

1. Text of the Proposed Rule Change

- (a) EDGX Exchange, Inc. (“EDGX” or the “Exchange”), proposes to amend EDGX Rule 11.14 to add additional securities to the pilot rule. The text of the proposed rule change is attached as Exhibit 5 and is available on the Exchange’s website at www.directedge.com, at the Exchange’s principal office, and at the Public Reference Room of the Commission.
- (b) The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will have any direct effect, or any significant indirect effect, on any other Exchange rule in effect at the time of this filing.
- (c) Not applicable.

2. Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization

Senior management has approved the proposed rule change pursuant to authority delegated to it by the Board of Directors of the Exchange on April 27, 2010. Exchange staff will advise the EDGX Exchange Board of Directors of any action taken pursuant to delegated authority. No further action by the Board of Directors or the membership of the Exchange is required. Therefore, the Exchange's internal procedures with respect to the proposed change are complete.

The persons on the Exchange staff prepared to respond to questions and comments on the proposed rule change are:

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

(a) Purpose

The Exchange proposes to amend EDGX Rule 11.14 to add securities included in the Russell 1000[®] Index (“Russell 1000”) and specified Exchange Traded Products (“ETP”) to the pilot rule. For purposes of this filing, ETPs include Exchange Traded Funds (“ETF”),¹ Exchange Traded Vehicles (“ETV”),² and Exchange Traded Notes (“ETN”).³

¹ An ETF is an open-ended registered investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940 that has received certain exemptive relief from the SEC to allow secondary market trading in the ETF shares. ETFs are generally index-based products, in that each ETF holds a portfolio of securities that is intended to

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Currently, the pilot list of securities is all securities included in the S&P 500[®] Index (“S&P 500”). As noted in comment letters to the original filing to adopt EDGX Rule 11.14, concerns were raised that including only securities in the S&P 500 in the pilot rule was too narrow. In particular, commenters noted that securities that experienced volatility on May 6, 2010, including ETFs, should be included in the pilot.

In response to these concerns, various exchanges and national securities associations have collectively determined to expand the list of pilot securities. As part of a coordinated filing with the other markets, the Exchange proposes to add the securities included in the Russell 1000 and specified ETPs to the pilot beginning in July 2010, subject to Commission approval. The Exchange believes that adding these securities would address concerns that the scope of the pilot may be too narrow, while at the same time recognizing that during the pilot period, the markets will continue to review whether and when to add additional securities to the pilot and whether the parameters of the rule should be adjusted for different securities.

In particular, the Exchange proposes to add securities included in the Russell 1000 because the Exchange believes that the securities included in that index have similar trading characteristics to securities included in the S&P 500 (many of which are the same securities) and therefore the existing 10% price movement applicable before invoking a trading pause may be appropriate for the Russell 1000 securities.

provide investment results that, before fees and expenses, generally correspond to the price and yield performance of the underlying benchmark index.

² An ETV tracks the underlying performance of an asset or index, allowing investors exposure to underlying assets such as futures contracts, commodities, and currency without actually trading futures or taking physical delivery of the underlying asset. An ETV is traded intraday like an ETF. An ETV is an open-ended trust or partnership unit that is registered under the Securities Act of 1933.

³ An ETN is a senior unsecured debt obligation designed to track the total return of an underlying index, benchmark or strategy, minus investor fees. ETNs are registered under the Securities Act of 1933 and are redeemable to the issuer.

⁴ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 62252 (June 10, 2010) (SR-EDGX-2010-01).

In addition, the Exchange, in consultation with other markets, proposes to add to the pilot a selected list of ETPs. The proposed pilot list of ETPs was developed by first identifying all ETPs across multiple asset classes and issuers, including domestic equity, international equity, fixed income, currency, and commodities and futures. Next, leveraged ETPs were excluded and sorted by notional consolidated average daily volume (“CADV”) using year-to-date CADV ending May 5, 2010, multiplied by the closing price on May 5, 2010. Then, those symbols, including inverse ETPs, that trade over \$2,000,000 CADV year to date through May 5, 2010, were selected. To ensure that ETPs that track similar benchmarks but that do not meet this volume criterion do not become subject to pricing volatility when a component security is the subject of a trading pause, the Exchange proposes to include certain non-leveraged ETPs that have traded below this volume criterion, but that track the same benchmark as an ETP that does meet the volume criterion.

The proposed list of ETPs identify those ETPs that have component securities that largely track the securities included in the S&P 500 and Russell 1000. Accordingly, if an S&P 500 or Russell 1000 security experiences a trading pause, any resulting price volatility in a related ETP, regardless of the CADV of the ETP, would also be subject to a trading pause trigger. As with the proposal to add the Russell 1000 securities, the proposed ETPs were selected because they were consistent with the existing 10% price movement before invoking a trading pause for ETPs with these characteristics. The Exchange does not believe that the 10% price movement is an appropriate threshold for leveraged ETPs because by definition, leveraged ETPs are based on multiples of price movements in the underlying index. Accordingly, a 10% percent price movement in a leveraged ETP may not signify extraordinary volatility. Because the Exchange is not proposing to adopt revised price movement thresholds at this time, the Exchange is therefore not proposing to include leveraged ETPs for now.

As noted above, during the pilot, the Exchange will continue to re-assess, in consultation with other markets, whether specific ETPs should be added or removed from the pilot list. The Exchange will also assess whether the parameters for invoking a trading pause continue to be the appropriate standard and whether the parameters should be modified.

To effect this change, the Exchange proposes to amend supplementary material .05 to Rule 11.14 to provide that the pilot applies to all securities in the S&P 500, securities in the Russell 1000, as well as specified ETPs.

(b) Statutory Basis

The statutory basis for the proposed rule change is Section 6(b)(5) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act”),⁵ which requires the rules of an exchange to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. The proposed rule change also is designed to support the principles of Section 11A(a)(1)⁶ of the Act in that it seeks to assure fair competition among brokers and dealers and among exchange markets. The Exchange believes that the proposed rule meets these requirements in that it promotes uniformity across markets concerning decisions to pause trading in a security when there are significant price movements.

4. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

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

The Exchange has neither solicited nor received written comments on the proposed rule change.

6. Extension of Time Period for Commission Action

Not applicable.

7. Basis for Summary Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3) or for Accelerated Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(2)

The Exchange requests that the Commission approve the proposed rule change on an accelerated basis pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act so that it may be operative on a pilot basis as soon as practicable. Because similar rule filings are being proposed by multiple market centers, the Exchange believes that this rule filing will increase uniformity regarding decisions to pause trading and reduce the negative impacts of sudden, unanticipated price movements in individual Russell 1000 securities and ETPs. In particular, the Exchange is proposing to adopt this rule filing to address the type of sudden price declines that the market experienced on the afternoon of May 6, 2010. As such, the Exchange does not believe that the

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78k-1(a)(1).

proposal should be delayed, pending a brief implementation period for the markets, so that it may become operative as soon as practicable.

8. Proposed Rule Change Based on Rules of Another Self-Regulatory Organization or of the Commission

Not applicable.

9. Exhibits

Exhibit 1 – Form of Notice of Proposed Rule Change for Federal Register

Exhibit 5 – Text of Proposed EDGX Rule 11.14.

EXHIBIT 1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

(Release No. 34-_____; File No. SR-EDGX-2010-05)

Self-Regulatory Organizations; EDGX Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change to Amend EDGX Rule 11.14, entitled “Trading Halts Due to Extraordinary Volatility.”

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act”),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on June 30, 2010, EDGX Exchange, Inc. (the “Exchange” or “EDGX”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II 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 is proposing to amend EDGX Rule 11.14, entitled “Trading Halts Due to Extraordinary Volatility” to add additional securities to the pilot rule. The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Exchange’s Web site at <http://www.directedge.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 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

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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.

(A) Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

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2. Statutory Basis

Approval of the rule change proposed in this submission is consistent with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder that are applicable to a national securities exchange, and, in particular, with the requirements of Section 6(b) of the Act.⁷ In particular, the proposed change is consistent with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,⁸ because it would promote just and equitable principles of trade, remove impediments to, and perfect the mechanism of, a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, protect investors and the public interest. The proposed rule change is also designed to support the principles of Section 11A(a)(1)⁹ of the Act in that it seeks to

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

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assure fair competition among brokers and dealers and among exchange markets. The Exchange believes that the proposed rule meets these requirements in that it promotes uniformity across markets concerning decisions to pause trading in a security when there are significant price movements.

(B) Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

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(C) Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received from Members, Participants or Others

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III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

Within 35 days of the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register or within such longer period (i) as the Commission may designate up to 90 days of such date if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or (ii) as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission will:

- A. by order approve such proposed rule change, or
 - B. institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved.
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IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposal is consistent with the Act.

Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Comments:

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an e-mail to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File No. SR-EDGX-2010-05 on the subject line.

Paper Comments:

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Elizabeth M. Murphy, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File No. SR- EDGX-2010-05. 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 Web site (<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 changes 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 Web site viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying

information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File No. SR- EDGX-2010-05 and should be submitted on or before [_____21 days from publication in the Federal Register].

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁰

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Deputy Secretary

¹⁰ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

Exhibit 5

Text of the proposed rule change (Additions are underlined; deletions are in [brackets].)

Rule 11.14. Trading Halts Due to Extraordinary Market Volatility

(a) – (e) No change

Interpretations and Policies:

.01 - .04 No change

.05 The provisions of paragraph (d) of this Rule shall be in effect during a pilot set to end on December 10, 2010. During the pilot, the term “Circuit Breaker Securities” shall mean the securities included in the S&P 500[®] Index, the Russell 1000[®] Index, as well as a pilot list of Exchange Traded Products.