

substantially similar to the independence requirements contained in the listing standards of Nasdaq and NYSE.

The Exchange believes that by ensuring its parent company's governance documents accurately reflect the correct legal address of Parent's registered office, the proposed rule change would reduce potential investor or market participant confusion.

#### *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 purposes of the Act. The proposed rule change is not intended to address competitive issues but rather is concerned solely with updating the Parent Bylaws and Exchange Bylaws to reflect the changes described above.

#### *C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others*

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

### **III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action**

The Exchange has filed the proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act<sup>10</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.<sup>11</sup> Because the proposed rule change does not: (i) significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) by its terms, become operative prior to 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest, the proposed rule change has become operative pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.

A proposed rule change filed under Rule 19b-4(f)(6)<sup>12</sup> normally does not become operative for 30 days after the date of filing. However, pursuant to Rule 19b-4(f)(6),<sup>13</sup> the Commission may designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Exchange has asked the Commission to

waive the 30-day operative delay so that proposal may become operative upon filing. The Exchange states that the proposed changes relating to the ability of the same person to hold multiple officer titles and the amended independence requirements are consistent with other national securities exchanges and will enable the Exchange to continue to be organized and have the capacity to be able to carry out the purposes of the Act, including protecting investors and the public interest. Further, the proposed change of updating the zip code of the Parent's registered office does not raise any regulatory issues. For the foregoing reasons, the Commission believes that waiving the 30-day operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest and, therefore, the Commission designates the proposed rule change to be operative upon filing.<sup>14</sup>

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission will institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be approved or disapproved.

### **IV. Solicitation of Comments**

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

#### *Electronic Comments*

- Use the Commission's internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR-C2-2019-001 on the subject line.

#### *Paper Comments*

• Send paper comments in triplicate to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-C2-2019-001. This file number should be included on the

subject line if email is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's internet website (<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 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-C2-2019-001 and should be submitted on or before March 8, 2019.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>15</sup>

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## **SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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### **Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE Arca, Inc.; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change Relating to the Listing and Trading of the Shares of the ProShares UltraPro 3x Natural Gas ETF and ProShares UltraPro 3x Short Natural Gas ETF Under NYSE Arca Rule 8.200-E**

February 11, 2019.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1)<sup>1</sup> of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the

<sup>10</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

<sup>11</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

<sup>12</sup> *Id.*

<sup>13</sup> *Id.*

<sup>14</sup> For purposes only of waiving the 30-day operative delay, the Commission has also considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

<sup>15</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

“Act”)<sup>2</sup> and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,<sup>3</sup> notice is hereby given that, on January 28, 2019, 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 list and trade the shares of the following under NYSE Arca Rule 8.200–E, Commentary .02 (“Trust Issued Receipts”): ProShares UltraPro 3x Natural Gas ETF and ProShares UltraPro 3x Short Natural Gas ETF. The proposed change is available on the Exchange’s website at [www.nyse.com](http://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 list and trade shares (“Shares”) of the following under NYSE Arca Rule 8.200–E, Commentary .02, which governs the listing and trading of Trust Issued Receipts: ProShares UltraPro 3x Natural Gas ETF and ProShares UltraPro 3x Short Natural Gas ETF (each a “Fund” and, collectively, the “Funds”).<sup>4</sup>

<sup>2</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78a.

<sup>3</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

<sup>4</sup> Commentary .02 to NYSE Arca Rule 8.200–E applies to Trust Issued Receipts 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

Each Fund is a series of the ProShares Trust II (the “Trust”), a Delaware statutory trust.<sup>5</sup> The Trust and the Funds are managed and controlled by ProShare Capital Management LLC (“ProShare Capital” or the “Sponsor”). ProShare Capital is registered as a commodity pool operator (“CPO”) with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“CFTC”) and is a member of the National Futures Association (“NFA”).<sup>6</sup>

In its capacity as the Custodian for the Funds, the Bank of New York Mellon (“BNYM”) may hold the Funds’ securities and cash and/or cash equivalents pursuant to a custodial agreement (the “Custodian”). The Custodian is also the transfer agent for the Shares. In addition, in its capacity as Administrator for the Funds, BNYM (the “Administrator”) performs certain administrative and accounting services for the Funds and prepares certain Commission, NFA and CFTC reports on behalf of the Funds. In its capacity as Distributor for the Funds, SEI Investments Distribution Co. performs functions and duties relating to distribution and marketing.

#### ProShares UltraPro 3x Natural Gas ETF

According to the Registration Statement, the investment objective of the Fund is to seek daily investment results, before fees and expenses, that correspond to three times (3x) the performance of the Bloomberg Natural Gas Subindex<sup>SM</sup> (the “Benchmark”).<sup>7</sup>

on futures contracts; forward contracts; equity caps, collars, and floors; and swap agreements.

<sup>5</sup> The Trust is registered under the Securities Act of 1933. On May 19, 2017, the Trust filed with the Commission 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. 333–218136) (the “Registration Statement”). The description of the operation of the Trust and the Funds herein is based, in part, on the Registration Statement.

<sup>6</sup> The Commission has previously approved listing of Trust Issued Receipts based on natural gas on the American Stock Exchange LLC (now known as NYSE American LLC) and NYSE Arca. *See, e.g.*, Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 55632 (April 13, 2007), 72 FR 19987 (April 20, 2007) (SR–Amex–2006–112) (order approving listing and trading of shares of United States Natural Gas Fund, LP); 56831 (November 21, 2007), 72 FR 67612 (November 29, 2007) (SR–Amex–2007–98) (order approving listing and trading of shares of United States 12 Month Oil Fund, LP and United States 12 Month Natural Gas Fund, LP); 63753 (January 21, 2011), 76 FR 4963 (January 27, 2011) (SR–NYSEArca–2010–110) (order approving listing and trading of shares of Teucurus Natural Gas Fund); and 65136 (August 15, 2011), 76 FR 52037 (August 19, 2011) (SR–NYSEArca–2011–24) (order approving listing and trading of shares of ProShares Short DJ–UBS Natural Gas, ProShares Ultra DJ–UBS Natural Gas and ProShares UltraShort DJ–UBS Natural Gas).

<sup>7</sup> According to the Registration Statement, the Benchmark is a “rolling index,” which means that the Index performance includes the impact of

The Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective for a single day, not for any other period.<sup>8</sup>

The Benchmark is intended to reflect the performance of a rolling position in natural gas futures contracts listed on the New York Mercantile Exchange (the “NYMEX”, which is part of the CME Group, Inc. (“CME”)), including the impact of rolling, without regard to income earned on cash positions.

#### ProShares UltraPro 3x Short Natural Gas ETF

According to the Registration Statement, the investment objective of the Fund is to seek daily investment results, before fees and expenses, that correspond to three times the inverse (–3x) of the performance of the Benchmark. The Fund seeks to achieve its investment objective for a single day, not for any other period.

#### Investment Strategies of the Funds

In seeking to achieve the Funds’ investment objectives, the Sponsor will utilize a mathematical approach to determine the type, quantity and mix of investment positions that ProShare Capital believes, in combination, should produce daily returns consistent with the Funds’ respective objectives.

Each Fund will seek to meet its respective investment objective by investing, under normal market conditions,<sup>9</sup> in futures contracts traded in the United States and listed options on such contracts (together, the “Futures Contracts”).<sup>10</sup> The Funds will not invest directly in natural gas. The Funds’ investments in Futures Contracts will be used to produce economically

closing out futures contracts that are nearing expiration and replacing them with futures contracts with later expirations. This process is commonly referred to as “rolling.”

<sup>8</sup> According to the Registration Statement, the return of a Fund for a period longer than a single trading day is the result of its return for each day compounded over the period and thus will usually differ from a Fund’s multiple times the return of the Benchmark for the same period.

<sup>9</sup> 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. *See* NYSE Arca Rule 8.600–E(c)(5).

<sup>10</sup> According to the Registration Statement, a Futures Contract is a standardized contract traded on, or subject to the rules of, an exchange that calls for the future delivery of a specified quantity and type of a particular underlying asset at a specified time and place or alternatively may call for cash settlement. The notional size and calendar term Futures Contracts on a particular underlying asset are identical and are not subject to any negotiation, other than with respect to price and the number of contracts traded between the buyer and seller.

“leveraged” or “inverse leveraged” investment results for the Funds.

Each Fund also may obtain exposure to the Benchmark through investment in over-the-counter (“OTC”) swap transactions and forward contracts referencing such Benchmark (“Financial Instruments”). For example, a Fund may invest in Financial Instruments in the event position, price or accountability limits are reached with respect to Futures Contracts<sup>11</sup> or exposure limits are reached with a particular futures commission merchant (“FCM”) or if the market for a specific futures contract experiences emergencies (e.g., natural disaster, terrorist attack or an act of God) or disruptions (e.g., a trading halt) or in situations where the Sponsor deems it impractical or inadvisable to buy or sell Futures Contracts (such as during periods of market volatility or illiquidity).

Each Fund will also hold cash or cash equivalents, such as U.S. Treasury securities or other high credit quality, short-term fixed-income or similar securities (such as shares of money market funds and collateralized repurchase agreements), pending investment in Futures Contracts or Financial Instruments or as collateral for the Funds’ investments.

In addition, to the extent a Fund enters into swap agreements and other over-the-counter transactions, it will do so only with large, established and well capitalized financial institutions that meet the Sponsor’s credit quality standards and monitoring policies. Each Fund will use various techniques to minimize credit risk including early termination or reset and payment, using different counterparties and limiting the net amount due from any individual counterparty.

The Funds do not intend to hold Futures Contracts through expiration, but instead intend to “roll” or close their respective positions before expiration. When the market for these contracts is such that the prices are higher in the more distant delivery months than in the nearer delivery months, the sale during the course of the “rolling process” of the more nearby contract would take place at a price that is lower than the price of the more distant contract. This pattern of higher

<sup>11</sup> According to the Registration Statement, many designated contract markets, such as the NYMEX, have established accountability levels and position limits on the maximum net long or net short futures contracts in commodity interests that any person or group of persons under common trading control may hold, own or control. In addition, NYMEX also sets price fluctuation limits on futures contracts. Options do not have individual price limits but rather are linked to the price limit of Futures Contracts.

futures prices for longer expiration Futures Contracts is referred to as “contango.” Alternatively, when the market for these contracts is such that the prices are higher in the nearer months than in the more distant months, the sale during the course of the “rolling process” of the more nearby contract would take place at a price that is higher than the price of the more distant contract. This pattern of higher futures prices for shorter expiration Futures Contracts is referred to as “backwardation.” The presence of contango in certain Futures Contracts at the time of rolling could adversely affect a Fund with long positions, and positively affect a Fund with short positions. Similarly, the presence of backwardation in certain Futures Contracts<sup>12</sup> at the time of rolling such contracts could adversely affect a Fund with short positions and positively affect a Fund with long positions.

#### Net Asset Value (“NAV”)

According to the Registration Statement, a Fund’s per Share NAV will be calculated by taking the current market value of its total assets, subtracting any liabilities, and dividing that total by the total number of outstanding Shares.

Each Fund’s NAV will be calculated on each day other than a day when the Exchange is closed for regular trading. The Funds typically compute their NAVs as of 2:30 p.m. Eastern Time (“E.T.”), which is the designated closing time of the natural gas futures listed on NYMEX,<sup>13</sup> or an earlier time as set forth on *www.ProShares.com*, if necessitated by NYSE, the Exchange or other exchange material to the valuation or operation of such Fund closing early. Each Fund’s NAV is calculated only once each trading day.

In calculating the NAV of a Fund, Futures Contracts generally are valued at their then current market value, which typically is based upon the settlement price or the last traded price

<sup>12</sup> The Funds may invest in options on Futures Contracts. Unlike Futures Contracts, which the Funds intend to roll before expiration, the Funds intend to hold “in-the-money” options on Futures Contracts to expiration. The Funds would exercise in-the-money options on Futures Contracts at expiration of the options contract and they would settle through receipt or delivery of the underlying Futures Contracts. Out-of-the-money options will be held to expiration and will be expired worthless. Options on Futures Contracts are subject to the effects of contango and backwardation to the same general extent as their underlying Futures Contracts.

<sup>13</sup> The daily value of the Benchmark is calculated as of 2:30 p.m. E.T. to coincide with the designated closing time. Futures Contracts, however, continue to trade past 2:30 p.m. E.T. and through the end of the NYSE Arca Core Trading Session at 4 p.m. E.T.

before the NAV time, for that Futures Contract. The settlement value of a Fund’s non-exchange traded Financial Instruments generally is determined by applying the then-current disseminated levels for the Benchmark underlying such Financial Instrument to the terms of such Fund’s non-exchange traded Financial Instruments.

In certain circumstances (e.g., if the Sponsor believes market quotations do not accurately reflect fair value of an investment, or a trading halt closes an exchange or market early), the Sponsor may, in its sole discretion, choose to determine a fair value price as the basis for determining the market value of an investment for such day. Such fair value price would generally be determined based on available inputs about the current value of the investment and would be based on principles that the Sponsor deems fair and equitable.

Money market instruments held by a Fund generally will be valued using market prices or at amortized cost.

#### Indicative Fund Value

In order to provide updated information relating to a Fund for use by investors and market professionals, the Exchange will calculate an updated “Indicative Fund Value” (“IFV”). The IFV will be calculated by using the prior day’s closing NAV per Share of a Fund as a base and will be updating throughout the Core Trading Session of 9:30 a.m. E.T. to 4:00 p.m. E.T. to reflect changes in the approximate aggregate per Share value of the investments held by a Fund based on the most recently available prices for the Fund’s investments.

The IFV will be disseminated on a per Share basis every 15 seconds during the Exchange’s Core Trading Session and be widely disseminated by one or more major market data vendors during the NYSE Arca Core Trading Session.<sup>14</sup>

#### Creation and Redemption of Shares

According to the Registration Statement, each Fund intends to create and redeem Shares in one or more “Creation Units” of 25,000 Shares each.

<sup>14</sup> Several major market data vendors display and/or make widely available IFVs taken from the 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 Futures Contracts, or a futures exchange imposing any other suspension or limitation on trading in Futures Contracts. In such instances, the IFV would be static or priced at the applicable early cut-off time of the exchange trading the applicable Futures Contracts.

The size of the Creation Units is subject to change. Creation Units in a Fund are expected to be created when there is sufficient demand for Shares in such Fund that the market price per Share is at a premium to the NAV per Share. A creation transaction generally takes place when an Authorized Participant deposits a specified amount of cash in exchange for a specified number of Creation Units. Similarly, Shares can be redeemed only in Creation Units, and generally only for cash. The prices at which creations and redemptions occur are based on the next calculation of the NAV after an order is received.

“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 ProShare Capital.

#### Creation Procedures

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. Purchase and redemption orders for Creation Units must be placed by 2:00 p.m. E.T. or earlier if NYSE Arca or other exchange material to the valuation or operation of such Fund closes before the cut-off time.<sup>15</sup> The day on which the Distributor receives a valid purchase order is referred to as the purchase order date. If the purchase order is received after the applicable cut-off time, the purchase order date will be the next Business Day. Purchase orders are irrevocable.

By placing a purchase order, an Authorized Participant generally agrees to deposit cash with the Custodian.

#### 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.

<sup>15</sup> The 2:00 p.m. E.T. creation and redemption cut-off time is designed to provide the Funds with sufficient time prior to the NAV calculation time to assess the potential impact of creation and redemption activity on a Fund’s portfolio and to buy (or sell) Futures Contracts or other Financial Instruments in an orderly fashion and in a manner designed to position the Fund’s portfolio so that its exposure to the Benchmark is consistent with its daily investment objective.

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 DTC’s 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). ProShare Capital can 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).

Upon request of an Authorized Participant made at the time of a redemption order, ProShare Capital may determine, in addition to delivering redemption proceeds, to transfer futures contracts to the Authorized Participant pursuant to a futures contract for related position (“EFCRP”) or to a block trade sale of futures contracts to the Authorized Participant.

#### Determination of Redemption Distribution

The redemption proceeds from a Fund will consist of the cash redemption amount and, if permitted by ProShare Capital with respect to a Fund, an EFCRP or block trade with the relevant Fund as described above. The cash redemption amount is equal to the NAV of the number of Creation Unit(s) of such Fund requested in the Authorized Participant’s redemption order as of the time of the calculation of such Fund’s NAV on the redemption order date. The 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.

#### Availability of Information

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 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 is available by subscription through on-line information services. ICE Futures U.S. and NYMEX also provide delayed futures and options on futures information on current and past trading sessions and market news free of charge on their respective websites. 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 Consolidated Tape Association (“CTA”). Quotation information for cash equivalents and OTC swaps may be obtained from brokers and dealers who make markets in such instruments. Quotation information for exchange-traded swaps will be available from the applicable exchange and major market vendors. Intra-day price and closing price level information for the Benchmark will be available from major market data vendors. The IFV will be available through on-line information services.

In addition, the Funds’ website, [www.ProShares.com](http://www.ProShares.com), will display the applicable end of day closing NAV. The daily holdings of each Fund will be available on the Funds’ website. The Funds’ website will also include a form of the prospectus for the Funds that may be downloaded. The website will include the Shares’ ticker and CUSIP information along with additional quantitative information updated on a daily basis, including, for each Fund: (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. The website disclosure of portfolio holdings will be made daily and will include, as applicable, (i) the name, quantity, value, expiration and strike price of Futures Contracts and Options, (ii) the counterparty to and value of swap agreements and forward contracts, and (iii) the aggregate net value of other assets (*i.e.*, Treasury securities, cash equivalents and cash) held in each Fund’s portfolio, if applicable.

The Funds’ website will be publicly available at the time of the public offering of Shares and accessible at no charge. The spot price of natural gas also is available on a 24-hour basis from major market data vendors.

#### 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.<sup>16</sup> Trading in Shares of a Fund

<sup>16</sup> See NYSE Arca Rule 7.12-E.

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 IFV or the value of the Benchmark occurs. If the interruption to the dissemination of the IFV, or the value of the or the value of the 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 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. 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/or continued listing, each Fund will be in compliance with Rule 10A–3<sup>17</sup> 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.

#### 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.<sup>18</sup> The Exchange represents 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 and certain Futures Contracts 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 and certain Futures Contracts from such markets and other entities. In addition, the Exchange may obtain information regarding trading in the Shares and certain Futures Contracts from markets and other entities that are members of ISG or with which the Exchange has in place a comprehensive surveillance sharing agreement (“CSSA”).<sup>19</sup> The Exchange is also able to obtain information regarding trading in the Shares, the physical commodities underlying Futures Contracts 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)

<sup>18</sup> 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.

<sup>19</sup> For a list of the current members of ISG, see [www.isgportal.org](http://www.isgportal.org). 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.

occurring on U.S. futures exchanges, which are members of the ISG.

Not more than 10% of the net assets of a Fund in the aggregate invested in Futures Contracts shall consist of Futures Contracts whose principal market is not a member of the ISG or is a market with which the Exchange does not have a CSSA.

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 Benchmark, (b) limitations on portfolio holdings or the Benchmark, 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 IFV 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 IFV 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; (7) trading information, and (8) NYSE Arca suitability rules.

Further, the Exchange states that FINRA has implemented increased sales

<sup>17</sup> 17 CFR 240.10A–3.

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 daily investment results, before fees and expenses, that correspond to either three times (3x) or three times the inverse (– 3x) of the performance of the Benchmark. The return of a Fund for a period longer than a single day is the result of its return for each day compounded over the period and usually will differ in amount and possibly even direction from the Fund’s stated multiple times the return of the Fund’s Benchmark for the same period. These differences can be significant.

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 disclose the trading hours of the Shares and that the NAV for the Shares will be calculated after 2:30 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)<sup>20</sup> 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 and to protect investors and the public interest 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. 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. The Exchange or FINRA, on behalf of the Exchange, or both, will communicate as needed regarding trading in the Shares and certain Futures Contracts 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 and certain Futures Contracts from such markets and other entities. In addition, the Exchange may obtain information regarding trading in the Shares and certain Futures Contracts from markets and other entities that are members of ISG or with which the Exchange has in place a CSSA. The Exchange is also able to obtain information regarding trading in the Shares, the physical commodities underlying Futures Contracts 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) occurring on U.S. futures exchanges, which are members of the ISG. Not more than 10% of the net assets of a Fund in the aggregate invested in Futures Contracts shall consist of Futures Contracts whose principal market is not a member of the ISG or is a market with which the Exchange does not have a CSSA. 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 website or on-line information services.

Complete real-time data for the Futures Contracts is available by subscription from on-line information services. ICE Futures U.S. and NYMEX also provide delayed futures information on current and past trading sessions and market news free of charge on the Funds’ website. The specific contract specifications for Futures Contracts are also available on such websites, as well as other financial informational sources. Information regarding options will be available from the applicable exchanges or major market data vendors. Quotation and last-sale information regarding the Shares will be disseminated through the facilities of the CTA. The IFV will be disseminated on a per Share basis every

15 seconds during the Exchange’s Core Trading Session and be widely disseminated by one or more major market data vendors during the NYSE Arca Core Trading Session. The Funds’ website will also include a form of the prospectus for the Funds that may be downloaded. The website will include the Shares’ ticker and CUSIP information along with additional quantitative information updated on a daily basis, including, for each Fund: (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 midpoint of 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. The website disclosure of portfolio holdings will be made daily and will include, as applicable, (i) the name, quantity, value, expiration and strike price of Futures Contracts and Options, (ii) the counterparty to and value of swap agreements and forward contracts, and (iii) the aggregate net value of other assets (*i.e.* Treasury securities, cash equivalents and cash) held in each Fund’s portfolio, if applicable.

Moreover, prior to the commencement of trading, the Exchange will inform its Equity Trading Permit Holders in an Information Bulletin of the special characteristics and risks associated with trading the Shares and of the suitability requirements of NYSE Arca Rule 9.2–E(a). 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 after 2:30 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.

Trading in Shares of a Fund will be halted if the circuit breaker parameters in NYSE Arca Rule 7.12–E have been

<sup>20</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

reached or because of market conditions or for reasons that, in the view of the Exchange, make trading in the Shares inadvisable

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 Trust Issued Receipts based on natural gas prices 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 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.

#### *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 Trust Issued Receipts based on natural gas prices and that will enhance competition among market participants, to the benefit of investors and the marketplace.

#### *C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others*

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

### **III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action**

Within 45 days of the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** 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 email to [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR-NYSEArca-2019-02 on the subject line.

#### *Paper Comments*

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

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NYSEArca-2019-02. This file number should be included on the subject line if email is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's internet website (<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 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-2019-02, and should be submitted on or before March 8, 2019.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>21</sup>

**Eduardo A. Aleman,**

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<sup>21</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

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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 Equities Fees and Charges**

February 11, 2019.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1)<sup>1</sup> of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act")<sup>2</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>3</sup> notice is hereby given that, on January 31, 2019, 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 Equities Fees and Charges (the "Fee Schedule"). The Exchange proposes to implement the proposed fee change on February 1, 2019. The proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's website at [www.nyse.com](http://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.

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>2</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78a.

<sup>3</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.