in the aggregate, staff estimates that compliance with rule 30b1–10 and Form N–RN will result in a total annual burden of approximately 264 burden hours and total annual time costs of approximately \$109,626.3

Compliance with rule 30b1-10 is mandatory for all funds. Responses to the disclosure requirements will be kept confidential. The estimate of average burden hours is made solely for the purposes of the PRA. The estimate is not derived from a comprehensive or even a representative survey or study of the costs of Commission rules. Complying with this collection of information requirement is necessary to enable the Commission to receive information on fund liquidity events more uniformly and efficiently, and to enhance the Commission's oversight of funds when significant liquidity events occur and its ability to respond to market events. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number.

Written comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted by November 27, 2023,

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information under the PRA unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Please direct your written comments to: David Bottom, Acting Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o John Pezzullo, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549 or send an email to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov.

Dated: September 21, 2023.

Sherry R. Haywood,

Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–98458; File Nos. SR-NYSE-2023–29, SR-NYSEAMER-2023–39, SR-NYSEArca-2023–53, SR-NYSECHX-2023–16]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; New York Stock Exchange LLC; NYSE American LLC; NYSE Arca, Inc.; NYSE Chicago, Inc.; Notice of Designation of a Longer Period for Commission Action on Proposed Rule Change To Amend the Connectivity Fee Schedule Regarding Power Allocation

September 20, 2023.

On August 3, 2023, New York Stock Exchange LLC, NYSE American LLC, NYSE Arca, Inc., and NYSE Chicago, Inc. each 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 amend the connectivity fee schedule to include an alternative procedure to allocate power in the Mahwah Data Center. The proposed rule changes were published for comment in the Federal Register on August 22, 2023.³ The Commission has received no comments on the proposed rule change.

Section 19(b)(2) of the Act 4 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 after publication of the notices for these proposed rule changes is October 6,

2023. The Commission is extending this 45-day time period.

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 the proposed rule change and the comments received. Accordingly, the Commission, pursuant to section 19(b)(2) of the Act,⁵ designates November 20, 2023 as the date by which the Commission shall either approve or disapprove, or institute proceedings to determine whether to disapprove, the proposed rule changes (File Nos. SR-NYSE-2023-29, SR-NYSEAMER-2023-39, SR-NYSEArca-2023-53, SR-NYSECHX-2023-16).

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

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Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–98446; File No. SR–BOX–2023–24]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; BOX Exchange LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Amend the Fee Schedule for Trading on the BOX Options Market LLC Facility To Amend the Language and Process Related to the Options Regulatory Fee

September 20, 2023.

Pursuant to section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),1 and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,2 notice is hereby given that on September 13, 2023, BOX Exchange LLC (the "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Exchange filed the proposed rule change pursuant to section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act,³ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder,4 which renders the proposal effective upon filing with the Commission. The Commission is publishing this notice to

size, employee benefits, and overhead. See Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association, Report on Management & Professional Earnings in the Securities Industry 2013.

 $^{^3}$ This estimate is based on the following calculations: 66 reports filed per year × 4 hours per report = approximately 264 total annual burden hours. 66 reports filed per year × \$1,661 in costs per report = \$109,626 total annual costs.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 98148 (August 16, 2023), 88 FR 57150 (SR–NYSE–2023–29); 98149 (August 16, 2023), 88 FR 57154 (SR–NYSEAMER–2023–39); 98150 (August 16, 2023), 88 FR 57142 (SR–NYSEArca-2023–53); 98151 (August 16, 2023), 88 FR 57159 (SR–NYSECHX–2023–16).

^{4 15} U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

^{6 17} CFR 200.30-3(a)(31).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

^{3 15} U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

^{4 17} CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

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 is filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") a proposed rule change to amend the language and processes relating to the Options Regulatory Fee ("ORF") on the BOX Options Market LLC ("BOX") options facility. The text of the proposed rule change is available from the principal office of the Exchange, at the Commission's Public Reference Room and also on the Exchange's internet website at https://rules.boxexchange.com/rulefilings.

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 Exchange 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 these 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 aspects of such statements.

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

1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to amend the Fee Schedule, to harmonize the language and processes relating to the Options Regulatory Fee ("ORF") with the language and processes used by other options exchanges.⁵ By way of background, the ORF is designed to recover a material portion of the costs to the Exchange of the supervision and regulation of Participant customer options business, including performing routine surveillances, investigations, examinations, financial monitoring, as well as policy, rulemaking, interpretive and enforcement activities.

The revenue generated from the ORF, when combined with all of the Exchange's other regulatory fees and fines, covers a material portion, but not all, of the Exchange's regulatory costs.

The Exchange monitors the amount of revenue collected from the ORF to ensure that it, in combination with its other regulatory fees and fines, does not exceed the Exchange's total regulatory costs. The Exchange monitors its regulatory costs and revenues at a minimum on a semi-annual basis. If the Exchange determines regulatory revenues exceed or are insufficient to cover a material portion of its regulatory costs, the Exchange will adjust the ORF by submitting a fee change filing to the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission"). The Exchange notifies Participants of adjustments to the ORF via an Informational Circular. Currently, the Exchange provides Participants with such notice at least 30 calendar days prior to the effective date of the change. The Options Regulatory Fee section of the Fee Schedule sets forth the details and description of how and when the ORF is assessed. For example, the Fee Schedule explicitly specifies that the Exchange may only increase or decrease the ORF semiannually, and any such fee change will be effective on the first business day of February or August. The Fee Schedule further states that the Exchange will notify Participants of any change in the amount of the fee at least 30 calendar days prior to the effective date of the change.

The Exchange proposes to update the Fee Schedule language relating to the timing of ORF changes. Particularly, the Exchange proposes to eliminate the strict requirement that the ORF may only be modified on the first business day of February or August, and also the explicit requirement that it must provide at least 30 calendar days prior to the effective date. The Exchange first proposes to eliminate the requirement that ORF may only be modified on the first business day of February or August to afford the Exchange increased flexibility in amending the ORF. As noted above, the ORF is based in part on options transactions volume, and as such the amount of ORF collected is variable. If options transactions reported to OCC in a given month increase, the ORF collected from Participants may increase as well. Similarly, if options transactions reported to OCC in a given month decrease, the ORF collected from Participants may decrease as well. Accordingly, the Exchange monitors the amount of ORF collected to ensure that it does not exceed the Exchange's total regulatory costs. If the Exchange determines the amount of ORF collected exceeds costs over an extended period, the proposed rule change allows the Exchange to adjust the ORF by

submitting a fee change filing to the Commission in a month other than just February or August. Although the Exchange proposes to eliminate the explicit language in the Fee Schedule that provides the Exchange will adjust the ORF only semi-annually, and only on the first business day of February or August, it would continue to monitor its regulatory costs and revenues at a minimum on a semi-annual basis and submit a proposed rule change for each modification of the ORF as needed. The Exchange also proposes to eliminate the explicit language in the Fee Schedule that it will notify participants of any change in the amount of the fee at least 30 calendar days prior to the effective date of the change. Although the Exchange proposes to eliminate this language from the Fee Schedule, it notes that it will endeavor to notify Participants of any planned change to the ORF by Exchange Informational Circular at least 30 calendar days prior to the effective date of such change. The Exchange believes this proposed change also provides the Exchange additional flexibility. For example, the Exchange often provides fee change notices on the first business day of the month. It may be the case that such date is less than 30 days from the effective date of proposed change (e.g., if the Exchange wished to amend the ORF, effective, August 1, 2023, the Exchange would not have met the 30-day notice requirement if it had announced on the first business day of July, as it has been historic practice, since the first business day falls on July 3, 2023). As such, the proposed rule changes provides added flexibility while still committing to provide notice on the timing of any changes to the ORF and ensuring that Participants are prepared to configure their systems to properly account for the ORF.

The Exchange notes that the proposed changes result in ORF processes and Fee Schedule language that aligns with other options exchanges.⁶ Particularly, although typically the practice, other options exchanges are not limited to only adjusting ORF to only the first business day of August or February.⁷ Moreover, another options exchange recently amended their fees to allow for flexibility to adjust ORF during months other than February or August.⁸ The Exchange notes that other options exchanges do not explicitly provide in

⁵ See Securities and Exchange Act Release No. 34–98108 (August 10, 2023), 88 FR 55809 (August 16, 2023) (SR-CboeEDGX-2023–054) (Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change to Amend its Fee Schedule Related to the Options Regulatory Fee).

⁶ See Cboe Exchange, Inc. Fees Schedule and Cboe C2 Exchange, Inc. Options Fees Schedule. ⁷ Id.

⁸ See e.g., Securities Exchange Act Release No. 96373 (October 13, 2022), 87 FR 73376 (November 29, 2022) (SR-NYSEAMER-2022-52).

their fees schedules that it will provide notice at least 30 calendar days in advance of any ORF change.9 Other exchanges have represented in various ORF fee filings that they endeavor to notify members of any planned change to the ORF by Exchange notice at least 30 calendar days prior to the effective date of such change, just as the Exchange represents here. 10 The Exchange believes the proposed change provides uniformity across options exchanges and reduces potential confusion. It also provides the Exchange added flexibility as to when modifications to the ORF may occur.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposal is consistent with the requirements of section 6(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act"),11 in general, and section 6(b)(5) of the Act,12 in particular, in that it is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in facilitating transactions in securities, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general to protect investors and the public interest. In particular, the Exchange believes the proposed changes to the Fee Schedule with respect to how ORF is assessed and collected are appropriate as it provides the Exchange more flexibility in its assessment of ORF based on its periodic monitoring of ORF rates. The Exchange also represents that it will continue to monitor its regulatory costs and revenues at a minimum on a semi-annual basis, just as it, and other options exchanges do today. The Exchange believes that the proposed elimination of language specifying that the Exchange may only increase or decrease the ORF on the first business day February or August is reasonable because it is designed to afford the Exchange increased flexibility in making necessary adjustments to the ORF, as the Exchange is required to monitor the amount collected from the ORF to ensure that it, in combination with its other regulatory fees and fines, does not exceed total regulatory costs. The Exchange also represents that it will

endeavor to provide notice of any changes at least 30 days in advance of the effective date of such change, thereby providing Participants with adequate time to make any necessary adjustments to accommodate any proposed changes. Taking out the strict requirements from the Fee Schedule, however, will provide the Exchange flexibility in modifying ORF and being able to adjust ORF even if it doesn't meet the strict 30-day deadline in event extenuating circumstances prevent the Exchange from meeting this deadline or in the event such notice is a day or two less than 30 days due to when the first business days of the month fall. For example, as noted above, the Exchange often provides fee change notices on the first business day of the month. It may be the case that such date is less than 30 days from the effective date of proposed change (e.g., if the Exchange wished to amend the ORF, effective, August 1, 2023, the Exchange would not have met the 30-day notice requirement if it had announced on the first business day of July, as it has been historic practice, since the first business day falls on July 3, 2023).

The Exchange believes the proposed rule changes are reasonable, equitable and not unfairly discriminatory because they conform to the process and Fee Schedule language used by other options exchanges, thereby providing consistency across the options exchanges and reducing potential confusion. The proposed changes also apply uniformly to all Participants subject to ORF. As noted above, another options exchange is also not confined to making ORF changes on the first business day of February or August. 13

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 not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. In this regard and as indicated above, the Exchange notes that the rule change is substantially similar in all material respects to a proposal recently submitted by Cboe EDGX Exchange, Inc. ("EDGX").14 This proposal does not create an unnecessary or inappropriate inter-market burden on competition because it merely amends the Fee Schedule to modify the timing and notice requirements relating to the modification of the ORF and conforms to the timing and notice requirements used by other options exchanges within

their fee schedules. 15 Further, ORF is a regulatory fee that supports regulation in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The Exchange is obligated to ensure that the amount of regulatory revenue collected from the ORF, in combination with its other regulatory fees and fines, does not exceed regulatory costs and the proposed rule change does not seek to change that.

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

No written comments were either solicited or received.

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

Because the foregoing 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) become operative for 30 days after the date of the filing, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest, it has become effective pursuant to section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act ¹⁶ and Rule 19b–4(f)(6) ¹⁷ thereunder.

A proposed rule change filed under Rule 19b-4(f)(6) 18 normally does not become operative prior to 30 days after the date of the filing. However, pursuant to Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii),19 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 the proposed rule change may become operative upon filing. The Exchange is requesting the waiver because it will allow the Exchange more flexibility with respect to the timing of changes to its ORF and allow the Exchange to mirror similar provisions already in place on other exchanges. Finally, the Exchange states that the proposed change would not introduce any novel regulatory issues. For these reasons, and because the proposed rule change does not raise any

⁹ See Choe Exchange, Inc. Fees Schedule and Choe C2 Exchange, Inc. Options Fees Schedule.

 ¹⁰ See e.g., Securities Exchange Act Release No.
92597 (August 6, 2021), 86 FR 44451 (August 12,
2021 (SR-CBOE-2021-044). See also Securities
Exchange Act Release No. 92596 (August 6, 2021),
86 FR 44461 (August 12, 2021 (SR-C2-2021-012).

^{11 15} U.S.C. 78f(b).

¹² 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

¹³ See supra note 8.

¹⁴ See supra note 5.

¹⁵ *Id*.

¹⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹⁷ 17 CFR 240.19b–4(f)(6). In addition, Rule 19b–4(f)(6) requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change, along with a brief description and text of the proposed rule change, at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The Exchange has satisfied this requirement.

^{18 17} CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

¹⁹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

novel legal or regulatory issues, the Commission believes that waiving the 30-day operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. Therefore, the Commission hereby waives the 30-day operative delay and designates the proposal operative upon filing.²⁰

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 shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule 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 (https://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml); or
- Send an email to *rule-comments@ sec.gov*. Please include file number SR–BOX–2023–24 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-BOX-2023-24. 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 (https://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 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. Do not include personal identifiable information in submissions; you should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. We may redact in part or withhold entirely from publication submitted material that is obscene or subject to copyright protection. All submissions should refer to file number SR-BOX-2023-24 and should be submitted on or before October 17,

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

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-98454; File No. SR-CBOE-2023-005]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Cboe Exchange, Inc.; Order Granting Approval of a Proposed Rule Change, as Modified by Amendment No. 1, To Make Permanent The Operation of the Program That Allows the Exchange To List P.M.-Settled Third Friday-of-the-Month S&P 500 Stock Index Options ("SPX") Series

September 20, 2023.

I. Introduction

On January 6, 2023, Choe Exchange, Inc. ("Exchange" or "Choe Options") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") and Rule 19b–4 thereunder, aproposed rule change to make permanent the operation of its pilot program ("Program") that permits the Exchange to list p.m.-settled third Friday-of-themonth SPX options ("SPXPM"). The proposed rule change was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on January 24, 2023. On March 7, 2023,

pursuant to section 19(b)(2) of the Act,4 the Commission designated a longer period within which to approve the proposed rule change, disapprove the proposed rule change, or institute proceedings to determine whether to disapprove the proposed rule change.⁵ On March 17, 2023, the Exchange filed Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change ("Amendment No. 1").6 On April 24, 2023, the Commission instituted proceedings to determine whether to approve or disapprove the proposed rule change and published Amendment No. 1 for notice and comment.7 On July 20, 2023, the Commission designated a longer period for Commission action on proceedings to determine whether to approve or disapprove the proposed rule change, as modified by Amendment No. 1.8 The Commission did not receive any comment letters and is approving the proposed rule change, as modified by Amendment No. 1.

II. Background

When cash-settled ⁹ index options were first introduced in the 1980s, they generally utilized closing-price settlement procedures (*i.e.*, p.m. settlement). ¹⁰ The Commission became

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²⁰ 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).

²¹ 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

 $^{^3\,}See$ Securities Exchange Act Release No. 96703 (January 18, 2023), 88 FR 4265 ("Notice").

^{4 15} U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

⁵ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 97063, 88 FR 15476 (March 13, 2023). The Commission designated April 24, 2023, as the date by which the Commission shall approve or disapprove, or institute proceedings to determine whether to approve or disapprove, the proposed rule change.

⁶In Amendment No. 1, the Exchange filed Exhibit 3, which provides additional detail regarding the Exchange's analysis of the market quality impact of p.m.-settled index options. Amendment No. 1 is available at: <a href="https://www.sec.gov/comments/sr-cboe-2023-005/sr

⁷ Amendment No. 1 was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on April 28, 2023. *See* Securities Exchange Act Release No. 97367 (April 24, 2023), 88 FR 26366 (April 28, 2023) (order instituting proceedings and noticing Amendment No. 1).

⁸ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 97956, 88 FR 48278 (July 26, 2023). The Commission designated September 21, 2023, as the date by which the Commission shall either approve or disapprove the proposed rule change.

⁹ The seller of a "cash-settled" index option pays out the cash value of the applicable index on expiration or exercise. A "physical delivery" option, like equity and ETF options, involves the transfer of the underlying asset rather than cash. See Characteristics and Risks of Standardized Options, available at: https://www.theocc.com/Company-Information/Documents-and-Archives/Options-Disclosure-Document.

¹⁰ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 65256 (September 2, 2011), 76 FR 55969, at 55972 (September 9, 2011) (SR-C2-2011-008) (Order approving proposed rule change to establish a pilot program to list and trade SPXPM options on the C2 Options Exchange, Incorporated ("C2")) ("C2 SPXPM Approval"). SPXPM was traded on a pilot basis on C2 until the introduction of SPXPM trading on Cboe Options. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 68888 (February 8, 2013), 78 FR 10668,