

New York Stock Exchange

November 14, 2017

VIA E-MAIL

Brent J. Fields Secretary Securities and Exchange Commission 100 F Street, N.E. Washington, DC 20549-1090

Re: Securities Exchange Act Rel. 34-81388 (SR-NYSEArca-2017-69)

Dear Mr. Fields:

NYSE Arca, Inc. filed the attached Amendment No. 2 to the above-referenced filing on November 14, 2017.

Sincerely,

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(Encl. Amendment No. 2 to SR-NYSEArca-2017-69)

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549 For complete Form 19b-4 instructions please refer to the EFFS website. The self-regulatory organization must provide all required information, presented in a Form 19b-4 Information * clear and comprehensible manner, to enable the public to provide meaningful comment on the proposal and for the Commission to determine whether the proposal Remove is consistent with the Act and applicable rules and regulations under the Act. The Notice section of this Form 19b-4 must comply with the guidelines for publication Exhibit 1 - Notice of Proposed Rule Change * in the Federal Register as well as any requirements for electronic filing as published by the Commission (if applicable). The Office of the Federal Register (OFR) offers guidance on Federal Register publication requirements in the Federal Register Add Remove View Document Drafting Handbook, October 1998 Revision. For example, all references to the federal securities laws must include the corresponding cite to the United States Code in a footnote. All references to SEC rules must include the corresponding cite to the Code of Federal Regulations in a footnote. All references to Securities Exchange Act Releases must include the release number, release date, Federal Register cite, Federal Register date, and corresponding file number (e.g., SR-[SRO] -xx-xx). A material failure to comply with these guidelines will result in the proposed rule change being deemed not properly filed. See also Rule 0-3 under the Act (17 CFR 240.0-3) The Notice section of this Form 19b-4 must comply with the guidelines for publication **Exhibit 1A- Notice of Proposed Rule** in the Federal Register as well as any requirements for electronic filing as published Change, Security-Based Swap Submission, by the Commission (if applicable). The Office of the Federal Register (OFR) offers or Advance Notice by Clearing Agencies * guidance on Federal Register publication requirements in the Federal Register Document Drafting Handbook, October 1998 Revision. For example, all references to the federal securities laws must include the corresponding cite to the United States Code in a footnote. All references to SEC rules must include the corresponding cite to the Code of Federal Regulations in a footnote. All references to Securities Exchange Act Releases must include the release number, release date, Federal Register cite, Federal Register date, and corresponding file number (e.g., SR-[SRO] -xx-xx). A material failure to comply with these guidelines will result in the proposed rule change, security-based swap submission, or advance notice being deemed not properly filed. See also Rule 0-3 under the Act (17 CFR 240.0-3) Exhibit 2 - Notices. Written Comments. Copies of notices, written comments, transcripts, other communications. If such Transcripts, Other Communications documents cannot be filed electronically in accordance with Instruction F, they shall be filed in accordance with Instruction G. Remove View Add Exhibit Sent As Paper Document П Exhibit 3 - Form, Report, or Questionnaire Copies of any form, report, or questionnaire that the self-regulatory organization proposes to use to help implement or operate the proposed rule change, or that is Add Remove View referred to by the proposed rule change. Exhibit Sent As Paper Document The full text shall be marked, in any convenient manner, to indicate additions to and **Exhibit 4 - Marked Copies** deletions from the immediately preceding filing. The purpose of Exhibit 4 is to permit Add Remove View the staff to identify immediately the changes made from the text of the rule with which it has been working. **Exhibit 5 - Proposed Rule Text** The self-regulatory organization may choose to attach as Exhibit 5 proposed changes to rule text in place of providing it in Item I and which may otherwise be more easily readable if provided separately from Form 19b-4. Exhibit 5 shall be considered part Add Remove View of the proposed rule change. If the self-regulatory organization is amending only part of the text of a lengthy Partial Amendment proposed rule change, it may, with the Commission's permission, file only those portions of the text of the proposed rule change in which changes are being made if Add Remove View the filing (i.e. partial amendment) is clearly understandable on its face. Such partial amendment shall be clearly identified and marked to show deletions and additions.

1. <u>Text of the Proposed Rule Change</u>

(a) Pursuant to the provisions of Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² NYSE Arca, Inc. ("NYSE Arca" or the "Exchange") proposes to list and trade shares of the following under Commentary .02 to NYSE Arca Rule 8.200-E ("Trust Issued Receipts"): ProShares QuadPro U.S. Large Cap; ProShares QuadPro Short U.S. Large Cap; ProShares QuadPro U.S. Small Cap; and ProShares QuadPro Short U.S. Small Cap.

A notice of the proposed rule change for publication in the <u>Federal</u> <u>Register</u> is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

- (b) The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will have any direct effect, or any significant indirect effect, on any other Exchange rule in effect at the time of this filing.
- (c) Not applicable.

2. <u>Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization</u>

Senior management has approved the proposed rule change pursuant to authority delegated to it by the board of the Exchange. No further action is required under the Exchange's governing documents. Therefore, the Exchange's internal procedures with respect to the proposed rule change are complete.

The person on the Exchange staff prepared to respond to questions and comments on the proposed rule change is:

Michael Cavalier Counsel NYSE Group, Inc.

- 3. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis</u> for, the Proposed Rule Change
 - (a) <u>Purpose</u>

The Exchange proposes to list and trade shares ("Shares") of the following under Commentary .02 to NYSE Arca Rule 8.200-E, which governs the listing and

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

trading of Trust Issued Receipts ("TIRs")³: ProShares QuadPro U.S. Large Cap; ProShares QuadPro Short U.S. Large Cap; ProShares QuadPro U.S. Small Cap; and ProShares QuadPro Short U.S. Small Cap (each a "Fund" and, collectively, the "Funds").⁴

Each of the Funds is a commodity pool that is a series of the ProShares Trust II ("Trust"). The Funds' sponsor and commodity pool operator is ProShare Capital Management LLC (the "Sponsor"). Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. is the Administrator, the Custodian and the Transfer Agent of each Fund and its Shares. SEI Investments Distribution Co. ("SEI" or "Distributor") is the distributor for the Funds' Shares.

Principal Investment Strategies of the Funds

ProShares QuadPro U.S. Large Cap and ProShares QuadPro Short U.S. Large Cap ("Large Cap Funds")

According to the Registration Statement, the Large Cap Futures Funds will seek results that correspond (before fees and expenses) to four times (4X) or four times the inverse (-4X), respectively, of the return of lead month E-Mini S&P 500 Stock Price Index Futures ("Large Cap Benchmark" or "Benchmark") for a single day.⁵

The Trust is registered under the Securities Act of 1933. On November 14, 2017, the Trust filed with the Commission Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1 to a registration statement on Form S-1 under the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77a) ("Securities Act") relating to the Funds (File No. 333-217767) (the "Registration Statement"). The description of the operation of the Trust and the Funds herein is based, in part, on the Registration Statement.

This Amendment No. 2 to SR-NYSEArca-2017-69 replaces SR-NYSEArca-2017-69 as originally filed and Amendment No. 1 thereto and supersedes such filings in their entirety.

The Large Cap Benchmark is the price on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange ("CME") of lead month (<u>i.e.</u>, near-month or next-to-expire) E-Mini S&P 500 Stock Price Index Futures Contracts. Specifically, the Benchmark is the last traded price of such contracts on the CME prior to the calculation of the Fund's net asset value ("NAV"), which is typically calculated as of 4:00 p.m. each day NYSE Arca is open for trading. The S&P 500 Index is a float-adjusted, market capitalization-weighted index of 500 U.S. operating companies and real estate

Commentary .02 to NYSE Arca Rule 8.200-E applies to TIRs that invest in "Financial Instruments." The term "Financial Instruments," as defined in Commentary .02(b)(4) to NYSE Arca Rule 8.200-E, means any combination of investments, including cash; securities; options on securities and indices; futures contracts; options on futures contracts; forward contracts; equity caps, collars and floors; and swap agreements.

A "single day" is measured from the time a Fund calculates its net asset value ("NAV") to the time of a Fund's next NAV calculation.

Under normal market conditions,⁶ each Large Cap Fund will attempt to gain leveraged or inverse leveraged exposure, as applicable, to the Large Cap Benchmark primarily through investments in lead month E-Mini S&P 500 Stock Price Index Futures.⁷ Each Large Cap Fund also may take positions in standard futures contracts on the S&P 500 Index (together with lead month E-Mini S&P 500 Stock Price Index Futures, "Large Cap Futures Contracts"). The ProShares QuadPro U.S. Large Cap will seek to achieve substantially all of this exposure by taking "long" positions in Large Cap Futures Contracts. Conversely, the ProShares QuadPro Short U.S. Large Cap will seek to achieve substantially all of this exposure by taking "short" positions in Large Cap Futures Contracts.⁸

investment trusts selected through a process that factors in criteria such as liquidity, price, market capitalization and financial viability. Trading on CME occurs from 6:00 p.m. Eastern Time ("E.T.") Sunday to 5:00 E.T. Friday, with trading halts from 4:15 p.m.- 4:30 p.m. E.T. and from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The CME Group is a member of the Intermarket Surveillance Group ("ISG"). See note 20, infra.

- The term "normal market conditions" includes, but is not limited to, the absence of trading halts in the applicable financial markets generally; operational issues (e.g., systems failure) causing dissemination of inaccurate market information; or force majeure type events such as natural or manmade disaster, act of God, armed conflict, act of terrorism, riot or labor disruption or any similar intervening circumstance.
- According to the Registration Statement, an "e-mini futures contract" is an electronically traded futures contract that provides similar exposure, but with a lower dollar value, than a standard futures contract. In addition, because of their lower dollar value, e-mini futures contracts may permit the Funds to maintain exposure more precisely in line with their current asset levels. The dollar volume traded of e-mini futures contracts on the S&P 500 Index far exceeds the dollar volume traded of standard futures contracts on the S&P 500 Index. For example, during the first quarter of 2017, the average daily dollar volume of e-mini futures contracts on the S&P 500 Index was \$167.5 billion while the average daily dollar volume for standard contracts during the same period was \$306 million.
- In general terms, to be "long" means to hold or have long exposure to an asset in order to benefit from increases in the value of such asset; to be "short" means to sell or have short exposure to an asset in order to benefit from decreases in the value of such asset.

According to the Registration Statement, each Large Cap Fund will seek to engage in daily rebalancing to position its portfolio so that its leveraged or inverse exposure to the Large Cap Benchmark is consistent with such Fund's daily investment objective. The impact of the Large Cap Benchmark's movements during the day will affect whether a particular Fund's portfolio needs to be repositioned. For example, if the Large Cap Benchmark underlying the ProShares QuadPro Short U.S. Large Cap has risen on a given day, net assets of such Fund should fall. As a result, such Fund's inverse exposure will need to be decreased. Conversely, if the Large Cap Benchmark underlying such Fund has fallen on a given day, net assets of such Fund should rise. As a result, the Fund's inverse exposure will need to be increased. For the ProShares QuadPro U.S. Large Cap, such Fund's long exposure will need to be increased on days when the Large Cap Benchmark rises and decreased on days when the Large Cap Benchmark falls. Daily rebalancing and the compounding of each day's return over time means that the return of each Fund for a period longer than a single day will be the result of each day's returns compounded over the period, which will very likely differ from four times (4X) or four times the inverse (-4X), as applicable, of the return of a Fund's Benchmark for the same period.

According to the Registration Statement, in the event position, price or accountability limits are reached with respect to Large Cap Futures Contracts, the Sponsor, in its commercially reasonable judgment, may cause each Fund to obtain exposure to the Large Cap Benchmark through investment in swap transactions and forward contracts referencing such Benchmark ("Large Cap Financial Instruments"). The Funds may also invest in Large Cap Financial Instruments if the market for a specific Large Cap Futures Contract experiences an emergency (e.g., natural disaster, terrorist attack or an act of God) or a disruption (e.g., a trading halt or a flash crash) that prevent or make it impractical for a Fund from obtaining the appropriate amount of investment exposure using Large Cap Futures Contracts (i.e., conditions other than normal market conditions). The Funds do not intend to invest more than 25% of their respective net assets in Large Cap Financial Instruments.

According to the Registration Statement, because each Fund will seek results that correspond to four times the performance or four times the inverse, as applicable, of the Large Cap Benchmark for a single day, an adverse Large Cap Benchmark

Each Fund may use various techniques to minimize credit risk. The Sponsor regularly reviews the performance of its counterparties for, among other things, creditworthiness and execution quality. In addition, the Sponsor periodically considers the addition of new counterparties. The Funds will seek to mitigate these risks in connection with the uncleared over-the-counter ("OTC") swaps and uncleared OTC forwards by generally requiring that the counterparties for each Fund agree to post collateral for the benefit of the Fund, marked to market daily, subject to certain minimum thresholds.

move of 25 percent or more could cause the NAV of a Fund to decline to zero and investors in a Fund to lose the full value of their investment. Therefore, each Fund will invest a limited portion of its assets (typically less than 5% of its net assets at the time of purchase) in listed option contracts designed to prevent a Fund's NAV from going to zero and allow a Fund to recoup a small portion of the substantial losses that may result from significant movements in the Large Cap Benchmark. Specifically, the ProShares QuadPro U.S. Large Cap will hold CME-listed "put" options on Large Cap Futures Contracts (which give the Fund the right to sell such contracts) and ProShares QuadPro Short U.S. Large Cap will hold CMElisted "call" options on Large Cap Futures Contracts (which give the Fund the right to buy futures contracts). Such put and call options may be referred to herein as "Large Cap Stop Options." If it is not practicable for a Fund to invest in Large Cap Stop Options, a Fund may invest in OTC options on Large Cap Future Contracts. These strategies will not prevent a Fund from losing money. These strategies are designed to permit a Fund to recover a small percentage of its losses in the event of significant intra-day or short-term adverse movements in a Fund's Benchmark. 10

Each Fund will invest the remainder of its assets in high-quality, short-term debt instruments that have terms-to-maturity of less than 397 days, such as U.S. government securities and repurchase agreements ("Money Market Instruments"). Each Fund also may hold cash in order to pay expenses and distributions, if any, and satisfy redemption requests.

In seeking to achieve each Fund's investment objective, the Sponsor will use a mathematical approach to investing. Using this approach, the Sponsor will determine the type, quantity and mix of investment positions that the Sponsor believes, in combination, should produce daily returns consistent with each Fund's objective. The Sponsor will rely upon a pre-determined model to generate orders that result in repositioning each Fund's investments in accordance with its respective investment objective.

Each Fund generally will seek to remain fully invested at all times in Large Cap Futures Contracts, Large Cap Stop Options (as applicable), and Money Market Instruments that, in combination, provide exposure to the Large Cap Benchmark

A Fund's investments in Large Cap Futures Contracts, together with its investments in Large Cap Financial Instruments, if any, may be referred to herein as the Fund's "S&P 500 Interests." The ProShares QuadPro U.S. Large Cap Futures Long Fund intends to hold Large Cap Stop Options with respect to all or substantially all of its S&P 500 Interests with strike prices at approximately 75 percent of the value of the applicable underlying S&P 500 Interests as of the end of the preceding business day. The ProShares QuadPro Short U.S. Large Cap intends to hold Large Cap Stop Options with respect to all or substantially all of its S&P 500 Interests with strike prices at approximately 125 percent of the value of the Fund's S&P Interests as of the end of the preceding business day.

consistent with its investment objective without regard to market conditions, trends or direction.

ProShares QuadPro U.S. Small Cap and ProShares QuadPro Short U.S. Small Cap ("Small Cap Funds")

According to the Registration Statement, the Small Cap Funds will seek results that correspond (before fees and expenses) to four times (4X) or four times the inverse (-4X), respectively, of the return of lead month E-Mini Russell 2000 Index Futures ("Small Cap Benchmark" or "Benchmark") for a single day. A "single day" is measured from the time a Fund calculates its NAV to the time of a Fund's next NAV calculation.

Under normal market conditions, ¹² each Small Cap Fund will attempt to gain leveraged or inverse exposure, as applicable, to the Small Cap Benchmark primarily through investments in lead month E-Mini Russell 2000 Index Futures ¹³ ("Small Cap Futures Contracts") (Large Cap Futures Contracts and Small Cap Futures Contracts, collectively, are referred to herein as "Futures Contracts"). The ProShares QuadPro U.S. Small Cap will seek to achieve substantially all of this exposure by taking "long" positions in Small Cap Futures Contracts. Conversely, the ProShares QuadPro Short U.S. Small Cap will seek to achieve substantially all of this exposure by taking "short" positions in Small Cap Futures Contracts.

The Small Cap Benchmark is the price on the CME of lead month (i.e., nearmonth or next-to-expire) E-Mini Russell 2000 Index Futures Contracts. Specifically, the Benchmark is the last traded price of such contracts on the CME prior to the calculation of the Fund's NAV, which is typically calculated as of 4:00 p.m. each day NYSE Arca is open for trading. The Russell 2000 Index is a float-adjusted, market capitalization-weighted index containing approximately 2000 of the smallest companies in the Russell 3000 Index, or approximately 8% of the total market capitalization of the Russell 3000 Index, which in turn represents approximately 98% of the investable U.S. equity market.

See note 6, supra.

As noted herein, an "e-mini futures contract" is an electronically traded futures contract that provides similar exposure, but with a lower dollar value, than a standard futures contract. In addition, because of their lower dollar value, e-mini futures contracts may permit the Funds to maintain exposure more precisely in line with their current asset levels. During the first quarter of 2017, the average daily average daily dollar volume of e-mini futures contracts on the Russell 2000 Index was \$9.5 billion. Standard futures contracts on the Russell 2000 Index were not available during this period.

According to the Registration Statement, each Small Cap Fund will seek to engage in daily rebalancing to position its portfolio so that its leveraged or inverse exposure to the Small Cap Benchmark is consistent with such Fund's daily investment objective. The impact of the Small Cap Benchmark's movements during the day will affect whether a particular Fund's portfolio needs to be repositioned. For example, if the Small Cap Benchmark underlying the ProShares QuadPro Short U.S. Small Cap has risen on a given day, net assets of such Fund should fall. As a result, such Fund's inverse exposure will need to be decreased. Conversely, if the Small Cap Benchmark underlying such Fund has fallen on a given day, net assets of such Fund should rise. As a result, the Fund's inverse exposure will need to be increased. For the ProShares QuadPro U.S. Small Cap, such Fund's long exposure will need to be increased on days when the Small Cap Benchmark rises and decreased on days when the Small Cap Benchmark falls. Daily rebalancing and the compounding of each day's return over time means that the return of each Fund for a period longer than a single day will be the result of each day's returns compounded over the period, which will very likely differ from four times (4X) or four times the inverse (-4X), as applicable, of the return of the Small Cap Benchmark for the same period.

According to the Registration Statement, in the event position, price or accountability limits are reached with respect to Small Cap Futures Contracts, the Sponsor, in its commercially reasonable judgment, may cause each Fund to obtain exposure to the Small Cap Benchmark through investment in swap transactions and forward contracts referencing such Benchmark ("Small Cap Financial Instruments", together with Large Cap Financial Instruments, "Financial Instruments"). The Funds may also invest in Small Cap Financial Instruments if the market for a specific Small Cap Futures Contract experiences an emergency (e.g., natural disaster, terrorist attack or an act of God) or disruption (e.g., a trading halt or a flash crash) that prevent or make it impractical for a Fund from obtaining the appropriate amount of investment exposure using Small Cap Futures Contracts (i.e., conditions other than normal market conditions). The Funds do not intend to invest more than 25% of their respective net assets in Small Cap Financial Instruments.

According to the Registration Statement, because each Fund will seek results that correspond to four times the performance or four times the inverse of the Small Cap Benchmark for a single day, an adverse Small Cap Benchmark move of 25 percent or more could cause the NAV of a Fund to decline to zero and investors in a Fund to lose the full value of their investment. Therefore, each Fund will invest a limited portion of its assets (typically less than 5% of its net assets at the time of purchase) in listed option contracts designed to prevent a Fund's NAV from going to zero and allow a Fund to recoup a small portion of the substantial losses that may result from significant movements in its Benchmark. Specifically, the ProShares QuadPro U.S. Small Cap will hold CME-listed "put" options on Small Cap Futures Contracts (which give the Fund the right to sell such contracts) and ProShares QuadPro Short U.S. Small Cap will hold CME-listed "call" options on Small Cap Futures Contracts (which give the Fund the right to buy such

contracts). Such put and call options are referred to herein as "Small Cap Stop Options." (Large Cap Stop Options and Small Cap Stop Options, collectively, are referred to herein as "Stop Options.") If it is not practicable for a fund to invest in Small Cap Stop Options, a Fund may invest in OTC options on Small Cap Futures Contracts. These strategies will not prevent a Fund from losing money. These strategies are designed to permit a Fund to recover a small percentage of its losses in the event of significant intra-day or short-term adverse movements in a Fund's Benchmark.¹⁴

Each Fund will invest the remainder of its assets in Money Market Instruments. Each Fund also may hold cash in order to pay expenses and distributions, if any, and satisfy redemption requests.

In seeking to achieve a Fund's investment objective, the Sponsor will use a mathematical approach to investing. Using this approach, the Sponsor will determine the type, quantity and mix of investment positions that the Sponsor believes, in combination, should produce daily returns consistent with each Fund's objective. The Sponsor will rely upon a pre-determined model to generate orders that result in repositioning each Fund's investments in accordance with its respective investment objective.

Each Fund generally will seek to remain fully invested at all times in Small Cap Futures Contracts, Small Cap Stop Options, and Money Market Instruments that, in combination, provide exposure to the Small Cap Benchmark consistent with its investment objective without regard to market conditions, trends or direction.

Characteristics of Futures Contracts

According to the Registration Statement, a key feature of Futures Contracts is that they specify a delivery date for the underlying reference asset or the payment of its cash equivalent. As a result, the composition of each Fund's Benchmark will change from time to time as the delivery date for its component Futures Contracts is reached. The Funds will not take delivery of the reference assets underlying such Futures Contracts. Instead, each Fund intends to "roll" its Futures Contracts

A Fund's investments in Small Cap Futures Contracts, together with its investments in Small Cap Financial Instruments, if any, may be referred to herein as the Fund's "Russell 2000 Interests." The ProShares QuadPro U.S. Small Cap intends to hold Small Cap Stop Options with respect to all or substantially all of its Russell 2000 Interests with strike prices at approximately 75 percent of the value of the applicable underlying Russell 2000 Interests as of the end of the preceding business day. The ProShares QuadPro Short U.S. Small Cap intends to hold Small Cap Stop Options with respect to all or substantially all of its Russell 2000 Interests with strike prices at approximately 125 percent of the value of the Fund's Russell 2000 Interests as of the end of the preceding business day.

as they approach their delivery dates. To "roll" a Futures Contract means to sell a Futures Contract as it nears its delivery date and replace it with a new Futures Contract that has a later delivery date. Each Fund will "roll" its Futures Contracts in a manner designed to achieve its investment objective while minimizing transaction costs and market impact.

Net Asset Value

According to the Registration Statement, the NAV in respect of a Fund means the total assets of that Fund less the total liabilities of such Fund, consistently applied under the accrual method of accounting. The NAV of each Fund will include any unrealized profit or loss on a Fund's investments (including Money Market Instruments) and any other credit or debit accruing to a Fund but unpaid or not received by a Fund. The NAV per Share of a Fund will be computed by dividing the value of the net assets of such Fund (i.e., the value of its total assets less total liabilities) by its total number of Shares outstanding. Expenses and fees will be accrued daily and taken into account for purposes of determining the NAV. Each Fund's NAV will be calculated on each day other than a day when the Exchange is closed for regular trading. The Funds will compute their NAV as of 4:00 p.m. (E.T.) (the "NAV Calculation Time") or an earlier time as set forth on www.proshares.com, if necessitated by the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE"), the Exchange or other exchange material to the valuation or operation of such Fund closing early. Each Fund's NAV will be calculated only once each trading day.

Futures Contracts, Stop Options, and OTC options (if any) will be valued at their then-current market value, which typically is the last traded price prior to the NAV Calculation Time on the date for which the NAV is being determined. If such Futures Contracts, Stop Options, or OTC options (if any) could not be liquidated on such day, due to the operation of daily limits or other rules of the exchange upon which that position is traded or otherwise, the Sponsor may, in its sole discretion, choose to determine a fair value price as the basis for determining the market value of such position for such day. Such fair value prices would generally be determined based on available inputs about the current value of the underlying reference assets and would be based on principles that the Sponsor deems fair and equitable so long as such principles are consistent with normal industry standards.

In calculating the NAV of a Fund, the value of a Fund's non-exchange traded Financial Instruments, if any, will be determined by the applicable contract governing such Financial Instrument(s). Typically, such contracts would value the Financial Instrument based on the last-traded price of the Benchmark Futures Contracts prior to 4:00 p.m. E.T. each day. However, in the event that the Futures Contracts underlying a Benchmark are not trading due to the operation of daily limits or otherwise, the Sponsor may, in its sole discretion, choose to fair value a Fund's non-exchange traded Financial Instruments for purposes of the NAV

calculation. Such fair value prices would generally be determined based on available inputs about the current value of the Futures Contracts underlying a Benchmark and would be based on principles that the Sponsor deems fair and equitable so long as such principles are consistent with normal industry standards.

Money Market Instruments generally will be valued using market prices provided by third party market data provider(s) or at amortized cost.

Indicative Optimized Portfolio Value ("IOPV")

The IOPV will be an indicator of the value of a Fund's net assets at the time the IOPV is disseminated. The IOPV will be calculated and disseminated every 15 seconds during the Exchange's Core Trading Session (normally, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., E.T. The IOPV of a Fund will generally be calculated using the NAV of the prior day as a base and updating this amount throughout the trading day to reflect changes in the value of the Futures Contracts, Money Market Instruments and other investments, if any, held by a Fund.

For IOPV calculation purposes, Futures Contracts will be valued using their most recent quoted price during the trading day, for as long as the main pricing mechanism of the CME is open.

- Futures Contracts may be valued intraday using the main pricing mechanism of the CME or through another proxy as determined to be appropriate by the third party market data provider.
- Swaps and forward contracts may be valued intraday using the intra-day value of the Large Cap Benchmark, or Small Cap Benchmark, as applicable, or another proxy as determined to be appropriate by the third party market data provider.
- Exchange-listed options may be valued intraday using the relevant exchange data, or another proxy as determined to be appropriate by the third party market data provider.
- Over-the-counter options may be valued intraday through option valuation models (e.g., Black-Scholes) or using exchange-traded options as a proxy, or another proxy as determined to be appropriate by the third party market data provider.
- Money Market Instruments generally will be valued using market prices provided by third party market data provider(s).

The IOPV will be disseminated on a per Share basis every 15 seconds during the Exchange's Core Trading Session. 15

The Exchange will disseminate the IOPV through the facilities of the CTA high speed line. In addition, IOPV will be published on the Exchange's website and will be available through on-line information services such as Bloomberg and Reuters.

Creation and Redemption of Shares

According to the Registration Statement, each Fund will create and redeem Shares from time to time in one or more "Creation Units." A Creation Unit is a block of 25,000 Shares of a Fund. The size of a Creation Unit is subject to change. On any "Business Day", an "Authorized Participant" may place an order with the Distributor to create one or more Creation Units. For purposes of processing both purchase and redemption orders, a "Business Day" for each Fund means any day on which the NAV of such Fund is determined. By placing a purchase order, an Authorized Participant agrees to deposit cash with the Custodian of the Funds. The cash deposited will be equal to the NAV of the number of Creation Unit(s) purchased. A standard creation transaction fee is imposed to offset the transfer and other transaction costs associated with the issuance of Creation Units. Purchase orders, once accepted, are not revocable by an Authorized Participant.

Redemption Procedures

According to the Registration Statement, the procedures by which an Authorized Participant can redeem one or more Creation Units will mirror the procedures for the creation of Creation Units. On any Business Day, an Authorized Participant

Several major market data vendors display and/or make widely available IOPVs taken from the Consolidated Tape Association ("CTA") or other data feeds. In addition, circumstances may arise in which the NYSE Arca Core Trading Session is in progress, but trading in Futures Contracts is not occurring. Such circumstances may result from reasons including, but not limited to, a futures exchange having a separate holiday schedule than the NYSE Arca, a futures exchange closing prior to the close of the NYSE Arca, price fluctuation limits being reached in a Futures Contract, or a futures exchange, imposing any other suspension or limitation on trading in a Futures Contract. In such instances, for IOPV calculation purposes, the price of the applicable Futures Contracts, as well as Stop Options or Financial Instruments whose price is derived from the Futures Contracts, would be static or priced by the Fund at the applicable early cut-off time of the exchange trading the applicable Futures Contract.

[&]quot;Authorized Participants" will be the only persons that may place orders to create and redeem Creation Units. An Authorized Participant is an entity that has entered into an Authorized Participant Agreement with the Trust and Sponsor.

may place an order with the Distributor to redeem one or more Creation Units. If a redemption order is received prior to the applicable cut-off time, or earlier if the Exchange or other exchange material to the valuation or operation of such Fund closes before the cut-off time, the day on which SEI receives a valid redemption order is the redemption order date. If the redemption order is received after the applicable cut-off time, the redemption order date will be the next day. Redemption orders, once accepted, are not revocable by an Authorized Participant. The redemption procedures allow Authorized Participants to redeem Creation Units. Individual shareholders may not redeem directly from a Fund.

By placing a redemption order, an Authorized Participant agrees to deliver the Creation Units to be redeemed through the Depository Trust Company's ("DTC") book-entry system to the applicable Fund not later than noon (E.T.), on the first Business Day immediately following the redemption order date (T+1). The Sponsor reserves the right to extend the deadline for a Fund to receive the Creation Units required for settlement up to the third Business Day following the redemption order date (T+3).

The redemption proceeds from a Fund will consist of the cash redemption amount. The cash redemption amount is equal to the NAV of the number of Creation Unit(s) redeemed. A standard redemption transaction fee is imposed to offset the transfer and other transaction costs associated with the redemption of Creation Units.

Creation and redemption transactions must be placed each day with SEI by 3:30 p.m., E.T., or earlier if the Exchange or other exchange material to the valuation or operation of such Fund closes before such cut-off time, to receive that day's NAV. The NAV calculation time for each Fund typically will be 4:00 p.m. E.T.

The redemption proceeds due from a Fund will be delivered to the Authorized Participant at noon (E.T.), on the third Business Day immediately following the redemption order date if, by such time on such Business Day immediately following the redemption order date, a Fund's DTC account has been credited with the Creation Units to be redeemed.

Trading Halts

With respect to trading halts, the Exchange may consider all relevant factors in exercising its discretion to halt or suspend trading in the Shares of a Fund. Trading in Shares of a Fund will be halted if the circuit breaker parameters in NYSE Arca Rule 7.12-E have been reached. Trading also may be halted because of market conditions or for reasons that, in the view of the Exchange, make trading in the Shares inadvisable.

See NYSE Arca Rule 7.12-E.

The Exchange may halt trading during the day in which an interruption to the dissemination of the IOPV or the value of a Benchmark occurs. If the interruption to the dissemination of the IOPV or the value of a Benchmark persists past the trading day in which it occurred, the Exchange will halt trading no later than the beginning of the trading day following the interruption. In addition, if the Exchange becomes aware that the NAV with respect to the Shares is not disseminated to all market participants at the same time, it will halt trading in the Shares until such time as the NAV is available to all market participants.

Trading Rules

The Exchange deems the Shares of the Funds to be equity securities, thus rendering trading in the Shares subject to the Exchange's existing rules governing the trading of equity securities. Shares will trade on the NYSE Arca Marketplace from 4 a.m. to 8 p.m. E.T. in accordance with NYSE Arca Rule 7.34-E (Early, Core, and Late Trading Sessions). The Exchange has appropriate rules to facilitate transactions in the Shares during all trading sessions. As provided in NYSE Arca Rule 7.6-E, the minimum price variation ("MPV") for quoting and entry of orders in equity securities traded on the NYSE Arca Marketplace is \$0.01, with the exception of securities that are priced less than \$1.00 for which the MPV for order entry is \$0.0001.

The Shares will conform to the initial and continued listing criteria under NYSE Arca Rule 8.200-E and Commentary .02 thereto. The trading of the Shares will be subject to NYSE Arca Rule 8.200-E, Commentary .02(e), which sets forth certain restrictions on Equity Trading Permit ("ETP") Holders acting as registered Market Makers in Trust Issued Receipts to facilitate surveillance. The Exchange represents that, for initial and continued listing, each Fund will be in compliance with Rule 10A-3¹⁸ under the Act, as provided by NYSE Arca Rule 5.3-E. A minimum of 100,000 Shares of each Fund will be outstanding at the commencement of trading on the Exchange.

Availability of Information

Each Fund's total portfolio composition will be disclosed each business day that the Exchange is open for trading on the Funds' website at www.proshares.com.

The website disclosure of portfolio holdings will include information that market participants can use to value these positions intraday. On a daily basis, the Sponsor will disclose on the Funds' website the following information regarding each portfolio holding, as applicable to the type of holding: ticker symbol, CUSIP number or other identifier, if any; a description of the holding (including the type

of holding, such as the type of swap); the identity of the security, index or other asset or instrument underlying the holding, if any; for options, the option strike price; quantity held (as measured by, for example, par value, notional value or number of shares, contracts or units); maturity date, if any; market value of the holding; and the percentage weighting of the holding in a Fund's portfolio. This website disclosure of the portfolio composition of the Funds will occur at the same time as the disclosure by the Sponsor of the portfolio composition to Authorized Participants so that all market participants are provided portfolio composition information at the same time. Therefore, the same portfolio information will be provided on the public websites as well as in electronic files provided to Authorized Participants.

The Funds' website also will include the NAV, the 4 p.m. bid/ask midpoint as reported by the Exchange, the last trade price for each Fund's Shares as reported by the Exchange, the Shares of each Fund outstanding, and the Shares of each Fund created or redeemed on that day. The prospectus, monthly "Statements of Account," "Quarterly Performance of the Midpoint versus the NAV" (as required by the CFTC), and the "Roll Dates" (i.e., the period during which the Benchmark Futures Contracts are changed or "rolled"), as well as Forms 10-Q, Forms 10-K, and other Commission filings, for each Fund will also be posted on such website. The Funds' website, which will be publicly available at the time of the public offering of Shares, will also include a form of the prospectus for the Funds that may be downloaded. The Funds' website will be publicly accessible at no charge.

The Funds' website will contain the following information: (1) daily trading volume, the prior Business Day's reported NAV and closing price, and a calculation of the premium and discount of the closing price or mid-point of the bid/ask spread at the time of NAV calculation (the "Bid/Ask Price") against the NAV; and (2) data in chart format displaying the frequency distribution of discounts and premiums of the daily closing price or Bid/Ask Price against the NAV, within appropriate ranges, for at least each of the four previous calendar quarters; and (v) as applicable, (1) the name, quantity, value, expiration and strike price of Futures Contracts and Stop Options, (2) the counterparty to and value of swap agreements and forward contracts, (3) quantity held regarding each portfolio holding (as measured by, for example, par value, notional value or number of shares, contracts or units); (4) maturity date, if any; and (5) the aggregate net value of Money Market Instruments and cash held in each Fund's portfolio. The Funds will also disseminate the Funds' holdings on a daily basis on the Funds' website.

The NAV for the Funds' Shares will be disseminated daily to all market participants at the same time. The intraday, closing prices, and settlement prices of the Futures Contracts and Stop Options will be readily available from the applicable futures exchange websites, automated quotation systems, published or other public sources, or major market data vendors.

Complete real-time data for the Futures Contracts and Stop Options is available by subscription through on-line information services. The CME also provides delayed futures and options on futures information on current and past trading sessions and market news free of charge on its website. The specific contract specifications for Futures Contracts are also available on such websites, as well as other financial informational sources. Quotation and last-sale information regarding the Shares will be disseminated through the facilities of the CTA. Quotation information for Money Market Instruments, swaps, forward contracts, and OTC stop options may be obtained from brokers and dealers who make markets in such instruments and from major market data vendors.

The IOPV will be available through on-line information services. In addition, the IOPV will be published on the Exchange's website and will be available through on-line information services such as Bloomberg and Reuters.

Impact on Arbitrage Mechanism

The Sponsor believes there will be minimal, if any, impact to the arbitrage mechanism as a result of the use of derivatives. Each Fund intends to achieve substantially all of its leveraged or inverse leveraged exposure to its Benchmark through positions in Futures Contracts. The intraday, closing prices, and settlement prices of the Futures Contracts will be readily available from the applicable futures exchange websites, automated quotation systems, published or other public sources, or major market data vendors. Market makers and participants should be able to value derivatives as long as the positions are disclosed with relevant information. The Sponsor believes that the price at which Shares of the Funds trade will continue to be disciplined by arbitrage opportunities created by the ability to purchase or redeem Shares of the Funds at their NAV, which should ensure that Shares of the Funds will not trade at a material discount or premium in relation to its NAV.

The Sponsor does not believe there will be any significant impacts to the settlement or operational aspects of the Funds' arbitrage mechanism due to the use of derivatives.

Surveillance

The Exchange represents that trading in the Shares of each Fund will be subject to the existing trading surveillances administered by the Exchange, as well as cross-market surveillances administered by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA") on behalf of the Exchange, which are designed to detect violations of Exchange rules and applicable federal securities laws. ¹⁹ The Exchange represents

FINRA conducts cross-market surveillances on behalf of the Exchange pursuant to a regulatory services agreement. The Exchange is responsible for FINRA's performance under this regulatory services agreement.

that these procedures are adequate to properly monitor Exchange trading of the Shares in all trading sessions and to deter and detect violations of Exchange rules and federal securities laws applicable to trading on the Exchange.

The surveillances referred to above generally focus on detecting securities trading outside their normal patterns, which could be indicative of manipulative or other violative activity. When such situations are detected, surveillance analysis follows and investigations are opened, where appropriate, to review the behavior of all relevant parties for all relevant trading violations.

The Exchange or FINRA, on behalf of the Exchange, or both, will communicate as needed regarding trading in the Shares, Futures Contracts and certain Stop Options with other markets and other entities that are members of the ISG, and the Exchange or FINRA, on behalf of the Exchange, or both, may obtain trading information regarding trading in the Shares, Futures Contracts and certain Stop Options from such markets and other entities. In addition, the Exchange may obtain information regarding trading in the Shares, Futures Contracts and certain Stop Options from markets and other entities that are members of ISG or with which the Exchange has in place a comprehensive surveillance sharing agreement ("CSSA").²⁰ The Exchange is also able to obtain information regarding trading in the Shares, Futures Contracts and certain Stop Options through ETP Holders, in connection with such ETP Holders' proprietary or customer trades which they effect through ETP Holders on any relevant market. The Exchange can obtain market surveillance information, including customer identity information, with respect to transactions (including transactions in Futures Contracts and certain Stop Options) occurring on U.S. futures and securities exchanges that are members of the ISG.

In addition, the Exchange also has a general policy prohibiting the distribution of material, non-public information by its employees.

All statements and representations made in this filing regarding (a) the description of the portfolios of the Funds or Benchmarks, (b) limitations on the portfolios of the Funds or Benchmarks, or (c) the applicability of Exchange listing rules specified in this rule filing shall constitute continued listing requirements for listing the Shares on the Exchange.

The issuer has represented to the Exchange that it will advise the Exchange of any failure by the Funds to comply with the continued listing requirements, and, pursuant to its obligations under Section 19(g)(1) of the Act, the Exchange will monitor for compliance with the continued listing requirements. If a Fund is not

For a list of the current members of ISG, <u>see www.isgportal.org</u>. The Exchange notes that not all components of a Fund may trade on markets that are members of ISG or with which the Exchange has in place a CSSA.

in compliance with the applicable listing requirements, the Exchange will commence delisting procedures under NYSE Arca Rule 5.5-E(m).

Information Bulletin

Prior to the commencement of trading, the Exchange will inform its ETP Holders in an Information Bulletin of the special characteristics and risks associated with trading the Shares. Specifically, the Information Bulletin will discuss the following: (1) the risks involved in trading the Shares during the Early and Late Trading Sessions when an updated IOPV will not be calculated or publicly disseminated; (2) the procedures for purchases and redemptions of Shares in Creation Units (and that Shares are not individually redeemable); (3) NYSE Arca Rule 9.2-E(a), which imposes a duty of due diligence on its ETP Holders to learn the essential facts relating to every customer prior to trading the Shares; (4) how information regarding the IOPV is disseminated; (5) how information regarding portfolio holdings is disseminated; (6) the requirement that ETP Holders deliver a prospectus to investors purchasing newly issued Shares prior to or concurrently with the confirmation of a transaction; and (7) trading information.

Prior to the commencement of trading, the Exchange will inform its ETP Holders of the suitability requirements of NYSE Arca Rule 9.2-E(a) in an Information Bulletin. Specifically, ETP Holders will be reminded in the Information Bulletin that, in recommending transactions in the Shares, they must have a reasonable basis to believe that (1) the recommendation is suitable for a customer given reasonable inquiry concerning the customer's investment objectives, financial situation, needs, and any other information known by such ETP Holder, and (2) the customer can evaluate the special characteristics, and is able to bear the financial risks, of an investment in the Shares. In connection with the suitability obligation, the Information Bulletin will also provide that ETP Holders must make reasonable efforts to obtain the following information: (1) the customer's financial status; (2) the customer's tax status; (3) the customer's investment objectives; and (4) such other information used or considered to be reasonable by such ETP Holder or registered representative in making recommendations to the customer.

Further, the Exchange states that FINRA has implemented increased sales practice and customer margin requirements for FINRA members applicable to inverse, leveraged and inverse leveraged securities (which include the Shares) and options on such securities, as described in FINRA Regulatory Notices 09-31 (June 2009), 09-53 (August 2009), and 09-65 (November 2009) (collectively, "FINRA Regulatory Notices"). ETP Holders that carry customer accounts will be required to follow the FINRA guidance set forth in these notices. As noted above, each Fund will seek, on a daily basis, investment results that correspond (before fees and expenses) to 4X, or -4X, respectively, the performance of a Benchmark. Over a period of time in excess of one day, the cumulative percentage increase or decrease in the NAV of the Shares of a Fund may diverge significantly from a

multiple or inverse multiple of the cumulative percentage decrease or increase in the relevant Benchmark due to a compounding effect.

In addition, the Information Bulletin will advise ETP Holders, prior to the commencement of trading, of the prospectus delivery requirements applicable to a Fund. The Information Bulletin will also discuss any exemptive, no-action, and interpretive relief granted by the Commission from any rules under the Act. In addition, the Information Bulletin will reference that a Fund is subject to various fees and expenses described in the Registration Statement. The Information Bulletin will also reference that the CFTC has regulatory jurisdiction over the trading of Futures Contracts traded on U.S. markets.

The Information Bulletin will also disclose the trading hours of the Shares and that the NAV for the Shares will be calculated as of 4:00 p.m. E.T. each trading day. The Information Bulletin will disclose that information about the Shares will be publicly available on the Funds' website.

(b) Statutory Basis

The basis under the Act for this proposed rule change is the requirement under Section $6(b)(5)^{21}$ that an exchange have rules that are designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to, and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest.

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices in that the Shares will be listed and traded on the Exchange pursuant to the initial and continued listing criteria in NYSE Arca Rule 8.200-E and Commentary .02 thereto. The Exchange has in place surveillance procedures that are adequate to properly monitor trading in the Shares in all trading sessions and to deter and detect violations of Exchange rules and applicable federal securities laws.

Futures Contract closing price and settlement prices are readily available from the CME. In addition, such prices are available from automated quotation systems, published or other public sources, or on-line information services. Each Benchmark will be disseminated by one or more major market data vendors every 15 seconds during the NYSE Arca Core Trading Session of 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. E.T. Quotation and last-sale information regarding the Shares will be disseminated through the facilities of the CTA. The IOPV will be disseminated on a per Share basis by one or more major market data vendors every 15 seconds during the NYSE Arca Core Trading Session. The Exchange may halt trading during the day in which an interruption to the dissemination of the IOPV or the

value of the underlying Benchmark occurs. If the interruption to the dissemination of the IOPV or the value of the underlying Benchmark persists past the trading day in which it occurred, the Exchange will halt trading no later than the beginning of the trading day following the interruption. In addition, if the Exchange becomes aware that the NAV with respect to the Shares is not disseminated to all market participants at the same time, it will halt trading in the Shares until such time as the NAV is available to all market participants.

The proposed rule change is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade and to protect investors and the public interest in that a large amount of information will be publicly available regarding the Funds and the Shares, thereby promoting market transparency. Quotation and last sale information for the Futures Contracts are widely disseminated through a variety of major market data vendors worldwide. Complete real-time data for such contracts is available by subscription from Reuters and Bloomberg. The CME also provides delayed futures information on current and past trading sessions and market news free of charge on its website. Each Benchmark will be disseminated by one or more major market data vendors every 15 seconds during the NYSE Arca Core Trading Session of 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. E.T. The NAV per Share will be calculated daily and made available to all market participants at the same time. An updated IOPV will be calculated and widely disseminated every 15 seconds by one or more major market data vendors throughout the NYSE Arca Core Trading Session.

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 exchange-traded products that are principally exposed to futures contracts and that will enhance competition among market participants, to the benefit of investors and the marketplace. As noted above, the Exchange has in place surveillance procedures relating to trading in the Shares and may obtain information via ISG from other exchanges that are members of ISG or with which the Exchange has in place a CSSA.

4. 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 that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purpose of the Act. The Exchange notes that the proposed rule change will facilitate the listing and trading of additional types of exchange-traded products that are principally exposed to futures contracts and that will enhance competition among market participants, to the benefit of investors and the marketplace.

5. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule</u> Change Received from Members, Participants or Others

The Exchange has neither solicited nor received written comments on the proposed rule change.

6. Extension of Time Period for Commission Action

The Exchange does not consent at this time to an extension of any time period for Commission action.

7. Basis for Summary Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3) or for Accelerated Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(2)

Not applicable.

8. <u>Proposed Rule Change Based on Rules of Another Self-Regulatory Organization</u> or of the Commission

The proposed rule change is not based on the rules of another self-regulatory organization or of the Commission.

9. <u>Security-Based Swap Submissions Filed Pursuant to Section 3C of the Act</u>

Not applicable.

10. Advance Notices Filed Pursuant to Section 806(e) of the Payment, Clearing and Settlement Supervision Act

Not applicable.

11. Exhibits

Exhibit 1 - Form of Notice of Proposed Rule Change for Federal Register

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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[Date]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE Arca, Inc.; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change to List and Trade Shares of ProShares QuadPro Funds under NYSE Arca Equities Rule 8.200

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1)¹ of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act")² and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,³ notice is hereby given that, on November 14, 2017, 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, II, and III 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. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change</u>

The Exchange proposes to list and trade shares of the following under

Commentary .02 to NYSE Arca Equities Rule 8.200 ("Trust Issued Receipts"): ProShares

QuadPro U.S. Large Cap Futures Long Fund; ProShares QuadPro U.S. Large Cap

Futures Short Fund; ProShares QuadPro U.S. Small Cap Futures Long Fund; and

ProShares QuadPro U.S. Small Cap Futures Short Fund. The proposed rule change is

¹ 15 U.S.C.78s(b)(1).

² 15 U.S.C. 78a.

³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

available on the Exchange's website at www.nyse.com, at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

II. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis</u> 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, of the most significant parts of such statements.

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

1. <u>Purpose</u>

The Exchange proposes to list and trade shares ("Shares") of the following under Commentary .02 to NYSE Arca Rule 8.200-E, which governs the listing and trading of Trust Issued Receipts ("TIRs")⁴: ProShares QuadPro U.S. Large Cap; ProShares QuadPro Short U.S. Large Cap; ProShares QuadPro U.S. Small Cap; and ProShares QuadPro Short U.S. Small Cap (each a "Fund" and, collectively, the "Funds").⁵

Commentary .02 to NYSE Arca Rule 8.200-E applies to TIRs that invest in "Financial Instruments." The term "Financial Instruments," as defined in Commentary .02(b)(4) to NYSE Arca Rule 8.200-E, means any combination of investments, including cash; securities; options on securities and indices; futures contracts; options on futures contracts; forward contracts; equity caps, collars and floors; and swap agreements.

The Trust is registered under the Securities Act of 1933. On November 14, 2017, the Trust filed with the Commission Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1 to a registration statement on Form S-1 under the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77a) ("Securities Act") relating to the Funds (File No. 333-217767) (the

Each of the Funds is a commodity pool that is a series of the ProShares Trust II ("Trust"). The Funds' sponsor and commodity pool operator is ProShare Capital Management LLC (the "Sponsor"). Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. is the Administrator, the Custodian and the Transfer Agent of each Fund and its Shares. SEI Investments Distribution Co. ("SEI" or "Distributor") is the distributor for the Funds' Shares.

Principal Investment Strategies of the Funds

ProShares QuadPro U.S. Large Cap and ProShares QuadPro Short U.S. Large
Cap ("Large Cap Funds")

According to the Registration Statement, the Large Cap Futures Funds will seek results that correspond (before fees and expenses) to four times (4X) or four times the inverse (-4X), respectively, of the return of lead month E-Mini S&P 500 Stock Price Index Futures ("Large Cap Benchmark" or "Benchmark") for a single day. A "single

[&]quot;Registration Statement"). The description of the operation of the Trust and the Funds herein is based, in part, on the Registration Statement.

This Amendment No. 2 to SR-NYSEArca-2017-69 replaces SR-NYSEArca-2017-69 as originally filed and Amendment No. 1 thereto and supersedes such filings in their entirety.

The Large Cap Benchmark is the price on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange ("CME") of lead month (<u>i.e.</u>, near-month or next-to-expire) E-Mini S&P 500 Stock Price Index Futures Contracts. Specifically, the Benchmark is the last traded price of such contracts on the CME prior to the calculation of the Fund's net asset value ("NAV"), which is typically calculated as of 4:00 p.m. each day NYSE Arca is open for trading. The S&P 500 Index is a float-adjusted, market capitalization-weighted index of 500 U.S. operating companies and real estate investment trusts selected through a process that factors in criteria such as liquidity, price, market capitalization and financial viability. Trading on CME occurs from 6:00 p.m. Eastern Time ("E.T.") Sunday to 5:00 E.T. Friday, with trading halts from 4:15 p.m.- 4:30 p.m. E.T. and from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The CME Group is a member of the Intermarket Surveillance Group ("ISG"). See note 20, infra.

day" is measured from the time a Fund calculates its net asset value ("NAV") to the time of a Fund's next NAV calculation.

Under normal market conditions,⁷ each Large Cap Fund will attempt to gain leveraged or inverse leveraged exposure, as applicable, to the Large Cap Benchmark primarily through investments in lead month E-Mini S&P 500 Stock Price Index Futures.⁸ Each Large Cap Fund also may take positions in standard futures contracts on the S&P 500 Index (together with lead month E-Mini S&P 500 Stock Price Index Futures, "Large Cap Futures Contracts"). The ProShares QuadPro U.S. Large Cap will seek to achieve substantially all of this exposure by taking "long" positions in Large Cap Futures Contracts. Conversely, the ProShares QuadPro Short U.S. Large Cap will seek to achieve substantially all of this exposure by taking "short" positions in Large Cap Futures Contracts.⁹

The term "normal market conditions" includes, but is not limited to, the absence of trading halts in the applicable financial markets generally; operational issues (e.g., systems failure) causing dissemination of inaccurate market information; or force majeure type events such as natural or manmade disaster, act of God, armed conflict, act of terrorism, riot or labor disruption or any similar intervening circumstance.

According to the Registration Statement, an "e-mini futures contract" is an electronically traded futures contract that provides similar exposure, but with a lower dollar value, than a standard futures contract. In addition, because of their lower dollar value, e-mini futures contracts may permit the Funds to maintain exposure more precisely in line with their current asset levels. The dollar volume traded of e-mini futures contracts on the S&P 500 Index far exceeds the dollar volume traded of standard futures contracts on the S&P 500 Index. For example, during the first quarter of 2017, the average daily dollar volume of e-mini futures contracts on the S&P 500 Index was \$167.5 billion while the average daily dollar volume for standard contracts during the same period was \$306 million.

In general terms, to be "long" means to hold or have long exposure to an asset in order to benefit from increases in the value of such asset; to be "short" means to

According to the Registration Statement, each Large Cap Fund will seek to engage in daily rebalancing to position its portfolio so that its leveraged or inverse exposure to the Large Cap Benchmark is consistent with such Fund's daily investment objective. The impact of the Large Cap Benchmark's movements during the day will affect whether a particular Fund's portfolio needs to be repositioned. For example, if the Large Cap Benchmark underlying the ProShares QuadPro Short U.S. Large Cap has risen on a given day, net assets of such Fund should fall. As a result, such Fund's inverse exposure will need to be decreased. Conversely, if the Large Cap Benchmark underlying such Fund has fallen on a given day, net assets of such Fund should rise. As a result, the Fund's inverse exposure will need to be increased. For the ProShares QuadPro U.S. Large Cap, such Fund's long exposure will need to be increased on days when the Large Cap Benchmark rises and decreased on days when the Large Cap Benchmark falls. Daily rebalancing and the compounding of each day's return over time means that the return of each Fund for a period longer than a single day will be the result of each day's returns compounded over the period, which will very likely differ from four times (4X) or four times the inverse (-4X), as applicable, of the return of a Fund's Benchmark for the same period.

According to the Registration Statement, in the event position, price or accountability limits are reached with respect to Large Cap Futures Contracts, the Sponsor, in its commercially reasonable judgment, may cause each Fund to obtain exposure to the Large Cap Benchmark through investment in swap transactions and

sell or have short exposure to an asset in order to benefit from decreases in the value of such asset.

forward contracts referencing such Benchmark ("Large Cap Financial Instruments"). ¹⁰
The Funds may also invest in Large Cap Financial Instruments if the market for a specific Large Cap Futures Contract experiences an emergency (e.g., natural disaster, terrorist attack or an act of God) or a disruption (e.g., a trading halt or a flash crash) that prevent or make it impractical for a Fund from obtaining the appropriate amount of investment exposure using Large Cap Futures Contracts (i.e., conditions other than normal market conditions). The Funds do not intend to invest more than 25% of their respective net assets in Large Cap Financial Instruments.

According to the Registration Statement, because each Fund will seek results that correspond to four times the performance or four times the inverse, as applicable, of the Large Cap Benchmark for a single day, an adverse Large Cap Benchmark move of 25 percent or more could cause the NAV of a Fund to decline to zero and investors in a Fund to lose the full value of their investment. Therefore, each Fund will invest a limited portion of its assets (typically less than 5% of its net assets at the time of purchase) in listed option contracts designed to prevent a Fund's NAV from going to zero and allow a Fund to recoup a small portion of the substantial losses that may result from significant movements in the Large Cap Benchmark. Specifically, the ProShares QuadPro U.S. Large Cap will hold CME-listed "put" options on Large Cap Futures Contracts (which give the Fund the right to sell such contracts) and ProShares QuadPro Short U.S. Large

Each Fund may use various techniques to minimize credit risk. The Sponsor regularly reviews the performance of its counterparties for, among other things, creditworthiness and execution quality. In addition, the Sponsor periodically considers the addition of new counterparties. The Funds will seek to mitigate these risks in connection with the uncleared over-the-counter ("OTC") swaps and uncleared OTC forwards by generally requiring that the counterparties for each Fund agree to post collateral for the benefit of the Fund, marked to market daily, subject to certain minimum thresholds.

Cap will hold CME-listed "call" options on Large Cap Futures Contracts (which give the Fund the right to buy futures contracts). Such put and call options may be referred to herein as "Large Cap Stop Options." If it is not practicable for a Fund to invest in Large Cap Stop Options, a Fund may invest in OTC options on Large Cap Future Contracts. These strategies will not prevent a Fund from losing money. These strategies are designed to permit a Fund to recover a small percentage of its losses in the event of significant intra-day or short-term adverse movements in a Fund's Benchmark.¹¹

Each Fund will invest the remainder of its assets in high-quality, short-term debt instruments that have terms-to-maturity of less than 397 days, such as U.S. government securities and repurchase agreements ("Money Market Instruments"). Each Fund also may hold cash in order to pay expenses and distributions, if any, and satisfy redemption requests.

In seeking to achieve each Fund's investment objective, the Sponsor will use a mathematical approach to investing. Using this approach, the Sponsor will determine the type, quantity and mix of investment positions that the Sponsor believes, in combination, should produce daily returns consistent with each Fund's objective. The Sponsor will rely upon a pre-determined model to generate orders that result in repositioning each Fund's investments in accordance with its respective investment objective.

A Fund's investments in Large Cap Futures Contracts, together with its investments in Large Cap Financial Instruments, if any, may be referred to herein as the Fund's "S&P 500 Interests." The ProShares QuadPro U.S. Large Cap Futures Long Fund intends to hold Large Cap Stop Options with respect to all or substantially all of its S&P 500 Interests with strike prices at approximately 75 percent of the value of the applicable underlying S&P 500 Interests as of the end of the preceding business day. The ProShares QuadPro Short U.S. Large Cap intends to hold Large Cap Stop Options with respect to all or substantially all of its S&P 500 Interests with strike prices at approximately 125 percent of the value of the Fund's S&P Interests as of the end of the preceding business day.

Each Fund generally will seek to remain fully invested at all times in Large Cap Futures Contracts, Large Cap Stop Options (as applicable), and Money Market Instruments that, in combination, provide exposure to the Large Cap Benchmark consistent with its investment objective without regard to market conditions, trends or direction.

ProShares QuadPro U.S. Small Cap and ProShares QuadPro Short U.S. Small Cap ("Small Cap Funds")

According to the Registration Statement, the Small Cap Funds will seek results that correspond (before fees and expenses) to four times (4X) or four times the inverse (-4X), respectively, of the return of lead month E-Mini Russell 2000 Index Futures ("Small Cap Benchmark" or "Benchmark") for a single day. A "single day" is measured from the time a Fund calculates its NAV to the time of a Fund's next NAV calculation.

Under normal market conditions,¹³ each Small Cap Fund will attempt to gain leveraged or inverse exposure, as applicable, to the Small Cap Benchmark primarily through investments in lead month E-Mini Russell 2000 Index Futures¹⁴ ("Small Cap

The Small Cap Benchmark is the price on the CME of lead month (<u>i.e.</u>, nearmonth or next-to-expire) E-Mini Russell 2000 Index Futures Contracts. Specifically, the Benchmark is the last traded price of such contracts on the CME prior to the calculation of the Fund's NAV, which is typically calculated as of 4:00 p.m. each day NYSE Arca is open for trading. The Russell 2000 Index is a float-adjusted, market capitalization-weighted index containing approximately 2000 of the smallest companies in the Russell 3000 Index, or approximately 8% of the total market capitalization of the Russell 3000 Index, which in turn represents approximately 98% of the investable U.S. equity market.

See note 7, supra.

As noted herein, an "e-mini futures contract" is an electronically traded futures contract that provides similar exposure, but with a lower dollar value, than a standard futures contract. In addition, because of their lower dollar value, e-mini futures contracts may permit the Funds to maintain exposure more precisely in

Futures Contracts") (Large Cap Futures Contracts and Small Cap Futures Contracts, collectively, are referred to herein as "Futures Contracts"). The ProShares QuadPro U.S. Small Cap will seek to achieve substantially all of this exposure by taking "long" positions in Small Cap Futures Contracts. Conversely, the ProShares QuadPro Short U.S. Small Cap will seek to achieve substantially all of this exposure by taking "short" positions in Small Cap Futures Contracts.

According to the Registration Statement, each Small Cap Fund will seek to engage in daily rebalancing to position its portfolio so that its leveraged or inverse exposure to the Small Cap Benchmark is consistent with such Fund's daily investment objective. The impact of the Small Cap Benchmark's movements during the day will affect whether a particular Fund's portfolio needs to be repositioned. For example, if the Small Cap Benchmark underlying the ProShares QuadPro Short U.S. Small Cap has risen on a given day, net assets of such Fund should fall. As a result, such Fund's inverse exposure will need to be decreased. Conversely, if the Small Cap Benchmark underlying such Fund has fallen on a given day, net assets of such Fund should rise. As a result, the Fund's inverse exposure will need to be increased. For the ProShares QuadPro U.S. Small Cap, such Fund's long exposure will need to be increased on days when the Small Cap Benchmark rises and decreased on days when the Small Cap Benchmark falls. Daily rebalancing and the compounding of each day's return over time means that the return of each Fund for a period longer than a single day will be the result of each day's returns compounded over the period, which will very likely differ from four times (4X) or four

line with their current asset levels. During the first quarter of 2017, the average daily average daily dollar volume of e-mini futures contracts on the Russell 2000 Index was \$9.5 billion. Standard futures contracts on the Russell 2000 Index were not available during this period.

times the inverse (-4X), as applicable, of the return of the Small Cap Benchmark for the same period.

According to the Registration Statement, in the event position, price or accountability limits are reached with respect to Small Cap Futures Contracts, the Sponsor, in its commercially reasonable judgment, may cause each Fund to obtain exposure to the Small Cap Benchmark through investment in swap transactions and forward contracts referencing such Benchmark ("Small Cap Financial Instruments", together with Large Cap Financial Instruments, "Financial Instruments"). The Funds may also invest in Small Cap Financial Instruments if the market for a specific Small Cap Futures Contract experiences an emergency (e.g., natural disaster, terrorist attack or an act of God) or disruption (e.g., a trading halt or a flash crash) that prevent or make it impractical for a Fund from obtaining the appropriate amount of investment exposure using Small Cap Futures Contracts (i.e., conditions other than normal market conditions). The Funds do not intend to invest more than 25% of their respective net assets in Small Cap Financial Instruments.

According to the Registration Statement, because each Fund will seek results that correspond to four times the performance or four times the inverse of the Small Cap Benchmark for a single day, an adverse Small Cap Benchmark move of 25 percent or more could cause the NAV of a Fund to decline to zero and investors in a Fund to lose the full value of their investment. Therefore, each Fund will invest a limited portion of its assets (typically less than 5% of its net assets at the time of purchase) in listed option contracts designed to prevent a Fund's NAV from going to zero and allow a Fund to recoup a small portion of the substantial losses that may result from significant

movements in its Benchmark. Specifically, the ProShares QuadPro U.S. Small Cap will hold CME-listed "put" options on Small Cap Futures Contracts (which give the Fund the right to sell such contracts) and ProShares QuadPro Short U.S. Small Cap will hold CME-listed "call" options on Small Cap Futures Contracts (which give the Fund the right to buy such contracts). Such put and call options are referred to herein as "Small Cap Stop Options." (Large Cap Stop Options and Small Cap Stop Options, collectively, are referred to herein as "Stop Options.") If it is not practicable for a fund to invest in Small Cap Stop Options, a Fund may invest in OTC options on Small Cap Futures Contracts. These strategies will not prevent a Fund from losing money. These strategies are designed to permit a Fund to recover a small percentage of its losses in the event of significant i

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Each Fund generally will seek to remain fully invested at all times in Small Cap
Futures Contracts, Small Cap Stop Options, and Money Market Instruments that, in
combination, provide exposure to the Small Cap Benchmark consistent with its

investment objective without regard to market conditions, trends or direction.

Characteristics of Futures Contracts

According to the Registration Statement, a key feature of Futures Contracts is that they specify a delivery date for the underlying reference asset or the payment of its cash equivalent. As a result, the composition of each Fund's Benchmark will change from time to time as the delivery date for its component Futures Contracts is reached. The Funds will not take delivery of the reference assets underlying such Futures Contracts. Instead, each Fund intends to "roll" its Futures Contracts as they approach their delivery dates. To "roll" a Futures Contract means to sell a Futures Contract as it nears its delivery date and replace it with a new Futures Contract that has a later delivery date. Each Fund will "roll" its Futures Contracts in a manner designed to achieve its investment objective while minimizing transaction costs and market impact.

Net Asset Value

According to the Registration Statement, the NAV in respect of a Fund means the total assets of that Fund less the total liabilities of such Fund, consistently applied under the accrual method of accounting. The NAV of each Fund will include any unrealized profit or loss on a Fund's investments (including Money Market Instruments) and any other credit or debit accruing to a Fund but unpaid or not received by a Fund. The NAV per Share of a Fund will be computed by dividing the value of the net assets of such Fund (i.e., the value of its total assets less total liabilities) by its total number of Shares outstanding. Expenses and fees will be accrued daily and taken into account for purposes of determining the NAV. Each Fund's NAV will be calculated on each day other than a day when the Exchange is closed for regular trading. The Funds will compute their NAV

as of 4:00 p.m. (E.T.) (the "NAV Calculation Time") or an earlier time as set forth on www.proshares.com, if necessitated by the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE"), the Exchange or other exchange material to the valuation or operation of such Fund closing early. Each Fund's NAV will be calculated only once each trading day.

Futures Contracts, Stop Options, and OTC options (if any) will be valued at their then-current market value, which typically is the last traded price prior to the NAV Calculation Time on the date for which the NAV is being determined. If such Futures Contracts, Stop Options, or OTC options (if any) could not be liquidated on such day, due to the operation of daily limits or other rules of the exchange upon which that position is traded or otherwise, the Sponsor may, in its sole discretion, choose to determine a fair value price as the basis for determining the market value of such position for such day. Such fair value prices would generally be determined based on available inputs about the current value of the underlying reference assets and would be based on principles that the Sponsor deems fair and equitable so long as such principles are consistent with normal industry standards.

In calculating the NAV of a Fund, the value of a Fund's non-exchange traded Financial Instruments, if any, will be determined by the applicable contract governing such Financial Instrument(s). Typically, such contracts would value the Financial Instrument based on the last-traded price of the Benchmark Futures Contracts prior to 4:00 p.m. E.T. each day. However, in the event that the Futures Contracts underlying a Benchmark are not trading due to the operation of daily limits or otherwise, the Sponsor may, in its sole discretion, choose to fair value a Fund's non-exchange traded Financial Instruments for purposes of the NAV calculation. Such fair value prices would generally

be determined based on available inputs about the current value of the Futures Contracts underlying a Benchmark and would be based on principles that the Sponsor deems fair and equitable so long as such principles are consistent with normal industry standards.

Money Market Instruments generally will be valued using market prices provided by third party market data provider(s) or at amortized cost.

Indicative Optimized Portfolio Value ("IOPV")

The IOPV will be an indicator of the value of a Fund's net assets at the time the IOPV is disseminated. The IOPV will be calculated and disseminated every 15 seconds during the Exchange's Core Trading Session (normally, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., E.T. The IOPV of a Fund will generally be calculated using the NAV of the prior day as a base and updating this amount throughout the trading day to reflect changes in the value of the Futures Contracts, Money Market Instruments and other investments, if any, held by a Fund.

For IOPV calculation purposes, Futures Contracts will be valued using their most recent quoted price during the trading day, for as long as the main pricing mechanism of the CME is open.

- Futures Contracts may be valued intraday using the main pricing mechanism of the CME or through another proxy as determined to be appropriate by the third party market data provider.
- Swaps and forward contracts may be valued intraday using the intra-day value of the Large Cap Benchmark, or Small Cap Benchmark, as applicable, or another proxy as determined to be appropriate by the third party market data provider.

- Exchange-listed options may be valued intraday using the relevant exchange data, or another proxy as determined to be appropriate by the third party market data provider.
- Over-the-counter options may be valued intraday through option valuation models (e.g., Black-Scholes) or using exchange-traded options as a proxy, or another proxy as determined to be appropriate by the third party market data provider.
- Money Market Instruments generally will be valued using market prices provided by third party market data provider(s).

The IOPV will be disseminated on a per Share basis every 15 seconds during the Exchange's Core Trading Session.¹⁵

The Exchange will disseminate the IOPV through the facilities of the CTA high speed line. In addition, IOPV will be published on the Exchange's website and will be available through on-line information services such as Bloomberg and Reuters.

Creation and Redemption of Shares

According to the Registration Statement, each Fund will create and redeem Shares

Several major market data vendors display and/or make widely available IOPVs taken from the Consolidated Tape Association ("CTA") or other data feeds. In addition, circumstances may arise in which the NYSE Arca Core Trading Session is in progress, but trading in Futures Contracts is not occurring. Such circumstances may result from reasons including, but not limited to, a futures exchange having a separate holiday schedule than the NYSE Arca, a futures exchange closing prior to the close of the NYSE Arca, price fluctuation limits being reached in a Futures Contract, or a futures exchange, imposing any other suspension or limitation on trading in a Futures Contract. In such instances, for IOPV calculation purposes, the price of the applicable Futures Contracts, as well as Stop Options or Financial Instruments whose price is derived from the Futures Contracts, would be static or priced by the Fund at the applicable early cut-off time of the exchange trading the applicable Futures Contract.

from time to time in one or more "Creation Units." A Creation Unit is a block of 25,000 Shares of a Fund. The size of a Creation Unit is subject to change.

On any "Business Day", an "Authorized Participant" may place an order with the Distributor to create one or more Creation Units. ¹⁶ For purposes of processing both purchase and redemption orders, a "Business Day" for each Fund means any day on which the NAV of such Fund is determined. By placing a purchase order, an Authorized Participant agrees to deposit cash with the Custodian of the Funds. The cash deposited will be equal to the NAV of the number of Creation Unit(s) purchased. A standard creation transaction fee is imposed to offset the transfer and other transaction costs associated with the issuance of Creation Units. Purchase orders, once accepted, are not revocable by an Authorized Participant.

Redemption Procedures

According to the Registration Statement, the procedures by which an Authorized Participant can redeem one or more Creation Units will mirror the procedures for the creation of Creation Units. On any Business Day, an Authorized Participant may place an order with the Distributor to redeem one or more Creation Units. If a redemption order is received prior to the applicable cut-off time, or earlier if the Exchange or other exchange material to the valuation or operation of such Fund closes before the cut-off time, the day on which SEI receives a valid redemption order is the redemption order date. If the redemption order is received after the applicable cut-off time, the redemption order date will be the next day. Redemption orders, once accepted, are not revocable by an

[&]quot;Authorized Participants" will be the only persons that may place orders to create and redeem Creation Units. An Authorized Participant is an entity that has entered into an Authorized Participant Agreement with the Trust and Sponsor.

Authorized Participant. The redemption procedures allow Authorized Participants to redeem Creation Units. Individual shareholders may not redeem directly from a Fund.

By placing a redemption order, an Authorized Participant agrees to deliver the Creation Units to be redeemed through the Depository Trust Company's ("DTC") bookentry system to the applicable Fund not later than noon (E.T.), on the first Business Day immediately following the redemption order date (T+1). The Sponsor reserves the right to extend the deadline for a Fund to receive the Creation Units required for settlement up to the third Business Day following the redemption order date (T+3).

The redemption proceeds from a Fund will consist of the cash redemption amount. The cash redemption amount is equal to the NAV of the number of Creation Unit(s) redeemed. A standard redemption transaction fee is imposed to offset the transfer and other transaction costs associated with the redemption of Creation Units.

Creation and redemption transactions must be placed each day with SEI by 3:30 p.m., E.T., or earlier if the Exchange or other exchange material to the valuation or operation of such Fund closes before such cut-off time, to receive that day's NAV. The NAV calculation time for each Fund typically will be 4:00 p.m. E.T.

The redemption proceeds due from a Fund will be delivered to the Authorized Participant at noon (E.T.), on the third Business Day immediately following the redemption order date if, by such time on such Business Day immediately following the redemption order date, a Fund's DTC account has been credited with the Creation Units to be redeemed.

Trading Halts

With respect to trading halts, the Exchange may consider all relevant factors in

exercising its discretion to halt or suspend trading in the Shares of a Fund.¹⁷ Trading in Shares of a Fund will be halted if the circuit breaker parameters in NYSE Arca Rule 7.12-E have been reached. Trading also may be halted because of market conditions or for reasons that, in the view of the Exchange, make trading in the Shares inadvisable.

The Exchange may halt trading during the day in which an interruption to the dissemination of the IOPV or the value of a Benchmark occurs. If the interruption to the dissemination of the IOPV or the value of a Benchmark persists past the trading day in which it occurred, the Exchange will halt trading no later than the beginning of the trading day following the interruption. In addition, if the Exchange becomes aware that the NAV with respect to the Shares is not disseminated to all market participants at the same time, it will halt trading in the Shares until such time as the NAV is available to all market participants.

Trading Rules

The Exchange deems the Shares of the Funds to be equity securities, thus rendering trading in the Shares subject to the Exchange's existing rules governing the trading of equity securities. Shares will trade on the NYSE Arca Marketplace from 4 a.m. to 8 p.m. E.T. in accordance with NYSE Arca Rule 7.34-E (Early, Core, and Late Trading Sessions). The Exchange has appropriate rules to facilitate transactions in the Shares during all trading sessions. As provided in NYSE Arca Rule 7.6-E, the minimum price variation ("MPV") for quoting and entry of orders in equity securities traded on the NYSE Arca Marketplace is \$0.01, with the exception of securities that are priced less than \$1.00 for which the MPV for order entry is \$0.0001.

See NYSE Arca Rule 7.12-E.

The Shares will conform to the initial and continued listing criteria under NYSE Arca Rule 8.200-E and Commentary .02 thereto. The trading of the Shares will be subject to NYSE Arca Rule 8.200-E, Commentary .02(e), which sets forth certain restrictions on Equity Trading Permit ("ETP") Holders acting as registered Market Makers in Trust Issued Receipts to facilitate surveillance. The Exchange represents that, for initial and continued listing, each Fund will be in compliance with Rule 10A-3¹⁸ under the Act, as provided by NYSE Arca Rule 5.3-E. A minimum of 100,000 Shares of each Fund will be outstanding at the commencement of trading on the Exchange.

Availability of Information

Each Fund's total portfolio composition will be disclosed each business day that the Exchange is open for trading on the Funds' website at www.proshares.com.

The website disclosure of portfolio holdings will include information that market participants can use to value these positions intraday. On a daily basis, the Sponsor will disclose on the Funds' website the following information regarding each portfolio holding, as applicable to the type of holding: ticker symbol, CUSIP number or other identifier, if any; a description of the holding (including the type of holding, such as the type of swap); the identity of the security, index or other asset or instrument underlying the holding, if any; for options, the option strike price; quantity held (as measured by, for example, par value, notional value or number of shares, contracts or units); maturity date, if any; market value of the holding; and the percentage weighting of the holding in a Fund's portfolio. This website disclosure of the portfolio composition of the Funds will occur at the same time as the disclosure by the Sponsor of the portfolio composition to

¹⁸ 17 CFR 240.10A-3.

Authorized Participants so that all market participants are provided portfolio composition information at the same time. Therefore, the same portfolio information will be provided on the public websites as well as in electronic files provided to Authorized Participants.

The Funds' website also will include the NAV, the 4 p.m. bid/ask midpoint as reported by the Exchange, the last trade price for each Fund's Shares as reported by the Exchange, the Shares of each Fund outstanding, and the Shares of each Fund created or redeemed on that day. The prospectus, monthly "Statements of Account," "Quarterly Performance of the Midpoint versus the NAV" (as required by the CFTC), and the "Roll Dates" (i.e., the period during which the Benchmark Futures Contracts are changed or "rolled"), as well as Forms 10-Q, Forms 10-K, and other Commission filings, for each Fund will also be posted on such website. The Funds' website, which will be publicly available at the time of the public offering of Shares, will also include a form of the prospectus for the Funds that may be downloaded. The Funds' website will be publicly accessible at no charge.

The Funds' website will contain the following information: (1) daily trading volume, the prior Business Day's reported NAV and closing price, and a calculation of the premium and discount of the closing price or mid-point of the bid/ask spread at the time of NAV calculation (the "Bid/Ask Price") against the NAV; and (2) data in chart format displaying the frequency distribution of discounts and premiums of the daily closing price or Bid/Ask Price against the NAV, within appropriate ranges, for at least each of the four previous calendar quarters; and (v) as applicable, (1) the name, quantity, value, expiration and strike price of Futures Contracts and Stop Options, (2) the counterparty to and value of swap agreements and forward contracts, (3) quantity held

regarding each portfolio holding (as measured by, for example, par value, notional value or number of shares, contracts or units); (4) maturity date, if any; and (5) the aggregate net value of Money Market Instruments and cash held in each Fund's portfolio. The Funds will also disseminate the Funds' holdings on a daily basis on the Funds' website.

The NAV for the Funds' Shares will be disseminated daily to all market participants at the same time. The intraday, closing prices, and settlement prices of the Futures Contracts and Stop Options will be readily available from the applicable futures exchange websites, automated quotation systems, published or other public sources, or major market data vendors.

Complete real-time data for the Futures Contracts and Stop Options is available by subscription through on-line information services. The CME also provides delayed futures and options on futures information on current and past trading sessions and market news free of charge on its website. The specific contract specifications for Futures Contracts are also available on such websites, as well as other financial informational sources. Quotation and last-sale information regarding the Shares will be disseminated through the facilities of the CTA. Quotation information for Money Market Instruments, swaps, forward contracts, and OTC stop options may be obtained from brokers and dealers who make markets in such instruments and from major market data vendors.

The IOPV will be available through on-line information services. In addition, the IOPV will be published on the Exchange's website and will be available through on-line information services such as Bloomberg and Reuters.

Impact on Arbitrage Mechanism

The Sponsor believes there will be minimal, if any, impact to the arbitrage mechanism as a result of the use of derivatives. Each Fund intends to achieve substantially all of its leveraged or inverse leveraged exposure to its Benchmark through positions in Futures Contracts. The intraday, closing prices, and settlement prices of the Futures Contracts will be readily available from the applicable futures exchange websites, automated quotation systems, published or other public sources, or major market data vendors. Market makers and participants should be able to value derivatives as long as the positions are disclosed with relevant information. The Sponsor believes that the price at which Shares of the Funds trade will continue to be disciplined by arbitrage opportunities created by the ability to purchase or redeem Shares of the Funds at their NAV, which should ensure that Shares of the Funds will not trade at a material discount or premium in relation to its NAV.

The Sponsor does not believe there will be any significant impacts to the settlement or operational aspects of the Funds' arbitrage mechanism due to the use of derivatives.

Surveillance

The Exchange represents that trading in the Shares of each Fund will be subject to the existing trading surveillances administered by the Exchange, as well as cross-market surveillances administered by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA") on behalf of the Exchange, which are designed to detect violations of Exchange rules and applicable federal securities laws.¹⁹ The Exchange represents that these procedures are

FINRA conducts cross-market surveillances on behalf of the Exchange pursuant

adequate to properly monitor Exchange trading of the Shares in all trading sessions and to deter and detect violations of Exchange rules and federal securities laws applicable to trading on the Exchange.

The surveillances referred to above generally focus on detecting securities trading outside their normal patterns, which could be indicative of manipulative or other violative activity. When such situations are detected, surveillance analysis follows and investigations are opened, where appropriate, to review the behavior of all relevant parties for all relevant trading violations.

The Exchange or FINRA, on behalf of the Exchange, or both, will communicate as needed regarding trading in the Shares, Futures Contracts and certain Stop Options with other markets and other entities that are members of the ISG, and the Exchange or FINRA, on behalf of the Exchange, or both, may obtain trading information regarding trading in the Shares, Futures Contracts and certain Stop Options from such markets and other entities. In addition, the Exchange may obtain information regarding trading in the Shares, Futures Contracts and certain Stop Options from markets and other entities that are members of ISG or with which the Exchange has in place a comprehensive surveillance sharing agreement ("CSSA").²⁰ The Exchange is also able to obtain information regarding trading in the Shares, Futures Contracts and certain Stop Options through ETP Holders, in connection with such ETP Holders' proprietary or customer trades which they effect through ETP Holders on any relevant market. The Exchange can

to a regulatory services agreement. The Exchange is responsible for FINRA's performance under this regulatory services agreement.

For a list of the current members of ISG, <u>see www.isgportal.org</u>. The Exchange notes that not all components of a Fund may trade on markets that are members of ISG or with which the Exchange has in place a CSSA.

obtain market surveillance information, including customer identity information, with respect to transactions (including transactions in Futures Contracts and certain Stop Options) occurring on U.S. futures and securities exchanges that are members of the ISG.

In addition, the Exchange also has a general policy prohibiting the distribution of material, non-public information by its employees.

All statements and representations made in this filing regarding (a) the description of the portfolios of the Funds or Benchmarks, (b) limitations on the portfolios of the Funds or Benchmarks, or (c) the applicability of Exchange listing rules specified in this rule filing shall constitute continued listing requirements for listing the Shares on the Exchange.

The issuer has represented to the Exchange that it will advise the Exchange of any failure by the Funds to comply with the continued listing requirements, and, pursuant to its obligations under Section 19(g)(1) of the Act, the Exchange will monitor for compliance with the continued listing requirements. If a Fund is not in compliance with the applicable listing requirements, the Exchange will commence delisting procedures under NYSE Arca Rule 5.5-E(m).

Information Bulletin

Prior to the commencement of trading, the Exchange will inform its ETP Holders in an Information Bulletin of the special characteristics and risks associated with trading the Shares. Specifically, the Information Bulletin will discuss the following: (1) the risks involved in trading the Shares during the Early and Late Trading Sessions when an updated IOPV will not be calculated or publicly disseminated; (2) the procedures for purchases and redemptions of Shares in Creation Units (and that Shares are not

individually redeemable); (3) NYSE Arca Rule 9.2-E(a), which imposes a duty of due diligence on its ETP Holders to learn the essential facts relating to every customer prior to trading the Shares; (4) how information regarding the IOPV is disseminated; (5) how information regarding portfolio holdings is disseminated; (6) the requirement that ETP Holders deliver a prospectus to investors purchasing newly issued Shares prior to or concurrently with the confirmation of a transaction; and (7) trading information.

Prior to the commencement of trading, the Exchange will inform its ETP Holders of the suitability requirements of NYSE Arca Rule 9.2-E(a) in an Information Bulletin. Specifically, ETP Holders will be reminded in the Information Bulletin that, in recommending transactions in the Shares, they must have a reasonable basis to believe that (1) the recommendation is suitable for a customer given reasonable inquiry concerning the customer's investment objectives, financial situation, needs, and any other information known by such ETP Holder, and (2) the customer can evaluate the special characteristics, and is able to bear the financial risks, of an investment in the Shares. In connection with the suitability obligation, the Information Bulletin will also provide that ETP Holders must make reasonable efforts to obtain the following information: (1) the customer's financial status; (2) the customer's tax status; (3) the customer's investment objectives; and (4) such other information used or considered to be reasonable by such ETP Holder or registered representative in making recommendations to the customer.

Further, the Exchange states that FINRA has implemented increased sales practice and customer margin requirements for FINRA members applicable to inverse, leveraged and inverse leveraged securities (which include the Shares) and options on such securities, as described in FINRA Regulatory Notices 09-31 (June 2009), 09-53

(August 2009), and 09-65 (November 2009) (collectively, "FINRA Regulatory Notices"). ETP Holders that carry customer accounts will be required to follow the FINRA guidance set forth in these notices. As noted above, each Fund will seek, on a daily basis, investment results that correspond (before fees and expenses) to 4X, or -4X, respectively, the performance of a Benchmark. Over a period of time in excess of one day, the cumulative percentage increase or decrease in the NAV of the Shares of a Fund may diverge significantly from a multiple or inverse multiple of the cumulative percentage decrease in the relevant Benchmark due to a compounding effect.

In addition, the Information Bulletin will advise ETP Holders, prior to the commencement of trading, of the prospectus delivery requirements applicable to a Fund. The Information Bulletin will also discuss any exemptive, no-action, and interpretive relief granted by the Commission from any rules under the Act. In addition, the Information Bulletin will reference that a Fund is subject to various fees and expenses described in the Registration Statement. The Information Bulletin will also reference that the CFTC has regulatory jurisdiction over the trading of Futures Contracts traded on U.S. markets.

The Information Bulletin will also disclose the trading hours of the Shares and that the NAV for the Shares will be calculated as of 4:00 p.m. E.T. each trading day. The Information Bulletin will disclose that information about the Shares will be publicly available on the Funds' website.

2. Statutory Basis

The basis under the Act for this proposed rule change is the requirement under

Section 6(b)(5)²¹ that an exchange have rules that are designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to, and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest.

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices in that the Shares will be listed and traded on the Exchange pursuant to the initial and continued listing criteria in NYSE Arca Rule 8.200-E and Commentary .02 thereto. The Exchange has in place surveillance procedures that are adequate to properly monitor trading in the Shares in all trading sessions and to deter and detect violations of Exchange rules and applicable federal securities laws.

Futures Contract closing price and settlement prices are readily available from the CME. In addition, such prices are available from automated quotation systems, published or other public sources, or on-line information services. Each Benchmark will be disseminated by one or more major market data vendors every 15 seconds during the NYSE Arca Core Trading Session of 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. E.T. Quotation and last-sale information regarding the Shares will be disseminated through the facilities of the CTA. The IOPV will be disseminated on a per Share basis by one or more major market data vendors every 15 seconds during the NYSE Arca Core Trading Session. The Exchange may halt trading during the day in which an interruption to the dissemination of the IOPV or the value of the underlying Benchmark occurs. If the interruption to the dissemination of the IOPV or the value of the underlying Benchmark persists past the trading day in which it occurred, the Exchange will halt trading no later than the beginning of the

²¹ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

trading day following the interruption. In addition, if the Exchange becomes aware that the NAV with respect to the Shares is not disseminated to all market participants at the same time, it will halt trading in the Shares until such time as the NAV is available to all market participants.

The proposed rule change is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade and to protect investors and the public interest in that a large amount of information will be publicly available regarding the Funds and the Shares, thereby promoting market transparency. Quotation and last sale information for the Futures Contracts are widely disseminated through a variety of major market data vendors worldwide. Complete real-time data for such contracts is available by subscription from Reuters and Bloomberg.

The CME also provides delayed futures information on current and past trading sessions and market news free of charge on its website. Each Benchmark will be disseminated by one or more major market data vendors every 15 seconds during the NYSE Arca Core

Trading Session of 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. E.T. The NAV per Share will be calculated daily and made available to all market participants at the same time. An updated IOPV will be calculated and widely disseminated every 15 seconds by one or more major market data vendors throughout the NYSE Arca Core Trading Session.

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 exchange-traded products that are principally exposed to futures contracts and that will enhance competition among market participants, to the benefit of investors and the marketplace. As noted above, the Exchange has in place surveillance procedures relating to trading in the Shares and may

obtain information via ISG from other exchanges that are members of ISG or with which the Exchange has in place a CSSA.

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 that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purpose of the Act. The Exchange notes that the proposed rule change will facilitate the listing and trading of additional types of exchange-traded products that are principally exposed to futures contracts and that will enhance competition among market participants, to the benefit of investors and the marketplace.

C. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed</u> <u>Rule Change Received from Members, Participants, or Others</u>

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

III. <u>Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission</u>
Action

Within 45 days of the date of publication of this notice in the <u>Federal Register</u> or 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 e-mail to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-NYSEARCA-2017-69 on the subject line.

Paper comments:

 Send paper comments in triplicate to Brent J. Fields, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NYSEARCA-2017-69. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail 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/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

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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-2017-69 and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from publication in the <u>Federal Register</u>].

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority. 22

Robert W. Errett Deputy Secretary

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