

- *Email: paperwork.comments@pbgc.gov*. Refer to Pension Plan Tracing Service in the subject line.

- *Mail or Hand Delivery:* Regulatory Affairs Division, Office of the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20024–2101.

Commenters are strongly encouraged to submit comments electronically. Commenters who submit comments on paper by mail should allow sufficient time for mailed comments to be received before the close of the comment period.

All submissions received must include the agency's name (Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, or PBGC) and refer to the Pension Plan Tracing Service. All comments received will be posted without change to PBGC's website, www.pbgc.gov, including any personal information provided. Do not submit comments that include any personally identifiable information or confidential business information.

Copies of the collection of information may be obtained without charge by writing to the Disclosure Division, (disclosure@pbgc.gov), Office of the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20024–2101; or, calling 202–229–4040 during normal business hours. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7–1–1 to access telecommunications relay services.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Monica O'Donnell (odonnell.monica@pbgc.gov), Attorney, Regulatory Affairs Division, Office of the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20024–2101; 202–229–8706. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7–1–1 to access telecommunications relay services.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of the PBGC Participant and Plan Sponsor Advocate (OPPSA) acts as a liaison between PBGC, sponsors of defined benefit pension plans insured by PBGC, and participants in pension plans trustee by PBGC. OPPSA assists participants with searching for historical pension plan information as part of its pension plan tracing service. To conduct the tracing research, OPPSA uses an internal pension plan tracing research dashboard, which displays select data elements from various PBGC systems, including annual premium filing records and case information. The information found through OPPSA's tracing research can help participants locate historical plan information. To perform the search, OPPSA will request

participant contact information and specific plan information. This information includes the participant's name, phone number, and email address; the employer's name and location; the pension plan name; the employer identification number (EIN); the plan number (PN); the years that the participant worked for the employer; whether the person was an hourly, salaried, or part-time employee; any information or relevant documentation regarding the pension plan and the inquirer's benefit; and any other information about the employer or pension plan, such as historical or corporate research. The collection of information is voluntary and minimally burdensome. It will enable OPPSA to more effectively run its pension plan tracing service and to assist participants in locating historical plan information.

PBGC estimates that it will receive intake information from approximately 200 participants annually and that it will take participants 0.5 hours to complete and submit the information. The time needed to provide the information will vary among participants depending on what information they have readily available to them. The total amount of burden associated with this collection of information is estimated to be 100 hours and an estimated \$0.

PBGC intends to request that OMB approve PBGC's use of this form for 3 years. 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 OMB control number.

PBGC is soliciting public comments to—

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodologies and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

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PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

Proposed Submission of Information Collection for OMB Review; Comment Request; Partitions of Eligible Multiemployer Plans

AGENCY: Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

ACTION: Notice of intent to request extension of OMB approval of information collection.

SUMMARY: The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) intends to request that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) extend approval, under the Paperwork Reduction Act, of a collection of information contained in its regulation on Partitions of Eligible Multiemployer Plans. This notice informs the public of PBGC's intent and solicits public comment on the collection of information.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before September 20, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Email:* paperwork.comments@pbgc.gov. Refer to OMB control number 1212–0068 in the subject line.

- *Mail or Hand Delivery:* Regulatory Affairs Division, Office of the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20024–2101.

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All submissions received must include the agency's name (Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, or PBGC) and refer to OMB control number 1212–0068. All comments received will be posted without change to PBGC's website, www.pbgc.gov, including any personal information provided. Do not submit comments that include any personally identifiable information or confidential business information.

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charge by writing to the Disclosure Division, (disclosure@pbgc.gov), Office of the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20024-2101; or, calling 202-229-4040 during normal business hours. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Sections 4233(a) and (b) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) allow a plan sponsor of a multiemployer plan to apply to PBGC for a partition of the plan and state the criteria that PBGC uses to determine a plan's eligibility for a partition.

PBGC's regulation on Partitions of Eligible Multiemployer Plans (29 CFR part 4233) sets forth the procedures for applying for a partition, the information required to be included in a partition application, and notices to interested parties of the application.

PBGC needs the information to determine whether a plan is eligible for partition and whether a proposed partition would comply with the statutory conditions required before PBGC may order a partition.

The collection of information under the regulation has been approved by OMB under control number 1212-0068 (expires January 31, 2025). PBGC intends to request that OMB extend its approval for another 3 years. 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 OMB control number.

PBGC estimates that each year there will be one application for a partition submitted by a plan sponsor under this regulation. The total estimated annual burden of the collection of information is 13 hours and \$45,600.

PBGC is soliciting public comments to—

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- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the

proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodologies and assumptions used;

- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Nasdaq BX, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Amend Options 2, Sections 6 and 10

July 16, 2024.

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 July 2, 2024, Nasdaq BX, Inc. ("BX" or "Exchange") 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 the Exchange. 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 Options 2, Sections 6 and 10.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's website at <https://listingcenter.nasdaq.com/rulebook/nasdaq/rules>, at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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

BX proposes to amend Options 2, Section 6, Market Maker Orders, to add an exception to the rule. Additionally, the Exchange proposes to amend Options 2, Section 10, Directed Market Makers, to amend the current quoting obligations for Directed Market Makers.³

Options 2, Section 6

Options 2, Section 6(a) currently states that Market Makers may enter all order types defined in Options 3, Section 7 in the options classes to which they are appointed and non-appointed. Today, Market Makers are unable to enter a Customer Cross Order pursuant to Options 3, Section 7(a)(10). Customer Cross Orders are a Public Customer-to-Public Customer Cross Order by definition⁴ and therefore cannot be entered by a Market Maker. The Exchange believes noting this exception, which is clear from Options 3, Section 12(a), will bring greater transparency to Options 2, Section 6.

Options 2, Section 10

In 2021, the Exchange filed to amend the expiration timeframe of Long-Term Options Series or "LEAPs" in Options 4A, Section 12(b) and amended the bid/ask differentials in Options 2, Sections 4 and 5⁵ to reflect the change to Options 4A, Section 12(b) regarding LEAPs.⁶

³ A Directed Market Maker is a Market Maker that may be entitled to an allocation in accordance with Options 3, Section 10 provided the Directed Market Maker was quoting at the better of the internal BBO or the NBBO at the time of receipt of the Directed Order. See Options 2, Section 10.

⁴ See Options 3, Section 12(a).

⁵ Options 2, Sections 4 and 5 describe quoting obligations for Market Makers and Lead Market Makers.

⁶ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 92664 (August 13, 2021), 86 FR 46724 (August 19, 2021) (SR-BX-2021-034) (Notice of Filing and Immediate