



SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; BOX Exchange LLC; Notice of Designation of Longer Period for Commission Action on a Proposed Rule Change to Adopt Rules to Govern FLEX Equity Options and a New Order Type to Trade FLEX Equity Options on the BOX Trading Floor

September 27, 2023.

On September 1, 2023, BOX Exchange LLC (the “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 adopt Rules 5055 and 7605 which, among other applicable rules, will govern the trading of flexible exchange equity options (“FLEX Equity Options”) on the BOX Trading Floor, and make related changes to Rules 100 (Definitions), 7620 (Accommodation Transactions), and 12140 (Imposition of Fines for Minor Rule Violations). The proposed rule change was published for comment in the Federal Register on September 19, 2023.³

Section 19(b)(2) of the Act⁴ 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

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 98380 (September 13, 2023), 88 FR 64482.

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

after publication of the notice for this proposed rule change is November 3, 2023. The Commission is extending this 45-day time period.

The Commission finds that it is appropriate to designate a longer period within which to take action on the proposed rule change so that it has sufficient time to consider the proposed rule change. Accordingly, the Commission, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,⁵ designates December 18, 2023, as the date by which the Commission shall either approve or disapprove, or institute proceedings to determine whether to disapprove, the proposed rule change (File No. SR-BOX-2023-20).

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁶

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⁵ Id.

⁶ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(31).