

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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Self-Regulatory Organizations; BOX Options Exchange LLC; Notice of Designation of a Longer Period for Commission Action on Proposed Rule Change to List and Trade Option Contracts Overlying 1,000 Shares of the SPDR S&P 500 Exchange-Traded Fund

On January 18, 2013, BOX Options Exchange LLC (“Exchange”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”)¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² a proposed rule change to list and trade options overlying 1,000 shares of the SPDR S&P 500 exchange-traded fund. The proposed rule change was published for comment in the Federal Register on February 4, 2013.³ The Commission received two comment letters on this proposal.⁴

Section 19(b)(2) of the Act⁵ provides that within 45 days of the publication of notice of the filing of a proposed rule change, or within such longer period up to 90 days as the Commission may designate if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission shall either approve the proposed rule change, disapprove the proposed rule change, or institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved. The 45th day for this filing is March 21, 2013. The Commission is extending this 45-day time period.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 68759 (January 29, 2013), 78 FR 7835.

⁴ See letters to Elizabeth M. Murphy, Secretary, Commission, from Janet McGinness, EVP & Corporate Secretary, General Counsel, NYSE Markets, NYSE Euronext, dated February 25, 2013 and Edward T. Tilly, President and Chief Operating Officer, Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated, dated February 25, 2013.

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

The Commission finds it appropriate to designate a longer period within which to take action on the proposed rule change so that it has sufficient time to consider this proposed rule change, which would allow the listing of a new option product, the comment letters that have been submitted in connection with this proposed rule change, and any response to the comment letters submitted by the Exchange.

Accordingly, the Commission, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,⁶ designates May 5, 2013 as the date by which the Commission should either approve or disapprove, or institute proceedings to determine whether to disapprove, the proposed rule change (File No. SR-BOX-2013-06).

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁷

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⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

⁷ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(31).