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6. *Docket No(s)*.: MC2025–147 and K2025–145; *Filing Title*: USPS Request to Add Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 525 to the Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date*: October 23, 2024; *Filing Authority*: 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.310; *Public Representative*: Maxine Bradley; *Comments Due*: October 31, 2024.

7. *Docket No(s)*.: MC2025–148 and K2025–146; *Filing Title*: USPS Request to Add Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 526 to the Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date*: October 23, 2024; *Filing Authority*: 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.310; *Public Representative*: Maxine Bradley; *Comments Due*: October 31, 2024.

8. *Docket No(s)*.: MC2025–149 and K2025–147; *Filing Title*: USPS Request to Add Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 527 to the Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date*: October 23, 2024; *Filing Authority*: 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.310; *Public Representative*: Jennaca D. Upperman; *Comments Due*: October 31, 2024.

9. *Docket No(s)*.: MC2025–150 and K2025–148; *Filing Title*: USPS Request to Add Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage Contract 528 to the Competitive Product List and Notice of Filing Materials Under Seal; *Filing Acceptance Date*: October 23, 2024; *Filing Authority*: 39 U.S.C. 3642, 39 CFR 3035.105, and 39 CFR 3041.310; *Public Representative*: Anaswar Jayakumar; *Comments Due*: October 31, 2024.

III. Summary Proceeding(s)

None. See Section II for public proceedings.

This Notice will be published in the **Federal Register**.

Jennie L. Jbara,

Primary Certifying Official.

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POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. C2024–13; Presiding Officer’s Ruling No. 3]

Complaint

AGENCY: Postal Regulatory Commission.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission is providing notice that a prehearing videoconference is being rescheduled. This notice informs the public of the videoconference rescheduled date and time.

DATES: *Live WebEx Videoconference*: October 30, 2024, at 10:00 p.m., eastern daylight time, virtual.

ADDRESSES: Submit notices of intervention electronically via the Commission’s Filing Online system at <https://www.prc.gov>. Persons interested in intervening who cannot submit their views electronically should contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**: David A. Trissell, General Counsel, at 202–789–6820.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- I. Background
- II. Ruling

I. Background

Due to the inability of one of the participants to attend, the prehearing videoconference scheduled for Thursday, October 24, 2024 must be rescheduled. The prehearing videoconference is hereby rescheduled for Wednesday, October 30, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.¹ If either party seeks a continuance of the videoconference date or an extension of time to complete activities related to the videoconference, the parties must make a good faith effort to find a mutually agreeable new date before contacting the Presiding Officer to request a scheduling change. This “good faith effort” requires the requesting party to place at least one telephone call or send one email message to the other party.

II. Ruling

1. The prehearing videoconference, scheduled for Thursday, October 24, 2024, is hereby rescheduled to Wednesday, October 30, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

2. The Secretary shall arrange for publication of this ruling in the **Federal Register**.

Jennie L. Jbara,

Primary Certifying Official.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–101430; File No. SR–MEMX–2024–41]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; MEMX LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Amend the Short Term Options Series Program in Rule 19.5, Interpretation and Policy .05

October 24, 2024.

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 23, 2024, MEMX, LLC (“Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) a proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Exchange filed the proposal as a “non-controversial” proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act ³ and Rule 19b–4(f)(6) thereunder.⁴ 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 Short Term Options Series Program in Rule 19.5, Interpretation and Policy .05. 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.

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.

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

1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to amend Rule 19.5, Interpretation and Policy .05 (Series of Options Contracts Open for Trading) to permit the expansion of Monday expirations in Exchange Traded Products ("ETPs"). Specifically, the Exchange proposes to expand the Short Term Option Series Program to permit the listing of two Monday expirations for options on SPDR Gold Shares ("GLD"), iShares Silver Trust ("SLV"), and iShares 20+ Year Treasury Bond ETF ("TLT").⁵ This is a competitive filing that is based on a proposal submitted from Nasdaq ISE, LLC ("Nasdaq ISE") and recently approved by the Commission.⁶

Currently, as set forth in Exchange Rule 19.5, Interpretation and Policy .05, after an option class has been approved for listing and trading on the Exchange as a Short Term Option Series,⁷ the Exchange may open for trading on any Thursday or Friday that is a business day ("Short Term Option Opening Date") series of options on that class that expire at the close of business on each of the next five Fridays that are business days and are not Fridays in which standard expiration options series, Monthly Options Series, or Quarterly Options Series expire ("Friday Short Term Option Expiration Dates"). The Exchange may have no more than a total of five Short Term Option Friday Expiration Dates ("Short Term Option Weekly Expirations"). Further, if the Exchange is not open for business on the respective Thursday or Friday, the Short Term Option Opening

Date for Short Term Option Weekly Expirations will be the first business day immediately prior to that respective Thursday or Friday. Similarly, if the Exchange is not open for business on a Friday, the Short Term Option Expiration Date for Short Term Option Weekly Expirations will be the first business day immediately prior to that Friday.

Additionally, the Exchange may open for trading series of options on the symbols provided in Table 1 of Exchange Rule 19.5, Interpretation and Policy .05(h) that expire at the close of business on each of the next two Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, respectively, that are business days beyond the current week and are not business days in which standard expiration options series, Monthly Options Series, or Quarterly Options Series expire ("Short Term Option Daily Expirations").⁸ For those symbols listed in Table 1, the Exchange may have no more than a total of two Short Term Option Daily Expirations beyond the current week for each of Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday expirations, as applicable, at one time.

At this time, the Exchange proposes to expand the Short Term Option Daily Expirations to permit the listing and trading of options on GLD, SLV, and TLT expiring on Mondays. The Exchange proposes to permit two Short Term Option Expiration Dates beyond the current week for each Monday expiration at one time, and would update Table 1 in Exchange Rule 19.5, Interpretation and Policy .05(h) for each of those symbols accordingly.

The proposed Monday GLD, SLV, and TLT expirations will be similar to the current Monday SPY, QQQ, and IWM Short Term Option Daily Expirations set forth in Exchange Rule 19.5, Interpretation and Policy .05(h) such that the Exchange may open for trading on any Friday or Monday that is a business day (beyond the current week) series of options on GLD, SLV, and TLT to expire on any Monday of the month that is a business day and is not a Monday in which standard expiration options series, Monthly Options Series, or Quarterly Options Series expire, provided that Monday expirations that are listed on a Friday must be listed at least one business week and one business day prior to the expiration ("Monday GLD Expirations," "Monday SLV Expirations," and "Monday TLT

Expirations") (collectively, "Monday ETP Expirations").⁹ In the event Short Term Option Daily Expirations expire on a Monday and that Monday is the same day that a standard expiration options series, Monthly Options Series, or Quarterly Options Series expires, the Exchange would skip that week's listing and instead list the following week; the two weeks would therefore not be consecutive. Today, Monday expirations in SPY, QQQ, and IWM similarly skip the weekly listing in the event the weekly listing expires on the same day in the same class as a standard expiration options series, Monthly Options Series, or Quarterly Options Series.

The interval between strike prices for the proposed Monday ETP Expirations will be the same as those currently applicable to the Short Term Option Series Program.¹⁰ Specifically, the Monday ETP Expirations will have a strike interval of (i) \$0.50 or greater for strike prices below \$100, and \$1 or greater for strike prices between \$100 and \$150 for all option classes that participate in the Short Term Option Series Program, (ii) \$0.50 for option classes that trade in one dollar increments and are in the Short Term Option Series Program, or (iii) \$2.50 or greater for strike prices above \$150.¹¹ As is the case with other equity options series listed pursuant to the Short Term Option Series Program, the Monday ETP Expirations series will be P.M.-settled.

Pursuant to the Exchange's definition of the Short Term Option Series Program, if a Monday is not a business day, the series shall expire on the first business day immediately following that Monday.¹²

Currently, for each option class eligible for participation in the Short Term Option Series Program, the Exchange is limited to opening thirty (30) series for each expiration date for the specific class.¹³ The thirty (30) series restriction does not include series that are open by other securities exchanges under their respective weekly rules; the Exchange may list these additional series that are listed by other options exchanges.¹⁴ With the proposed changes, this thirty (30) series restriction would apply to Monday GLD, SLV, and TLT Short Term Option Daily Expirations as well. In addition, the

⁵ Today, the Exchange permits the listing of two Wednesday expirations for options on GLD, SLV, and TLT. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 99211 (December 20, 2023), 88 FR 89481 (December 27, 2023) (SR-MEMX-2023-35).

⁶ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 100837 (August 27, 2024) 89 FR 71770 (September 3, 2024) (Order approving SR-ISE-2024-21).

⁷ The term "Short Term Option Series" is a series in an option class that is approved for listing and trading on the Exchange in which the series is opened for trading on any Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday that is a business day and that expires on the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday of the next business week, or, in the case of a series that is listed on a Friday and expires on a Monday, is listed one business week and one business day prior to that expiration. If a Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday is not a business day, the series may be opened (or shall expire) on the first business day immediately prior to that Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, respectively. For a series listed pursuant to this section for Monday expiration, if a Monday is not a business day, the series shall expire on the first business day immediately following that Monday. See Exchange Rule 16.1.

⁸ As set forth in Table 1 in Rule 19.5, Interpretation and Policy .05(h), the Exchange currently only permits Wednesday expirations for USO, UNG, GLD, SLV and TLT.

⁹ Today, GLV, SLV and TLT may trade on Wednesdays. See *supra* note 5. They may also trade on Fridays, as is the case for all options series in the Short Term Option Series Program.

¹⁰ See Rule 19.5, Interpretation and Policy .05(e).

¹¹ *Id.*

¹² See *supra* note 7.

¹³ See Rule 19.5, Interpretation and Policy .05(a).

¹⁴ *Id.*

Exchange will be able to list series that are listed by other exchanges, assuming they file similar rules with the Commission to list Monday ETP Expirations.

With this proposal, Monday ETP Expirations would be treated similarly to existing Monday SPY, QQQ, and IWM Expirations. With respect to standard expiration option series, Short Term Option Daily Expirations will be permitted to expire in the same week in which standard expiration option series on the same class expire.¹⁵ Not listing Short Term Option Daily Expirations for one week every month because there was a standard options series on that same class on the Friday of that week would create investor confusion.

Further, as with Monday SPY, QQQ, and IWM Expirations, the Exchange would not permit Monday ETP Expirations to expire on a business day in which standard expiration option series, Monthly Options Series, or Quarterly Options Series expire.¹⁶ Therefore, all Short Term Option Daily Expirations would expire at the close of business on each of the next two Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, respectively, that are business days and are not business days in which standard expiration option series, Monthly Options Series, or Quarterly Options Series expire. The Exchange believes that it is reasonable to not permit two expirations on the same day in which a standard expiration option series, Monthly Options Series, a Quarterly Options Series would expire because those options would be duplicative of each other.

The Exchange does not believe that any market disruptions will be encountered with the introduction of Monday ETP Expirations. The Exchange currently trades P.M.-settled Short Term Option Series that expire Monday for SPY, QQQ and IWM and has not experienced any market disruptions nor issues with capacity. In addition, the Exchange has not experienced any market disruptions or issues with capacity in expanding the three ETPs to the Wednesday expirations.¹⁷ Today, the Exchange has surveillance programs in place to support and properly monitor trading in Short Term Option Series that expire Monday for SPY, QQQ and IWM. Further, the Exchange has the necessary capacity and surveillance programs in place to

support and properly monitor trading in the proposed Monday ETP Expirations.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposal is consistent with the requirements of Section 6(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act"),¹⁸ in general, and Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,¹⁹ in particular, in that 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 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.

Similar to Monday expirations in SPY, QQQ, and IWM, the proposal to permit Monday ETP Expirations, subject to the proposed limitation of two expirations beyond the current week, would protect investors and the public interest by providing the investing public and other market participants more choice and flexibility to closely tailor their investment and hedging decisions in these options and allow for a reduced premium cost of buying portfolio protection, thus allowing them to better manage their risk exposure.

The Exchange represents that it has an adequate surveillance program in place to detect manipulative trading in the proposed option expirations, in the same way that it monitors trading in the current Short Term Option Series for Monday SPY, QQQ and IWM expirations. The Exchange also represents that it has the necessary system capacity to support the new expirations. Finally, the Exchange does not believe that any market disruptions will be encountered with the introduction of these option expirations. As discussed above, the Exchange believes that its proposal is a modest expansion of weekly expiration dates for GLD, SLV, and TLT given that it will be limited to two Monday expirations beyond the current week. Lastly, the Exchange believes that its proposal will not be a strain on liquidity providers because of the multi-class nature of GLD, SLV and TLT and the available hedges in highly correlated instruments.

The Exchange believes that the proposal is consistent with the Act as the proposal would overall add a small number of Monday ETP Expirations by limiting the addition of two Monday expirations beyond the current week.

The addition of Monday ETP Expirations would remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market by encouraging Market Makers to continue to deploy capital more efficiently and improve displayed market quality.²⁰ The Exchange believes that the proposal will allow Participants to expand hedging tools and tailor their investment and hedging needs more effectively in GLD, SLV, and TLT as these funds are most likely to be utilized by market participants to hedge the underlying asset classes.

Similar to Monday SPY, QQQ, and IWM expirations, the introduction of Monday ETP Expirations is consistent with the Act as it will, among other things, expand hedging tools available to market participants and allow for a reduced premium cost of buying portfolio protection. The Exchange believes that Monday ETP Expirations will allow market participants to purchase options on GLD, SLV, and TLT based on their timing as needed and allow them to tailor their investment and hedging needs more effectively, thus allowing them to better manage their risk exposure. Today, the Exchange lists Monday SPY, QQQ, and IWM Expirations.²¹

The Exchange believes the Short Term Option Series Program has been successful to date and that Monday ETP Expirations should simply expand the ability of investors to hedge risk against market movements stemming from economic releases or market events that occur throughout the month in the same way that the Short Term Option Series Program has expanded the landscape of hedging.

There are no material differences in the treatment of Monday SPY, QQQ and IWM expirations compared to the proposed Monday ETP Expirations. Given the similarities between Monday SPY, QQQ and IWM expirations and the proposed Monday ETP Expirations, the Exchange believes that applying the provisions in Rule 19.5, Interpretation and Policy .05 that currently apply to Monday SPY, QQQ and IWM expirations is justified. For example, the Exchange believes that allowing Monday ETP Expirations and monthly Exchange Traded Product expirations in the same week will benefit investors and minimize investor confusion by providing Monday ETP Expirations in a continuous and uniform manner.

²⁰ Today, Market Makers are required to quote a specified time in their assigned options series. See Exchange Rule 22.5.

²¹ See Rule 19.5, Interpretation and Policy .05.

¹⁵ See Rule 19.5, Interpretation and Policy .05(b).

¹⁶ See Rule 19.5, Interpretation and Policy .05.

¹⁷ See *supra* note 5.

¹⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

¹⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. In this regard and as indicated above, the Exchange notes that the rule change is being proposed as a competitive response to a filing submitted by Nasdaq ISE that was recently approved by the Commission.²²

While the proposal will expand the Short Term Options Expirations to allow Monday ETP Expirations to be listed on the Exchange, the Exchange believes that this limited expansion for Monday expirations for options on GLD, SLV, and TLT will not impose an undue burden on competition; rather, it will meet customer demand. The Exchange believes that Participants will continue to be able to expand hedging tools and tailor their investment and hedging needs more effectively in GLD, SLV, and TLT.

Similar to Monday SPY, QQQ and IWM expirations, the introduction of Monday ETP Expirations does not impose an undue burden on competition. The Exchange believes that it will, among other things, expand hedging tools available to market participants and allow for a reduced premium cost of buying portfolio protection. The Exchange believes that Monday ETP Expirations will allow market participants to purchase options on GLD, SLV, and TLT based on their timing as needed and allow them to tailor their investment and hedging needs more effectively.

The Exchange does not believe the proposal will impose any burden on intermarket competition, as nothing prevents the other options exchanges from proposing similar rules to list and trade Monday ETP Expirations. Further, the Exchange does not believe the proposal will impose any burden on intra-market 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

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

The Exchange has filed the proposed rule change pursuant to Section

19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act²³ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.²⁴ 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 Act²⁵ and subparagraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.²⁶

A proposed rule change filed pursuant to Rule 19b-4(f)(6) under the Act²⁷ normally does not become operative for 30 days after the date of its filing. However, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii)²⁸ permits the Commission to 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 to permit the Exchange to implement the proposal at the same time as its competitors. The Exchange states that its proposal is substantively identical in all material respects to a proposal submitted by Nasdaq ISE that was recently approved by the Commission.²⁹ 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 operative delay and designates the proposed rule change operative upon filing.³⁰

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

²³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

²⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

²⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

²⁶ 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.

²⁷ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

²⁸ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

²⁹ See *supra* note 6 and accompanying text.

³⁰ 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).

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-MEMX-2024-41 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-2024-41. 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-2024-41 and should be submitted on or before November 20, 2024.

²² See *supra* note 6.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.³¹

Sherry R. Haywood,

Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–101423; File No. SR–MRX–2024–40]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Nasdaq MRX, LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Allow Unlimited External Distribution of Derived Data From MRX Options Trade Outline

October 23, 2024.

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 9, 2024, Nasdaq MRX, LLC (“MRX” or “Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC” or “Commission”) a 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 proposes to allow unlimited external distribution of Derived Data from MRX Options Trade Outline.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s website at <https://listingcenter.nasdaq.com/rulebook/mrx/rules>, 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 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

The purpose of the proposed rule change is to allow unlimited external distribution of Derived Data from MRX Options Trade Outline for a monthly fee of \$3,000.³

MRX Options Trade Outline

MRX Options Trade Outline provides aggregate quantity and volume information for trades on the Exchange for all series⁴ during a trading session.⁵

Information is provided on an End of Day, Intra-Day, and historical basis in the following categories: (i) total exchange volume for Intra-Day information and total exchange and industry volume for End of Day information for each reported series; (ii) open interest for the series; (iii) aggregate quantity of trades and aggregate trade volume effected to open a position,⁶ characterized by origin type (Priority Customers,⁷ Broker-Dealers,⁸ Market Makers,⁹ Firm Proprietary,¹⁰ and

³ This proposal was initially filed on September 27, 2024, as SR–MRX–2024–038. On October 9, 2024, that filing was withdrawn and replaced with the instant filing to provide further clarification.

⁴ Every options series trades as a distinct symbol; the terms “series” and “symbol” are therefore synonyms.

⁵ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 100789 (August 21, 2024), 89 FR 68680 (August 27, 2024) (SR–MRX–2024–31).

⁶ This includes the aggregate number of “opening purchase transactions,” defined as an Exchange Transaction that will create or increase a long position in an options contract, see Options 1, Section 1(a)(27), and the aggregate number of “opening writing transactions,” defined as an Exchange Transaction that will create or increase a short position in an options contract. See Options 1, Section 1(a)(28).

⁷ The term “Priority Customer” means a person or entity that (i) is not a broker or dealer in securities, and (ii) does not place more than 390 orders in listed options per day on average during a calendar month for its own beneficial account(s). See Options 1 § 1(a)(36).

⁸ A “Broker-Dealer” order is an order submitted by a Member for a broker-dealer account that is not its own proprietary account. See Options 7 § 1(c).

⁹ The term “Market Makers” refers to “Competitive Market Makers” and “Primary Market Makers” collectively. See Options 1 § 1(a)(21). The term “Competitive Market Maker” means a Member that is approved to exercise trading privileges associated with CMM Rights. See Options 1 § 1(a)(12). The term “Primary Market Maker” means a Member that is approved to exercise trading privileges associated with PMM Rights. See Options 1 Section 1(a)(35).

¹⁰ A “Firm Proprietary” order is an order submitted by a Member for its own proprietary account. See Options 7 Section 1(c).

Professional Customers¹¹); and (iv) aggregate quantity of trades and aggregate trade volume effected to close a position,¹² characterized by origin type (Priority Customers, Broker-Dealers, Market Makers, Firm Proprietary, and Professional Customers).¹³

End of Day Information

The MRX Trade Outline End of Day file provides opening buy, closing buy, opening sell and closing sell information, including option first trade price, option high trade price, option low trade price, and option last trade price. The End of Day file is updated during an overnight process with additional fields¹⁴ and will be available the following morning, providing aggregate data for the entire trading session.

Intra-Day Information

Intra-Day information will be released in scheduled “snapshots” available every 10 minutes for all options series over the course of the trading day. These snapshots will be updated to reflect whatever activity occurred, or to indicate that no activity occurred.¹⁵

Historical Information

Historical data will be available through ad hoc requests for information in both End of Day and Intra-Day formats for all option series traded for every calendar month after September 2017, based on specific request.¹⁶

¹¹ A “Professional Customer” is a person or entity that is not a broker/dealer and is not a Priority Customer. See Options 7 Section 1(c).

¹² This includes the aggregate number of “closing purchase transactions” in the affected series, defined as an Exchange Transaction that will reduce or eliminate a short position in an options contract, see Options 1, Section 1(a)(9), and the aggregate number of “closing writing transactions,” defined as an Exchange Transaction that will reduce or eliminate a long position in an options contract. See Options 1, Section 1(a)(10).

¹³ These are the same types of information available on PHOTO, and the other trade outline products offered by Nasdaq exchanges.

¹⁴ The additional fields are: First Trade Price, High Trade Price, Low Trade Price, Last Trade Price, Underlying Close, Moneyness, Total Exchange volume, Total Industry Volume for the Series, and Open Interest.

¹⁵ Subscribers will receive the first snapshot at 9:42 a.m. ET, representing data captured from 9:30 a.m. to 9:40 a.m., and the second calculation at 9:52 a.m., representing data from both the most recent snapshot and previous snapshots, and continuing over the course of the trading day. The final Intra-Day snapshot will be distributed at 4:15 p.m.

¹⁶ Market participants generally use historical files for model testing and research, and the period of time required by a particular market participant will depend on its unique testing and research needs as well as whether it is using End of Day or Intra-Day information. Some customers, for example, may request years of data, while others only months, or even a single month. The same

³¹ 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12), (59).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b–4.