴

A more detailed description of the manner of operation of GIX’s proposed system can be found in Exhibit E to GIX’s Form 1 application. The proposed rulebook for the proposed exchange can be found in Exhibit B to GIX’s Form 1 application, and the governing documents for GIX and GEPBC can be found in Exhibit A and Exhibit C to GIX’s Form 1 application. A listing of

the officers and directors of GIX can be found in Exhibit J to GIX’s Form 1 application. A complete set of forms concerning membership and access can be found in Exhibit F to GIX’s Form 1 application. A discussion of GIX’s Green Governance Standards and their consistency with the Exchange Act can be found in Exhibit H–5 to GIX’s Form 1 application.

GIX’s Form 1 application, including all of the Exhibits referenced above, is available online at www.sec.gov/rules/other.shtml. Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning GIX’s Form 1 application, including whether the application is consistent with the Exchange 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 10–244 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 10–244. 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/other.shtml>). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to GIX’s Form 1 application filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the application 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 10–244 and should be submitted on or before September 6, 2024.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁵

J. Matthew DeLesDernier,

Deputy Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #20439 and #20440; INDIANA Disaster Number IN–20002]

Administrative Declaration of a Disaster for the State of Indiana

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a notice of an Administrative declaration of a disaster for the State of Indiana dated 07/17/2024.

Incident: Severe Storms and Tornadoes.

Incident Period: 06/25/2024.

DATES: Issued on 07/17/2024.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 09/16/2024.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: 04/17/2025.

ADDRESSES: Visit the MySBA Loan Portal at <https://lending.sba.gov> to apply for a disaster assistance loan.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alan Escobar, Office of Disaster Recovery & Resilience, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205–6734.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that as a result of the Administrator’s disaster declaration, applications for disaster loans may be submitted online using the MySBA Loan Portal <https://lending.sba.gov> or other locally announced locations. Please contact the SBA disaster assistance customer service center by email at disastercustomerservice@sba.gov or by phone at 1–800–659–2955 for further assistance.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

Primary Counties: Monroe, Vigo

Contiguous Counties:

Indiana: Brown, Clay, Greene, Jackson, Lawrence, Morgan, Owen,

⁵ 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(16) and (a)(71)(i).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78f.

² 15 U.S.C. 78s(a).

³ See Exhibits C and E to GIX’s Form 1 application.

⁴ See proposed GIX Rule Series 14.425 (describing the Green Governance Standards).