

(“Underlying Funds”) in reliance on section 12(d)(1)(G) of the Act; and (iv) is also eligible to invest in securities (as defined in section 2(a)(36) of the Act) in reliance on rule 12d1–2 under the Act (each a “Fund of Funds”), to also invest, to the extent consistent with its investment objectives, policies, strategies and limitations, in financial instruments that may not be securities within the meaning of section 2(a)(36) of the Act (“Other Investments”).³ Applicants also request that the order exempt any entity, including any entity controlled by or under common control with an Adviser, that now or in the future acts as principal underwriter, or broker or dealer if registered under the Exchange Act, with respect to the transactions described in the application.

3. Consistent with its fiduciary obligations under the Act, each Fund of Funds’ board of trustees or directors will review the advisory fees charged by the Fund of Funds’ Adviser to ensure that they are based on services provided that are in addition to, rather than duplicative of, services provided pursuant to the advisory agreement of any investment company in which the Fund of Funds may invest.

Applicants’ Legal Analysis

1. Section 12(d)(1)(A) of the Act provides that no registered investment company (“acquiring company”) may acquire securities of another investment company (“acquired company”) if such securities represent more than 3% of the acquired company’s outstanding voting stock or more than 5% of the acquiring company’s total assets, or if such securities, together with the securities of other investment companies, represent more than 10% of the acquiring company’s total assets. Section 12(d)(1)(B) of the Act provides that no registered open-end investment company may sell its securities to another investment company if the sale will cause the acquiring company to own more than 3% of the acquired company’s voting stock, or cause more than 10% of the acquired company’s voting stock to be owned by investment companies and companies controlled by them.

2. Section 12(d)(1)(G) of the Act provides, in part, that section 12(d)(1) will not apply to securities of an acquired company purchased by an acquiring company if: (i) The acquired company and acquiring company are

part of the same group of investment companies; (ii) the acquiring company holds only securities of acquired companies that are part of the same group of investment companies, government securities, and short-term paper; (iii) the aggregate sales loads and distribution-related fees of the acquiring company and the acquired company are not excessive under rules adopted pursuant to section 22(b) or section 22(c) of the Act by a securities association registered under section 15A of the Exchange Act or by the Commission; and (iv) the acquired company has a policy that prohibits it from acquiring securities of registered open-end investment companies or registered unit investment trusts in reliance on section 12(d)(1)(F) or (G) of the Act.

3. Rule 12d1–2 under the Act permits a registered open-end investment company or a registered unit investment trust that relies on section 12(d)(1)(G) of the Act to acquire, in addition to securities issued by another registered investment company in the same group of investment companies, government securities, and short-term paper: (i) Securities issued by an investment company that is not in the same group of investment companies, when the acquisition is in reliance on section 12(d)(1)(A) or 12(d)(1)(F) of the Act; (ii) securities (other than securities issued by an investment company); and (iii) securities issued by a money market fund, when the investment is in reliance on rule 12d1–1 under the Act. For the purposes of rule 12d1–2, “securities” means any security as defined in section 2(a)(36) of the Act.

4. Section 6(c) of the Act provides that the Commission may exempt any person, security, or transaction from any provision of the Act, or from any rule under the Act, if such exemption is necessary or appropriate in the public interest and consistent with the protection of investors and the purposes fairly intended by the policies and provisions of the Act.

5. Applicants request an order under section 6(c) of the Act for an exemption from rule 12d1–2(a) to allow the Funds of Funds to invest in Other Investments while investing in Underlying Funds. Applicants state that the Funds of Funds will comply with rule 12d1–2 under the Act, but for the fact that the Funds of Funds may invest a portion of their assets in Other Investments. Applicants assert that permitting the Funds of Funds to invest in Other Investments as described in the application would not raise any of the concerns that the requirements of

section 12(d)(1) were designed to address.

6. Applicants assert that the requested exemption satisfies the standard for relief under section 6(c) of the Act.

Applicants’ Condition

Applicants agree that any order granting the requested relief will be subject to the following condition:

Applicants will comply with all provisions of rule 12d1–2 under the Act, except for paragraph (a)(2) to the extent that it restricts any Fund of Funds from investing in Other Investments as described in the application.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, under delegated authority.

Kevin M. O’Neill,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Public Law 94–409, that the Securities and Exchange Commission will hold a Closed Meeting on Thursday, August 16, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

Commissioners, Counsel to the Commissioners, the Secretary to the Commission, and recording secretaries will attend the Closed Meeting. Certain staff members who have an interest in the matters also may be present.

The General Counsel of the Commission, or his designee, has certified that, in his opinion, one or more of the exemptions set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(3), (5), (7), 9(B) and (10) and 17 CFR 200.402(a)(3), (5), (7), 9(ii) and (10), permit consideration of the scheduled matters at the Closed Meeting.

Commissioner Gallagher, as duty officer, voted to consider the items listed for the Closed Meeting in a closed session.

The subject matter of the Closed Meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 16, 2012 will be:

Institution and settlement of injunctive actions;

Institution and settlement of administrative proceedings; and

Other matters relating to enforcement proceedings.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting items.

³ Every existing entity that currently intends to rely on the requested order is named as an applicant. Any entity that relies on the order in the future will do so only in accordance with the terms and condition in the application.

For further information and to ascertain what, if any, matters have been added, deleted or postponed, please contact: The Office of the Secretary at (202) 551-5400.

Dated: August 9, 2012.

Elizabeth M. Murphy,

Secretary.

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE Arca, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Amend the NYSE Arca Options Fee Schedule To Add an Additional Tier to the Lead Market Maker Rights Fee and an Alternative Qualification Basis for Market Makers That Post Liquidity in Penny Pilot Issues and Options on the SPDR S&P 500 ETF

August 8, 2012.

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 July 27, 2012, 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. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The Exchange proposes to amend the NYSE Arca Options Fee Schedule (“Fee Schedule”) to add an additional tier to the Lead Market Maker (“LMM”) rights fee and an alternative qualification basis for Market Makers that post liquidity in Penny Pilot issues and options on the SPDR S&P 500 ETF (“SPY”). The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s Web site at www.nyse.com, at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission’s Public Reference Room.

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

In its filing with the Commission, the 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. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and the Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to amend the Fee Schedule to add an additional tier to the LMM rights fee and an alternative qualification basis for Market Makers that post liquidity in Penny Pilot issues and options on SPY.

LMM Rights

OTP Firms ⁴ acting as LMMs are assessed a fee for LMM rights for each appointed issue. ⁵ The LMM rights fee is based on the average daily volume (“ADV”) of Customer contracts traded in that issue. ⁶ Currently, the LMM rights fees are charged as follows:

| Average national daily customer contracts | Monthly issue fee |
|---|-------------------|
| 0 to 2,000 | \$75 |
| 2,001 to 5,000 | 200 |
| 5,001 to 15,000 | 375 |
| 15,001 to 100,000 | 750 |
| Over 100,000 | 1,500 |

The Exchange proposes to add an additional tier for issues with an ADV of between 0–1000 contracts that will be charged an LMM rights fee of \$45. The LMM rights fee for issues with an ADV of between 1001–2000 contracts would continue to be \$75. The fees are assessed at the end of each month on each issue that an LMM holds in their LMM appointment. The proposed LMM rights fees would be charged as follows:

| Average national daily customer contracts | Monthly issue fee |
|---|-------------------|
| 0–1000 | \$45 |
| 1001 to 2,000 | 75 |
| 2,001 to 5,000 | 200 |
| 5,001 to 15,000 | 375 |
| 15,001 to 100,000 | 750 |
| Over 100,000 | 1,500 |

Penny Pilot Issues

Currently, Market Makers receive a per contract credit for posted electronic executions based on certain volume thresholds in Penny Pilot issues, with an additional credit for posted electronic executions in SPY, as follows:

| Tier | Qualification basis (average electronic executions per day) | Credit applied to posted electronic market maker exe- cutions in penny pilot issues (except SPY) | Credit applied to posted electronic market maker exe- cutions in SPY |
|--------------|---|---|---|
| Base | | (\$0.32) | (\$0.34) |
| Tier 1 | 30,000 Contracts from Market Maker Posted Orders in Penny Pilot Issues | (\$0.34) | (\$0.36) |
| Tier 2 | 80,000 Contracts from Market Maker Posted Orders in Penny Pilot Issues | (\$0.38) | (\$0.40) |
| Tier 3 | 150,000 Contracts from Market Maker Posted Orders in Penny Pilot Issues | (\$0.40) | (\$0.42) |

For example, if a Market Maker has average electronic executions per day of 40,000 contracts from posted orders in Penny Pilot issues, the Market Maker receives a credit of \$0.34 per contract

for posted electronic executions in non-SPY Penny Pilot issues, and a credit of \$0.36 per contract for posted electronic executions in SPY.

The Exchange proposes to add an alternative qualification basis for Market Makers that post liquidity in Penny Pilot issues and SPY. Market Makers will have an alternative method to

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 15 U.S.C. 78a.

³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

⁴ See NYSE Arca Rule 1.1(r).

⁵ “Market Maker” is defined in NYSE Arca Rule 6.32. “Lead Market Maker” is defined in NYSE Arca Rule 6.82.

⁶ The term “Customer” excludes a broker-dealer. See NYSE Arca Rule 6.1A(a)(4).