

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Nasdaq BX, Inc.; Notice of Designation of a Longer Period for Commission Action on Proposed Rule Change to Make Permanent the Exchange's Retail Price Improvement Program, Which is Set to Expire on December 31, 2018

On July 9, 2018, Nasdaq BX, Inc. ("Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² a proposed rule change to make permanent the Exchange's Retail Price Improvement Program. The proposed rule change was published for comment in the Federal Register on July 26, 2018.³ The Commission has received no comment letters on the proposed rule change.

Section 19(b)(2) of the Act⁴ 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 notice for this proposed rule change is September 9, 2018.

The Commission is extending the 45-day time period for Commission action on the proposed rule change. 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

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 83681 (July 20, 2018), 83 FR 35516.

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

proposed rule change. Accordingly, the Commission, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act and for the reasons stated above,⁵ designates October 24, 2018, as the date by which the Commission shall either approve or disapprove, or institute proceedings to determine whether to disapprove, the proposed rule change (File No. SR-BX-2018-025).

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

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⁵ Id.

⁶ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(31).