

1. Text of the Proposed Rule Change

- (a) EDGX Exchange, Inc. (“EDGX” or the “Exchange”), proposes to amend EDGX Rule 11.5(a)(2) to provide system functionality that will cancel any portion of a market order submitted to the Exchange that would execute at a price that is more than \$0.50 or 5 percent worse than last sale at the time the order initially reaches the Exchange, whichever is greater. The text of the proposed rule change is attached as Exhibit 5 and is available on the Exchange’s website at [www.directedge.com](http://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

The proposed rule change was approved by senior management of the Exchange pursuant to authority delegated 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 other action is necessary for the filing of the rule change. 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 purpose of the proposed rule change is to protect market participants from executions at prices that are significantly worse than the last sale at the time of order entry by providing Exchange system functionality that will cancel any portion of a market order (as defined in Rule 11.5(a)(2)) that would execute at a price that is 50 cents or 5 percentage points worse than the consolidated last sale, whichever is greater. Any portion of a market order that would otherwise execute

outside of these thresholds will be immediately cancelled back to the User.<sup>1</sup> The Exchange believes that Users who submit market orders to the Exchange generally intend to receive executions for the full size of their orders at or near the consolidated last sale and are not always aware that there may not be enough liquidity at that price to fill the entire size of their orders. The Exchange believes that the market order thresholds proposed in this rule filing will help avoid executions of market orders at prices that are significantly worse than the consolidated last sale and avoid potentially creating clearly erroneous situations.

Those Users who intend to trade against liquidity at multiple price points from the consolidated last sale beyond the market order thresholds proposed in this rule filing can clearly and unambiguously specify that intent by submitting a marketable limit order to the Exchange.

(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”),<sup>2</sup> 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, by helping to avoid executions of market orders on the Exchange at prices that are significantly worse than the consolidated last sale at the time an order is initially received by the Exchange. The Exchange believes that the consolidated last sale is a fair representation of then-available prices and accordingly provides for an appropriate pricing mechanism such that market orders should not be executed at a significantly worse price. Also, this proposal is consistent with existing exchange rules of other SROs<sup>3</sup> and with Exchange Rule 11.13 (“Clearly Erroneous Executions”) that allow for the breaking of trades deemed clearly erroneous by reference to objective thresholds away from the consolidated last sale immediately prior to the execution(s) under review. Accordingly, the modifications to Exchange Rule 11.5 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.

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<sup>1</sup> A User is defined in Exchange Rule 1.5(cc) as “any Member or Sponsored Participant who is authorized to obtain access to the System pursuant to Rule 11.3”.

<sup>2</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

<sup>3</sup> See BATS Rule 11.9, NYSE Arca Rule 7.31, and Nasdaq Rule 4751.

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 foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)<sup>4</sup> of the Act and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)<sup>5</sup> thereunder. The proposed rule change effects a change that (A) does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (B) does not impose any significant burden on competition; and (C) by its terms, does not become operative for 30 days after the date of the filing, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest; provided that the self-regulatory organization has given the Commission 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 of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission.

The Exchange provided the Commission with 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.<sup>6</sup>

The Exchange and other market centers have witnessed excessive volatility in recent months, both in terms of volume and in price, and significant price movements can occur very quickly in the current market. The Exchange believes that investors and market participants will benefit from additional protection from certain executions under such market conditions, particularly of market orders on

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<sup>4</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>5</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

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

the Exchange at prices that are significantly worse than the consolidated last sale at the time the Exchange receives such orders. Accordingly, because the Exchange believes that implementation of the market order thresholds described in this filing is “non-controversial” and is important to its maintenance of a fair and orderly market and the protection of investors, the Exchange requests that the Commission waive the 30-day pre-operative waiting period contained in Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) under the Act.<sup>7</sup> Waiver of this requirement is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest for the reasons described above.

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 11.5.

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<sup>7</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

EXHIBIT 1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
(Release No. 34- ; File No. SR-EDGX-2010-14

[Date]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; EDGX Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Amend EDGX Rule 11.5

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act"),<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on October 20, 2010, the EDGX Exchange, Inc. (the "Exchange" or the "EDGX") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which items have been prepared by the self-regulatory organization. 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 EDGX Rule 11.5(a)(2) to provide system functionality that will cancel any portion of a market order submitted to the Exchange that would execute at a price that is more than \$0.50 or 5 percent worse than last sale at the time the order initially reaches the Exchange, whichever is greater. The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's Internet website at

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

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

<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 self-regulatory organization 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 self-regulatory organization 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

Purpose - The purpose of the proposed rule change is to protect market participants from executions at prices that are significantly worse than the last sale at the time of order entry by providing Exchange system functionality that will cancel any portion of a market order (as defined in Rule 11.5(a)(2)) that would execute at a price that is 50 cents or 5 percentage points worse than the consolidated last sale, whichever is greater. Any portion of a market order that would otherwise execute outside of these thresholds will be immediately cancelled back to the User.<sup>3</sup> The Exchange believes that Users who submit market orders to the Exchange generally intend to receive executions for the full size of their orders at or near the consolidated last sale and are not always aware that there may not be enough liquidity at that price to fill the entire size of their orders. The Exchange believes that the market order thresholds proposed in this rule

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<sup>3</sup> As defined in Exchange Rule 1.5(cc).

filing will help avoid executions of market orders at prices that are significantly worse than the consolidated last sale and avoid potentially creating clearly erroneous situations.

Those Users who intend to trade against liquidity at multiple price points from the consolidated last sale beyond the market order thresholds proposed in this rule filing can clearly and unambiguously specify that intent by submitting a marketable limit order to the Exchange.

Basis – The statutory basis for the proposed rule change is Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,<sup>4</sup> 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)<sup>5</sup> 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 seeks to promote transparency for how order flow will be handled during a trading pause.

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

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

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<sup>4</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

<sup>5</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78k-1(a)(1).

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

The Exchange has not solicited, and does not intend to solicit, comments on this proposed rule change. The Exchange has not received any unsolicited written comments from members or other interested parties.

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

The Exchange has filed the proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act<sup>6</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.<sup>7</sup> Because the 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 prior to 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest, the proposed rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) thereunder.

A proposed rule change filed under Rule 19b-4(f)(6)<sup>8</sup> normally does not become operative prior to 30 days after the date of the filing. However, pursuant to Rule 19b4(f)(6)(iii),<sup>9</sup> the Commission may designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Exchange has asked the Commission to waive the 30-day operative delay so that the proposal may become operative immediately upon filing.

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<sup>6</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78k-1(a)(1).

<sup>7</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

<sup>8</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

<sup>9</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).



At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission may summarily abrogate 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.

#### 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:

##### 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](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File No. SR-EDGX-2010-14 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-EDGX-2010-14. 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 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 inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of such filing also will 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 Number SR-EDGX-2010-14 and should be submitted by [insert date 21 days from the date of publication in the Federal Register].

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>10</sup>

Secretary

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<sup>10</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

## Exhibit 5

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

## Rule 11.5. Orders and Modifiers

Users may enter into the System the types of orders listed in this Rule 11.5, subject to the limitations set forth in this Rule or elsewhere in these Rules.

(a) *General Order Types.* No change

(1) No change

(2) Market Order. An order to buy or sell a stated amount of a security that is to be executed at the NBBO when the order reaches the Exchange. Market orders shall not trade through Protected Quotations. A market order that is designated as “EDGX Only” will be cancelled if, when reaching the Exchange, it cannot be executed on the System in accordance with Rule 11.9(b)(1). Market orders that are not designated as “EDGX Only” and that cannot be executed in accordance with Rule 11.9(b)(1) on the System when reaching the Exchange will be eligible for routing away pursuant to Rule 11.9(b)(2). Any portion of a market order that would execute at a price more than \$0.50 or 5 percent worse than the consolidated last sale at the time the order initially reaches the Exchange, whichever is greater, will be cancelled. Market orders are not eligible for execution during the Pre-Opening or the Post-Closing Trading Sessions.

(b) – (e) No change