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**Description**

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Proposal to convert Direct Edge, Inc., the parent company of EDGX Exchange, Inc. from a Delaware corporation to a Delaware limited liability company.

**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 12/12/2014	VP, Associate General Counsel
By Anders Franzon	
(Name *)	



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**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 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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**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

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act”),<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> EDGX Exchange, Inc. (the “Exchange”) is filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) a proposed rule change (the “Proposed Rule Change”) to: (i) convert Direct Edge, Inc. (“DE”) from a Delaware corporation to a Delaware limited liability company (the “Conversion”), and, in connection therewith, change the name of DE from “Direct Edge, Inc.” to “Direct Edge LLC,” and (ii) amend the Third Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Exchange (the “Exchange Bylaws”) to reflect the name change of DE as the Exchange’s sole stockholder. The Exchange has designated the Proposed Rule Change as one being concerned solely with the administration of the Exchange pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act<sup>3</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder,<sup>4</sup> which renders the proposal effective upon filing with the Commission.

(a) In connection with the Conversion, the Exchange will file with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware the proposed Certificate of Formation of DE (the “Certificate”) and will adopt the proposed Limited Liability Company Operating Agreement of DE (the “Operating Agreement,” and, together with the Certificate, the “Organizational Documents”) to replace the existing Restated Certificate of Incorporation of DE and the existing Amended and Restated Bylaws of DE. The Exchange will also

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

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

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

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

adopt the proposed Fourth Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Exchange (the “Amended Exchange Bylaws”). The text of the proposed Certificate, Operating Agreement, and Amended Exchange Bylaws are attached as Exhibits 5A, 5B, and 5C, respectively.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) Not applicable.

2. Procedures of Self-Regulatory Organization

The Board of Directors of the Exchange approved this Proposed Rule Change on December 9, 2014, and the sole stockholder of the Exchange, DE, approved the Amended Exchange Bylaws on December 9, 2014.

The Board of Directors of DE approved the Conversion and Organizational Documents on December 9, 2014, and Direct Edge Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (“DE Holdings”), as the sole stockholder of DE, approved the Conversion and Organizational Documents of DE on December 9, 2014.

No other action is necessary for the filing of the Proposed Rule Change.

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 submits this Proposed Rule Change to seek the Commission’s approval of the Conversion, the adoption of the Organizational Documents, and the

Amended Exchange Bylaws. The Conversion is proposed as a means to simplify the administration associated with the Exchange's overall corporate structure. The name change from "Direct Edge, Inc." to "Direct Edge LLC" reflected in the Amended Exchange Bylaws is a non-substantive change. Other than converting DE from a corporation to a limited liability company and changing the name of DE from "Direct Edge, Inc." to "Direct Edge LLC" in the Amended Exchange Bylaws, no changes to the ownership or structure of the Exchange, DE Holdings, or the other entities included in the Exchange's overall corporate structure are proposed.<sup>5</sup> The proposed Organizational Documents are consistent in form and scope with the most recent governing documents that were approved by the Commission.<sup>6</sup>

There are no new regulatory issues implicated in this proposal. Other than as described herein and set forth in the attached Exhibits 5A through 5C, the Exchange will continue to conduct its regulated activities (including operating and regulating its market and Members<sup>7</sup>) in the manner currently conducted, and will not make any changes to its

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<sup>5</sup> The Exchange notes that the Third Amended and Restated Bylaws of EDGA Exchange, Inc. will also be amended and restated to reflect the name change of DE as the sole stockholder of EDGA Exchange, Inc.

<sup>6</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 60651 (September 11, 2009), 74 FR 47827 (Notice of Filing of Applications, as Amended, for Registration as National Securities Exchanges under Section 6 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) (including the EDGX and EDGA Form 1 Applications and Exhibits); and 61698 (March 12, 2010), 75 FR 13151 (March 18, 2010) (In the Matter of the Applications of EDGX Exchange, Inc. and EDGA Exchange, Inc. for Registration as National Securities Exchanges); and Securities Exchange Act Release No. 71449 (January 30, 2014), 79 FR 6961 (February 5, 2014) (SR-EDGA-2013-34; SR-EDGX-2013-43).

<sup>7</sup> The term "Member" is defined as "any registered broker or dealer, or any person associated with a registered broker or dealer, that has been admitted to the membership in the Exchange. A Member will have the status of a "member" of

regulated activities in connection with the Conversion. The Exchange is not proposing any amendments to its trading and regulatory rules at this time. If the Exchange determines to make any such changes, it will seek the approval of the Commission to the extent required by the Act, and the Commission's rules thereunder, and the Rules of the Exchange.

### 1. Current Corporate Structures

The Exchange and EDGA Exchange, Inc. ("EDGA", and together with the Exchange, the "DE Exchanges"), are each Delaware corporations that are national securities exchanges registered with the Commission pursuant to Section 6(a) of the Act.<sup>8</sup> Each DE Exchange is a direct, wholly owned subsidiary of DE, a Delaware corporation. DE, originally formed as a Delaware corporation on July 22, 2010, is a direct, wholly owned subsidiary of DE Holdings. In addition, DE Holdings owns 100 percent of the equity interest in Direct Edge ECN LLC d/b/a DE Route, a Delaware limited liability company and the routing broker-dealer for the DE Exchanges. BATS Global Markets, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("BGM"), owns 100 percent of the equity interest in DE Holdings, and is the ultimate parent entity in the Exchange's overall corporate structure.

### 2. The Conversion

On December 9, 2014, the Board of Directors of DE approved the Conversion and Organizational Documents on December 9, 2014, and DE Holdings approved the Conversion and Organizational Documents of DE on December 9, 2014. Pursuant to the

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the Exchange as that term is defined in Section 3(a)(3) of the Act." See Exchange Rule 1.5(n).

<sup>8</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(a).

Conversion, DE would be converted from a Delaware corporation to a Delaware limited liability company. BGM will continue to own 100 percent of the equity interests in DE Holdings, and DE Holdings will continue to own 100 percent of the equity interest in DE, which in turn, will continue to own 100 percent of the equity interest in each DE Exchange.

### 3. Adoption of Certificate and Operating Agreement

The Exchange proposes that DE adopt a new Certificate and Operating Agreement to replace the existing Restated Certificate of Incorporation of DE and the existing Amended and Restated Bylaws of DE. Each of the proposed Certificate and Operating Agreement are modeled on, and are substantially similar to, the current certificate of formation and operating agreement, respectively, of DE Holdings, which is similarly situated as an intermediate holding company. The Commission has previously found the DE Holdings certificate of formation and operating agreement to be consistent with the Act.<sup>9</sup> Each of the regulatory provisions described below, which the Exchange proposes to adopt within the Operating Agreement of DE, are also consistent with current provisions set forth in the existing Restated Certificate of Incorporation of DE and the existing Amended and Restated Bylaws of DE.

Although DE will not carry out any regulatory functions, the Exchange notes that its activities with respect to the operation of the DE Exchanges must be consistent with, and must not interfere with, the self-regulatory obligations of each DE Exchange. As further described below, the Operating Agreement therefore will include provisions that

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<sup>9</sup> See supra note 6.

are designed to maintain the independence of the Exchange's self-regulatory functions, enable the Exchange to operate in a manner that complies with the federal securities laws, including the objectives of Sections 6(b)<sup>10</sup> and 19(g)<sup>11</sup> of the Act, and facilitate the ability of the Exchange and the Commission to fulfill their regulatory and oversight obligations under the Act.

a. Certificate of Formation

In connection with the Conversion, the Exchange proposes that DE adopt a new Certificate, as set forth in Exhibit 5A, to replace the existing Restated Certificate of Incorporation of DE. The proposed Certificate includes the following provisions required under Delaware law:

- The full legal name of DE as "Direct Edge LLC"; and
- The name and address of DE's registered office in the State of Delaware.

b. Operating Agreement

In connection with the Conversion, the Exchange proposes that DE adopt a new Operating Agreement, as set forth in Exhibit 5B, to replace the existing Amended and Restated Bylaws of DE. The proposed Operating Agreement contains several provisions designed to protect the independence of the self-regulatory functions of the DE Exchanges.

The Operating Agreement would require DE Holdings and DE's officers, employees and agents to give due regard to the preservation of the independence of the self-regulatory function of the Exchange, as well as to its obligations to investors and the

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<sup>10</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>11</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(g).

general public, and not interfere with the effectuation of any decisions by the Exchange Board of Directors relating to its regulatory functions (including disciplinary matters) or which would interfere with the ability of the Exchange to carry out its responsibilities under the Act. The Operating Agreement would require that DE comply with the U.S. federal securities laws and rules and regulations thereunder and cooperate with the Commission and the Exchange pursuant to and to the extent of their respective regulatory authority. Pursuant to the Operating Agreement, DE's officers, employees and agents, by virtue of their acceptance of such positions, shall be deemed to agree to (i) comply with the U.S. federal securities laws and the rules and regulations thereunder; and (ii) cooperate with the Commission and the Exchange in respect of the Commission's oversight responsibilities regarding the Exchange and its self-regulatory functions, and DE will take reasonable steps to cause its officers, employees and agents to so cooperate.

Furthermore, DE and its officers, directors, employees and agents will be deemed to irrevocably submit to the jurisdiction of the U.S. federal courts, the Commission, and each DE Exchange, as applicable, for the purposes of any suit, action, or proceeding pursuant to the U.S. federal securities laws or the rules or regulations thereunder relating to or arising out of the activities of a DE Exchange.

The Operating Agreement would also contain a number of provisions designed to ensure that the Exchange has sufficient access to the books and records of DE. Pursuant to the Operating Agreement, the books, records, premises, officers, agents, and employees of DE are deemed to be the books, records, premises, officers, agents and employees of the Exchange to the extent they are related to the operation or administration of the Exchange. In addition, for as long as DE controls the Exchange,

DE's books and records shall be subject at all times to inspection and copying by the Commission and the Exchange, provided that such books and records are related to the operation or administration of the Exchange.

The Operating Agreement also would provide that, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, all confidential information pertaining to the self-regulatory functions of the Exchange (including but not limited to disciplinary matters, trading data, trading practices and audit information) contained in the books and records of the Exchanges that shall come into the possession of DE shall (i) be retained in confidence by DE Holdings, DE, and DE's officers, employees and agents, and (ii) not be used for any non-regulatory purposes. The Operating Agreement provides, however, that the foregoing shall not limit or impede the rights of the Commission or the Exchange to access and examine such confidential information pursuant to the U.S. federal securities laws and the rules and regulations thereunder, or limit or impede the ability of DE Holdings or DE's officers, employees or agents to disclose such confidential information to the Commission or the Exchange.

In addition, the Operating Agreement would provide that for so long as DE directly or indirectly controls a registered national securities exchange, before any amendment to or repeal of any provision of the Operating Agreement may be effective, the changes must be submitted to the Board of Directors of each such exchange, and if the change is required to be filed with or filed with and approved by the Commission before the change may be effective under Section 19 of the Act and the rules promulgated

thereunder,<sup>12</sup> then such proposed change shall not be effective until filed with or filed with and approved by the Commission, as the case may be.

The Operating Agreement identifies DE Holdings as the sole Member of DE.<sup>13</sup> The identification of the sole Member of DE is designed to assure that any change to the indirect ownership or control of the DE Exchanges occurs through a change in the ownership or control of DE Holdings, or in accordance with the rule filing process described above. If the change of control occurs through a change in the ownership or control of DE Holdings, any purported change of such ownership or control would need to comply with DE Holdings' organizational documents.

#### 4. Amended Exchange Bylaws

The Exchange proposes to amend the Exchange Bylaws, as set forth in Exhibit 5C, to change the name of its sole stockholder from "Direct Edge, Inc." to "Direct Edge LLC". The name change from "Direct Edge, Inc." to "Direct Edge LLC" as reflected in the Amended Exchange Bylaws is a non-substantive change. No other changes to the ownership or structure of the Exchange have taken place.

##### (b) Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the Proposed Rule Change 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

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<sup>12</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b).

<sup>13</sup> See Operating Agreement, Art. II, Section 2.01.

the Act.<sup>14</sup> In particular, the proposal is consistent with Section 6(b)(1) of the Act<sup>15</sup> in that it enables the Exchange to be so organized as to have the capacity to be able to carry out the purposes of the Act and to comply, and to enforce compliance by its Members and persons associated with its Members, with the provisions of the Act, the rules and regulations thereunder, and the Rules of the Exchange. The Proposed Rule Change is designed to effect the Conversion while ensuring that the Exchange will continue to have the authority and ability to effectively fulfill its self-regulatory duties pursuant to the Act and the rules promulgated thereunder. In particular, the Proposed Rule Change includes in the Operating Agreement various provisions intended to protect and maintain the integrity of the self-regulatory functions of the Exchange. For example, the Operating Agreement, as described above, is drafted to preserve the independence of the Exchange's self-regulatory function and ensure that the Exchange is able to obtain information it needs from the specified parties to detect and deter any fraudulent and manipulative acts in its marketplace and carry out their regulatory responsibilities under the Act. Moreover, with the Proposed Rule Change, the Commission will continue to have regulatory authority<sup>16</sup> over the Exchange, as is currently the case, as well as jurisdiction over the Exchange's direct and indirect parents with respect to activities related to the Exchange. As a result, the Proposed Rule Change will facilitate an ownership structure that will provide the Commission with appropriate oversight tools to ensure that the Commission will have the ability to enforce the Act with respect to the

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<sup>14</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

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

<sup>16</sup> See, e.g., Operating Agreement, Article X, Section 10.03.

Exchange, its direct and indirect parent entities and their directors, officers, employees and agents to the extent they are involved in the activities of the Exchange.

The Exchange also believes that the Proposed Rule Change furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act<sup>17</sup> because the Proposed Rule Change would be consistent with and facilitate a governance and regulatory structure that is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in regulating, clearing, settling, processing information with respect to, and facilitating transactions in securities, 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. Furthermore, the Exchange is not proposing any changes to its regulated activities in connection with the Conversion; the Exchange will operate and regulate its Members in the same manner upon consummation of the Conversion as it does today. Therefore, the Exchange believes that it will continue to satisfy the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder that are applicable to a national securities exchange.

In addition, the Proposed Rule Change provides transparency and certainty, and promotes efficiency, with respect to the governance and corporate structure of the Exchange and its direct and indirect parent companies. The Exchange believes that these additional changes, among other things, will remove administrative impediments to the governance of the Exchange. By simplifying the governance structure in this way, the

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<sup>17</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

Proposed Rule Change promotes the maintenance of a fair and orderly market, the protection of investors and the protection of the public interest.

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

The Exchange does not believe that the Proposed Rule Change would result in any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act, as amended. The Exchange will continue to conduct regulated activities (including operating and regulating its market and Members) of the type it currently conducts, but will be able to do so in a more efficient manner to the benefit of its Members. Furthermore, the proposed Conversion is not a competitive proposal, but rather is intended to add efficiency with respect to the governance process for the Exchange and its affiliates.

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

The Exchange has not solicited or 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 has designated this rule filing as non-controversial under Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act<sup>18</sup> and paragraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.<sup>19</sup> The Exchange asserts that the proposed rule change: (1) will not significantly affect the protection of

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<sup>18</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>19</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

investors or the public interest, (2) will not impose any significant burden on competition, and (3) and will not become operative for 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate. In addition, 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, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission.<sup>20</sup>

The Exchange has proposed changes to the Organizational Documents that are based on existing and recently approved governance documents of Exchange affiliates. Also, as described above, there are no new regulatory issues implicated in this proposal. The Exchange is not proposing any changes to its regulated activities in connection with the Conversion; the Exchange will operate and regulate its Members in the same manner upon consummation of the Conversion as it does today. For the foregoing reasons, this rule filing qualifies for immediate effectiveness as a “non-controversial” rule change under paragraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4.

The Exchange respectfully requests that the Commission waive the 30-day operative delay so that the proposed rule change may become effective and operative upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act<sup>21</sup> and paragraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.<sup>22</sup> Waiver of this requirement, specified in Rule 19b-4(f)(6),<sup>23</sup> will allow the Exchange to effect the Conversion upon filing with the

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<sup>20</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

<sup>21</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>22</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

<sup>23</sup> Id.

Secretary of State of the State of Delaware, which will, in turn, simplify the administration associated with the Exchange's overall corporate structure.

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 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.

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

Not applicable.

9. Security-Based Swap Submissions Filed Pursuant to Section 3C of the Act

Not applicable.

10. Advance Notices Filed Pursuant to Section 806(e) of the Payment, Clearing and Settlement Supervision Act

Not applicable.

11. Exhibits

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|-----------------|---|
| Exhibit 1:      | Completed Notice of the Proposed Rule Change for publication in the Federal Register. |
| Exhibits 2 – 4: | Not applicable.   |
| Exhibit 5A:     | Text of Proposed Certificate of Formation of Direct Edge LLC                          |
| Exhibit 5B:     | Text of Proposed Limited Liability Company Operating Agreement of Direct Edge LLC     |
| Exhibit 5C:     | Text of Proposed Fourth Amended and Restated Bylaws of EDGX Exchange, Inc.            |

EXHIBIT 1

## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

(Release No. 34-\_\_\_\_\_; File No. SR-EDGX-2014-34)

Self-Regulatory Organizations; EDGX Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change to Convert Direct Edge, Inc., the Parent Company of EDGX Exchange, Inc., from a Delaware Corporation to a Delaware Limited Liability Company

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 \_\_\_\_\_, 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 Exchange has designated this proposal as a “non-controversial” proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act<sup>3</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) thereunder,<sup>4</sup> which renders it effective upon filing with the Commission. 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 filed a proposal to: (i) convert Direct Edge, Inc. (“DE”) from a Delaware corporation to a Delaware limited liability company (the “Conversion”), and, in connection therewith, change the name of DE from “Direct Edge, Inc.” to “Direct Edge LLC,” and (ii) amend the Third Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Exchange (the

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

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

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

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

“Exchange Bylaws”) to reflect the name change of DE as the Exchange’s sole stockholder.

The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Exchange’s website 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 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

1. Purpose

The Exchange submits this Proposed Rule Change to seek the Commission’s approval of the Conversion, the adoption of the Organizational Documents, and the Amended Exchange Bylaws. The Conversion is proposed as a means to simplify the administration associated with the Exchange’s overall corporate structure. The name change from “Direct Edge, Inc.” to “Direct Edge LLC” reflected in the Amended Exchange Bylaws is a non-substantive change. Other than converting DE from a corporation to a limited liability company and changing the name of DE from “Direct Edge, Inc.” to “Direct Edge LLC” in the Amended Exchange Bylaws, no changes to the ownership or structure of the Exchange, DE Holdings, or the other entities included in the

Exchange's overall corporate structure are proposed.<sup>5</sup> The proposed Organizational Documents are consistent in form and scope with the most recent governing documents that were approved by the Commission.<sup>6</sup>

There are no new regulatory issues implicated in this proposal. Other than as described herein and set forth in the attached Exhibits 5A through 5C, the Exchange will continue to conduct its regulated activities (including operating and regulating its market and Members<sup>7</sup>) in the manner currently conducted, and will not make any changes to its regulated activities in connection with the Conversion. The Exchange is not proposing any amendments to its trading and regulatory rules at this time. If the Exchange determines to make any such changes, it will seek the approval of the Commission to the extent required by the Act, and the Commission's rules thereunder, and the Rules of the Exchange.

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<sup>5</sup> The Exchange notes that the Third Amended and Restated Bylaws of EDGA Exchange, Inc. will also be amended and restated to reflect the name change of DE as the sole stockholder of EDGA Exchange, Inc.

<sup>6</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 60651 (September 11, 2009), 74 FR 47827 (Notice of Filing of Applications, as Amended, for Registration as National Securities Exchanges under Section 6 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) (including the EDGX and EDGA Form 1 Applications and Exhibits); and 61698 (March 12, 2010), 75 FR 13151 (March 18, 2010) (In the Matter of the Applications of EDGX Exchange, Inc. and EDGA Exchange, Inc. for Registration as National Securities Exchanges); and Securities Exchange Act Release No. 71449 (January 30, 2014), 79 FR 6961 (February 5, 2014) (SR-EDGA-2013-34; SR-EDGX-2013-43).

<sup>7</sup> The term "Member" is defined as "any registered broker or dealer, or any person associated with a registered broker or dealer, that has been admitted to the membership in the Exchange. A Member will have the status of a "member" of the Exchange as that term is defined in Section 3(a)(3) of the Act." See Exchange Rule 1.5(n).

### 1. Current Corporate Structures

The Exchange and EDGA Exchange, Inc. (“EDGA”, and together with the Exchange, the “DE Exchanges”), are each Delaware corporations that are national securities exchanges registered with the Commission pursuant to Section 6(a) of the Act.<sup>8</sup> Each DE Exchange is a direct, wholly owned subsidiary of DE, a Delaware corporation. DE, originally formed as a Delaware corporation on July 22, 2010, is a direct, wholly owned subsidiary of DE Holdings. In addition, DE Holdings owns 100 percent of the equity interest in Direct Edge ECN LLC d/b/a DE Route, a Delaware limited liability company and the routing broker-dealer for the DE Exchanges. BATS Global Markets, Inc., a Delaware corporation (“BGM”), owns 100 percent of the equity interest in DE Holdings, and is the ultimate parent entity in the Exchange’s overall corporate structure.

### 2. The Conversion

On December 9, 2014, the Board of Directors of DE approved the Conversion and Organizational Documents on December 9, 2014, and DE Holdings approved the Conversion and Organizational Documents of DE on December 9, 2014. Pursuant to the Conversion, DE would be converted from a Delaware corporation to a Delaware limited liability company. BGM will continue to own 100 percent of the equity interests in DE Holdings, and DE Holdings will continue to own 100 percent of the equity interest in DE, which in turn, will continue to own 100 percent of the equity interest in each DE Exchange.

### 3. Adoption of Certificate and Operating Agreement

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<sup>8</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(a).

The Exchange proposes that DE adopt a new Certificate and Operating Agreement to replace the existing Restated Certificate of Incorporation of DE and the existing Amended and Restated Bylaws of DE. Each of the proposed Certificate and Operating Agreement are modeled on, and are substantially similar to, the current certificate of formation and operating agreement, respectively, of DE Holdings, which is similarly situated as an intermediate holding company. The Commission has previously found the DE Holdings certificate of formation and operating agreement to be consistent with the Act.<sup>9</sup> Each of the regulatory provisions described below, which the Exchange proposes to adopt within the Operating Agreement of DE, are also consistent with current provisions set forth in the existing Restated Certificate of Incorporation of DE and the existing Amended and Restated Bylaws of DE.

Although DE will not carry out any regulatory functions, the Exchange notes that its activities with respect to the operation of the DE Exchanges must be consistent with, and must not interfere with, the self-regulatory obligations of each DE Exchange. As further described below, the Operating Agreement therefore will include provisions that are designed to maintain the independence of the Exchange's self-regulatory functions, enable the Exchange to operate in a manner that complies with the federal securities laws, including the objectives of Sections 6(b)<sup>10</sup> and 19(g)<sup>11</sup> of the Act, and facilitate the ability of the Exchange and the Commission to fulfill their regulatory and oversight obligations under the Act.

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<sup>9</sup> See supra note 6.

<sup>10</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>11</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(g).

a. Certificate of Formation

In connection with the Conversion, the Exchange proposes that DE adopt a new Certificate, as set forth in Exhibit 5A, to replace the existing Restated Certificate of Incorporation of DE. The proposed Certificate includes the following provisions required under Delaware law:

- The full legal name of DE as “Direct Edge LLC”; and
- The name and address of DE’s registered office in the State of Delaware.

b. Operating Agreement

In connection with the Conversion, the Exchange proposes that DE adopt a new Operating Agreement, as set forth in Exhibit 5B, to replace the existing Amended and Restated Bylaws of DE. The proposed Operating Agreement contains several provisions designed to protect the independence of the self-regulatory functions of the DE Exchanges.

The Operating Agreement would require DE Holdings and DE’s officers, employees and agents to give due regard to the preservation of the independence of the self-regulatory function of the Exchange, as well as to its obligations to investors and the general public, and not interfere with the effectuation of any decisions by the Exchange Board of Directors relating to its regulatory functions (including disciplinary matters) or which would interfere with the ability of the Exchange to carry out its responsibilities under the Act. The Operating Agreement would require that DE comply with the U.S. federal securities laws and rules and regulations thereunder and cooperate with the Commission and the Exchange pursuant to and to the extent of their respective regulatory authority. Pursuant to the Operating Agreement, DE’s officers, employees and agents, by

virtue of their acceptance of such positions, shall be deemed to agree to (i) comply with the U.S. federal securities laws and the rules and regulations thereunder; and (ii) cooperate with the Commission and the Exchange in respect of the Commission's oversight responsibilities regarding the Exchange and its self-regulatory functions, and DE will take reasonable steps to cause its officers, employees and agents to so cooperate.

Furthermore, DE and its officers, directors, employees and agents will be deemed to irrevocably submit to the jurisdiction of the U.S. federal courts, the Commission, and each DE Exchange, as applicable, for the purposes of any suit, action, or proceeding pursuant to the U.S. federal securities laws or the rules or regulations thereunder relating to or arising out of the activities of a DE Exchange.

The Operating Agreement would also contain a number of provisions designed to ensure that the Exchange has sufficient access to the books and records of DE. Pursuant to the Operating Agreement, the books, records, premises, officers, agents, and employees of DE are deemed to be the books, records, premises, officers, agents and employees of the Exchange to the extent they are related to the operation or administration of the Exchange. In addition, for as long as DE controls the Exchange, DE's books and records shall be subject at all times to inspection and copying by the Commission and the Exchange, provided that such books and records are related to the operation or administration of the Exchange.

The Operating Agreement also would provide that, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, all confidential information pertaining to the self-regulatory functions of the Exchange (including but not limited to disciplinary matters, trading data, trading practices and audit information) contained in the books and records of the Exchanges that

shall come into the possession of DE shall (i) be retained in confidence by DE Holdings, DE, and DE's officers, employees and agents, and (ii) not be used for any non-regulatory purposes. The Operating Agreement provides, however, that the foregoing shall not limit or impede the rights of the Commission or the Exchange to access and examine such confidential information pursuant to the U.S. federal securities laws and the rules and regulations thereunder, or limit or impede the ability of DE Holdings or DE's officers, employees or agents to disclose such confidential information to the Commission or the Exchange.

In addition, the Operating Agreement would provide that for so long as DE directly or indirectly controls a registered national securities exchange, before any amendment to or repeal of any provision of the Operating Agreement may be effective, the changes must be submitted to the Board of Directors of each such exchange, and if the change is required to be filed with or filed with and approved by the Commission before the change may be effective under Section 19 of the Act and the rules promulgated thereunder,<sup>12</sup> then such proposed change shall not be effective until filed with or filed with and approved by the Commission, as the case may be.

The Operating Agreement identifies DE Holdings as the sole Member of DE.<sup>13</sup> The identification of the sole Member of DE is designed to assure that any change to the indirect ownership or control of the DE Exchanges occurs through a change in the ownership or control of DE Holdings, or in accordance with the rule filing process

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<sup>12</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b).

<sup>13</sup> See Operating Agreement, Art. II, Section 2.01.

described above. If the change of control occurs through a change in the ownership or control of DE Holdings, any purported change of such ownership or control would need to comply with DE Holdings' organizational documents.

#### 4. Amended Exchange Bylaws

The Exchange proposes to amend the Exchange Bylaws, as set forth in Exhibit 5C, to change the name of its sole stockholder from "Direct Edge, Inc." to "Direct Edge LLC". The name change from "Direct Edge, Inc." to "Direct Edge LLC" as reflected in the Amended Exchange Bylaws is a non-substantive change. No other changes to the ownership or structure of the Exchange have taken place.

#### 2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the Proposed Rule Change 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.<sup>14</sup> In particular, the proposal is consistent with Section 6(b)(1) of the Act<sup>15</sup> in that it enables the Exchange to be so organized as to have the capacity to be able to carry out the purposes of the Act and to comply, and to enforce compliance by its Members and persons associated with its Members, with the provisions of the Act, the rules and regulations thereunder, and the Rules of the Exchange. The Proposed Rule Change is designed to effect the Conversion while ensuring that the Exchange will continue to have the authority and ability to effectively fulfill its self-regulatory duties pursuant to the Act

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<sup>14</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

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

and the rules promulgated thereunder. In particular, the Proposed Rule Change includes in the Operating Agreement various provisions intended to protect and maintain the integrity of the self-regulatory functions of the Exchange. For example, the Operating Agreement, as described above, is drafted to preserve the independence of the Exchange's self-regulatory function and ensure that the Exchange is able to obtain information it needs from the specified parties to detect and deter any fraudulent and manipulative acts in its marketplace and carry out their regulatory responsibilities under the Act. Moreover, with the Proposed Rule Change, the Commission will continue to have regulatory authority<sup>16</sup> over the Exchange, as is currently the case, as well as jurisdiction over the Exchange's direct and indirect parents with respect to activities related to the Exchange. As a result, the Proposed Rule Change will facilitate an ownership structure that will provide the Commission with appropriate oversight tools to ensure that the Commission will have the ability to enforce the Act with respect to the Exchange, its direct and indirect parent entities and their directors, officers, employees and agents to the extent they are involved in the activities of the Exchange.

The Exchange also believes that the Proposed Rule Change furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act<sup>17</sup> because the Proposed Rule Change would be consistent with and facilitate a governance and regulatory structure that is designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in regulating,

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<sup>16</sup> See, e.g., Operating Agreement, Article X, Section 10.03.

<sup>17</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

clearing, settling, processing information with respect to, and facilitating transactions in securities, 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. Furthermore, the Exchange is not proposing any changes to its regulated activities in connection with the Conversion; the Exchange will operate and regulate its Members in the same manner upon consummation of the Conversion as it does today. Therefore, the Exchange believes that it will continue to satisfy the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder that are applicable to a national securities exchange.

In addition, the Proposed Rule Change provides transparency and certainty, and promotes efficiency, with respect to the governance and corporate structure of the Exchange and its direct and indirect parent companies. The Exchange believes that these additional changes, among other things, will remove administrative impediments to the governance of the Exchange. By simplifying the governance structure in this way, the Proposed Rule Change promotes the maintenance of a fair and orderly market, the protection of investors and the protection of the public interest.

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

The Exchange does not believe that the Proposed Rule Change would result in any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act, as amended. The Exchange will continue to conduct regulated activities (including operating and regulating its market and Members) of the type it currently conducts, but will be able to do so in a more efficient manner to the benefit of its Members. Furthermore, the proposed Conversion is not a competitive proposal, but

rather is intended to add efficiency with respect to the governance process for the Exchange and its affiliates.

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

The Exchange has not solicited or received written comments on the Proposed Rule Change.

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

The Exchange has designated this rule filing as non-controversial under Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act<sup>18</sup> and paragraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.<sup>19</sup>

At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission may summarily temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is: (1) necessary or appropriate in the public interest; (2) for the protection of investors; or (3) otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule should be approved or disapproved.

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:

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<sup>18</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>19</sup> 17 C.F.R. 240.19b-4.

- 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-2014-34 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-2014-34. 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 website (<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 website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10:00 am and 3:00 pm. 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-2014-34 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.<sup>20</sup>

Kevin M. O'Neill  
Deputy Secretary

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<sup>20</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

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**STATE OF DELAWARE**  
**LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**  
**CERTIFICATE OF FORMATION**  
**OF**

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**DIRECT EDGE LLC**

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The undersigned has executed and is filing this Certificate of Formation for the purpose of forming a limited liability company pursuant to Section 18-201 of the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act of the State of Delaware.

**ARTICLE I**

The name of the limited liability company is Direct Edge LLC (the “Company”).

**ARTICLE II**

The registered office of the Company in the State of Delaware is 1209 Orange Street, in the City of Wilmington, County of New Castle, Delaware 19801. The name of the registered agent for service of process on the Company in the State of Delaware is The Corporation Trust Company.

**ARTICLE III**

The period of existence of the limited liability company is perpetual.

**ARTICLE IV**

This Certificate of Formation shall become effective on December 31, 2014.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Certificate of Formation this  
\_\_\_\_\_ day of December, 2014.

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Joe Ratterman, CEO

**[RESTATED CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION****OF****DIRECT EDGE, INC.**

Direct Edge, Inc., a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the provisions of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (the “General Corporation Law”),

DOES HEREBY CERTIFY:

That the name of this corporation is Direct Edge, Inc., and that this corporation was originally incorporated pursuant to the General Corporation Law on July 22, 2010 under the name Direct Edge, Inc.

That the Board of Directors (the “Board”) duly adopted resolutions pursuant to Sections 242 and 245 of the General Corporation Law proposing to amend and restate the Certificate of Incorporation of this corporation, declaring said amendment and restatement to be advisable and in the best interests of this corporation and its stockholders, and authorizing the appropriate officers of this corporation to solicit the consent of the stockholders therefore, which resolution setting forth the proposed amendment and restatement is as follows:

**FIRST:** The name of the Corporation is: Direct Edge, Inc.

**SECOND:** The address of the Corporation’s registered office in the State of Delaware is Corporation Trust Center, 1209 Orange Street, in the City of Wilmington, County of New Castle, Delaware 19801. The name of its registered agent at such address is The Corporation Trust Company.

**THIRD:** The nature of the business or purposes to be conducted or promoted by the Corporation is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which corporations may be organized under the General Corporation Law of Delaware.

**FOURTH:** The total number of shares of stock which the Corporation shall have authority to issue is One Thousand (1,000) shares of Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share.

**FIFTH:** In furtherance of and not in limitation of powers conferred by statute, it is further provided:

1. Election of directors need not be by written ballot.
2. The Board is expressly authorized to adopt, amend, alter or repeal the Bylaws of the Corporation.
3. The Bylaws may also be amended, altered or repealed, or new bylaws may be adopted, by action taken by the stockholders of the Corporation.

4. Any member of the Board may be removed with or without cause by a majority vote of the stockholders.

SIXTH:

1. Except to the extent that the General Corporation Law of Delaware prohibits the elimination or limitation of liability of directors for breaches of fiduciary duty, no director of the Corporation shall be personally liable to the Corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for any breach of fiduciary duty as a director, notwithstanding any provision of law imposing such liability; provided, however, that any indemnity under this Article SIXTH, other than as specifically set forth herein, shall be provided out of and to the extent of the Corporation's assets only and excluding any Regulatory Funds. For purposes of this Certificate of Incorporation, "Regulatory Funds" shall mean any fees, fines or penalties derived from the regulatory operations of any subsidiary of the Corporation that is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission as a national securities exchange, as provided in Section 6 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") (each such subsidiary, an "Exchange Subsidiary"); provided that Regulatory Funds shall not include revenues derived from listing fees, market data revenues, transaction revenues or any other aspect of the commercial operations of such Exchange Subsidiary, even if a portion of such revenues are used to pay costs associated with the regulatory operations of such Exchange Subsidiary).

2. No amendment to or repeal of this provision shall apply to or have any effect on the liability or alleged liability of any director of the Corporation for or with respect to any acts or omissions of such director occurring prior to such amendment.

SEVENTH:

1. The Corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change or repeal any provision contained in this Certificate of Incorporation, in the manner now or hereafter prescribed by statute and this Certificate of Incorporation, and all rights conferred upon stockholders herein are granted subject to this reservation.

2. The approval contemplated by this Article SEVENTH shall not be required to the extent that; (a) such approval requirements would cause the Corporation not to be in compliance with U.S. federal securities laws and the rules and regulations thereunder; or (b) would adversely impact the regulatory authority of an Exchange Subsidiary.

3. For so long as the Corporation shall control, directly or indirectly, an Exchange Subsidiary, before any amendment to any provision of this Certificate of Incorporation shall be effective, such amendment shall be submitted to the board of directors of each Exchange Subsidiary and if any such board shall determine that such amendment must be filed with, or filed with and approved by, the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") before the amendment may be effective under Section 19 of the Exchange Act and the rules promulgated under the Exchange Act or otherwise, then the proposed amendment to this Certificate of Incorporation shall not be effective until filed with, or filed with and approved by, the SEC, as the case may be.

LLC. 4. The sole stockholder of the Corporation shall be Direct Edge Holdings

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The undersigned caused this Restated Certificate of Incorporation to be executed this 31st day of January, 2014.

**Direct Edge, Inc.**

By: /s/ William O'Brien

Name: William O'Brien

Title: Chief Executive Officer

*[Signature Page to Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Direct Edge, Inc.]*

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**Limited Liability Company Operating Agreement**  
**of**  
**Direct Edge LLC**

This Limited Liability Company Operating Agreement (this “**Agreement**”) of Direct Edge LLC (the “**Company**”), dated as of December \_\_\_\_, 2014, is made by Direct Edge Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, as the sole member of the Company (the “**Member**”).

ARTICLE I

**THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**

Section 1.01. **Formation.**

The Member hereby: (a) ratifies the formation of the Company as a limited liability company under the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act, 6 Del. C. § 18-101 et seq., as amended and in effect from time to time, and any successor statute (the “**Act**”), the execution of the Certificate of Formation of the Company (the “**Certificate**”) by Joe Ratterman as an “authorized person” of the Company within the meaning of the Act, and the filing of the Certificate with the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware in conformity with the Act; and (b) agrees that the rights, duties and liabilities of the Member shall be as provided in the Act, except as otherwise provided herein.

Section 1.02. **Name.**

The name of the Company shall be “Direct Edge LLC” and its business shall be carried on in such name with such variations and changes as the Member shall determine or deem necessary to comply with requirements of the jurisdictions in which the Company’s operations are conducted.

Section 1.03. **Business Purpose; Powers.**

(a) Subject to the provisions of this Agreement, the purpose of the Company is (i) to operate directly or indirectly one or more national securities exchanges, (ii) to operate directly or indirectly one or more facilities of a national securities exchange, (iii) to operate directly or indirectly one or more “self-regulatory organizations” (each, an “**SRO**”) as defined in Section 3(a)(26) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “**Exchange Act**”), and (iv) to engage in any other business or activity in which a limited liability company organized under the laws of the State of Delaware may lawfully engage.

(b) In furtherance of the purposes set forth in Section 1.03(a), the Company will possess the power to do anything not prohibited by the Act, by other applicable law, or by this Agreement, including but not limited to the following powers: (i) to undertake any of the activities described in Section 1.03(a); (ii) to make, perform and enter into any contract, commitment, activity or agreement relating thereto; (iii) to open, maintain and close bank and money market accounts, to endorse, for deposit to any such account otherwise, checks payable or belonging to the Company from any other individual, partnership, joint stock company, corporation, entity, association, trust, limited liability company, joint venture, unincorporated organization, government, governmental department or agency or political subdivision of any government (each, a “Person”), and to draw checks or other orders for the payment of money on any such account; (iv) to hold, distribute, and exercise all rights (including voting rights), powers and privileges and other incidents of ownership with respect to assets of the Company; (v) to borrow funds, issue evidences of indebtedness and refinance any such indebtedness in furtherance of any or all of the purposes of the Company; (vi) to employ or retain such agents, employees, managers, accountants, attorneys, consultants and other Persons necessary or appropriate to carry out the business and affairs of the Company, and to pay such fees, expenses, salaries, wages and other compensation to such Persons; (vii) to bring, defend and compromise actions, in its own name, at law or in equity; and (viii) to take all actions and do all things necessary or advisable or incident to carry out the purposes of the Company, so far as such powers and privileges are necessary or convenient to the conduct, promotion or attainment of the Company’s business, purposes or activities.

**Section 1.04. Maintenance of Separate Business.**

- (a) The Company shall at all times:
- (i) to the extent that any of the Company’s offices are located in the offices of one of its Affiliates (as defined in Rule 12b-2 under the Exchange Act), pay fair market rent for its office space located therein;
  - (ii) maintain the Company’s books, financial statements, accounting records and other limited liability company documents and records separate from those of any of its Affiliates or any other Person;
  - (iii) not commingle the Company’s assets with those of any of its Affiliates or any other Person;
  - (iv) maintain the Company’s account, bank accounts, and payroll separate from those of any of its Affiliates;
  - (v) act solely in its name and through its own authorized agents, and in all respects hold itself out as a legal entity separate and distinct from any other Person;

- (vi) make investments directly or by brokers engaged and paid by the Company and its agents;
  - (vii) manage the Company's liabilities separately from those of any of its Affiliates, and pay its own liabilities, including all compensation to employees, consultants or agents and all operating expenses, from its own separate assets, except that an Affiliate of the Company may pay the organizational and administrative expenses of the Company; and
  - (viii) pay from the Company's assets all obligations and indebtedness of any kind incurred by the Company.
- (b) The Company shall not:
- (i) assume the liabilities of any of its Affiliates unless such assumption is approved in accordance with this Agreement; or
  - (ii) guarantee the liabilities of any of its Affiliates unless such assumption is approved in accordance with this Agreement.
- (c) The Company shall abide by all Act formalities, including the maintenance of current records of the Company's affairs, and the Company shall cause its financial statements to be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in a manner that indicates the separate existence of the Company.
- (d) The Member and the officers of the Company shall make decisions with respect to the business and daily operations of the Company independent of and not as dictated by any of its Affiliates. Failure of the Company, or the Member or any of the officers of the Company acting on behalf of the Company, to comply with any of the foregoing covenants or any other covenant contained in this Agreement shall not affect the status of the Company as a separate legal entity or the limited liability of the Member.

#### Section 1.05. Purchased Services.

Except as approved by the Member, all products and services to be obtained by the Company or any of its subsidiaries and all transactions conducted by the Company and its subsidiaries shall be evaluated by the Company's management with a view to best practices, and all such products and services and all such transactions shall, if obtained from or conducted with the Member or any Affiliate of the Member, be obtained or conducted only on an arm's length basis with terms that are not less favorable to the Company or any of its subsidiaries than those that the Company or any of its subsidiaries might otherwise be able to obtain from an unrelated Person.

**Section 1.06. Registered Office and Agent.**

The location of the registered office of the Company shall be 1209 Orange Street, in the City of Wilmington, County of New Castle, Delaware. The Company's registered agent at such address shall be The Corporation Trust Company.

**Section 1.07. Term.**

Subject to the provisions of Article VI below, the Company shall have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE II  
**THE MEMBER**

**Section 2.01. The Member.**

The name and address of the Member are as follows:

Direct Edge Holdings LLC  
c/o BATS Global Markets, Inc.  
8050 Marshall Drive  
Lenexa, Kansas 66214

**Section 2.02. Actions by the Member; Meetings.**

The Member may approve a matter or take any action at a meeting or without a meeting by the written consent of the Member. Meetings of the Member may be called at any time by the Member.

**Section 2.03. Liability of the Member.**

All debts, obligations and liabilities of the Company, whether arising in contract, tort or otherwise, shall be solely the debts, obligations and liabilities of the Company, and the Member shall not be obligated personally for any such debt, obligation or liability of the Company solely by reason of being a member.

**Section 2.04. Power to Bind the Company.**

The Member (acting in its capacity as such) shall have the authority to bind the Company to any third party with respect to any matter.

**Section 2.05. Admission of Members.**

New members shall be admitted only upon the approval of the Member and pursuant to an amendment to this Agreement, which shall not be effective until filed with and approved by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") under

Section 19 of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder by the SEC or otherwise.

ARTICLE III  
**MANAGEMENT BY THE MEMBER**

**Section 3.01. Member Management.**

The management of the Company is fully reserved to the Member, and the Company shall not have “managers” as that term is used in the Act. The powers of the Company shall be exercised by or under the authority of, and the business and affairs of the Company shall be managed under the direction of, the Member, who shall make all decisions and take all actions for the Company. In managing the business and affairs of the Company and exercising its powers, the Member shall act through resolutions adopted in written consents. Decisions or actions taken by the Member in accordance with this Agreement shall constitute decisions or action by the Company and shall be binding on the Company.

**Section 3.02. Officers; Employees, Agents and Consultants.**

(a) The Chief Executive Officer and the General Counsel shall each be appointed by the Member.

(b) The Chief Executive Officer shall appoint such other officers of the Company as he or she shall from time to time deem necessary and may assign any title to any such officer as he or she deems appropriate. Such officers shall have such terms of employment or service, shall receive such compensation and shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as the Member (or, if the Member delegates to the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Executive Officer) shall from time to time determine. Any number of offices may be held by the same person.

(c) The Chief Executive Officer shall have the authority to remove any officer; provided that the Chief Executive Officer shall not have the authority to remove any members of senior level management of the Company specifically selected and appointed by the Member.

(d) No person subject to a “statutory disqualification” (as defined in Section 3(a)(39) of the Exchange Act) may serve as an officer of the Company.

(e) Subject to the Member’s oversight and consent, the Chief Executive Officer shall be responsible for the day-to-day management of the business of the Company, and shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Member are carried into effect. The Chief Executive Officer shall have the authority to retain and terminate employees, agents and consultants of the Company and to delegate such duties to any such employees, agents and consultants as the Chief Executive Officer deems appropriate.

(f) To the extent that any certificate is required to be filed with the Delaware Secretary of State, each of the Chief Executive Officer and General Counsel is designated as an “authorized person” of the Company within the meaning of the Act.

**Section 3.03. Officers as Agents; Duties of Officers.**

(a) The officers of the Company, to the extent of their powers set forth in this Agreement or otherwise vested in them by action of the Member not inconsistent with this Agreement, are agents of the Company for the purpose of the Company’s business, and the actions of the officers of the Company taken in accordance with such powers shall bind the Company.

(b) Except to the extent otherwise provided herein, each officer of the Company shall have fiduciary duties identical to those of officers of business corporations organized under the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware.

**Section 3.04. Subsidiaries.**

(a) Subject to this Section 3.04, the Member may constitute any officer of the Company as the Company’s proxy, with power of substitution, to vote the equity of any subsidiary of the Company and to exercise, on behalf of the Company, any and all rights and powers incident to the ownership of that equity, including the authority to execute and deliver proxies, waivers and consents. Subject to this Section 3.04, in the absence of specific action by the Member, the Chief Executive Officer shall have authority to represent the Company and to vote, on behalf of the Company, the equity of other Persons, both domestic and foreign, held by the Company. Subject to this Section 3.04, the Chief Executive Officer shall also have the authority to exercise any and all rights incident to the ownership of that equity, including the authority to execute and deliver proxies, waivers and consents.

(b) At any meeting of the equity holders of an Exchange Subsidiary held for the purpose of electing directors (other than the Chief Executive Officer of EDGA Exchange, Inc. (“EDGA”) or EDGX Exchange, Inc. (“EDGX”, and, together with EDGA, the “Exchange Subsidiaries”, and each individually, an “Exchange Subsidiary”), as applicable) or members of the Nominating Committee or Member Nominating Committee of the Board of Directors of any such Exchange Subsidiary, as applicable, or in the event written consents are solicited or otherwise sought from the equity holders of an Exchange Subsidiary with respect thereto, the Company shall cause all outstanding equity of such Exchange Subsidiary owned directly or indirectly by the Company and entitled to vote with respect to such election to be voted in favor of the election of only those directors nominated by the Nominating Committee of such Exchange Subsidiary and those nominees for the Nominating Committee and those nominees for the Member Nominating Committee nominated in accordance with the governance documents of such Exchange Subsidiary, and, with respect to any such written consents, shall cause to be validly executed only such written consents electing only such directors nominated by the Nominating Committee of such Exchange

Subsidiary, such members of the Nominating Committee of such Exchange Subsidiary and such members of the Member Nominating Committee of such Exchange Subsidiary.

(c) With respect to the Chief Executive Officer of each of EDGA and EDGX, the Company shall take all actions in its capacity as a direct or indirect stockholder of EDGA and EDGX to vote or consent with respect to the election of such Chief Executive Officer as a member of the Boards of Directors of EDGA and EDGX. With respect to Member Representative Directors (as defined in the governance documents for EDGA and EDGX), the Company shall take actions in its capacity as a direct or indirect stockholder of EDGA and EDGX, as applicable, to remove a Member Representative Director from the Board of Directors of EDGA or EDGX, as applicable, only for cause. If the Board of Directors of EDGA or EDGX determines that a director of EDGA or EDGX, as applicable, (i) no longer satisfies the classification for which the director was elected, (ii) would, if such director continued service in such capacity, violate the compositional requirements of the Board of Directors of EDGA or EDGX as set forth in its governance documents, or (iii) has become subject to a “statutory disqualification” (as defined in Section 3(a)(39) of the Exchange Act), the Company shall take all actions in its capacity as a direct or indirect stockholder of EDGA and EDGX, as applicable, to remove such director from the Board of Directors of EDGA or EDGX, as applicable.

#### ARTICLE IV

### CAPITAL STRUCTURE AND CONTRIBUTIONS

#### Section 4.01. Capital Structure.

The capital structure of the Company shall consist of one class of common interests (the “Common Interests”). All Common Interests shall be identical with each other in every respect. The Member shall own all of the Common Interests issued and outstanding.

#### Section 4.02. Capital Contributions.

A capital contributions account shall be maintained for the Member, to which contributions shall be credited and against which distributions of capital contributions shall be charged. From time to time, the Member may determine that the Company requires capital and may make capital contributions in an amount determined by the Member, and such contributions shall be credited to the Member’s capital contributions account.

## ARTICLE V

**PROFITS, LOSSES AND DISTRIBUTIONS****Section 5.01. Profits and Losses.**

A profit and loss account shall be maintained for the Member, to which profits shall be credited and against which losses and distributions of profits shall be charged. For financial accounting and tax purposes, the Company's net profits or net losses shall be determined on an annual basis in accordance with the manner determined by the Member. In each year, profits and losses shall be allocated entirely to the Member's profit and loss account.

**Section 5.02. Distributions.**

The Member shall determine profits available for distribution and the amount, if any, to be distributed to the Member, and shall authorize and distribute on the Common Interests, the determined amount when, as and if declared by the Member. The distributions of profits of the Company shall be paid to the Member out of the Member's profit and loss account. No distribution shall be declared or paid which shall impair the capital of the Company nor shall any distribution of assets be made to the Member unless the value of the assets of the Company remaining after such payment or distribution is at least equal to the aggregate of its debts and liabilities, including capital.

## ARTICLE VI

**DISSOLUTION**

The Company shall be dissolved and its affairs wound up upon the occurrence of any of the following events: (a) the Member votes for dissolution; or (b) a judicial dissolution of the Company under Section 18-802 of the Act.

## ARTICLE VII

**TRANSFER OF INTERESTS IN THE COMPANY**

The Member may not sell, assign, transfer, convey, gift, exchange or otherwise dispose of any or all of its Common Interests except pursuant to an amendment to this Agreement, which shall not be effective until filed with and approved by the SEC under Section 19 of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder by the SEC or otherwise, as the case may be. After such amendment is effective, upon receipt by the Company of a written agreement executed by the person or entity to whom such Common Interests are to be transferred agreeing to be bound by the terms of this Agreement, such person shall be admitted as a member of the Company.

## ARTICLE VIII

**EXCULPATION AND INDEMNIFICATION****Section 8.01. Exculpation.**

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Agreement, whether express or implied, or any obligation or duty at law or in equity, neither the Member, any officers, directors, stockholders, partners, employees, affiliates, representatives or agents of any of the Member, the Company, nor any officer, employee, representative or agent of the Company (individually, a “Covered Person” and, collectively, the “Covered Persons”) shall be liable to the Company or any other person for any act or omission (in relation to the Company, its property or the conduct of its business or affairs, this Agreement, any related document or any transaction or investment contemplated hereby or thereby) taken or omitted by a Covered Person in the reasonable belief that such act or omission is in or is not contrary to the best interests of the Company and is within the scope of authority granted to such Covered Person by the Agreement; provided that such act or omission does not constitute fraud, willful misconduct, bad faith, or gross negligence.

**Section 8.02. No Duties.**

(a) Neither the Member nor any officer of the Company, other than the Chief Executive Officer, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, shall have any duty (fiduciary or otherwise) to the Company or to the Member otherwise existing at law or in equity.

(b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, to the extent that, at law or in equity, the Member or an officer of the Company does have duties (including fiduciary duties) or liabilities relating to the Company, the Member or any other Person, such Member or officer of the Company acting pursuant to this Agreement shall not be liable to the Company, the Member or any other Person for breach of fiduciary duty by reason of such Member or officer of the Company placing good faith reliance on the provisions of this Agreement. The Member hereby agrees that, to the extent the provisions of this Agreement restrict or eliminate duties (including fiduciary duties) or liabilities of the Member and the officers of the Company that may otherwise exist at law or in equity, such provisions replace such other duties and liabilities of such Member or officer to the Company, the Member or any other Person.

(c) The foregoing provisions of this Section 8.02 shall not limit in any way the duties or obligations of the Member or the officers of the Company under any of the provisions of Section 11.02 or Article X.

**Section 8.03. Indemnification.**

To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Company shall indemnify and hold harmless each Covered Person from and against any and all losses, claims, demands, liabilities, expenses, judgments, fines, settlements and other amounts arising from any

and all claims, demands, actions, suits or proceedings, civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (“Claims”), in which the Covered Person may be involved, or threatened to be involved, as a party or otherwise, by reason of its management of the affairs of the Company or which relates to or arises out of the Company or its property, business or affairs. A Covered Person shall not be entitled to indemnification under this Section 8.03 with respect to (i) any Claim with respect to which such Covered Person has engaged in fraud, willful misconduct, bad faith or gross negligence or (ii) any Claim initiated by such Covered Person unless such Claim (or part thereof) (A) was brought to enforce such Covered Person’s rights to indemnification hereunder or (B) was authorized or consented to by the Member. Expenses incurred by a Covered Person in defending any Claim shall be paid by the Company in advance of the final disposition of such Claim upon receipt by the Company of an undertaking by or on behalf of such Covered Person to repay such amount if it shall be ultimately determined that such Covered Person is not entitled to be indemnified by the Company as authorized by this Section 8.03.

Section 8.04. **Amendments.**

Any repeal or modification of this Article VIII by the Member shall not adversely affect any rights of such Covered Person pursuant to this Article VIII, including the right to indemnification and to the advancement of expenses of a Covered Person existing at the time of such repeal or modification with respect to any acts or omissions occurring prior to such repeal or modification.

ARTICLE IX

**CONFIDENTIALITY**

Section 9.01. **Duty of Confidentiality.**

(a) The Member, during the period starting from the date on which such Member became a member of the Company through and ending on the date that is the one year anniversary of the date on which such Member shall have ceased to be a member of the Company, shall not, without the Company’s prior written consent, disclose to any Person other than an Exempt Person (as defined below) of such Member any confidential, non-public information obtained from the Company or one of its Affiliates concerning any of the following (collectively, “**Confidential Information**”):

(i) any (a) inventions and discoveries (whether patentable or unpatentable and whether or not reduced to practice), all improvements thereto, all patents, registrations, invention disclosures and applications therefor, including divisions, revisions, supplementary protection certificates, continuations, continuations-in-part and renewal applications, and including renewals, extensions, reissues and re-examinations thereof; (b) published and unpublished works of authorship, whether copyrightable or not (including without limitation databases and other compilations of information, mask works and semiconductor chip rights), copyrights therein and thereto, and registrations and applications therefor, and all renewals, extensions, restorations and reversions thereof; and (c) trade secrets and other technical information (which may include ideas,

research and development, know-how, formulae and other processes, business methods, customer lists and supplier lists), in each case that is owned or used by the Company or any of its subsidiaries;

(ii) any dealings between the Company or any of its subsidiaries, on the one hand, and any Person to whom the Company or any of its subsidiaries provides or receives services under any agreement, lease, license, contract, note, mortgage, indenture, arrangement or other obligation or any employee, director, officer, manager or member of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, on the other hand;

(iii) any financial information or results of operations of the Company or any of its subsidiaries; or

(iv) any business plans, pricing information, customer information or regulatory information of the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

For purposes of this Agreement, “Exempt Person” means, with respect to any Person, any Affiliate of such Person or any Representative of the Company, such Person or such Person’s Affiliate, in each case, who (x) has a reasonable need to know the contents of the Confidential Information, (y) is informed of the confidential nature of the Confidential Information and (z) agrees to keep such information confidential in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and any other restrictions that the Member or any governmental or regulatory authority may determine is appropriate.

(b) Notwithstanding the foregoing, Confidential Information shall not include, with respect to any Person, any information that:

(i) is or becomes generally available to the public other than as a result of a disclosure directly or indirectly by such Person or any of its Affiliates or any of their respective directors, officers, managers, employees, advisors or other representatives (collectively, “Representatives”) in breach of this Article IX;

(ii) is disclosed by another Person not known by the recipient to be under a confidentiality agreement or obligation to the Company or any of its subsidiaries not to disclose such information; or

(iii) is independently developed by such Person or any of its Affiliates or any of their respective Representatives without derivation from, reference to or reliance upon any Confidential Information;

(c) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement:

(i) The Member may disclose any Confidential Information to the extent required by any applicable law, statute, rule or regulation or any request, order or subpoena issued by any court or other governmental entity or any SRO.

(ii) Nothing herein shall be interpreted to limit or impede the rights of the SEC or any Exchange Subsidiary to access or examine any Confidential Information, or to limit or impede the ability of the Member or any of its Representatives to disclose to the SEC as the SEC may request, order or demand any Confidential Information, in each case pursuant to Section 11.02, Article X or the U.S. federal securities laws and rules and regulations thereunder.

**Section 9.02. Responsibility for Breach.**

The Member shall be responsible for any breach of this Article IX by any of its Representatives or Exempt Persons and agrees to use commercially reasonable efforts to cause its Representatives and Exempt Persons to treat all Confidential Information in the same manner as such Member would generally treat its own confidential, non-public information but no less than what a reasonably prudent person would treat its own confidential, non-public information.

ARTICLE X  
**SRO FUNCTION**

**Section 10.01. Preservation of Independence.**

(a) For so long as the Company shall, directly or indirectly, control an Exchange Subsidiary, the Member and the officers, employees and agents of the Company shall give due regard to the preservation of the independence of the self-regulatory function of such Exchange Subsidiary, as well as to its obligations to investors and the general public and shall not take any actions that would interfere with the effectuation of any decisions by a board of directors of an Exchange Subsidiary relating to its regulatory functions (including disciplinary matters) or which would interfere with the ability of such Exchange Subsidiary to carry out its responsibilities under the Exchange Act.

(b) To the fullest extent permitted by law, no present or past member of the Company, employee, beneficiary, agent, customer, creditor, regulatory authority (or member thereof) or other Person shall have any rights against the Company or any manager, officer, employee or agent of the Company under this Section 10.01.

**Section 10.02. Compliance with Securities Laws; Cooperation with the SEC.**

(a) The Company shall comply with the U.S. federal securities laws and the rules and regulations thereunder and shall cooperate with the SEC and each Exchange Subsidiary, as applicable, pursuant to and to the extent of their respective regulatory authority. The officers, employees and agents of the Company, by virtue of

their acceptance of such position, shall be deemed to agree (x) to comply with the U.S. federal securities laws and the rules and regulations thereunder and (y) to cooperate with the SEC and each Exchange Subsidiary in respect of the SEC's oversight responsibilities regarding the Exchange Subsidiaries and the self-regulatory functions and responsibilities of the Exchange Subsidiaries. The Company shall take reasonable steps necessary to cause its officers, employees and agents to so cooperate.

(b) To the fullest extent permitted by law, no present or past member of the Company, employee, beneficiary, agent, customer, creditor, regulatory authority (or member thereof) or other Person shall have any rights against the Company or any manager, officer, employee or agent of the Company under this Section 10.02.

**Section 10.03. Consent to Jurisdiction.**

(a) To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Company and its officers, employees and agents, by virtue of their acceptance of such position, shall be deemed to irrevocably submit to the jurisdiction of the U.S. federal courts, the SEC and each Exchange Subsidiary, as applicable, for the purposes of any suit, action or proceeding pursuant to the U.S. federal securities laws and the rules and regulations thereunder arising out of, or relating to, the activities of an Exchange Subsidiary, and by virtue of their acceptance of any such position, shall be deemed to waive, and agree not to assert by way of motion, as a defense or otherwise in any such suit, action or proceeding, any claims that it or they are not personally subject to the jurisdiction of the U.S. federal courts, the SEC and the Exchange Subsidiaries that the suit, action or proceeding is an inconvenient forum or that the venue of the suit, action or proceeding is improper, or that the subject matter of that suit, action or proceeding may not be enforced in or by such courts or agency.

(b) The Company and its officers, employees and agents shall be deemed to agree that they will maintain an agent, in the United States, for the service of process of any claim arising out of, or relating to, the activities of an Exchange Subsidiary. In the case of the officers, employees and agents of the Company, the Company shall act as agent for service of process.

**Section 10.04. Consent to Applicability.**

The Company shall take reasonable steps necessary to cause its current officers, employees and agents and prospective officers, employees and agents, prior to the commencement of such Person's employment, appointment or other service, to consent in writing to the applicability of Section 11.02 and this Article X with respect to activities related to an Exchange Subsidiary.

ARTICLE XI  
**BOOKS AND RECORDS**

**Section 11.01. General.**

(a) The Company shall maintain true and complete books of account and records, which shall be available during reasonable business hours for the inspection by the Member.

(b) The Company shall cause to be entered in appropriate books (to be kept at the Company's principal place of business, which must be in the United States) all transactions of or relating to the Company. The books and records of the Company shall be made and maintained, and the financial position and the results of operations recorded, at the expense of the Company, in accordance with such method of accounting as is determined by the Member. The Member, for any purpose reasonably related to such Member's interest as a Member in the Company, shall have access to and the right, at such Member's sole cost and expense, to inspect and copy such books and records during normal business hours; **provided** that the Member shall be responsible for any out-of-pocket costs or expenses incurred by the Company in making such books and records available for inspection.

**Section 11.02. Books and Records Relating to the Self-Regulatory Function of the Exchange Subsidiaries.**

(a) To the fullest extent permitted by law, all books and records of an Exchange Subsidiary reflecting confidential information pertaining to the self-regulatory function of an Exchange Subsidiary (including disciplinary matters, trading data, trading practices and audit information) that shall come into the possession of the Company, and the information contained in those books and records, shall be retained in confidence by the Company, the Member, and the officers, employees and agents of the Company, and shall not be used for any non-regulatory purposes. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, nothing herein shall be interpreted so as to limit or impede the rights of the SEC or an Exchange Subsidiary to access and examine such confidential information pursuant to the U.S. federal securities laws and the rules and regulations thereunder, or to limit or impede the ability of the Member or any officer, employee or agent of the Company to disclose such information to the SEC or an Exchange Subsidiary.

(b) To the extent they are related to the operation or administration of an Exchange Subsidiary, the books, records, premises, officers, agents, and employees of the Company shall be deemed to be the books, records, premises, officers, agents and employees of such Exchange Subsidiary for the purposes of, and subject to oversight pursuant to, the Exchange Act. For so long as the Company shall control, directly or indirectly, an Exchange Subsidiary, the Company's books and records shall be subject at all times to inspection and copying by the SEC and the applicable Exchange Subsidiary; provided that such books and records are related to the operation or administration of an Exchange Subsidiary.

ARTICLE XII  
**MISCELLANEOUS**

**Section 12.01. Tax Treatment.**

Unless otherwise determined by the Member, the Company shall be a disregarded entity for U.S. federal income tax purposes (and when permitted for any analogous state or local tax purposes), and the Member and the Company shall timely make any and all necessary elections and filings for the Company treated as a disregarded entity for U.S. federal income tax purposes (and when permitted for any analogous state or local tax purposes).

**Section 12.02. Amendments.**

(a) Amendments to this Agreement and to the Certificate shall be approved in writing by the Member. An amendment shall become effective as of the date specified in the approval of the Member or if none is specified as of the date of such approval or as otherwise provided in the Act.

(b) For so long as the Company shall control, directly or indirectly, an Exchange Subsidiary, before any amendment to or repeal of any provision of this Agreement shall be effective, those changes shall be submitted to the board of directors of each Exchange Subsidiary and if the same must be filed with or filed with and approved by the SEC before the changes may be effective, under Section 19 of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder by the SEC or otherwise, then the proposed changes to this Agreement shall not be effective until filed with or filed with and approved by the SEC, as the case may be.

**Section 12.03. Severability.**

If any provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, such provision shall be ineffective to the extent of such invalidity or unenforceability; provided, however, that the remaining provisions will continue in full force without being impaired or invalidated in any way unless such invalid or unenforceable provision or clause shall be so significant as to materially affect the expectations of the Member regarding this Agreement. Otherwise, any, invalid or unenforceable provision shall be replaced by the Member with a valid provision which most closely approximates the intent and economic effect of the invalid or unenforceable provision.

**Section 12.04. Governing Law.**

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware without regard to the principles of conflicts of laws thereof.

Section 12.05. **Limited Liability Company.**

The Member intends to form a limited liability company and does not intend to form a partnership under the laws of the State of Delaware or any other laws.

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The undersigned has duly executed this Agreement as of the day first set forth above.

**Direct Edge Holdings LLC**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Joe Ratterman

Title: CEO

**[AMENDED AND RESTATED**

**BYLAWS**

**OF**

**DIRECT EDGE, INC.**

**Dated as of \_\_\_\_\_**

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## ARTICLE I

### STOCKHOLDERS

1.1 Place of Meetings. All meetings of stockholders shall be held at such place as may be designated from time to time by the board of directors of Direct Edge, Inc. (the “**Board of Directors**”), the chairman of the Board of Directors (the “**Chairman**”), the chief executive officer (the “**Chief Executive Officer**”) or the president (the “**President**”) or, if not so designated, at the principal office of Direct Edge, Inc. (the “**Corporation**”).

1.2 Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of stockholders for the election of directors and for the transaction of such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting shall be held on a date and at a time designated by the Board of Directors, the Chairman, the Chief Executive Officer or the President (which date shall not be a legal holiday in the place where the meeting is to be held).

1.3 Special Meetings. Special meetings of stockholders for any purpose or purposes may be called at any time by only the Board of Directors, the Chairman, the Chief Executive Officer or the President, and may not be called by any other person or persons. The Board of Directors may postpone or reschedule any previously scheduled special meeting of stockholders. Business transacted at any special meeting of stockholders shall be limited to matters relating to the purpose or purposes stated in the notice of meeting.

1.4 Notice of Meetings. Except as otherwise provided by law, notice of each meeting of stockholders, whether annual or special, shall be given not less than 10 nor more than 60 days before the date of the meeting to each stockholder entitled to vote at such meeting. Without limiting the manner by which notice otherwise may be given to stockholders, any notice shall be effective if given by a form of electronic transmission consented to (in a manner consistent with the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware) by the stockholder to whom the notice is given. The notices of all meetings shall state the place, if any, date and time of the meeting and the means of remote communications, if any, by which stockholders and proxyholders may be deemed to be present in person and vote at such meeting. The notice of a special meeting shall state, in addition, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called. If notice is given by mail, such notice shall be deemed given when deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, directed to the stockholder at such stockholder’s address as it appears on the records of the corporation. If notice is given by electronic transmission, such notice shall be deemed given at the time specified in Section 232 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware.

1.5 Voting List. The secretary of Direct Edge, Inc. (the “**Secretary**”) shall prepare, at least 10 days before every meeting of stockholders, a complete list of the stockholders entitled to vote at the meeting, arranged in alphabetical order, and showing the address of each stockholder and the number of shares registered in the name of each stockholder. Such list shall be open to the examination of any stockholder, for any purpose germane to

the meeting, for a period of at least 10 days prior to the meeting: (a) on a reasonably accessible electronic network, provided that the information required to gain access to such list is provided with the notice of the meeting, or (b) during ordinary business hours, at the principal place of business of the Corporation. If the meeting is to be held at a physical location (and not solely by means of remote communication), then the list shall be produced and kept at the time and place of the meeting during the whole time thereof, and may be inspected by any stockholder who is present. If the meeting is to be held solely by means of remote communication, then the list shall also be open to the examination of any stockholder during the whole time of the meeting on a reasonably accessible electronic network, and the information required to access such list shall be provided with the notice of the meeting. The list shall presumptively determine the identity of the stockholders entitled to vote at the meeting and the number of shares held by each of them.

1.6 **Quorum.** Except as otherwise provided by law, the certificate of incorporation of the Corporation (the “**Certificate of Incorporation**”) or these bylaws (these “**Bylaws**”), the holders of a majority in voting power of the shares of the capital stock of the Corporation issued and outstanding and entitled to vote at the meeting, present in person, present by means of remote communication in a manner, if any, authorized by the Board of Directors in its sole discretion, or represented by proxy, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; provided, however, that where a separate vote by a class or classes or series of capital stock is required by law or the Certificate of Incorporation, the holders of a majority in voting power of the shares of such class or classes or series of the capital stock of the Corporation issued and outstanding and entitled to vote on such matter, present in person, present by means of remote communication in a manner, if any, authorized by the Board of Directors in its sole discretion, or represented by proxy, shall constitute a quorum entitled to take action with respect to the vote on such matter. A quorum, once established at a meeting, shall not be broken by the withdrawal of enough votes to leave less than a quorum.

1.7 **Adjournments.** Any meeting of stockholders may be adjourned from time to time to any other time and to any other place at which a meeting of stockholders may be held under these Bylaws by the chairman of the meeting or by the stockholders present or represented at the meeting and entitled to vote, although less than a quorum. It shall not be necessary to notify any stockholder of any adjournment of less than 30 days if the time and place, if any, of the adjourned meeting, and the means of remote communication, if any, by which stockholders and proxyholders may be deemed to be present in person and vote at such adjourned meeting, are announced at the meeting at which adjournment is taken, unless after the adjournment a new record date is fixed for the adjourned meeting. At the adjourned meeting, the Corporation may transact any business which might have been transacted at the original meeting.

1.8 **Voting and Proxies.** Each stockholder shall have one vote for each share of stock entitled to vote held of record by such stockholder and a proportionate vote for each fractional share so held, unless otherwise provided by law or the Certificate of

Incorporation. Each stockholder of record entitled to vote at a meeting of stockholders, or to express consent or dissent to corporate action without a meeting, may vote or express such consent or dissent in person (including by means of remote communications, if any, by which stockholders may be deemed to be present in person and vote at such meeting) or may authorize another person or persons to vote or act for such stockholder by a proxy executed or transmitted in a manner permitted by the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware by the stockholder or such stockholder's authorized agent and delivered (including by electronic transmission) to the Secretary. No such proxy shall be voted or acted upon after three years from the date of its execution, unless the proxy expressly provides for a longer period.

1.9 Action at Meeting. When a quorum is present at any meeting, any matter other than the election of directors to be voted upon by the stockholders at such meeting shall be decided by the vote of the holders of shares of stock having a majority in voting power of the votes cast by the holders of all of the shares of stock present or represented at the meeting and voting affirmatively or negatively on such matter (or if there are two or more classes or series of stock entitled to vote as separate classes, then in the case of each such class or series, the holders of a majority in voting power of the shares of stock of that class or series present or represented at the meeting and voting affirmatively or negatively on such matter), except when a different vote is required by law, the Certificate of Incorporation or these Bylaws. When a quorum is present at any meeting, any election by stockholders of directors shall be determined by a plurality of the votes cast by the stockholders entitled to vote on the election.

1.10 Conduct of Meetings.

(a) Chairman of Meeting. Meetings of stockholders shall be presided over by the Chairman, if any, or in the Chairman's absence by the vice chairman of the Board of Directors (the "**Vice Chairman**"), if any, or in the Vice Chairman's absence by the Chief Executive Officer, or in the Chief Executive Officer's absence, by the President, or in the President's absence by a vice president of Direct Edge, Inc. (a "**Vice President**"), or in the absence of all of the foregoing persons by a chairman designated by the Board of Directors, or in the absence of such designation by a chairman chosen by vote of the stockholders at the meeting. The Secretary shall act as secretary of the meeting, but in the Secretary's absence the chairman of the meeting may appoint any person to act as secretary of the meeting.

(b) Rules, Regulations and Procedures. The Board of Directors may adopt by resolution such rules, regulations and procedures for the conduct of any meeting of stockholders of the Corporation as it shall deem appropriate including, without limitation, such guidelines and procedures as it may deem appropriate regarding the participation by means of remote communication of stockholders and proxyholders not physically present at a meeting. Except to the extent inconsistent with such rules, regulations and procedures as adopted by the Board of Directors, the chairman of any meeting of stockholders shall have the right and

authority to prescribe such rules, regulations and procedures and to do all such acts as, in the judgment of such chairman, are appropriate for the proper conduct of the meeting. Such rules, regulations or procedures, whether adopted by the Board of Directors or prescribed by the chairman of the meeting, may include, without limitation, the following: (i) the establishment of an agenda or order of business for the meeting; (ii) rules and procedures for maintaining order at the meeting and the safety of those present; (iii) limitations on attendance at or participation in the meeting to stockholders of record of the Corporation, their duly authorized and constituted proxies or such other persons as shall be determined; (iv) restrictions on entry to the meeting after the time fixed for the commencement thereof; and (v) limitations on the time allotted to questions or comments by participants. Unless and to the extent determined by the Board of Directors or the chairman of the meeting, meetings of stockholders shall not be required to be held in accordance with the rules of parliamentary procedure.

#### 1.11 Action without Meeting.

(a) Taking of Action by Consent. Any action required or permitted to be taken at any annual or special meeting of stockholders of the Corporation may be taken without a meeting, without prior notice and without a vote, if a consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, is signed by the holders of outstanding stock having not less than the minimum number of votes that would be necessary to authorize or take such action at a meeting at which all shares entitled to vote on such action were present and voted. Except as otherwise provided by the Certificate of Incorporation, stockholders may act by written consent to elect directors; provided, however, that, if such consent is less than unanimous, such action by written consent may be in lieu of holding an annual meeting only if all of the directorships to which directors could be elected at an annual meeting held at the effective time of such action are vacant and are filled by such action.

(b) Electronic Transmission of Consents. A telegram, cablegram or other electronic transmission consenting to an action to be taken and transmitted by a stockholder or proxyholder, or by a person or persons authorized to act for a stockholder or proxyholder, shall be deemed to be written, signed and dated for the purposes of this Section 1.11, provided that any such telegram, cablegram or other electronic transmission sets forth or is delivered with information from which the Corporation can determine (i) that the telegram, cablegram or other electronic transmission was transmitted by the stockholder or proxyholder or by a person or persons authorized to act for the stockholder or proxyholder and (ii) the date on which such stockholder or proxyholder or authorized person or persons transmitted such telegram, cablegram or electronic transmission. The date on which such telegram, cablegram or electronic transmission is transmitted shall be deemed to be the date on which such consent was signed. No consent given by telegram, cablegram or other electronic transmission shall be deemed to have been delivered until such consent is reproduced in paper form and until such

paper form shall be delivered to the Corporation by delivery to its registered office in the State of Delaware, its principal place of business or an officer or agent of the Corporation having custody of the book in which proceedings of meetings of stockholders are recorded. Delivery made to the Corporation's registered office shall be made by hand or by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested. Notwithstanding the foregoing limitations on delivery, consents given by telegram, cablegram or other electronic transmission may be otherwise delivered to the principal place of business of the Corporation or to an officer or agent of the Corporation having custody of the book in which proceedings of meetings of stockholders are recorded if, to the extent and in the manner provided by resolution of the Board of Directors. Any copy, facsimile or other reliable reproduction of a consent in writing may be substituted or used in lieu of the original writing for any and all purposes for which the original writing could be used, provided that such copy, facsimile or other reproduction shall be a complete reproduction of the entire original writing.

(c) Notice of Taking of Corporate Action. Prompt notice of the taking of corporate action without a meeting by less than unanimous written consent shall be given to those stockholders who have not consented in writing and who, if the action had been taken at a meeting, would have been entitled to notice of the meeting if the record date for such meeting had been the date that written consents signed by a sufficient number of holders to take the action were delivered to the Corporation.

## **ARTICLE II**

### **DIRECTORS**

2.1 General Powers. The business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by or under the direction of a Board of Directors, who may exercise all of the powers of the corporation except as otherwise provided by law or the Certificate of Incorporation.

2.2 Number, Election and Qualification. The number of directors of the corporation shall be established from time to time by the stockholders or the Board of Directors. The directors shall be elected at the annual meeting of stockholders by such stockholders as have the right to vote on such election. Election of directors need not be by written ballot. Directors need not be stockholders of the Corporation.

2.3 Chairman; Vice Chairman. The Board of Directors may appoint from its members a Chairman and a Vice Chairman, neither of whom need be an employee or officer of the Corporation. If the Board of Directors appoints a Chairman, such Chairman shall perform such duties and possess such powers as are assigned by the Board of Directors and, if the Chairman is also designated as the corporation's Chief Executive Officer, shall have the powers and duties of the Chief Executive Officer prescribed in Section 3.7 of these Bylaws. If the Board of Directors appoints a Vice Chairman, such Vice Chairman shall perform such duties and possess such powers as are assigned by the

Board of Directors. Unless otherwise provided by the Board of Directors, the Chairman or, in the Chairman's absence, the Vice Chairman, if any, shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors.

2.4 Tenure. Each director shall hold office until the next annual meeting of stockholders and until a successor is elected and qualified, or until such director's earlier death, resignation or removal.

2.5 Quorum. The greater of (a) a majority of the directors at any time in office and (b) one-third of the number of directors fixed pursuant to Section 2.2 of these Bylaws shall constitute a quorum of the Board of Directors. If at any meeting of the Board of Directors there shall be less than such a quorum, a majority of the directors present may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice other than announcement at the meeting, until a quorum shall be present.

2.6 Action at Meeting. Every act or decision done or made by a majority of the directors present at a meeting of the Board of Directors duly held at which a quorum is present shall be regarded as the act of the Board of Directors, unless a greater number is required by law or by the Certificate of Incorporation.

2.7 Removal. Except as otherwise provided by the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, any one or more or all of the directors of the Corporation may be removed, with or without cause, by the holders of a majority of the shares then entitled to vote at an election of directors, except that the directors elected by the holders of a particular class or series of stock may be removed without cause only by vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of such class or series.

2.8 Vacancies. Unless and until filled by the stockholders, any vacancy or newly-created directorship on the Board of Directors, however occurring, may be filled by vote of a majority of the directors then in office, although less than a quorum, or by a sole remaining director. A director elected to fill a vacancy shall be elected for the unexpired term of such director's predecessor in office, and a director chosen to fill a position resulting from a newly-created directorship shall hold office until the next annual meeting of stockholders and until a successor is elected and qualified, or until such director's earlier death, resignation or removal.

2.9 Resignation. Any director may resign by delivering a resignation in writing or by electronic transmission to the Corporation at its principal office or to the Chairman, the Chief Executive Officer, the President or the Secretary. Such resignation shall be effective upon delivery unless it is specified to be effective at some later time or upon the happening of some later event.

2.10 Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors may be held without notice at such time and place as shall be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors; provided that any director who is absent when such a determination is made shall be given notice of the determination. A regular meeting of the Board of

Directors may be held without notice immediately after and at the same place as the annual meeting of stockholders.

2.11 Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be held at any time and place designated in a call by the Chairman, the Chief Executive Officer, the President, two or more directors, or by one director in the event that there is only a single director in office.

2.12 Notice of Special Meetings. Notice of the date, place, if any, and time of any special meeting of directors shall be given to each director by the Secretary or by the officer or one of the directors calling the meeting. Notice shall be duly given to each director (a) in person or by telephone at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting, (b) by sending written notice by reputable overnight courier, telecopy, facsimile or electronic transmission, or delivering written notice by hand, to such director's last known business, home or electronic transmission address at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting, or (c) by sending written notice by first-class mail to such director's last known business or home address at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. A notice or waiver of notice of a meeting of the Board of Directors need not specify the purposes of the meeting.

2.13 Meetings by Conference Communications Equipment. Directors may participate in meetings of the Board of Directors or any committee thereof by means of conference telephone or other communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other, and participation by such means shall constitute presence in person at such meeting.

2.14 Action by Consent. Any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of the Board of Directors or of any committee thereof may be taken without a meeting, if all members of the Board of Directors or committee, as the case may be, consent to the action in writing or by electronic transmission, and the written consents or electronic transmissions are filed with the minutes of proceedings of the Board of Directors or committee. Such filing shall be in paper form if the minutes are maintained in paper form and shall be in electronic form if the minutes are maintained in electronic form.

2.15 Provisions Regarding the Election of Directors of Subsidiaries.

(a) Subject to this Section 2.15: (i) the Board of Directors may constitute any officer of the Corporation as the Corporation's proxy, with power of substitution, to vote the equity of any subsidiary of the Corporation and to exercise, on behalf of the Corporation, any and all rights and powers incident to the ownership of that equity, including the authority to execute and deliver proxies, waivers and consents; (ii) in the absence of specific action by the Board of Directors, the Chief Executive Officer shall have authority to represent the Corporation and to vote, on behalf of the Corporation, the equity of other entities, both domestic and foreign, held by the Corporation; and (iii) the Chief Executive Officer shall also have the authority to exercise any and all rights incident to the ownership of that equity, including the authority to execute and deliver proxies, waivers and consents.

(b) At any meeting of the equity holders of EDGA Exchange, Inc. (“**EDGA**”), EDGX Exchange, Inc. (“**EDGX**”), or any other subsidiary of the Corporation that is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “**SEC**”) as a national securities exchange, as provided in Section 6 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (each of EDGA, EDGX and such other subsidiary, an “**Exchange Subsidiary**”) held for the purpose of electing directors (other than the chief executive officer of EDGA or EDGX, as applicable) or members of the Nominating Committee or Member Nominating Committee of such Exchange Subsidiary, as applicable, or in the event written consents are solicited or otherwise sought from the equity holders of an Exchange Subsidiary with respect thereto, the Corporation shall cause all outstanding equity of such Exchange Subsidiary owned by the Corporation and entitled to vote with respect to such election to be voted in favor of the election of only those directors nominated by the Nominating Committee of such Exchange Subsidiary and those nominees for the Nominating Committee and those nominees for the Member Nominating Committee nominated in accordance with the governance documents of such Exchange Subsidiary, and, with respect to any such written consents, shall cause to be validly executed only such written consents electing only such directors nominated by the Nominating Committee of such Exchange Subsidiary, such members of the Nominating Committee of such Exchange Subsidiary and such members of the Member Nominating Committee of such Exchange Subsidiary.

(c) With respect to the chief executive officer of each of EDGA and EDGX, the Corporation shall take all actions in its capacity as a stockholder of EDGA and EDGX, as applicable, to vote or consent with respect to the election of such chief executive officer as a member of the board of directors of EDGA and EDGX, as applicable. With respect to a “Member Representative Director” (as defined in the governance documents for EDGA and EDGX, as applicable), the Corporation shall take all actions in its capacity as a stockholder of EDGA and EDGX, as applicable, to remove a Member Representative Director from the board of directors of EDGA or EDGX, as applicable, only for cause. With respect to a director of EDGA or EDGX that the board of directors of EDGA or EDGX, as applicable, determines that (i) such director no longer satisfies the classification for which the director was elected, (ii) the director’s continued service as such would violate the compositional requirements of the board of directors of EDGA or EDGX as set forth in its governance documents, or (iii) the director becomes subject to statutory disqualification, the Corporation shall take all actions in its capacity as a stockholder of EDGA and EDGX, as applicable, to remove such director from the board of directors of EDGA or EDGX, as applicable.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **OFFICERS**

3.1 Titles. The officers of the Corporation shall consist of a Chief Executive Officer, a President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and such other officers with such other titles as the

Board of Directors shall determine, including one or more Vice Presidents. The Board of Directors may appoint such other officers as it may deem appropriate.

3.2 Election. The Chief Executive Officer, President, Treasurer and Secretary shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors at its first meeting following the annual meeting of stockholders. Other officers may be appointed by the Board of Directors at such meeting or at any other meeting.

3.3 Qualification. No officer need be a stockholder. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person.

3.4 Tenure. Except as otherwise provided by law, by the Certificate of Incorporation or by these Bylaws, each officer shall hold office until such officer's successor is elected and qualified, unless a different term is specified in the resolution electing or appointing such officer, or until such officer's earlier death, resignation or removal.

3.5 Resignation and Removal. Any officer may resign by delivering a written resignation to the Corporation at its principal office or to the Chief Executive Officer, the President or the Secretary. Such resignation shall be effective upon receipt unless it is specified to be effective at some later time or upon the happening of some later event. Any officer may be removed at any time, with or without cause, by vote of a majority of the directors then in office. Except as the Board of Directors may otherwise determine, no officer who resigns or is removed shall have any right to any compensation as an officer for any period following such officer's resignation or removal, or any right to damages on account of such removal, whether such officer's compensation be by the month or by the year or otherwise, unless such compensation is expressly provided for in a duly authorized written agreement with the Corporation.

3.6 Vacancies. The Board of Directors may fill any vacancy occurring in any office for any reason and may, in its discretion, leave unfilled for such period as it may determine any offices other than those of Chief Executive Officer, President, Treasurer and Secretary. Each such successor shall hold office for the unexpired term of such officer's predecessor and until a successor is elected and qualified, or until such officer's earlier death, resignation or removal.

3.7 President; Chief Executive Officer. Unless the Board of Directors has designated another person as the Corporation's Chief Executive Officer, the President shall be the Chief Executive Officer. The Chief Executive Officer shall have general charge and supervision of the business of the Corporation subject to the direction of the Board of Directors, and shall perform all duties and have all powers that are commonly incident to the office of chief executive or that are delegated to such officer by the Board of Directors. The President shall perform such other duties and shall have such other powers as the Board of Directors or the Chief Executive Officer (if the President is not the Chief Executive Officer) may from time to time prescribe. In the event of the absence, inability or refusal to act of the Chief Executive Officer or the President (if the President is not the Chief Executive Officer), the Vice President (or if there shall be more

than one, the Vice Presidents in the order determined by the Board of Directors) shall perform the duties of the Chief Executive Officer and when so performing such duties shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the Chief Executive Officer.

3.8 Vice Presidents. Each Vice President shall perform such duties and possess such powers as the Board of Directors or the Chief Executive Officer may from time to time prescribe. The Board of Directors may assign to any Vice President the title of Executive Vice President, Senior Vice President or any other title selected by the Board of Directors.

3.9 Secretary. The Secretary shall perform such duties and shall have such powers as the Board of Directors or the Chief Executive Officer may from time to time prescribe. In addition, the Secretary shall perform such duties and have such powers as are incident to the office of the secretary, including without limitation the duty and power to give notices of all meetings of stockholders and special meetings of the Board of Directors, to attend all meetings of stockholders and the Board of Directors and keep a record of the proceedings, to maintain a stock ledger and prepare lists of stockholders and their addresses as required, to be custodian of corporate records and the corporate seal and to affix and attest to the same on documents. In the absence of the Secretary at any meeting of stockholders or directors, the chairman of the meeting shall designate a temporary secretary to keep a record of the meeting.

3.10 Treasurer. The Treasurer shall perform such duties and shall have such powers as may from time to time be assigned by the Board of Directors or the Chief Executive Officer. In addition, the Treasurer shall perform such duties and have such powers as are incident to the office of treasurer, including without limitation the duty and power to keep and be responsible for all funds and securities of the Corporation, to deposit funds of the Corporation in depositories selected in accordance with these Bylaws, to disburse such funds as ordered by the Board of Directors, to make proper accounts of such funds, and to render as required by the Board of Directors statements of all such transactions and of the financial condition of the Corporation.

3.11 Salaries. Officers of the Corporation shall be entitled to such salaries, compensation or reimbursement as shall be fixed or allowed from time to time by the Board of Directors.

3.12 Delegation of Authority. The Board of Directors may from time to time delegate the powers or duties of any officer to any other officer or agent, notwithstanding any provision hereof.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

#### **CAPITAL STOCK**

4.1 Issuance of Stock. Subject to the provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation, the whole or any part of any unissued balance of the authorized capital stock of the Corporation or the whole or any part of any shares of the authorized capital stock of the Corporation held in the Corporation's treasury may be issued, sold, transferred or otherwise disposed of by vote of the Board of Directors in such manner, for such lawful consideration and on such terms as the Board of Directors may determine.

4.2 Stock Certificates; Uncertificated Shares.

(a) The shares of the Corporation may be represented by certificates, provided that the Board of Directors may provide by resolution or resolutions that some or all of any or all classes or series of the Corporation's stock shall be uncertificated shares. Every holder of stock of the Corporation represented by certificates shall be entitled to have a certificate, in such form as may be prescribed by law and by the Board of Directors, representing the number of shares held by such holder registered in certificate form. Each such certificate shall be signed in a manner that complies with Section 158 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware.

(b) Each certificate for shares of stock which are subject to any restriction on transfer pursuant to the Certificate of Incorporation, these Bylaws, applicable securities laws or any agreement among any number of stockholders or among such holders and the Corporation shall have conspicuously noted on the face or back of the certificate either the full text of the restriction or a statement of the existence of such restriction.

(c) If the Corporation shall be authorized to issue more than one class of stock or more than one series of any class, the powers, designations, preferences and relative, participating, optional or other special rights of each class of stock or series thereof and the qualifications, limitations or restrictions of such preferences and/or rights shall be set forth in full or summarized on the face or back of each certificate representing shares of such class or series of stock, provided that in lieu of the foregoing requirements there may be set forth on the face or back of each certificate representing shares of such class or series of stock a statement that the Corporation will furnish without charge to each stockholder who so requests a copy of the full text of the powers, designations, preferences and relative, participating, optional or other special rights of each class of stock or series thereof and the qualifications, limitations or restrictions of such preferences and/or rights.

(d) Within a reasonable time after the issuance or transfer of uncertificated shares, the Corporation shall send to the registered owner thereof a written notice containing the information required to be set forth or stated on certificates pursuant to Sections 151, 202(a) or 218(a) of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware or, with respect to Section 151 of General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, a statement that the Corporation will furnish without

charge to each stockholder who so requests the powers, designations, preferences and relative participating, optional or other special rights of each class of stock or series thereof and the qualifications, limitations or restrictions of such preferences and/or rights.

4.3 Transfers. Shares of stock of the Corporation shall be transferable in the manner prescribed by law and in these Bylaws. Transfers of shares of stock of the Corporation shall be made only on the books of the Corporation or by transfer agents designated to transfer shares of stock of the Corporation. Subject to applicable law, shares of stock represented by certificates shall be transferred only on the books of the Corporation by the surrender to the Corporation or its transfer agent of the certificate representing such shares properly endorsed or accompanied by a written assignment or power of attorney properly executed, and with such proof of authority or the authenticity of signature as the Corporation or its transfer agent may reasonably require. Except as may be otherwise required by law, by the Certificate of Incorporation or by these Bylaws, the Corporation shall be entitled to treat the record holder of stock as shown on its books as the owner of such stock for all purposes, including the payment of dividends and the right to vote with respect to such stock, regardless of any transfer, pledge or other disposition of such stock until the shares have been transferred on the books of the Corporation in accordance with the requirements of these Bylaws.

4.4 Lost, Stolen or Destroyed Certificates. The Corporation may issue a new certificate of stock in place of any previously issued certificate alleged to have been lost, stolen or destroyed, upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Directors may prescribe, including the presentation of reasonable evidence of such loss, theft or destruction and the giving of such indemnity and posting of such bond as the Board of Directors may require for the protection of the Corporation or any transfer agent or registrar.

4.5 Record Date. The Board of Directors may fix in advance a date as a record date for the determination of the stockholders entitled to notice of or to vote at any meeting of stockholders or to express consent (or dissent) to corporate action without a meeting, or entitled to receive payment of any dividend or other distribution or allotment of any rights in respect of any change, conversion or exchange of stock, or for the purpose of any other lawful action. Such record date shall not precede the date on which the resolution fixing the record date is adopted, and such record date shall not be more than 60 nor less than 10 days before the date of such meeting, nor more than 10 days after the date of adoption of a record date for a consent without a meeting, nor more than 60 days prior to any other action to which such record date relates. If no record date is fixed, the record date for determining stockholders entitled to notice of or to vote at a meeting of stockholders shall be at the close of business on the day before the day on which notice is given, or, if notice is waived, at the close of business on the day before the day on which the meeting is held. If no record date is fixed, the record date for determining stockholders entitled to express consent to corporate action without a meeting, when no prior action by the Board of Directors is necessary, shall be the day on which the first

consent is properly delivered to the Corporation. If no record date is fixed, the record date for determining stockholders for any other purpose shall be at the close of business on the day on which the Board of Directors adopts the resolution relating to such purpose. A determination of stockholders of record entitled to notice of or to vote at a meeting of stockholders shall apply to any adjournment of the meeting; provided, however, that the Board of Directors may fix a new record date for the adjourned meeting.

4.6 Regulations; Limitations on Dividends. The issue, transfer, conversion and registration of shares of stock of the Corporation shall be governed by such other regulations as the Board of Directors may establish.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

5.1 Fiscal Year. Except as from time to time otherwise designated by the Board of Directors, the fiscal year of the Corporation shall begin on the first day of January of each year and end on the last day of December in each year.

5.2 Corporate Seal. The corporate seal shall be in such form as shall be approved by the Board of Directors.

5.3 Waiver of Notice. Whenever notice is required to be given by law, by the Certificate of Incorporation or by these Bylaws, a written waiver, signed by the person entitled to notice, or a waiver by electronic transmission by the person entitled to notice, whether before, at or after the time of the event for which notice is to be given, shall be deemed equivalent to notice required to be given to such person. Neither the business nor the purpose of any meeting need be specified in any such waiver. Attendance of a person at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except when the person attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting at the beginning of the meeting, to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened.

5.4 Voting of Securities. Except as the Board of Directors may otherwise designate, the Chief Executive Officer, the President or the Treasurer may waive notice of, vote, or appoint any person or persons to vote, on behalf of the Corporation at, and act as, or appoint any person or persons to act as, proxy or attorney-in-fact for this Corporation (with or without power of substitution) at, any meeting of stockholders or securityholders of any other entity, the securities of which may be held by this Corporation.

5.5 Evidence of Authority. A certificate by the Secretary or a temporary Secretary, as to any action taken by the stockholders, directors, a committee or any officer or representative of the Corporation shall as to all persons who rely on the certificate in good faith be conclusive evidence of such action.

5.6 Severability. Any determination that any provision of these Bylaws is for any reason inapplicable, illegal or ineffective shall not affect or invalidate any other provision of these Bylaws.

5.7 Pronouns. All pronouns used in these Bylaws shall be deemed to refer to the masculine, feminine or neuter, singular or plural, as the identity of the person or persons may require.

5.8 Books and Records.

(a) To the fullest extent permitted by law, all books and records of an Exchange Subsidiary reflecting confidential information pertaining to the self-regulatory function of such Exchange Subsidiary (including disciplinary matters, trading data, trading practices and audit information) that shall come into the possession of the Corporation, and the information contained in those books and records, shall not be made available to any persons (other than as provided in the next sentence) other than to those officers, directors, employees and agents of the Corporation that have a reasonable need to know the contents thereof shall be retained in confidence by the Corporation, the stockholders of the Corporation, the Board of Directors, officers, employees and agents of the Corporation and shall not be used for any non-regulatory purposes. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, nothing herein shall be interpreted so as to limit or impede the rights of the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) or any Exchange Subsidiary to access and examine such confidential information pursuant to the U.S. federal securities laws and the rules and regulations thereunder, or to limit or impede the ability of any officers, directors, agents, employees or stockholders of the Corporation to disclose such information to the SEC or an Exchange Subsidiary.

(b) To the extent they are related to the operation or administration of an Exchange Subsidiary, the books, records, premises, officers, directors, agents, and employees of the Corporation shall be deemed to be the books, records, premises, officers, directors, agents and employees of such Exchange Subsidiary for the purpose of, and subject to oversight pursuant to, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “**Exchange Act**”). For so long as the Corporation shall control, directly or indirectly, an Exchange Subsidiary, the Corporation’s books and records shall be subject at all times to inspection and copying by the SEC and the applicable Exchange Subsidiary, provided that such books and records are related to the operation or administration of an Exchange Subsidiary.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **AMENDMENTS**

6.1 By the Board of Directors. These Bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed, in whole or in part, or new Bylaws may be adopted by the Board of Directors.

6.2 By the Stockholders. These Bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed, in whole or in part, or new Bylaws may be adopted, by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares of the capital stock of the Corporation issued and outstanding and entitled to vote at any annual meeting of stockholders, or at any special meeting of stockholders, provided notice of such alteration, amendment, repeal or adoption of new Bylaws shall have been stated in the notice of such special meeting.

6.3 Exceptions and Limitations. The approval contemplated by this Article VI shall not be required to the extent that: (a) such approval requirements would cause the Corporation not to be in compliance with U.S. federal securities laws and the rules and regulations thereunder; or (b) would adversely impact the regulatory authority of an Exchange Subsidiary.

6.4 For so long as the Corporation shall control, directly or indirectly, an Exchange Subsidiary, before any amendment to or repeal of any provision of these Bylaws shall be effective, those changes shall be submitted to the board of directors of each Exchange Subsidiary and if the same must be filed with or filed with and approved by the SEC before the changes may be effective, under Section 19 of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder by the SEC or otherwise, then the proposed changes to these Bylaws shall not be effective until filed with or filed with and approved by the SEC, as the case may be.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **SRO FUNCTION**

7.1 Preservation of Independence. For so long as the Corporation shall, directly or indirectly, control an Exchange Subsidiary, the Board of Directors, officers, employees and agents of the Corporation shall give due regard to the preservation of the independence of the self-regulatory function of such Exchange Subsidiary, as well as to its obligations to investors and the general public and shall not take any actions that would interfere with the effectuation of any decisions by a board of directors of an Exchange Subsidiary relating to its regulatory functions (including disciplinary matters) or which would interfere with the ability of such Exchange Subsidiary to carry out its responsibilities under the Exchange Act. To the fullest extent permitted by law, no present or past director, employee, beneficiary, agent, customer, creditor, regulatory authority (or member thereof) or other person shall have any rights against the Corporation or any director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation under this Section 7.1.

7.2 Compliance with Securities Laws; Cooperation with the SEC. The Corporation shall comply with the U.S. federal securities laws and the rules and regulations thereunder and shall cooperate with the SEC and each Exchange Subsidiary, as applicable, pursuant to and to the extent of their respective regulatory authority. The officers, directors, employees and agents of the Corporation, by virtue of their acceptance of such position, shall be deemed to agree (i) to comply with the U.S. federal securities

laws and the rules and regulations thereunder and (ii) to cooperate with the SEC and each Exchange Subsidiary in respect of the SEC's oversight responsibilities regarding the Exchange Subsidiaries and the self-regulatory functions and responsibilities of the Exchange Subsidiaries. The Corporation shall take reasonable steps necessary to cause its officers, directors, employees and agents to so cooperate. To the fullest extent permitted by law, no present or past director, employee, beneficiary, agent, customer, creditor, regulatory authority (or member thereof) or other person shall have any rights against the Corporation or any director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation under this Section 7.2.

7.3 Consent to Jurisdiction. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Corporation and its officers, directors, employees and agents, by virtue of their acceptance of such position, shall be deemed to irrevocably submit to the jurisdiction of the United States federal courts, the SEC, each Exchange Subsidiary, as applicable, for the purposes of any suit, action or proceeding pursuant to the U.S. federal securities laws and the rules and regulations thereunder arising out of, or relating to, the activities of an Exchange Subsidiary, and by virtue of their acceptance of any such position, shall be deemed to waive, and agree not to assert by way of motion, as a defense or otherwise in any such suit, action or proceeding, any claims that it or they are not personally subject to the jurisdiction of the United States federal courts, the SEC and the Exchange Subsidiaries that the suit, action or proceeding is an inconvenient forum or that the venue of the suit, action or proceeding is improper, or that the subject matter of that suit, action or proceeding may not be enforced in or by such courts or agency. The Corporation and its officers, directors, employees and agents also agree that they will maintain an agent, in the United States, for the service of process of a claim arising out of, or relating to, the activities of an Exchange Subsidiary.

7.4 Consent to Applicability. The Corporation shall take reasonable steps necessary to cause its current officers, directors, employees and agents and prospective officers, directors, employees and agents prior to such person's employment, appointment or otherwise, to consent in writing to the applicability of Section 5.8 of these Bylaws and this Article VII with respect to activities related to an Exchange Subsidiary.

7.5 Restriction on Foreign Operations. None of (i) the Corporation, (ii) any "disregarded entity" owned by the Corporation, or (iii) any other entity treated for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a division of the Corporation shall ever have a permanent establishment or branch outside the United States or conduct business outside the United States in such a way that it is deemed to have a permanent establishment or a foreign branch, as that term is defined in Temporary Treasury Regulation § 1.367(a)-6T(g)(1). Accordingly, any entity described in (i) through (iii) above (each, a "Restricted Entity") shall not:

- (a) maintain or conduct business through a fixed place of business outside the United States, including a place of management, a branch, or an office;
- (b) maintain a separate set of books and records outside of the United States;

- (c) hold a meeting (whether formal or informal) of the board or of any committee of the board (1) outside of the United States or (2) at which fewer than two members of the board or such committee, as the case may be, are not physically present at the place designated as the location for the board meeting;
- (d) send an employee to work at a fixed location outside the United States for a period of time sufficient to constitute a branch or permanent establishment;
- (e) conduct business (including the solicitation of customers, the negotiation of prices and other material terms and conditions, and the performance of other activities incidental to the origination or continuance of a transaction) outside the United States through a dependent agent or employee;
- (f) enter into binding contracts outside the United States, or give an agent or employee the authority to enter into such contracts outside the United States; or
- (g) own any real estate outside the United States, or own tangible personal property outside the United States.

For the purposes of clarity, the books and records of the Corporation shall, at all times, be maintained within the United States. Nothing in this Section 7.5 or elsewhere in these Bylaws shall be deemed to prohibit or restrict in any way any Restricted Entity from conducting business outside the United States through any direct or indirect subsidiary that is treated as a corporation for United States federal income tax purposes (an “Eligible Subsidiary”). If any Restricted Entity wishes to change the classification of an Eligible Subsidiary for U.S. federal tax purposes pursuant to Treas. Reg. § 301.7701-3, then it must first obtain the consent of the sole stockholder. The Corporation shall ensure that Restricted Entities subject to this Section 7.5 shall comply with the requirements of this Section 7.5.]

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**FOURTH [THIRD] AMENDED AND RESTATED  
BYLAWS OF EDGX EXCHANGE, INC.  
(a Delaware corporation)**

**ARTICLE I**

**Definitions**

When used in these Bylaws, unless the context otherwise requires, the terms set forth below shall have the following meanings:

- (a) “Act” means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- (b) An “affiliate” of, or person “affiliated” with a specific person, is a person that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls or is controlled by, or is under common control with, the person specified.
- (c) “Board” or “Board of Directors” means the Board of Directors of the Company.
- (d) “broker” shall have the same meaning as in Section 3(a)(4) of the Act.
- (e) “Commission” means the Securities and Exchange Commission.
- (f) “Company” means EDGX Exchange, Inc., a Delaware corporation.
- (g) “day” means calendar day.
- (h) “dealer” shall have the same meaning as in Section 3(a)(5) of the Act.
- (i) “Director” means the persons elected or appointed to the Board of Directors from time to time in accordance with the Certificate of Incorporation and these Bylaws.
- (j) “Exchange” means the national securities exchange operated by the Company.
- (k) “Exchange Member” means any registered broker or dealer that has been admitted to membership in the national securities exchange operated by the Company. An Exchange Member is not a stockholder of the Company by reason of being an Exchange Member. An Exchange Member will have the status of a “member” of the Exchange as that term is defined in Section 3(a)(3) of the Act.
- (l) “Executive Representative” means the person identified to the Company by an

Exchange Member as the individual authorized to represent, vote and act on behalf of the Exchange Member. An Exchange Member may change its Executive Representative or appoint a substitute for its Executive Representative upon giving notice thereof to the Secretary of the Company via electronic process or such other process as the Company may prescribe. An Executive Representative of an Exchange Member or a substitute shall be a member of senior management of the Exchange Member.

(m) “Independent Director” means a Director who has no material relationship with the Company or any affiliate of the Company, or any Exchange Member or any affiliate of any such Exchange Member; *provided*, however, that an individual who otherwise qualifies as an Independent Director shall not be disqualified from serving in such capacity solely because such Director is a Director of the Company or its stockholder.

(n) “Independent member” means a member of any committee who has no material relationship with the Company or any affiliate of the Company, or any Exchange Member or any affiliate of any such Exchange Member, other than as a committee member. The term Independent member may but is not required to refer to an Independent Director who serves on a committee.

(o) “Industry Director” means a Director who (i) is or has served in the prior three years as an officer, director, or employee of a broker or dealer, excluding an outside director or a director not engaged in the day-to-day management of a broker or dealer; (ii) is an officer, director (excluding an outside director), or employee of an entity that owns more than ten percent of the equity of a broker or dealer, and the broker or dealer accounts for more than five percent of the gross revenues received by the consolidated entity; (iii) owns more than five percent of the equity securities of any broker or dealer, whose investments in brokers or dealers exceed ten percent of his or her net worth, or whose ownership interest otherwise permits him or her to be engaged in the day-to-day management of a broker or dealer; (iv) provides professional services to brokers or dealers, and such services constitute 20 percent or more of the professional revenues received by the Director or 20 percent or more of the gross revenues received by the Director’s firm or partnership; (v) provides professional services to a director, officer, or employee of a broker, dealer, or corporation that owns 50 percent or more of the voting stock of a broker or dealer, and such services relate to the director’s, officer’s, or employee’s professional capacity and constitute 20 percent or more of the professional revenues received by the Director or member or 20 percent or more of the gross revenues received by the Director’s or member’s firm or partnership; or (vi) has a consulting or employment relationship with or provides professional services to the Company or any affiliate thereof or has had any such relationship or provided any such services at any time within the prior three years.

(p) “Industry member” means a member of any committee or hearing panel who (i) is or has served in the prior three years as an officer, director, or employee of a broker or dealer, excluding an outside director or a director not engaged in the day-to-day management of a broker or dealer; (ii) is an officer, director (excluding an outside

director), or employee of an entity that owns more than ten percent of the equity of a broker or dealer, and the broker or dealer accounts for more than five percent of the gross revenues received by the consolidated entity; (iii) owns more than five percent of the equity securities of any broker or dealer, whose investments in brokers or dealers exceed ten percent of his or her net worth, or whose ownership interest otherwise permits him or her to be engaged in the day-to-day management of a broker or dealer; (iv) provides professional services to brokers or dealers, and such services constitute 20 percent or more of the professional revenues received by the Director or 20 percent or more of the gross revenues received by the Director's firm or partnership; (v) provides professional services to a director, officer, or employee of a broker, dealer, or corporation that owns 50 percent or more of the voting stock of a broker or dealer, and such services relate to the director's, officer's, or employee's professional capacity and constitute 20 percent or more of the professional revenues received by the Director or member or 20 percent or more of the gross revenues received by the Director's or member's firm or partnership; or (vi) has a consulting or employment relationship with or provides professional services to the Company or any affiliate thereof or has had any such relationship or provided any such services at any time within the prior three years.

(q) "List of Candidates" means the list of nominees for Member Representative Director positions as nominated by the Member Nominating Committee and amended by petitions filed by Exchange Members. The List of Candidates is submitted to Exchange Members for the final selection of nominees to be elected by stockholders to serve as Member Representative Directors.

(r) "Member Nominating Committee" means the Member Nominating Committee elected pursuant to these Bylaws.

(s) "Member Representative Director" means a Director who has been appointed as such to the initial Board of Directors pursuant to Article III, Section 4(g) of these Bylaws, or elected by stockholders after having been nominated by the Member Nominating Committee or by an Exchange Member pursuant to these Bylaws and confirmed as the nominee of Exchange Members after majority vote of Exchange Members, if applicable. A Member Representative Director must be an officer, director, employee, or agent of an Exchange Member that is not a Stockholder Exchange Member.

(t) "Member Representative member" means a member of any committee or hearing panel who is an officer, director, employee or agent of an Exchange Member that is not a Stockholder Exchange Member.

(u) "Nominating Committee" means the Nominating Committee elected pursuant to these Bylaws.

(v) "Non-Industry Director" means a Director who is (i) an Independent Director; or (ii) any other individual who would not be an Industry Director.

- (w) “Non-Industry member” means a member of any committee who is (i) an Independent member; or (ii) any other individual who would not be an Industry member.
- (x) “person” shall mean a natural person, partnership, corporation, limited liability company, entity, government, or political subdivision, agency or instrumentality of a government.
- (y) “person associated with an Exchange Member” or “associated person of an Exchange Member” means any partner, officer, or director of an Exchange member (or person occupying a similar status or performing similar functions), any person directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by, or under common control with, such Exchange member, or any employee of such Exchange member, except that any person associated with an Exchange member whose functions are solely clerical or ministerial shall not be included in the meaning of such term for purposes of these Bylaws.
- (z) “Record Date” means a date at least thirty-five (35) days before the date announced as the date for the annual meeting of stockholders and set as the last date on which Exchange Members may petition to add to the List of Candidates and used to determine whether Exchange Members are entitled to vote on the final List of Candidates.
- (aa) “registered broker or dealer” means any registered broker or dealer, as defined in Section 3(a)(48) of the Act, that is registered with the Commission under the Act.
- (bb) “Rules” or “Exchange Rules” shall have the same meaning as set forth in Section 3(a)(27) of the Act.
- (cc) “stockholder” means any person who maintains a direct ownership interest in the Company. The sole stockholder of the Company shall be Direct Edge LLC[, Inc.].
- (dd) “Stockholder Exchange Member” means an Exchange Member that also maintains, directly or indirectly, an ownership interest in the Company.
- (ee) “statutory disqualification” shall have the same meaning as in Section 3(a)(39) of the Act.

## ARTICLE II

### Office and Agent

#### **Section 1.** Principal Business Office

The principal business office of the Company shall be located at 545 Washington

Boulevard, 6<sup>th</sup> fl., Jersey City, New Jersey 07310, or such other location as may hereafter be determined by the Board of Directors. The Company may have such other office or offices as the Board of Directors may from time to time designate or as the purposes of the Company may require from time to time.

**Section 2.** Registered Office

The address of the registered office of the Company in the State of Delaware is c/o The Corporation Trust Company, Corporation Trust Center, 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington, County of New Castle, Delaware 19801.

**Section 3.** Registered Agent

The name and address of the registered agent of the Company for service of process on the Company in the State of Delaware is The Corporation Trust Company, Corporation Trust Center, 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington, County of New Castle, Delaware 19801.

## **ARTICLE III**

### **Board of Directors**

**Section 1.** Powers

(a) The business and affairs of the Company shall be managed by its Board, except to the extent that the authority, powers and duties of such management shall be delegated to a committee or committees of the Board pursuant to these Bylaws or the Rules. The Board of Directors shall have the power to do any and all acts necessary, convenient or incidental to or for the furtherance of the purposes described herein, including all powers, statutory or otherwise. To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law and these Bylaws the Board may delegate any of its powers to a committee appointed pursuant to Article V or to any officer, employee or agent of the Company.

(b) The Board shall have the power to adopt, amend or repeal the Rules in accordance with Article X, Section 1.

(c) The Board may adopt such rules, regulations and requirements for the conduct of the business and management of the Company, not inconsistent with law, the Certificate of Incorporation or these Bylaws, as the Board may deem proper. A Director shall, in the performance of such Director's duties, be fully protected, to the fullest extent permitted by law, in relying in good faith upon the books of account or reports made to the Company by any of its officers, by an independent certified public accountant, by an appraiser selected with reasonable care by the Board or any committee of the Board or by any agent of the Company, or in relying in good faith upon other records of the Company.

(d) In connection with managing the business and affairs of the Company, the Board shall consider applicable requirements for registration as a national securities exchange under Section 6(b) of the Act, including, without limitation, the requirements that (a) the Rules shall be designed to protect investors and the public interest and (b) the Exchange shall be so organized and have the capacity to carry out the purposes of the Act and to enforce compliance by its “members,” as that term is defined in Section 3 of the Act (such statutory members being referred to in these Bylaws as “Exchange Members”) and persons associated with Exchange Members, with the provisions of the Act, the rules and regulations under the Act, and the Rules of the Exchange.

(e) In light of the unique nature of the Company and its operations and in light of the Company’s status as a self-regulatory organization, the Board, when evaluating any proposal, shall, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, take into account all factors that the Board deems relevant, including, without limitation, to the extent deemed relevant: (i) the potential impact thereof on the integrity, continuity and stability of the national securities exchange operated by the Company and the other operations of the Company, on the ability to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices and on investors and the public, and (ii) whether such would promote just and equitable principles of trade, foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in regulating, clearing, settling, processing information with respect to and facilitating transactions in securities or assist in the removal of impediments to or perfection of the mechanisms for a free and open market and a national market system.

## **Section 2.** Composition of the Board

(a) The Board of Directors shall consist of four (4) or more Directors, the number thereof to be determined from time to time by resolution of the Board of Directors, subject to the compositional requirements of the Board set forth in Article III, Section 2(b).

(b) At all times the Board of Directors shall consist of one (1) Director who is the Chief Executive Officer of the Company and who shall be considered to be an Industry Director, and sufficient numbers of Non-Industry (including Independent), Industry and Member Representative Directors to meet the following composition requirements:

- (i) the number of Non-Industry Directors, including at least one Independent Director, shall equal or exceed the sum of the number of Industry Directors and Member Representative Directors elected pursuant to Article III, Section 4; and
- (ii) the number of Member Representative Directors shall be at least twenty (20) percent of the Board.

(c) The Secretary shall collect from each nominee for Director such information as is reasonably necessary to serve as the basis for a determination of the nominee’s classification as a Member Representative, Non-Industry, or Independent Director, if applicable, and the Secretary shall certify to the Nominating Committee or the Member Nominating Committee each

nominee's classification, if applicable. Directors shall update the information submitted under this subsection at least annually and upon request of the Secretary, and shall report immediately to the Secretary any change in such information.

- (d) A Director may not be subject to a statutory disqualification.

**Section 3.** Terms of Office; Classes

(a) The Board term of the Chief Executive Officer shall expire when such individual ceases to be Chief Executive Officer of the Company.

(b) Each of the Non-Industry and Industry Directors (excluding the Chief Executive Officer, but including Member Representative Directors) shall be divided into three (3) classes, designated Class I, Class II and Class III, which shall be as nearly equal in number and classification as the total number of such Directors then serving on the Board permits. Directors other than the Chief Executive Officer shall serve staggered three-year terms, with the term of office of one class expiring each year. A Director may serve for any number of terms, consecutive or otherwise. In order to commence such staggered three-year terms, Directors in Class I shall hold office until the second annual election of the Board of Directors, Directors in Class II shall initially hold office until the third annual election of the Board of Directors, and Directors in Class III shall initially hold office until the fourth annual election of the Board of Directors. Commencing with the second annual election of the Board of Directors, the term of office for each class of Directors elected at such time shall be three years from the date of their election. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the case of any new Director as contemplated by Article III, Section 2(a), such Director shall be added to a class, as determined by the Board at the time of such Director's initial election or appointment, and shall have an initial term expiring at the same time as the term of the class to which such Director has been added.

**Section 4.** Nomination and Election

(a) The Nominating Committee each year shall nominate Directors for each Director position standing for election at the annual meeting of stockholders that year, or, to the extent necessary, at a special meeting of stockholders. For positions requiring persons who qualify as Member Representative Directors, the Nominating Committee shall nominate only those persons whose names have been approved and submitted by the Member Nominating Committee, and approved by, if applicable, Exchange Members pursuant to the procedures set forth below in this Section 4.

(b) The Member Nominating Committee shall consult with the Nominating Committee, the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, and shall solicit comments from Exchange Members for the purpose of approving and submitting names of candidates for election to the position of Member Representative Director. A Member Representative Director must be an officer, director, employee, or agent of an Exchange Member that is not a Stockholder Exchange Member.

(c) Not later than sixty (60) days prior to the date announced as the date for the annual or special meeting of stockholders, the Member Nominating Committee shall report to the Nominating Committee and the Secretary the initial nominees for Member Representative Director positions on the Board that have been approved and submitted by the Member Nominating Committee. The Secretary shall promptly notify Exchange Members of those initial nominees. Exchange Members may identify other candidates (“Petition Candidates” for purposes of this Section 4) for the Member Representative Director positions by delivering to the Secretary, at least thirty-five (35) days before the date announced as the date for the annual or special meeting of stockholders (the “Record Date” for purposes of this Section 4), a written petition, which shall designate the candidate by name and office and shall be signed by Executive Representatives of ten percent (10%) or more of the Exchange Members. An Exchange Member may endorse as many candidates as there are Member Representative Director positions to be filled. No Exchange Member, together with its affiliates, may account for more than fifty percent (50%) of the signatures endorsing a particular candidate, and any signatures of such Exchange Member, together with its affiliates, in excess of the fifty percent (50%) limitation shall be disregarded.

(d) Each petition for a Petition Candidate must include a completed questionnaire used to gather information concerning Member Representative Director candidates and must be filed with the Company (the Company shall provide the form of questionnaire upon the request of any Exchange Member).

(e) If no valid petitions from Exchange Members are received by the Record Date, the initial nominees approved and submitted by the Member Nominating Committee shall be nominated as Member Representative Directors by the Nominating Committee. If one or more valid petitions from Exchange Members are received by the Record Date, the Secretary shall include such additional nominees, along with the initial nominees nominated by the Member Nominating Committee, on a list of nominees (the “List of Candidates”). Upon completion, the List of Candidates shall be sent by the Secretary to all Exchange Members that were Exchange Members on the Record Date, by any means, including electronic transmission, to confirm the nominees for the Member Representative Director positions. The List of Candidates shall be accompanied by a notice regarding the time and date of an election to be held at least twenty (20) days prior to the annual or special stockholders’ meeting to confirm the Exchange Members’ selections of nominees for Member Representative Directors.

(f) With respect to the election held to determine the final nomination of Member Representative Directors, each Exchange Member shall have the right to cast one (1) vote for each available Member Representative Director nomination; *provided*, however, that any such vote must be cast for a person on the List of Candidates, and that no Exchange Member, together with its affiliates, may account for more than twenty percent (20%) of the votes cast for a candidate, and any votes cast by such Exchange Member, together with its affiliates, in excess of such twenty percent (20%) limitation shall be disregarded. The votes shall be cast by written ballot, electronic transmission or any other means as set forth in a notice to the Exchange Members sent by the Company prior to such election. Only votes received prior to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the date of the election shall count for the nomination of a Member

Representative Director. The persons on the List of Candidates who receive the most votes shall be selected as the nominees for the Member Representative Director positions to be elected by stockholders.

**Section 5. Chairman of the Board**

The Chief Executive Officer shall be the Chairman of the Board (“Chairman”). The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Board at which the Chairman is present; *provided*, however, that he or she shall not participate in executive sessions of the Board. The Chairman shall exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be assigned to the Chairman from time to time by the Board. The Board of Directors shall designate a Lead Director from among the Board’s Independent Directors to preside over executive sessions of the Board. The Board shall publicly disclose the identity of the Lead Director and the means by which interested parties may communicate with the Lead Director.

**Section 6. Vacancies**

(a) Whenever any Director position, other than a Member Representative Director position, becomes vacant prior to the election of a successor at the end of such Director’s term, whether because of death, disability, disqualification, removal or resignation, and whenever any newly-created Director position, other than a Member Representative Director position, becomes available because of an increase in the number of Directors, the Nominating Committee shall nominate, and stockholders shall elect, a person satisfying the classification (Industry, Non-Industry, or Independent Director), if applicable, for the directorship to fill such vacancy until the expiration of the remaining term or to fill such newly-created Director position until the expiration of such position’s designated term; *provided*, however, that if the remaining term of office of a Director at the time of such Director’s vacancy is not more than six (6) months, during the period of vacancy the Board shall not be deemed to be in violation of Article III, Section 2(b) by virtue of such vacancy.

(b) Whenever any Member Representative Director position becomes vacant prior to the election of a successor at the end of such Member Representative Director’s term, whether because of death, disability, disqualification, removal, or resignation, and whenever any newly-created Member Representative Director position becomes available because of an increase in the number of Directors, then the stockholders shall follow the procedures set forth in this Section 6(b). In such event, the Member Nominating Committee shall either (i) recommend an individual to the stockholders to be elected to fill such vacancy or (ii) provide a list of recommended individuals to the stockholders from which the stockholders shall elect the individual to fill such vacancy. A Member Representative Director elected pursuant to this Section 6(b) shall serve until the expiration of the remaining term or until the expiration of such position’s designated term; *provided*, however, that if the remaining term of office of a Member Representative Director at the time of such Director’s vacancy is not more than six (6) months, during the period of vacancy the Board shall not be deemed to be in violation of Article III, Section 2(b) by virtue of such vacancy.

**Section 7. Removal and Resignation**

(a) Except as hereinafter provided, any Director may be removed or expelled with or without cause by majority vote of stockholders, and may be removed by the Board of Directors in the manner provided by Article III, Section 7(b) below; *provided*, however, that any Member Representative Director may only be removed for cause, which shall include, without limitation, such Director being subject to a statutory disqualification.

(b) A Director shall be removed immediately upon a determination by the Board, by a majority vote of the remaining Directors, (a) that the Director no longer satisfies the classification for which the Director was elected; and (b) that the Director's continued service as such would violate the compositional requirements of the Board set forth in Article III, Section 2(b).

(c) Any Director may resign at any time either upon notice of resignation to the Chairman of the Board, the President or the Secretary. Any such resignation shall take effect at the time specified therein or, if the time is not specified, upon receipt thereof, and the acceptance of such resignation, unless required by the terms thereof, shall not be necessary to make such resignation effective.

**Section 8. Place of Meetings; Mode**

Any meeting of the Board may be held at such place, within or without the State of Delaware, as shall be designated in the notice of such meeting, but if no such designation is made, then the meeting will be held at the principal business office of the Company. Members of the Board or any committee of the Board may participate in a meeting of the Board or committee by conference telephone or other communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other, and such participation in a meeting shall constitute presence in person at the meeting.

**Section 9. Regular Meetings**

Regular meetings of the Board may be held, with or without notice, at such time or place as may from time to time be specified in a resolution adopted by the Board.

**Section 10. Special Meetings**

(a) Special meetings of the Board may be called on a minimum of two (2) days' notice to each Director by the Chairman or the President, and shall be called by the Secretary upon the written request of three (3) Directors then in office.

(b) The person or persons calling a special meeting of the Board shall fix the time and place at which the meeting shall be held, and such time and place shall be specified in the notice of such meeting. Notice of any special meeting shall be given to each Director at his or her business address or such other address as he or she may have advised the Secretary to use for

such purpose. If delivered, notice shall be deemed to be given when delivered to such address or to the Director to be notified. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be given five (5) business days after deposit in the United States mail, postage prepaid, of a letter addressed to the appropriate location. Notice may also be given by telephone, electronic transmission or other means not specified in this section, and in each such case shall be deemed to be given when actually received by the Director to be notified.

**Section 11.** Exchange Member Meetings

The Company shall not be required to hold meetings of the Exchange Members.

**Section 12.** Voting, Quorum and Action by the Board

Each Director shall be entitled to one (1) vote. At all meetings of the Board, the presence of a majority of the number of Directors then in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. If a quorum shall not be present at any meeting of the Board, the Directors present at such meeting may adjourn the meeting from time to time, without notice other than announcement at the meeting, until a quorum shall be present. The act of a majority of the Directors present at any meeting at which there is a quorum shall be the act of the Board except as may be otherwise specifically provided by statute, the Certificate of Incorporation, or these Bylaws.

**Section 13.** Presumption of Assent

A Director of the Company who is present at a duly convened meeting of the Board or of a committee of the Board at which action on any corporate matter is taken shall be conclusively presumed to have assented to the action taken unless his or her dissent or election to abstain shall be entered in the minutes of the meeting or unless he or she shall file his or her written dissent or election to abstain to such action with the person acting as the secretary of the meeting before the adjournment of the meeting or shall forward such dissent or election to abstain by registered or certified mail to the Secretary of the Company immediately after the adjournment of the meeting. Such right to dissent or abstain shall not apply to a Director who voted in favor of such action.

**Section 14.** Action in Lieu of Meeting

Unless otherwise restricted by statute, the Certificate of Incorporation or these Bylaws, any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of the Board or any committee thereof may be taken without a meeting if all members of the Board or committee, as the case may be, consent thereto in writing or by electronic transmission, and such writing(s) or electronic transmission(s) are filed with the minutes of proceedings of the Board or the committee.

**Section 15.** Waiver of Notice

(a) Whenever notice is required to be given by law, the Certificate of Incorporation or

these Bylaws, a waiver thereof by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent to notice. Neither the business to be transacted at, nor the purpose of, any regular or special meeting of the Board, or members of a committee, need be specified in any waiver of notice.

(b) Attendance of a person at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except when the person attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting, at the beginning of the meeting, to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened.

#### **Section 16.** Compensation of Board and Committee Members

The Board may provide for reasonable compensation of the Chairman, the Directors and the members of committees. The Board may also provide for reimbursement of reasonable expenses incurred by such persons in connection with the business of the Company.

#### **Section 17.** Interpretation of Bylaws

The Board shall have the power to interpret these Bylaws and any interpretation made by it shall be final and conclusive.

#### **Section 18.** Conflicts of Interest; Contracts and Transactions Involving Directors

(a) A Director or a member of any committee may not participate in the consideration or decision of any matter relating to a particular Exchange Member, company, or individual if such Director or committee member has a material interest in, or a professional, business, or personal relationship with, that Exchange Member, company, or individual, or if such participation shall create an appearance of impropriety. In any such case, the Director or committee member shall recuse himself or herself or shall be disqualified. If a member of the Board or any committee is recused from consideration of a matter, any decision on the matter shall be by a vote of a majority of the remaining members of the Board or applicable committee.

(b) No contract or transaction between the Company and one or more of its Directors or officers, or between the Company and any other corporation, partnership, association or other organization in which one or more of its Directors or officers are directors or officers, or have a financial interest, shall be void or voidable solely for this reason if: (i) the material facts pertaining to such Director's or officer's relationship or interest and the contract or transaction are disclosed or are known to the Board or the committee, and the Board or committee in good faith authorizes the contract or transaction by the affirmative vote of a majority of the disinterested Directors, even though the disinterested Directors be less than a quorum; or (ii) the material facts are disclosed or become known to the Board or committee after the contract or transaction is entered into, and the Board or committee in good faith ratifies the contract or transaction by the affirmative vote of a majority of the disinterested Directors, even though the disinterested Directors be less than a quorum.

## ARTICLE IV

### Stockholders

#### **Section 1.** Annual Meeting; Election of Directors and Other Matters

(a) The annual meeting of the stockholders shall be held at such place and time as determined by the Board for the purpose of electing Directors and members of the Nominating Committee and Member Nominating Committee, and for conducting such other business as may properly come before the meeting. Written notice of the annual meeting stating the place, date and hour of the meeting shall be given to each stockholder entitled to vote at such meeting not less than ten (10) nor more than sixty (60) days before the date of the meeting.

(b) The first annual meeting of the stockholders shall be held prior to the Company's commencement of operations as an Exchange.

#### **Section 2.** Special Meetings

Special meetings of the stockholders, for any purpose or purposes, may be called by the Chairman, the Board or the President, and shall be called by the Secretary at the request in writing of stockholders owning not less than a majority of the then issued and outstanding capital stock of the Company entitled to vote. Written notice of a special meeting stating the place, date and hour of the meeting and the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, shall be given to each stockholder entitled to vote at such meeting not less than ten (10) nor more than sixty (60) days before the date of the meeting. Business transacted at any special meeting of stockholders shall be limited to the purpose(s) stated in the notice of the meeting.

#### **Section 3.** List of Stockholders

The Secretary of the Company, or such other person designated by the Secretary or the Board, shall have charge of the stock ledger of the Company and shall prepare and make, at least ten (10) days before every meeting of stockholders, a complete list of the stockholders entitled to vote at the meeting, arranged in alphabetical order, and showing the address of each stockholder and the number of shares registered in the name of each stockholder. Such list shall be open to the examination of any stockholder, for any purpose germane to the meeting, during ordinary business hours, for a period of at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting, either at a place within the city where the meeting is to be held, which place shall be specified in the notice of the meeting, or, if not so specified, at the place where the meeting is to be held. The list shall also be produced and kept at the time and place of the meeting during the whole time of the meeting, and may be inspected by any stockholder who is present.

#### **Section 4.** Quorum and Vote Required for Action

(a) The holders of a majority of the capital stock issued and outstanding and entitled

to vote thereat, present in person or represented by proxy, shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the stockholders for the transaction of business except as otherwise provided by statute, the Certificate of Incorporation or these Bylaws. If, however, such quorum shall not be present or represented at any meeting of the stockholders, the stockholders entitled to vote thereat, present in person or represented by proxy, shall have power to adjourn the meeting from time to time, without notice other than announcement at the meeting, until a quorum shall be present or represented. At such adjourned meeting at which a quorum shall be present or represented, any business may be transacted which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally notified. If the adjournment is for more than thirty (30) days, or if after the adjournment a new record date is fixed for the adjourned meeting, a notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given to each stockholder of record entitled to vote at the meeting.

(b) When a quorum is present at any meeting, the vote of the holders of a majority of the capital stock having voting power present in person or represented by proxy shall decide any question brought before such meeting, unless the question is one upon which by express provision of statute or of the Certificate of Incorporation, a different vote is required, in which case such express provision shall govern and control the decision of such question.

#### **Section 5.** Voting of Shares; Proxies

Unless otherwise provided in the Certificate of Incorporation or these Bylaws, each stockholder of the Company shall at every meeting of the stockholders be entitled to one (1) vote in person or by proxy for each share of the capital stock having voting power held by such stockholder, but no proxy shall be voted on after three (3) years from its date, unless the proxy provides for a longer period. Any such proxy shall be in writing and shall be filed with the Secretary of the Company before or at the time of the meeting.

#### **Section 6.** Action in Lieu of Meeting

As set forth in the Certificate of Incorporation of the Company, any action upon which a vote of stockholders is required or permitted, may be taken without a meeting, without prior notice and without a vote, if a consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by the holders of outstanding capital stock having not less than the minimum number of votes that would be necessary to authorize or take such action at a meeting at which all shares entitled to vote thereon were present and voted and shall be delivered to the Company in the manner required by law, *provided* that the matter to be acted upon by such written consent previously has been directed by the Board to be submitted to the stockholders for their action by written consent. Prompt notice of the taking of the corporate action without a meeting by less than unanimous written consent shall be given to those stockholders who have not so consented in writing.

#### **Section 7.** Assignment

The stockholder may not transfer or assign, in whole or in part, its ownership interest(s) in the Company.

## ARTICLE V

### Committees of the Board

#### Section 1. Number of Committees

The committees of the Board shall consist of a Compensation Committee, an Audit Committee, a Regulatory Oversight Committee, an Appeals Committee, and such other committees as may be from time to time established by the Board. Committees shall have such authority as is vested in them by these Bylaws or the Rules, or as is delegated to them by the Board. All committees are subject to the control and supervision of the Board.

#### Section 2. Appointment and Removal; Vacancies; Term

(a) The Chairman, with the approval of the Board, shall appoint, consistent with these Bylaws, the members of all committees of the Board, as well as the chair of each committee, and the Chairman may, at any time, with or without cause, remove any member of a committee so appointed, with the approval of the Board. Each committee shall be comprised of at least three (3) people and may include persons who are not members of the Board; *provided*, however, that such committee members who are not also members of the Board shall only participate in committee actions to the extent permitted by law. In appointing members to committees of the Board, the Chairman is responsible for determining that any such committee meets the composition requirements set forth in this Article V.

(b) Upon request of the Secretary, each prospective committee member who is not a Director shall provide to the Secretary such information as is reasonably necessary to serve as the basis for a determination of the prospective committee member's classification as an Industry, Non-Industry, or Independent member. The Secretary shall certify to the Board each prospective committee member's classification. Such committee members shall update the information submitted under this subsection at least annually and upon request of the Secretary, and shall report immediately to the Secretary any change in such information.

(c) The term of office of a committee member shall terminate immediately upon a determination by the Board, by a majority vote of the Directors, (i) that the committee member no longer satisfies the classification for which the committee member was selected; and (ii) that the committee member's continued service as such would violate the compositional requirements of such committee set forth in this Article V.

(d) Any vacancy occurring in a committee shall be filled by the Chairman for the remainder of the term, with the approval of the Board.

(e) Except as otherwise provided by the Bylaws, members of a committee shall hold office for a one-year period.

**Section 3. Powers and Duties of Committees**

To the extent provided in the resolution of the Board, any committee that consists solely of one or more Directors shall have and may exercise all the powers and authority of the Board in the management of the business and affairs of the Company.

**Section 4. Conduct of Proceedings**

Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws or by the Board, each committee may adopt its own rules of procedure and may meet at stated times or on such notice as such committee may determine. Each committee shall keep regular minutes of its meetings and report the same to the Board when required.

**Section 5. Voting, Quorum and Action by Committees**

Each committee member shall be entitled to one (1) vote. Unless otherwise required by the Bylaws, the presence of a majority of the number of committee members serving on a committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of such committee. If a quorum shall not be present at any meeting of a committee, the committee members present at such meeting may adjourn the meeting from time to time, without notice other than announcement at the meeting, until a quorum shall be present. The act of a majority of the committee members present at any meeting at which there is a quorum shall be the act of such committee except as may be otherwise specifically provided by statute or these Bylaws.

**Section 6. Specified Committees**

(a) The Chairman, with the approval of the Board, shall appoint a Compensation Committee. The Compensation Committee shall consider and recommend compensation policies, programs, and practices for officers and other employees of the Company. Each voting member of the Compensation Committee shall be a Non-Industry Director.

(b) The Chairman, with the approval of the Board, shall appoint an Audit Committee consisting of Directors. A majority of the Audit Committee members shall be Non-Industry Directors. A Non-Industry Director shall serve as Chairman of the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee shall perform the following primary functions, as well as such other functions as may be specified in the charter of the Audit Committee: (A) provide oversight over the Company's financial reporting process and the financial information that is provided to stockholders and others; (B) provide oversight over the systems of internal controls established by management and the Board and the Company's legal and compliance process; (C) select, evaluate and, where appropriate, replace the Company's independent auditors (or nominate the independent auditors to be proposed for ratification by stockholders); and (D) direct and oversee all the activities of the Company's internal audit function, including but not limited to management's responsiveness to internal audit recommendations. The Audit Committee shall have exclusive authority to: (A) hire or terminate the head of the Company's Internal Audit Department; (B) determine the

compensation of the head of the Internal Audit Department; and (C) determine the budget for the Internal Audit Department. The Internal Audit Department and its head shall report directly to the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee may, in its discretion, direct that the Internal Audit Department also report to senior management of the Company on matters the Audit Committee deems appropriate and may request that senior management of the Company perform such operational oversight as necessary and proper, consistent with preservation of the independence of the internal audit function.

(c) The Chairman, with the approval of the Board, shall appoint a Regulatory Oversight Committee. The Regulatory Oversight Committee shall oversee the adequacy and effectiveness of the Exchange's regulatory and self-regulatory organization responsibilities, including those responsibilities with regard to each of its facilities, as defined in Section 3(a)(2) of the Act, assess Exchange's regulatory performance, assist the Board and committees of the Board in reviewing the regulatory plan and the overall effectiveness of Exchange's regulatory functions and, in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer of the Company, establish the goals, assess the performance, and fix the compensation of the Chief Regulatory Officer of the Company. Each member of the Regulatory Oversight Committee shall be a Non-Industry Director.

(d) The Chairman, with the approval of the Board, shall appoint an Appeals Committee. The Appeals Committee shall preside over all appeals related to disciplinary and adverse action determinations in accordance with the Exchange Rules. The Appeals Committee shall consist of one Independent Director, one Industry Director, and one Member Representative Director. If the Independent Director recuses himself or herself from an appeal, due to a conflict of interest or otherwise, such Independent Director may be replaced by a Non-Industry Director for purposes of the applicable appeal if there is no other Independent Director able to serve as the replacement.

(e) The Chairman, with the approval of the Board, may appoint an Executive Committee, which shall, to the fullest extent permitted by Delaware law and other applicable law, have and be permitted to exercise all the powers and authority of the Board in the management of the business and affairs of the Company between meetings of the Board. The number of Non-Industry Directors on the Executive Committee shall equal or exceed the number of Industry Directors on the Executive Committee. The percentage of Independent Directors on the Executive Committee shall be at least as great as the percentage of Independent Directors on the whole Board, and the percentage of Member Representative Directors on the Executive Committee shall be at least as great as the percentage of Member Representative Directors on the whole Board.

(f) The Chairman, with the approval of the Board, may appoint a Finance Committee. The Finance Committee shall advise the Board with respect to the oversight of the financial operations and conditions of the Company, including recommendations for Company's annual operating and capital budgets.

## ARTICLE VI

### Nominating Committees

#### **Section 1.** Election of Nominating Committee and Member Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee and the Member Nominating Committee shall each be elected on an annual basis by a vote of the stockholders. The stockholder shall appoint the initial Nominating Committee and Member Nominating Committee consistent with the compositional requirements of this Article VI. In each subsequent year, each of the Nominating Committee and Member Nominating Committee, after completion of its respective duties for nominating Directors for election to the Board for that year, shall nominate candidates to serve on the succeeding year's Nominating Committee or Member Nominating Committee, as applicable, such candidates to be voted on by stockholders at the annual meeting of stockholders. Additional candidates for the Member Nominating Committee may be nominated and elected pursuant to the same process as provided for in Article III, Section 4.

#### **Section 2.** Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee shall nominate candidates for election to the Board at the annual stockholder meeting and all other vacant or new Director positions on the Board. The Nominating Committee, in making such nominations, is responsible for ensuring that candidates meet the compositional requirements of Article III, Section 2(b). The number of Non-Industry members on the Nominating Committee shall equal or exceed the number of Industry members on the Nominating Committee. A Nominating Committee member may simultaneously serve on the Nominating Committee and the Board, unless the Nominating Committee is nominating Director candidates for the Director's class, as explained in Article III, Section 3. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, a Director may serve on the Nominating Committee in his or her final year of service on the Board. Following that year, that member may not stand for election to the Board until such time as he or she is no longer a member of the Nominating Committee.

#### **Section 3.** Member Nominating Committee

The Member Nominating Committee shall nominate candidates for each Member Representative Director position on the Board that is to be elected by Exchange Members or stockholders under the terms of these Bylaws. Each member of the Member Nominating Committee shall be a Member Representative member.

## ARTICLE VII

### Officers, Agents and Employees

#### **Section 1.** General

The officers of the Company shall include a Chief Executive Officer, a President, a Chief Regulatory Officer, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and such other officers as in the Board's opinion are desirable for the conduct of the business of the Company. Any two or more offices may be held by the same person, except that the offices of the President and Secretary may not be held by the same person.

**Section 2.** Appointment and Tenure

Each officer of the Company shall be appointed by the Board on an annual basis, and shall hold office until his or her successor is appointed and qualified or until his or her earlier death, disability, disqualification, removal or resignation. An officer may serve for any number of terms, consecutive or otherwise.

**Section 3.** Resignation and Removal of Officers; Vacancies

(a) Any officer may resign at any time upon notice of resignation to the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, the President or the Secretary. Any such resignation shall take effect upon receipt of such notice or at any later time specified therein, or if the time is not specified, upon receipt thereof, and the acceptance of such resignation, unless required by the terms thereof, shall not be necessary to make such resignation effective.

(b) Any officer of the Company may be removed, with or without cause, by the Board. Such removal shall be without prejudice to the contractual rights of the affected officer, if any, with the Company.

(c) Vacancies in any office of the Company may be filled for the unexpired term by the Board.

**Section 4.** Compensation

The Compensation of the Chief Executive Officer shall be fixed by the Compensation Committee. Except as otherwise provided in Article V, Section 6(c) of these Bylaws, the salaries of all other officers and agents of the Company shall be fixed by the Chief Executive Officer, in consultation with the Compensation Committee.

**Section 5.** Powers and Duties; Delegation

Each of the officers of the Company shall, unless otherwise ordered by the Board, have such powers and duties as customarily pertain to the respective office, and such further powers and duties as from time to time may be conferred by the Board, or by an officer delegated such authority by the Board. The Board may delegate the duties and powers of any officer of the Company to any other officer or to any Director for a specified period of time and for any reason that the Board may deem sufficient.

**Section 6.** Chief Executive Officer

The Chief Executive Officer shall be the Chairman of the Board and shall preside at all meetings of the Board at which the Chief Executive Officer is present; provided, however, that he or she shall not participate in executive sessions of the Board. The Chief Executive Officer shall be the chief executive officer of the Company, shall have general supervision over the business and affairs of the Company, and shall serve at the pleasure of the Board. The Chief Executive Officer shall have all powers and duties usually incident to the office of the Chief Executive Officer, except as specifically limited by a resolution of the Board. The Chief Executive Officer shall exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be assigned to the Chief Executive Officer from time to time by the Board.

**Section 7.** President

The President shall, in the absence of the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, preside at all meetings of the Board at which the President is present. The President shall have general supervision over the operations of the Company. The President shall have all powers and duties usually incident to the office of the President, except as specifically limited by a resolution of the Board. The President shall exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be assigned to the President from time to time by the Board.

**Section 8.** Vice President

The Board shall appoint one or more Vice Presidents. In the absence or disability of the President or if the office of President becomes vacant, the Vice Presidents in the order determined by the Board, or if no such determination has been made, in the order of their seniority, shall perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President, subject to the right of the Board at any time to extend or restrict such powers and duties or to assign them to others. Any Vice President may have such additional designations in such Vice President's title as the Board may determine. The Vice Presidents shall generally assist the President in such manner as the President shall direct. Each Vice President shall exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be assigned to such Vice President from time to time by the Board, the Chief Executive Officer or the President. The term "Vice President" used in this Section shall include the positions of Executive Vice President, Senior Vice President, and Vice President.

**Section 9.** Chief Regulatory Officer

An officer of the Company with the position of Executive Vice President or Senior Vice President shall be designated as the Chief Regulatory Officer of the Company. The Chief Regulatory Officer shall have general supervision of the regulatory operations of the Company, including responsibility for overseeing the Company's surveillance, examination and enforcement functions and for administering any regulatory services agreements with another self-regulatory organization to which the Company is a party. The Chief Regulatory Officer shall meet with the Regulatory Oversight Committee of the Company in executive session at regularly scheduled meetings of such committee, and at any time upon request of the Chief Regulatory Officer or any member of the Regulatory Oversight Committee. The Chief

Regulatory Officer may, but is not required to, also serve as the General Counsel of the Company.

**Section 10.** Secretary

The Secretary shall act as Secretary of all meetings of the Board at which the Secretary is present, shall record all the proceedings of all such meetings in a book to be kept for that purpose, shall have supervision over the giving and service of notices of the Company, and shall have supervision over the care and custody of the books and records of the Company. The Secretary shall be empowered to affix the Company's seal, if any, to documents, the execution of which on behalf of the Company under its seal is duly authorized, and when so affixed, may attest the same. The Secretary shall have all powers and duties usually incident to the office of Secretary, except as specifically limited by a resolution of the Board. The Secretary shall exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be assigned to the Secretary from time to time by the Board, the Chief Executive Officer or the President.

**Section 11.** Assistant Secretary

In the absence of the Secretary or in the event of the Secretary's inability or refusal to act, any Assistant Secretary, approved by the Board, shall exercise all powers and perform all duties of the Secretary. An Assistant Secretary shall also exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be assigned to such Assistant Secretary from time to time by the Board or the Secretary.

**Section 12.** Treasurer

The Treasurer shall have general supervision over the care and custody of the funds and over the receipts and disbursements of the Company and shall cause the funds of the Company to be deposited in the name of the Company in such banks or other depositories as the Board may designate. The Treasurer shall have supervision over the care and safekeeping of the securities of the Company. The Treasurer shall have all powers and duties usually incident to the office of Treasurer except as specifically limited by a resolution of the Board. The Treasurer shall exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be assigned to the Treasurer from time to time by the Board, the Chief Executive Officer or the President.

**Section 13.** Assistant Treasurer

In the absence of the Treasurer or in the event of the Treasurer's inability or refusal to act, any Assistant Treasurer, approved by the Board, shall exercise all powers and perform all duties of the Treasurer. An Assistant Treasurer shall also exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be assigned to such Assistant Treasurer from time to time by the Board or the Treasurer.

**ARTICLE VIII**

**Indemnification**

**Section 1.** Indemnification of Directors, Officers, Employees and Other Agents

The Company shall indemnify its Directors and executive officers to the fullest extent not prohibited by the Delaware General Corporation Law; provided, however, that the Company may limit the extent of such indemnification by individual contracts with its Directors and executive officers; and, provided, further, that the Company shall not be required to indemnify any Director or executive officer in connection with any proceeding (or part thereof) initiated by such person or any proceeding by such person against the Company or its Directors, officers, employees or other agents unless (i) such indemnification is expressly required to be made by law, (ii) the proceeding was authorized by the Board of Directors of the Company or (iii) such indemnification is provided by the Company, in its sole discretion, pursuant to the powers vested in the Company under the Delaware General Corporation Law.

(a) *Other Officers, Employees and Other Agents.* The Company shall have the power to indemnify its other officers, employees and other agents as set forth in the Delaware General Corporation Law.

(b) *Expenses.* The Company shall advance to any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, by reason of the fact that he is or was a Director or executive officer, of the Company or is or was serving at the request of the Company as a Director or executive officer of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, prior to the final disposition of the proceeding, promptly following request therefor, all expenses incurred by any Director or executive officer in connection with such proceeding upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of such person to repay said amounts if it should be determined ultimately that such person is not entitled to be indemnified under this Article VIII or otherwise.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, unless otherwise determined pursuant to paragraph (e) of this Article VIII, Section 1, no advance shall be made by the Company to an executive officer of the Company (except by reason of the fact that such executive officer is or was a Director of the Company in which event this paragraph shall not apply) in any action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, if a determination is reasonably and promptly made (i) by the Board of Directors by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of Directors who were not parties to the proceeding, or (ii) if such quorum is not obtainable, or, even if obtainable, a quorum of disinterested Directors so directs, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion, that the facts known to the decision-making party at the time such determination is made demonstrate clearly and convincingly that such person acted in bad faith or in a manner that such person did not believe to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Company.

(c) *Enforcement.* Without the necessity of entering into an express contract, all rights to indemnification and advances to Directors and executive officers under this Article VIII shall be deemed to be contractual rights and be effective to the same extent and as if provided for in a contract between the Company and the Director or executive officer. Any right to

indemnification or advances granted by this Article VIII to a Director or executive officer shall be enforceable by or on behalf of the person holding such right in the forum in which the proceeding is or was pending or, if such forum is not available or a determination is made that such forum is not convenient, in any court of competent jurisdiction if (i) the claim for indemnification or advances is denied, in whole or in part, or (ii) no disposition of such claim is made within ninety (90) days of request therefor. The claimant in such enforcement action, if successful in whole or in part, shall be entitled to be paid also the expense of prosecuting his claim. The Company shall be entitled to raise as a defense to any such action that the claimant has not met the standards of conduct that make it permissible under the Delaware General Corporation Law for the Company to indemnify the claimant for the amount claimed. Neither the failure of the Company (including its Board of Directors, independent legal counsel or its Stockholders) to have made a determination prior to the commencement of such action that indemnification of the claimant is proper in the circumstances because he has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in the Delaware General Corporation Law, nor an actual determination by the Company (including its Board of Directors, independent legal counsel or its Stockholders) that the claimant has not met such applicable standard of conduct, shall be a defense to the action or create a presumption that claimant has not met the applicable standard of conduct.

(d) *Non Exclusivity of Rights.* To the fullest extent permitted by the Company's Certificate of Incorporation and the Delaware General Corporation Law, the rights conferred on any person by this Article VIII shall not be exclusive of any other right which such person may have or hereafter acquire under any statute, provision of the Certificate of Incorporation, Bylaws, agreement, vote of Stockholders or disinterested Directors or otherwise, both as to action in his official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding office. The Company is specifically authorized to enter into individual contracts with any or all of its Directors, officers, employees or agents respecting indemnification and advances, to the fullest extent permitted by the Delaware General Corporation Law and the Company's Certificate of Incorporation.

(e) *Survival of Rights.* The rights conferred on any person by this Article VIII shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a Director or executive officer and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of such a person.

(f) *Insurance.* The Company, upon approval by the Board of Directors, may purchase insurance on behalf of any person required or permitted to be indemnified pursuant to this Article VIII.

(g) *Amendments.* Any repeal or modification of this Article VIII shall only be prospective and shall not affect the rights under this Article VIII in effect at the time of the alleged occurrence of any action or omission to act that is the cause of any proceeding against any agent of the Company.

(h) *Saving Clause.* If this Article VIII or any portion hereof shall be invalidated on any ground by any court of competent jurisdiction, then the Company shall nevertheless indemnify each Director and executive officer to the fullest extent permitted by any applicable portion of

this Article VIII that shall not have been invalidated or by any other applicable law.

(i) *Certain Definitions.* For the purposes of this Article VIII, the following definitions shall apply:

- (i) The term “proceeding” shall be broadly construed and shall include, without limitation, the investigation, preparation, prosecution, defense, settlement and appeal of any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, arbitral or investigative.
- (ii) The term “expenses” shall be broadly construed and shall include, without limitation, court costs, attorneys’ fees, witness fees, fines, amounts paid in settlement or judgment and any other costs and expenses of any nature or kind incurred in connection with any proceeding, including expenses of establishing a right to indemnification under this Article VIII or any applicable law.
- (iii) The term the “Company” shall include, in addition to the resulting corporation, any constituent corporation (including any constituent of a constituent) absorbed in a consolidation or merger which, if its separate existence had continued, would have had power and authority to indemnify its directors, officers, and employees or agents, so that any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of such constituent corporation, or is or was serving at the request of such constituent corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, shall stand in the same position under the provisions of this Article VIII with respect to the resulting or surviving corporation as he would have with respect to such constituent corporation if its separate existence had continued.
- (iv) References in this Article VIII to a “Director,” “officer,” “employee,” or “agent” of the Company shall include, without limitation, situations where such person is serving at the request of the Company as a director, officer, employee, trustee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise.

**Section 2. Exchange Not Liable**

Except as provided in the Exchange Rules, the Company shall not be liable for any loss or damage sustained by any current or former Exchange Member growing out of the use or enjoyment by such Exchange Member of the facilities afforded by the Company (or any predecessor or successor thereof) or its subsidiaries.

## ARTICLE IX

### Amendments; Emergency Bylaws

#### Section 1. By Stockholders or Board

These Bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed, or new Bylaws may be adopted, (i) by the written consent of the stockholders of the Company, or (ii) at any regular or special meeting of the Board by a resolution adopted by the Board.

#### Section 2. Emergency Bylaws

The Board may adopt emergency Bylaws subject to repeal or change by action of the stockholders of the Company which shall, notwithstanding any different provision of law, the Certificate of Incorporation or these Bylaws, be operative during any emergency resulting from any nuclear or atomic disaster, an attack on the United States or on a locality in which the Company conducts its business or customarily holds meetings of the Board, any catastrophe, or other emergency condition, as a result of which a quorum of the Board or a committee thereof cannot readily be convened for action. Such emergency Bylaws may make any provision that may be practicable and necessary under the circumstances of the emergency.

#### Section 3. Authority to Take Action Under Extraordinary Market Conditions

The Board, or such person or persons as may be designated by the Board, in the event of extraordinary market conditions, shall have the authority to take any action regarding:

(a) the trading in or operation of the national securities exchange operated by the Company or any other organized securities markets that may be operated by the Company, the operation of any automated system owned or operated by the Company, and the participation in any such system of any or all persons or the trading therein of any or all securities; and

(b) the operation of any or all offices or systems of Exchange Members, if, in the opinion of the Board or the person or persons hereby designated, such action is necessary or appropriate for the protection of investors or the public interest or for the orderly operation of the marketplace or the system.

## ARTICLE X

### Exchange Authorities

#### Section 1. Rules

The Board, acting in accordance with the terms of these Bylaws and the Rules, shall be vested with all powers necessary for the governance of the Company as an “exchange” within the meaning of the Act. To promote and enforce just and equitable principles of trade and

business, to maintain high standards of commercial honor and integrity among Exchange Members, to collaborate with governmental and other agencies in the promotion of fair practices and the elimination of fraud, and in general to carry out the purposes of the Company and of the Act, the Board is hereby authorized to adopt such rules and such amendments thereto as it may, from time to time, deem necessary or appropriate. If any such rules or amendments thereto are approved by the Commission or otherwise become effective as provided in the Act, they shall become operative Exchange Rules as of the date of Commission approval or effectiveness under the Act unless a later operative date is declared by the Company. The Board is hereby authorized, subject to the provisions of these Bylaws and the Act, to administer, enforce, interpret, issue exemptions from, suspend, or cancel any Rules adopted hereunder.

## **Section 2. Disciplinary Proceedings**

(a) The Board is authorized to establish procedures relating to disciplinary proceedings involving Exchange Members and their associated persons.

(b) The Board is authorized to impose appropriate sanctions applicable to Exchange Members, including censure, fine, suspension, or expulsion from membership, suspension or bar from being associated with all Exchange Members, limitation of activities, functions and operations of an Exchange Member, or any other fitting sanction, and to impose appropriate sanctions applicable to persons associated with Exchange Members, including censure, fine, suspension, or barring a person associated with an Exchange Member from being associated with all Exchange Members, limitation of activities, functions and operations of a person associated with an Exchange Member or any other fitting sanction, for:

- (i) a breach by an Exchange Member or a person associated with an Exchange Member of any covenant with the Company or its stockholders;
- (ii) violation by an Exchange Member or a person associated with an Exchange Member of any of the terms, conditions, covenants, and provisions of the Bylaws, the Rules, or the federal securities laws, including the rules and regulations adopted thereunder;
- (iii) failure by an Exchange Member or person associated with an Exchange Member to: (A) submit a dispute for arbitration as may be required by the Rules; (B) appear or produce any document in the Exchange Member's or person's possession or control as directed pursuant to the Rules; (C) comply with an award of arbitrators properly rendered, where a timely motion to vacate or modify such award has not been made pursuant to applicable law or where such a motion has been denied; or (D) comply with a written and executed settlement agreement obtained in connection with an arbitration or mediation submitted for disposition; or
- (iv) failure by an Exchange Member or person associated with an Exchange Member to adhere to any ruling, order, direction, or decision of, or to pay

any sanction, fine, or costs imposed by the Board or any entity to which the Board has delegated its powers.

**Section 3. Membership Qualifications**

(a) The Board shall have authority to adopt rules and regulations applicable to Exchange Members, applicants seeking to become Exchange Members, and persons associated with applicants or Exchange Members, establishing specified and appropriate standards with respect to the training, experience, competence, financial responsibility, operational capability, and such other qualifications as the Board finds necessary or desirable.

(b) The Board may from time to time make such changes in such rules, regulations, and standards as it deems necessary or appropriate.

(c) Uniform standards for regulatory and other access issues, such as admission to membership and conditions to becoming an Exchange market maker, shall be promulgated and applied on a consistent basis, and the Company shall institute safeguards to ensure fair and evenhanded access to all of its services and facilities.

**Section 4. Fees, Dues, Assessments, and Other Charges**

The Board shall have authority to fix and levy the amount of fees, dues, assessments, and other charges to be paid by Exchange Members and issuers and any other persons using any facility or system that the Company operates or controls; *provided*, however, that such fees, dues, assessments, and other charges shall be equitably allocated among Exchange Members and issuers and any other persons using any facility or system that the Company operates or controls. Any revenues received by the Company from fees derived from its regulatory function or regulatory penalties will not be used for non-regulatory purposes or distributed to the stockholder, but rather, shall be applied to fund the legal and regulatory operations of the Company (including surveillance and enforcement activities), or, as the case may be, shall be used to pay restitution and disgorgement of funds intended for customers.

**ARTICLE XI**

**Miscellaneous Provisions**

**Section 1. Fiscal Year**

The fiscal year of the Company shall be as determined from time to time by the Board.

**Section 2. Participation in Board and Committee Meetings**

All meetings of the Board (and any committees of the Board) pertaining to the self-regulatory function of the Company (including disciplinary matters) shall be closed to all persons other than members of the Board and officers, staff, counsel or other advisors whose

participation is necessary or appropriate to the proper discharge of such regulatory functions and any representatives of the Commission. In no event shall members of the Board of Directors of Direct Edge LLC[, Inc.], Direct Edge Holdings LLC or BATS Global Markets, Inc. who are not also members of the Board, or any officers, staff, counsel or advisors of Direct Edge LLC[, Inc.], Direct Edge Holdings LLC or BATS Global Markets, Inc. who are not also officers, staff, counsel or advisors of the Company (or any committees of the Board), be allowed to participate in any meetings of the Board (or any committee of the Board) pertaining to the self-regulatory function of the Company (including disciplinary matters).

**Section 3.** Books and Records; Confidentiality of Information and Records Relating to SRO Function

The books and records of the Company shall be maintained at a location within the United States. All books and records of the Company reflecting confidential information pertaining to the self-regulatory function of the Company (including but not limited to disciplinary matters, trading data, trading practices, and audit information) shall be retained in confidence by the Company and its personnel and will not be used by the Company for any non-regulatory purposes and shall not be made available to any person (including, without limitation, any Exchange Member) other than to personnel of the Commission, and those personnel of the Company, members of committees of the Board, members of the Board, hearing officers and other agents of the Company to the extent necessary or appropriate to properly discharge the self-regulatory responsibilities of the Company.

**Section 4.** Dividends

Subject to any provisions of any applicable statute, other provisions of these Bylaws or the Certificate of Incorporation, dividends may be declared upon the capital stock of the Company by, and in the absolute discretion of, the Board; and any such dividends may be paid in cash, property or shares of stock of the Company, as determined by the Board, and shall be declared and paid on such dates and in such amounts as are determined by the Board.

**Section 5.** Reserves

Before payment of any dividends, there may be set aside out of any funds of the Company available for dividends such sum or sums as the Board from time to time, in its absolute discretion, determines to be proper as a reserve or reserves to meet contingencies, or for equalizing dividends, or for repairing or maintaining any property of the Company, or for such other purpose as the Board shall determine to be conducive to the interests of the Company, and the Board may modify or abolish any such reserve in the manner in which it was created.

**Section 6.** Execution of Instruments, Contracts, etc.

(a) All checks, drafts, bills of exchange, notes or other obligations or orders for the payment of money shall be signed in the name of the Company by such officer or officers or person or persons as the Board, or a duly authorized committee thereof, may from time to time

designate. Except as otherwise provided by applicable law, the Board, any committee given specific authority in the premises by the Board, or any committee given authority to exercise generally the powers of the Board during intervals between meetings of the Board may authorize any officer, employee, or agent, in the name of and on behalf of the Company, to enter into or execute and deliver deeds, bonds, mortgages, contracts, and other obligations or instruments, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

(b) All applications, written instruments, and papers required by any department of the United States government or by any state, county, municipal, or other governmental authority may be executed in the name of the Company by any officer of the Company, or, to the extent designated for such purpose from time to time by the Board, by an employee or agent of the Company. Such designation may contain the power to substitute, in the discretion of the person named, one or more other persons.

#### **Section 7. Power to Vote Stock**

Unless otherwise instructed by the Board, the Chief Executive Officer of the Company shall have the power and authority on behalf of the Company to attend and to vote at any meeting of stockholders, partners or equity holders of any corporation, partnership or any other entity in which the Company may hold stock, partnership or other equity interests, as the case may be, and may exercise on behalf of the Company any and all of the rights and powers incident to the ownership of such stock, partnership or other equity interest at such meeting, and shall have the power and authority to execute and deliver proxies, waivers and consents on behalf of the Company in connection with the exercise by the Company of the rights and powers incident to the ownership of such stock, partnership or other equity interest. The Board and the Chief Executive Officer may from time to time confer like powers upon any other person or persons.

#### **Section 8. Severability**

If any provision of these Bylaws, or the application of any provision of these Bylaws to any person or circumstances, is held invalid, the remainder of these Bylaws and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.