

## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-78384; File No. SR-Nasdaq-2016-002]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC; Notice of Designation of a Longer Period for Commission Action on Proceedings To Determine Whether To Approve or Disapprove a Proposed Rule Change, as Modified by Amendment Nos. 1 and 2 Thereto, To List and Trade Shares of the First Trust Municipal High Income ETF of First Trust Exchange-Traded Fund III

July 21, 2016.

On January 6, 2016, The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC ("Nasdaq" or the "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act" or "Exchange Act")<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> a proposed rule change to list and trade shares ("Shares") of the First Trust Municipal High Income ETF ("Fund") under Nasdaq Rule 5735. The proposed rule change was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on January 27, 2016.<sup>3</sup> On February 16, 2016, the Exchange filed Amendment No. 1.<sup>4</sup> On March 8, 2016, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,<sup>5</sup> 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.<sup>6</sup> On April 26, 2016, the Commission instituted proceedings under Section 19(b)(2)(B) of the Act<sup>7</sup> to determine whether to approve or disapprove the proposed rule change, as modified by Amendment No. 1 thereto.<sup>8</sup>

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

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

<sup>3</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 76944 (Jan. 21, 2016), 81 FR 4712 ("Notice").

<sup>4</sup> Amendment No. 1 is available on the Commission's Web site at: <http://www.sec.gov/comments/sr-nasdaq-2016-002/nasdaq2016002-1.pdf>.

<sup>5</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

<sup>6</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 34-77320, 81 FR 13429 (Mar. 14, 2016). The Commission designated April 26, 2016 as the date by which the Commission shall either approve or disapprove, or institute proceedings to determine whether to disapprove, the proposed rule change.

<sup>7</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2)(B).

<sup>8</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 77871, 81 FR 26265 (May 2, 2016) ("Order Instituting Proceedings"). Specifically, the Commission instituted proceedings to allow for additional analysis of the proposed rule change's consistency with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act, which requires, among other things, that the rules of a national securities exchange be "designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to

In the Order Instituting Proceedings, the Commission solicited comments to specified matters related to the proposal.<sup>9</sup> On June 24, 2016, the Exchange filed Amendment No. 2, which replaced the originally filed proposed rule change in its entirety.<sup>10</sup> The Commission has not received any comments on the proposed rule change.

Section 19(b)(2) of the Act<sup>11</sup> provides that, after initiating disapproval proceedings, the Commission shall issue an order approving or disapproving the proposed rule change not later than 180 days after the date of publication of notice of the filing of the proposed rule change. The Commission may, however, extend the period for issuing an order approving or disapproving the proposed rule change by not more than 60 days if the Commission determines that a longer period is appropriate and publishes the reasons for such determination. The proposed rule change was published for notice and comment in the **Federal Register** on January 27, 2016.<sup>12</sup> The 180th day after publication of the notice of the filing of the proposed rule change in the **Federal Register** is July 25, 2016.

The Commission finds that it is appropriate to designate a longer period within which to issue an order approving or disapproving the proposed rule change so that it has sufficient time to consider the proposed rule change, as modified by Amendment Nos. 1 and 2 thereto.

Accordingly, the Commission, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,<sup>13</sup> designates September 23, 2016, as the date by which the Commission shall either approve or disapprove the proposed rule change, as modified by Amendment Nos. 1 and 2 thereto (File No. SR-Nasdaq-2016-002).

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>14</sup>

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promote just and equitable principles of trade," and "to protect investors and the public interest." See *id.*, 81 FR at 26268.

<sup>9</sup> See *id.*

<sup>10</sup> Amendment No. 2 is available on the Commission's Web site at: <https://www.sec.gov/comments/sr-nasdaq-2016-002/nasdaq2016002-2.pdf>.

<sup>11</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

<sup>12</sup> See *supra* note 3.

<sup>13</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

<sup>14</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(57).

## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-78381; File No. SR-NYSEArca-2016-103]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; NYSE Arca, Inc.; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change Amending Rules 2.17(c) and 2.23(i) To Harmonize the Requirement of When OTP Holders and OTP Firms Must File a Uniform Termination Notice for Securities Industry Registration With the Rules of Other Exchanges and FINRA

July 21, 2016.

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 July 14, 2016, 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 and II 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 Rules 2.17(c) and 2.23(i) to harmonize the requirement of when OTP Holders and OTP Firms must file an [sic] Uniform Termination Notice for Securities Industry Registration ("Form U-5") with the rules of other exchanges and FINRA. The proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's Web site 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.