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# 1. <u>Text of the Proposed Rule Change</u>

(a) Pursuant to the provisions of Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act" or "Exchange Act"),<sup>1</sup> the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA") is filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") a proposed rule change to extend the current pilot program related to FINRA Rule 11892 (Clearly Erroneous Transactions in Exchange-Listed Securities) ("Clearly Erroneous Transaction Pilot" or "Pilot") until April 20, 2022.

- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Not applicable.

# 2. <u>Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization</u>

The proposed rule change has been approved by senior management of FINRA pursuant to delegated authority. No other action by FINRA is necessary for the filing of the proposed rule change.

FINRA has filed the proposed rule change for immediate effectiveness and has requested that the SEC waive the requirement that the proposed rule change not become operative for 30 days after the date of the filing, so FINRA can implement the proposed rule change immediately.

# 3. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory</u> <u>Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change</u>

(a) Purpose

FINRA is proposing a rule change to extend the current pilot program related to FINRA Rule 11892 governing clearly erroneous transactions in exchange-listed securities

15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

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until the close of business on April 20, 2022. Extending the Pilot would provide FINRA and the national securities exchanges additional time to consider a permanent proposal for clearly erroneous transaction reviews.

On September 10, 2010, the Commission approved, on a pilot basis, changes to FINRA Rule 11892 that, among other things: (i) provided for uniform treatment of clearly erroneous transaction reviews in multi-stock events involving twenty or more securities; and (ii) reduced the ability of FINRA to deviate from the objective standards set forth in the rule.<sup>2</sup> In 2013, FINRA adopted a provision designed to address the operation of the Plan to Address Extraordinary Market Volatility Pursuant to Rule 608 of Regulation NMS ("Plan").<sup>3</sup> Finally, in 2014, FINRA adopted two additional provisions addressing (i) erroneous transactions that occur over one or more trading days that were based on the same fundamentally incorrect or grossly misinterpreted information resulting in a severe valuation error; and (ii) a disruption or malfunction in the operation of the facilities of a self-regulatory organization or responsible single plan processor in connection with the transmittal or receipt of a trading halt.<sup>4</sup>

On April 9, 2019, FINRA filed a proposed rule change to untie the effectiveness of the Clearly Erroneous Transaction Pilot from the effectiveness of the Plan, and to

 <sup>&</sup>lt;u>See</u> Securities Exchange Act Release No. 62885 (September 10, 2010), 75 FR
 56641 (September 16, 2010) (Order Approving File No. SR-FINRA-2010-032).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> <u>See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 68808 (February 1, 2013), 78 FR 9083</u> (February 7, 2013) (Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of File No. SR-FINRA-2013-012).

 <sup>&</sup>lt;u>See</u> Securities Exchange Act Release No. 72434 (June 19, 2014), 79 FR 36110 (June 25, 2014) (Order Approving File No. SR-FINRA-2014-021).

extend the Pilot's effectiveness to the close of business on October 18, 2019.<sup>5</sup> On October 10, 2019, FINRA filed a proposed rule change to extend the Pilot's effectiveness until April 20, 2020.<sup>6</sup> On March 18, 2020, FINRA filed a proposed rule change to extend the pilot's effectiveness until October 20, 2020.<sup>7</sup> On October 16, 2020, FINRA filed a proposed rule change to extend the Pilot's effectiveness until April 20, 2021.<sup>8</sup> On March 15, 2021, FINRA filed a proposed rule change to extend the Pilot's effectiveness until October 20, 2021.<sup>9</sup> FINRA now is proposing to further extend the Pilot until April 20, 2022, so that market participants can continue to benefit from the more objective clearly erroneous transaction standards under the Pilot.<sup>10</sup> Extending the Pilot also would provide

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 85612 (April 11, 2019), 84 FR 16107 (April 17, 2019) (Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of File No. SR-FINRA-2019-011).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 87344 (October 18, 2019), 84 FR 57076 (October 24, 2019) (Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of File No. SR-FINRA-2019-025).

See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 88495 (March 27, 2020), 85 FR 18608 (April 2, 2020) (Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of File No. SR-FINRA-2020-008).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 90219 (October 19, 2020), 85 FR 67574 (October 23, 2020) (Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of File No. SR-FINRA-2020-036).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 91373 (March 19, 2021), 86 FR 16003 (March 25, 2021) (Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of File No. SR-FINRA-2021-004).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> If the pilot period is not either extended or approved as permanent, the version of Rule 11892 prior to SR-FINRA-2010-032 shall be in effect, and the amendments set forth in SR-FINRA-2014-021 and the provisions of Supplementary Material .03 of the rule shall be null and void.

more time to permit FINRA and the other self-regulatory organizations to consider what changes, if any, to the clearly erroneous transaction rules are appropriate.<sup>11</sup>

As noted in Item 2 of this filing, FINRA has filed the proposed rule change for immediate effectiveness and has requested that the SEC waive the requirement that the proposed rule change not become operative for 30 days after the date of the filing, so FINRA can implement the proposed rule change immediately.

(b) Statutory Basis

FINRA believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 15A(b)(6) of the Act,<sup>12</sup> which requires, among other things, that FINRA rules must be designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. FINRA believes that the proposed rule change promotes just and equitable principles of trade in that it promotes transparency and uniformity across markets concerning the review of transactions as clearly erroneous. FINRA believes that extending the Pilot under FINRA Rule 11892, until April 20, 2022, would help assure consistent results in handling erroneous trades across the U.S. equities markets, thus furthering fair and orderly markets, the protection of investors and the public interest. Based on the foregoing, FINRA believes the Clearly Erroneous Transaction Pilot should continue to be in effect while FINRA and the national securities exchanges consider a permanent proposal for clearly erroneous transaction reviews.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 85623 (April 11, 2019), 84 FR 16086 (April 17, 2019) (Order Approving the Eighteenth Amendment to the National Market System Plan to Address Extraordinary Market Volatility).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78<u>o</u>-3(b)(6).

#### 4. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition</u>

FINRA does not believe that the proposed rule change will result in any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The proposal would ensure the continued, uninterrupted operation of harmonized clearly erroneous transaction rules across the U.S. equities markets while FINRA and the national securities exchanges consider further amendments to these rules. FINRA understands that the national securities exchanges also will file similar proposals to extend their clearly erroneous execution pilot programs, as applicable. Thus, the proposed rule change will help to ensure consistency across market centers without implicating any competitive issues.

## 5. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed</u> <u>Rule Change Received from Members, Participants, or Others</u>

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

#### 6. <u>Extension of Time Period for Commission Action</u>

Not applicable.

## 7. <u>Basis for Summary Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3) or for</u> <u>Accelerated Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) or Section 19(b)(7)(D)</u>

The proposed rule change is effective upon filing pursuant to Section 19(b)(3) of

the Act<sup>13</sup> and paragraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>14</sup> in that the proposed rule change does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; does not impose any significant burden on competition; and does not become operative for 30 days after filing or such shorter time as the Commission may designate.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

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The proposed rule change would not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest because it seeks to extend the protections provided by the Pilot, without any changes, while FINRA and the national securities exchanges consider a permanent proposal for clearly erroneous transaction reviews. This proposed rule change also would not impose any significant burden on competition because FINRA understands that the national securities exchanges also will file similar proposals with the Commission to extend their respective clearly erroneous execution pilot programs, as applicable, so that those rules may continue uninterrupted. Accordingly, FINRA has designated this rule filing as non-controversial under Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act<sup>15</sup> and paragraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.<sup>16</sup>

FINRA requests that the Commission waive the requirement that the rule change, by its terms, not become operative for 30 days after the date of the filing as set forth in Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii),<sup>17</sup> so FINRA can implement the proposed rule change prior to the current expiration date of the pilot. Waiver of the 30-day operative delay would allow FINRA to immediately extend the pilot's effectiveness to the close of business on April 20, 2022. Waiver of the 30-day operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest because it seeks to extend the protection provided by this pilot program, without any changes, while FINRA and other self-regulatory organizations consider whether further amendments to these rules are appropriate. In accordance with

- <sup>16</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).
- <sup>17</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

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

Rule 19b-4(f)(6),<sup>18</sup> FINRA submitted 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, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, as specified in Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) under the Act.<sup>19</sup>

At any time within sixty (60) days of the filing of such proposed rule change, the Commission may summarily 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.

# 8. <u>Proposed Rule Change Based on Rules of Another Self-Regulatory</u> <u>Organization or of the Commission</u>

Not applicable.

# 9. <u>Security-Based Swap Submissions Filed Pursuant to Section 3C of the Act</u> Not applicable.

# 10. <u>Advance Notices Filed Pursuant to Section 806(e) of the Payment, Clearing</u> <u>and Settlement Supervision Act</u>

Not applicable.

# 11. <u>Exhibits</u>

Exhibit 1. Completed notice of proposed rule change for publication in the

#### Federal Register.

Exhibit 5. Text of the proposed rule change.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

# EXHIBIT 1

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34- ; File No. SR-FINRA-2021-026)

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change to Extend the Pilot Program Related to FINRA Rule 11892 (Clearly Erroneous Transactions in Exchange-Listed Securities)

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on , the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared by FINRA. FINRA has designated the proposed rule change as constituting a "non-controversial" rule change under paragraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 under the Act,<sup>3</sup> which renders the proposal effective upon receipt of this filing by the Commission. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the</u> <u>Proposed Rule Change</u>

FINRA is proposing to extend the current pilot program related to FINRA Rule

11892 (Clearly Erroneous Transactions in Exchange-Listed Securities) ("Clearly

Erroneous Transaction Pilot" or "Pilot") until April 20, 2022.

<sup>3</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

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

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

The text of the proposed rule change is available on FINRA's website at <u>http://www.finra.org</u>, at the principal office of FINRA and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

# II. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis</u> for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, FINRA 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. FINRA has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

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

1. Purpose

FINRA is proposing a rule change to extend the current pilot program related to FINRA Rule 11892 governing clearly erroneous transactions in exchange-listed securities until the close of business on April 20, 2022. Extending the Pilot would provide FINRA and the national securities exchanges additional time to consider a permanent proposal for clearly erroneous transaction reviews.

On September 10, 2010, the Commission approved, on a pilot basis, changes to FINRA Rule 11892 that, among other things: (i) provided for uniform treatment of clearly erroneous transaction reviews in multi-stock events involving twenty or more securities; and (ii) reduced the ability of FINRA to deviate from the objective standards set forth in the rule.<sup>4</sup> In 2013, FINRA adopted a provision designed to address the operation of the Plan to Address Extraordinary Market Volatility Pursuant to Rule 608 of Regulation NMS ("Plan").<sup>5</sup> Finally, in 2014, FINRA adopted two additional provisions addressing (i) erroneous transactions that occur over one or more trading days that were based on the same fundamentally incorrect or grossly misinterpreted information resulting in a severe valuation error; and (ii) a disruption or malfunction in the operation of the facilities of a self-regulatory organization or responsible single plan processor in connection with the transmittal or receipt of a trading halt.<sup>6</sup>

On April 9, 2019, FINRA filed a proposed rule change to untie the effectiveness of the Clearly Erroneous Transaction Pilot from the effectiveness of the Plan, and to extend the Pilot's effectiveness to the close of business on October 18, 2019.<sup>7</sup> On October 10, 2019, FINRA filed a proposed rule change to extend the Pilot's effectiveness until April 20, 2020.<sup>8</sup> On March 18, 2020, FINRA filed a proposed rule change to extend

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See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 72434 (June 19, 2014), 79 FR 36110 (June 25, 2014) (Order Approving File No. SR-FINRA-2014-021).

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 87344 (October 18, 2019), 84 FR 57076 (October 24, 2019) (Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of File No. SR-FINRA-2019-025).

the pilot's effectiveness until October 20, 2020.<sup>9</sup> On October 16, 2020, FINRA filed a proposed rule change to extend the Pilot's effectiveness until April 20, 2021.<sup>10</sup> On March 15, 2021, FINRA filed a proposed rule change to extend the Pilot's effectiveness until October 20, 2021.<sup>11</sup> FINRA now is proposing to further extend the Pilot until April 20, 2022, so that market participants can continue to benefit from the more objective clearly erroneous transaction standards under the Pilot.<sup>12</sup> Extending the Pilot also would provide more time to permit FINRA and the other self-regulatory organizations to consider what changes, if any, to the clearly erroneous transaction rules are appropriate.<sup>13</sup>

FINRA has filed the proposed rule change for immediate effectiveness and has requested that the SEC waive the requirement that the proposed rule change not become operative for 30 days after the date of the filing, so FINRA can implement the proposed rule change immediately.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 88495 (March 27, 2020), 85 FR 18608 (April 2, 2020) (Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of File No. SR-FINRA-2020-008).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 90219 (October 19, 2020), 85 FR 67574 (October 23, 2020) (Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of File No. SR-FINRA-2020-036).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 91373 (March 19, 2021), 86 FR 16003 (March 25, 2021) (Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of File No. SR-FINRA-2021-004).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> If the pilot period is not either extended or approved as permanent, the version of Rule 11892 prior to SR-FINRA-2010-032 shall be in effect, and the amendments set forth in SR-FINRA-2014-021 and the provisions of Supplementary Material .03 of the rule shall be null and void.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 85623 (April 11, 2019), 84 FR 16086 (April 17, 2019) (Order Approving the Eighteenth Amendment to the National Market System Plan to Address Extraordinary Market Volatility).

2. Statutory Basis

FINRA believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the provisions of Section 15A(b)(6) of the Act,<sup>14</sup> which requires, among other things, that FINRA rules must be designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. FINRA believes that the proposed rule change promotes just and equitable principles of trade in that it promotes transparency and uniformity across markets concerning the review of transactions as clearly erroneous. FINRA believes that extending the Pilot under FINRA Rule 11892, until April 20, 2022, would help assure consistent results in handling erroneous trades across the U.S. equities markets, thus furthering fair and orderly markets, the protection of investors and the public interest. Based on the foregoing, FINRA believes the Clearly Erroneous Transaction Pilot should continue to be in effect while FINRA and the national securities exchanges consider a permanent proposal for clearly erroneous transaction reviews.

#### B. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition</u>

FINRA does not believe that the proposed rule change will result in any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The proposal would ensure the continued, uninterrupted operation of harmonized clearly erroneous transaction rules across the U.S. equities markets while FINRA and the national securities exchanges consider further amendments to these rules. FINRA understands that the national securities exchanges also will file similar proposals to extend their clearly erroneous execution pilot programs, as applicable. Thus, the

<sup>14</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78<u>o</u>-3(b)(6).

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proposed rule change will help to ensure consistency across market centers without implicating any competitive issues.

#### C. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed</u> <u>Rule Change Received from Members, Participants, or Others</u>

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

# III. <u>Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission</u> <u>Action</u>

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 from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, it has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act<sup>15</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.<sup>16</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 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:

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

# Electronic Comments:

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<u>http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml</u>); or
- Send an e-mail to <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include File Number SR-FINRA-2021-026 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-FINRA-2021-026. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail 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 a.m. and 3 p.m. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of FINRA. 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-FINRA-2021-026 and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from publication in the <u>Federal Register</u>].

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>17</sup>

Jill M. Peterson Assistant Secretary

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

#### **EXHIBIT 5**

Below is the text of the proposed rule change. Proposed new language is underlined; proposed deletions are in brackets.

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#### **11890.** Clearly Erroneous Transactions

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11892. Clearly Erroneous Transactions in Exchange-Listed Securities

(a) through (d) No Change.

••• Supplementary Material: -----

.01 No Change.

.02 The amendments set forth in File Nos. SR-FINRA-2010-032 and SR-FINRA-2014-

021, and the provisions of Supplementary Material .03 of this Rule shall be in effect

during a pilot period that expires at the close of business on [October] April 20, 2022[1].

If the pilot period is not extended or approved as permanent, the version of this Rule prior

to SR-FINRA-2010-032 shall be in effect, and the amendments set forth in File No. SR-

FINRA-2014-021 and the provisions of Supplementary Material .03 of this Rule shall be null and void.

.03 No Change.

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