

proposal that were not otherwise addressed by the Commission.

#### *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 believes that the proposal will allow the Exchange to better compete with Arca and BZX by putting Nasdaq on equal footing with the other two exchanges as it relates to listing standards applicable to Equity Index-Linked Securities.

#### *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

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act<sup>14</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)<sup>15</sup> thereunder, the Exchange has designated this proposal as one that effects a change that: (i) does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) does not impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) by its terms, does not 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.<sup>16</sup>

A proposed rule change filed pursuant to Rule 19b-4(f)(6) under the Act normally does not become operative for 30 days after the date of its filing. However, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii)<sup>17</sup> permits the Commission to designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Exchange requested that the Commission waive the 30-day operative delay so that the proposal may become operative immediately upon filing. The proposed rule change, which modifies certain listing standards applicable to Equity Index-Linked Securities, conforms to substantially similar rules of other exchanges<sup>18</sup> and

raises no unique or novel legal or regulatory issues. Therefore, the Commission believes that waiver of the 30-day operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. Accordingly, the Commission hereby waives the 30-day operative delay and designates the proposed rule change operative upon filing.<sup>19</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.

### 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](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include file number SR-NASDAQ-2024-042 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-NASDAQ-2024-042. 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

standards for Equity Index-Linked Securities). See also *supra* note 3 and accompanying text.

<sup>19</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).

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-NASDAQ-2024-042 and should be submitted on or before August 23, 2024.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>20</sup>

**Sherry R. Haywood,**  
*Assistant Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 12478]

### Plenary Meeting of the Binational Bridges and Border Crossings Group in Mexico City

**ACTION:** Notice of a meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Delegates from the U.S. and Mexican governments, the states of California, Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas, and the Mexican states of Baja California, Sonora, Chihuahua, Coahuila, Nuevo Laredo, and Tamaulipas will participate in a plenary meeting of the U.S.-Mexico Binational Bridges and Border Crossings Group on Wednesday, September 4, 2024, in Mexico City. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss operational matters involving existing and proposed international bridges and border crossings and their related infrastructure and to exchange technical information as well as views on policy. This meeting will include a public session on Wednesday, September 4, 2024, from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. This session will allow interested parties with views on proposed bridges and border crossings and related projects to make presentations to the delegations and members of the public.

**DATES:** September 4, 2024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information on the meeting and/

<sup>20</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12), (59).

<sup>14</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>15</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

<sup>16</sup> 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 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. See *id.* The Exchange has satisfied this requirement.

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

<sup>18</sup> See, e.g., BZX Rule 14.11(d)(2)(K)(i)(a) and (b) (setting forth the initial and continued listing

or to attend the public session, please contact Beney Lee, Acting Border Coordinator, via email at [WHA-BorderAffairs@state.gov](mailto:WHA-BorderAffairs@state.gov), by phone at 771-204-0192, or by mail at the Office of Mexican Affairs, Room 3924, Department of State, 2201 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20520.

**Beney J. Lee,**

*Acting Border Coordinator, Office of Mexican Affairs.*

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## **SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

[Docket No. EP 670 (Sub-No. 2)]

### **Notice of Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee Vacancies**

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board.

**ACTION:** Notice of vacancies on Federal advisory committee and solicitation of nominations.

**SUMMARY:** The Surface Transportation Board (Board) hereby gives notice of five vacancies on its Rail Energy Transportation Advisory Committee (RETAC) for three representatives from electric utilities; one representative from biofuel feedstock growers or providers and biofuel refiners, processors, and distributors; and one representative from the petroleum shipping industry. The Board is soliciting nominations from the public for candidates to fill these vacancies.

**DATES:** Nominations for candidates for membership on RETAC are due September 2, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Nominations may be submitted either via the Board's e-filing format or in paper format. Any person using e-filing should attach a document and otherwise comply with the instructions at the E-FILING link on the Board's website, at <http://www.stb.gov>. Any person submitting a filing in paper format should send the original and 10 copies to: Surface Transportation Board, Attn: Docket No. EP 670 (Sub-No. 2), 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423-0001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Elizabeth McGrath at 202-748-4566. If you require an accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act, please call (202) 245-0245.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Board exercises broad authority over transportation by rail carriers, including

rates and services (49 U.S.C. 10701-10747, 11101-11124), construction, acquisition, operation, and abandonment of railroad lines (49 U.S.C. 10901-10907), and consolidation, merger, or common control arrangements between railroads (49 U.S.C. 10902, 11323-11327).

The Board established RETAC in 2007 as a federal advisory committee consisting of a balanced cross-section of energy and rail industry stakeholders to provide independent, candid policy advice to the Board and to foster open, effective communication among the affected interests on issues such as rail performance, capacity constraints, infrastructure planning and development, and effective coordination among suppliers, railroads, and users of energy resources. RETAC operates under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app. 2, sections 1-16).

RETAC's membership is balanced and representative of interested and affected parties, consisting of not less than: five representatives from the Class I railroads; three representatives from Class II and III railroads; three representatives from coal producers; five representatives from electric utilities (including at least one rural electric cooperative and one state- or municipally-owned utility); four representatives from biofuel feedstock growers or providers and biofuel refiners, processors, and distributors; two representatives from private car owners, car lessors, or car manufacturers; one representative from the petroleum shipping industry; two representatives from renewable energy sources; and one representative from a labor organization. The Committee may also include up to two at large members with relevant experience but not necessarily affiliated with one of the aforementioned industries or sectors.

Members are selected by the Chair of the Board with the concurrence of a majority of the Board. The Chair may invite representatives from the U.S. Departments of Agriculture, Energy, and Transportation and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to serve on RETAC in advisory capacities as *ex officio* (non-voting) members. The members of the Board serve as *ex officio* members of the Committee.

RETAC meets at least twice per year. Meetings are typically held at the Board's headquarters in Washington, DC, but may be held virtually or in other locations. Members of RETAC serve without compensation and without

reimbursement of travel expenses. Further information about RETAC is available on the RETAC page of the Board's website at <https://www.stb.gov/resources/stakeholder-committees/retac/>.

The Board is soliciting nominations from the public for candidates to fill five vacancies: three representatives from electric utilities; one representative from biofuel feedstock growers or providers and biofuel refiners, processors, and distributors; and one representative from the petroleum shipping industry. All the vacancies are for three-year terms ending September 30, 2027. According to revised guidance issued by the Office of Management and Budget, it is permissible for federally registered lobbyists to serve on advisory committees, such as RETAC, as long as they do so in a representative capacity, rather than an individual capacity. See *Revised Guidance on Appointment of Lobbyists to Fed. Advisory Comms., Bds., & Comm'ns*, 79 FR 47482 (Aug. 13, 2014). Members of RETAC are appointed to serve in a representative capacity.

Nominations for candidates to fill the vacancies should be submitted in letter form and should include: (1) the name, position, and business contact information of the candidate to include email address and phone number; (2) the interest the candidate will represent; (3) a summary of the candidate's experience and qualifications for the position; (4) a representation that the candidate is willing to serve as a member of RETAC; and, (5) a statement that the candidate agrees to serve in a representative capacity. Candidates may nominate themselves. The Chair is committed to having a committee reflecting diverse communities and viewpoints and strongly encourages the nomination of candidates from diverse backgrounds. Nominations for candidates for membership on RETAC should be filed with the Board by September 2, 2024. Please note that submissions will be posted publicly on the Board's website under Docket No. EP 670 (Sub-No. 2).

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 1321; 49 U.S.C. 11101; 49 U.S.C. 11121.

Decided: July 29, 2024.

By the Board, Scott M. Zimmerman, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Regena Smith-Bernard,**  
*Clearance Clerk.*

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