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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 (required)**

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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.

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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.

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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.

1. Text of the Proposed Rule Change

- (a) EDGX Exchange, Inc. (“EDGX” or the “Exchange”) proposes to amend existing routing options contained in Rule 11.9(b)(3)(c) to provide Users<sup>1</sup> with more flexible routing options. 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:

Thomas N. McManus  
Chief Regulatory Officer  
EDGA Exchange, Inc.  
201-418-3471

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

(a) Purpose

The Exchange’s current list of routing options are codified in Rule 11.9(b)(3). In this filing, the Exchange proposes to amend several routing options contained in Rule 11.9(b)(3)(c) to allow Users more discretion if shares remain unexecuted after routing. In particular, Rules 11.9(b)(3)(c)(i)-(iii) are proposed to be amended to provide Users with the added option of posting any remainder of an order to another destination on the System routing table.

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<sup>1</sup> As defined in Rule 1.5(cc).

Currently, Rules 11.9(b)(3)(c)(i)-(iii) provide that the ROUE, ROUT and ROUX routing strategies check the System for available shares and then are sent to destinations on the System routing table. If shares remain unexecuted after routing, they are posted on the Exchange's book, unless otherwise instructed by the User. The Exchange proposes to modify this strategy to add the option that any remainder of an order can be posted to another destination on the System routing table or the Exchange's book. This User instruction would consequently allow the User added discretion to post the remainder to a destination other than the EDGX book.

The Exchange believes the proposed modification of the routing options described above will provide market participants with greater flexibility in routing orders without having to develop their own complicated routing strategies.

The Exchange will notify its Members in an information circular of the exact implementation date of this rule change, which will be no later than March 31, 2012.

(b) Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with 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. The proposed change to introduce the routing options described above will provide market participants with greater flexibility in routing orders without having to develop their own order routing strategies.

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.

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

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>3</sup> of the Act and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)<sup>4</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>5</sup>

The rule change is designed to provide market participants with greater flexibility when availing themselves of EDGX's order routing and execution services. EDGX provides these services in a highly competitive market in which participants may select a wide variety of routing options offered by self-regulatory organizations, alternative trading systems, other broker-dealers, market participants' own proprietary routing systems and service bureaus. In such an environment, the modifications proposed in this rule filing do not burden competition because the Exchange can only attract order flow if it offers investors higher execution quality and superior value compared to services offered by others.

Based on the foregoing, the Exchange believes that its proposal should become immediately effective.

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

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

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

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 the Proposed Rule Change.

EXHIBIT 1SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
(Release No. 34- ; File No. SR-EDGX-2011-37)

[Date]

## Self-Regulatory Organizations; EDGX Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule to Amend EDGA Rule 11.9

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 December 2, 2011, 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 introduce an additional routing option to Rule 11.9 and amend existing routing options. 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.

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

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

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

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 Exchange's current list of routing options are codified in Rule 11.9(b)(3). In this filing, the Exchange proposes to amend several routing options contained in Rule 11.9(b)(3)(c) to allow Users more discretion if shares remain unexecuted after routing. In particular, Rules 11.9(b)(3)(c)(i)-(iii) are proposed to be amended to provide Users with the added option of posting any remainder of an order to another destination on the System routing table.

Currently, Rules 11.9(b)(3)(c)(i)-(iii) provide that the ROUE, ROUT and ROUX routing strategies check the System for available shares and then are sent to destinations on the System routing table. If shares remain unexecuted after routing, they are posted on the Exchange's book, unless otherwise instructed by the User. The Exchange proposes to modify this strategy to add the option that any remainder of an order can be posted to another destination on the System routing table or the Exchange's book. This User instruction would consequently allow the User added discretion to post the remainder to a destination other than the EDGX book.

The Exchange believes the proposed modification of the routing options described above will provide market participants with greater flexibility in routing orders without having to develop their own complicated routing strategies.

The Exchange will notify its Members in an information circular of the exact implementation date of this rule change, which will be no later than March 31, 2012.

#### Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,<sup>3</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 change to introduce the routing options described above will provide market participants with greater flexibility in routing orders without having to develop their own order routing strategies.

#### 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.

#### 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.

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<sup>3</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

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

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>4</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.<sup>5</sup>

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 rule change is designed to provide market participants with greater flexibility when availing themselves of EDGX's order routing and execution services. EDGX provides these services in a highly competitive market in which participants may select a wide variety of routing options offered by self-regulatory organizations, alternative trading systems, other broker-dealers, market participants' own proprietary routing systems and service bureaus. In such an environment, the modifications proposed in this rule filing do not burden competition because the Exchange can only attract order flow if it offers investors higher execution quality and superior value compared to services offered by others.

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

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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).

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-2011-37 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-2011-37. 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-2011-37 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 Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>7</sup>

Secretary

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<sup>7</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

**Exhibit 5**

Additions underlined

Deletions [bracketed]

## Rule 11.9 Order Execution

(a) No change.

(b) (1) No change.

(2) No change.

(3) *Routing Options*. The System provides a variety of routing options. Routing options may be combined with all available order types and times-in-force, with the exception of order types and times-in-force whose terms are inconsistent with the terms of a particular routing option. The System will consider the quotations only of accessible markets. The term “System routing table” refers to the proprietary process for determining the specific trading venues to which the System routes orders and the order in which it routes them. The Exchange reserves the right to maintain a different System routing table for different routing options and to modify the System routing table at any time without notice. The System routing options are:

(a) – (b) No change.

(c) The following routing strategies check the System for available shares and then are sent to destinations on the System routing table. If shares remain unexecuted after routing, they are posted on the book, unless otherwise instructed by the User. For strategies in paragraphs (i)-(iii) below, Users may elect that any remainder of an order be posted on the book or to another destination on the System routing table.

(i)	ROUE
(ii)	ROUT
(iii)	ROUX
(iv)	ROUQ
(v)	ROUZ

(d) – (q) No change.