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 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549  
 Form 19b-4

File No.\* SR - 2016 - \* 029

Amendment No. (req. for Amendments \*)

Filing by Financial Industry Regulatory Authority

Pursuant to Rule 19b-4 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Initial \*

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Amendment \*

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Withdrawal

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Section 19(b)(2) \*

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Section 19(b)(3)(A) \*

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Section 19(b)(3)(B) \*

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Extension of Time Period  
for Commission Action \*

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Date Expires \*

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☐ 19b-4(f)(4)

☐ 19b-4(f)(5)

☐ 19b-4(f)(6)

Notice of proposed change pursuant to the Payment, Clearing, and Settlement Act of 2010

Section 806(e)(1) \*

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Section 806(e)(2) \*

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Security-Based Swap Submission pursuant  
to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Section 3C(b)(2) \*

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Exhibit 2 Sent As Paper Document

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Exhibit 3 Sent As Paper Document

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## Description

Provide a brief description of the action (limit 250 characters, required when Initial is checked \*).

## Contact Information

Provide the name, telephone number, and e-mail address of the person on the staff of the self-regulatory organization prepared to respond to questions and comments on the action.

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## Signature

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

has duly caused this filing to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

(Title \*)

Date 09/26/2016

By Kenneth Andrichik

(Name \*)

SVP, Chief Counsel, FINRA Office of Dispute Resolution

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**Form 19b-4 Information \***

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The self-regulatory organization must provide all required information, presented in a clear and comprehensible manner, to enable the public to provide meaningful comment on the proposal and for the Commission to determine whether the proposal is consistent with the Act and applicable rules and regulations under the Act.

**Exhibit 1 - Notice of Proposed Rule Change \***

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The Notice section of this Form 19b-4 must comply with the guidelines for publication in the Federal Register as well as any requirements for electronic filing as published by the Commission (if applicable). The Office of the Federal Register (OFR) offers guidance on Federal Register publication requirements in the Federal Register Document Drafting Handbook, October 1998 Revision. For example, all references to the federal securities laws must include the corresponding cite to the United States Code in a footnote. All references to SEC rules must include the corresponding cite to the Code of Federal Regulations in a footnote. All references to Securities Exchange Act Releases must include the release number, release date, Federal Register cite, Federal Register date, and corresponding file number (e.g., SR-[SRO]-xx-xx). A material failure to comply with these guidelines will result in the proposed rule change being deemed not properly filed. See also Rule 0-3 under the Act (17 CFR 240.0-3)

**Exhibit 1A- Notice of Proposed Rule Change, Security-Based Swap Submission, or Advance Notice by Clearing Agencies \***

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**Exhibit 2 - Notices, Written Comments, Transcripts, Other Communications**

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Copies of notices, written comments, transcripts, other communications. If such documents cannot be filed electronically in accordance with Instruction F, they shall be filed in accordance with Instruction G.

**Exhibit 3 - Form, Report, or Questionnaire**

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Copies of any form, report, or questionnaire that the self-regulatory organization proposes to use to help implement or operate the proposed rule change, or that is referred to by the proposed rule change.

**Exhibit 4 - Marked Copies**

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The full text shall be marked, in any convenient manner, to indicate additions to and deletions from the immediately preceding filing. The purpose of Exhibit 4 is to permit the staff to identify immediately the changes made from the text of the rule with which it has been working.

**Exhibit 5 - Proposed Rule Text**

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The self-regulatory organization may choose to attach as Exhibit 5 proposed changes to rule text in place of providing it in Item I and which may otherwise be more easily readable if provided separately from Form 19b-4. Exhibit 5 shall be considered part of the proposed rule change.

**Partial Amendment**

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If the self-regulatory organization is amending only part of the text of a lengthy proposed rule change, it may, with the Commission's permission, file only those portions of the text of the proposed rule change in which changes are being made if the filing (i.e. partial amendment) is clearly understandable on its face. Such partial amendment shall be clearly identified and marked to show deletions and additions.

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September 26, 2016

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**Re: File No. SR-FINRA-2016-029 - Proposed Rule Change Relating  
to Use of the Dispute Resolution Party Portal in Arbitration  
and Mediation – Extension of Time for Commission Action**

Dear Ms. Gonzalez:

Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. hereby extends the time for Commission action on the above-referenced rule filing to November 15, 2016.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (212) 858-4481 or [margo.hassan@finra.org](mailto:margo.hassan@finra.org), or contact Kenneth Andrichik, Senior Vice President & Chief Counsel, at (212) 858-3915 or [ken.andrichik@finra.org](mailto:ken.andrichik@finra.org).

Very truly yours,

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Margo A. Hassan