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The Exchange proposed a rule change to Rule 11.7, Opening Process.

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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 05/13/2016	Assistant General Counsel
By Chris Solgan	
(Name *)	



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

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

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

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

**Exhibit 5 - Proposed Rule Text**

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

**Partial Amendment**

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

1. Text of the Proposed Rule Change

(a) Pursuant to the provisions of Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”)<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> Bats EDGX Exchange, Inc. (“EDGX” or the “Exchange”) is filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) a proposed rule change to amend Rule 11.7, Opening Process, to await a two-sided quotation from the listing exchange prior to opening a security for trading during Regular Trading Hours.<sup>3</sup> The Exchange has designated this proposal as non-controversial and provided the Commission with the notice required by Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) under the Act.<sup>4</sup> The Exchange requests that the Commission waive the 30-day pre-operative waiting period contained in Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) under the Act.<sup>5</sup>

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s website at [www.batstrading.com](http://www.batstrading.com), at the Exchange’s principal office and at the Public Reference Room of the Commission.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) Not applicable.

2. Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization

The Exchange submits the proposed rule change pursuant to authority delegated by the Board of Directors of the Exchange on February 11, 2014. Exchange staff will advise the Exchange’s Board of Directors of any action taken pursuant to delegated

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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> See Exchange Rule 1.5(y).

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

<sup>5</sup> Id.

authority. No other action is necessary for the filing of the rule change and, therefore, the Exchange's internal procedures with respect to the proposed change are complete.

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

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

(a) Purpose

The Exchange proposes to amend Rule 11.7, Opening Process, to await a two-sided quotation from the listing exchange prior to opening a security for trading during Regular Trading Hours.

Exchange Rule 11.7 describes the Exchange's current opening process. Subparagraph (a) to Rule 11.7 states that prior to the beginning of the Regular Session,<sup>6</sup> Users<sup>7</sup> who wish to participate in the Opening Process may enter orders to buy or sell.<sup>8</sup> Subparagraph (a)(2) to Rule 11.7 provides that, with certain exceptions,<sup>9</sup> all orders with a

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<sup>6</sup> See Exchange Rule 1.5(hh).

<sup>7</sup> See Exchange Rule 1.5(ee).

<sup>8</sup> Orders cancelled prior to the Opening Process will not participate in the Opening Process.

<sup>9</sup> The following order types and instruction may not participate in the opening process: (i) Limit Orders with a Post Only instruction, (ii) the Discretionary Range of Limit Orders, and (iv) Intermarket Sweep Orders ("ISOs") not modified by Rule 11.7(a)(1), and (iii) orders with a Minimum Execution Quantity instruction. See Exchange Rule 11.7(a)(2). Orders that are designated for the Regular Session that cannot participate in the Opening Process will not be accepted by the System until the Opening Process is completed or a Contingent Opening. Id. Limit Orders with a Reserve Quantity may participate to the full extent of their displayed size and Reserve Quantity. Id. Limit Orders with a

time-in-force instruction of Regular Hours Only may participate in the Opening Process. Subparagraph (b) to Rule 11.7 states that the Exchange will open by performing the Opening Process in which the System will attempt to match buy and sell orders that are executable at the midpoint of the National Best Bid and Offer (“NBBO”). Subparagraph (c) to Exchange Rule 11.7 sets forth the process by which the System sets the opening price of the Opening Process. Currently, the System<sup>10</sup> sets the price of the Opening Process at the midpoint of the first NBBO after 9:30:00 a.m. Eastern Time. However, for securities listed on either the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. (“NYSE”) or NYSE MKT LLC (“NYSE MKT”), the System currently sets the price of the Opening Process at the midpoint of the first NBBO subsequent to the first reported trade on the listing exchange after 9:30:00 a.m. Eastern Time. The Exchange may alternatively set the price of the Opening Process for securities listed on either the NYSE or NYSE MKT at the midpoint of the then prevailing NBBO when the first two-sided quotation published by the relevant listing exchange after 9:30:00 a.m. Eastern Time, but before 9:45:00 a.m. Eastern Time if no first trade is reported by the listing exchange within one second of publication of the first two-sided quotation by the listing exchange. The System waits to set the price at the midpoint of the first NBBO as set forth above because securities listed on the NYSE or NYSE MKT may not open at precisely 9:30:00 a.m. Eastern Time.

Pursuant to subparagraph (b) of Rule 11.7, all orders executable at the midpoint of the NBBO will continue to be processed in time sequence, beginning with the order with

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Discretionary Range may participate up to their ranked limit price for buy orders and down to their ranked limit price for sell orders. Id. All Limit Orders with a Pegged instruction will be eligible for execution in the Opening Process based on their pegged prices at the time the Opening Process is conducted. Id.

<sup>10</sup> See Exchange Rule 1.5(cc).

the oldest time stamp and not in accordance with Exchange Rule 11.9(a)(2)(B), which outlines priority at the midpoint of the NBBO. Matches occur until there are no remaining contra-side orders or there is an imbalance of orders. An imbalance of orders may result in orders that cannot be executed in whole or in part. Any unexecuted orders may then be placed by the System on the EDGX Book,<sup>11</sup> cancelled, executed, or routed to away Trading Centers in accordance with the Users' instructions pursuant to Exchange Rule 11.11.

The Exchange proposes to amend subparagraph (c) to Rule 11.7 to now await a two-sided quotation from the listing exchange prior to opening a security for trading during Regular Trading Hours. As amended, subparagraph (c)(2) to Rule 11.7 would state that the System would set the price of the Opening Process at the midpoint of the first NBBO subsequent to the first two-sided quotation published by the listing exchange after 9:30:00 a.m. Eastern Time. For securities listed on either the NYSE or NYSE MKT, subparagraph (c)(1)(i) to Rule 11.7 would state that the System would set the price of the Opening Process at the midpoint of the first NBBO subsequent to the first reported trade and first reported quotation on the listing exchange after 9:30:00 a.m. Eastern Time. Pursuant to subparagraph (c)(1)(i) to Rule 11.7, the Exchange will utilize the existing NBBO to calculate each securities' opening price once a trade and two-sided quotation are received from the listing exchange, regardless of the order in which the trade or quotation are received. The Exchange believes the proposed rule change will enable the listing market's quotation to be incorporated into the NBBO, which the Exchange would, in turn, utilize in its calculation of the midpoint of the NBBO. The Exchange believes

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<sup>11</sup> The term "EDGX Book" is defined as "the System's electronic file of orders." See Exchange Rule 1.5(d).

doing so would result in an opening price that more closely reflect the opening market prices and conditions for that security. Under subparagraph (c)(1)(ii) to Rule 11.7, the Exchange will continue to alternatively set the price of the Opening Process for securities listed on either the NYSE or NYSE MKT at the midpoint of the then prevailing NBBO when the first two-sided quotation published by the relevant listing exchange after 9:30:00 a.m. Eastern Time, but before 9:45:00 a.m. Eastern Time if no first trade is reported by the listing exchange within one second of publication of the first two-sided quotation by the listing exchange.

(b) Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act<sup>12</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act<sup>13</sup> in particular, in that it is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in 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. The Exchange believes the proposed rule change will promote just and equitable principles of trade, removes impediments to, and perfect the mechanism of, a free and open market and a national market system because it enables the System to execute the Opening Process at a price that is objectively established by the market for the security. The proposal would enable the listing market's quotation to be incorporated into the NBBO, which the Exchange would, in turn, utilize in its calculation of the midpoint of the NBBO. The Exchange believes doing so would result in an opening price that more

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

<sup>13</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

closely reflect the opening market prices and conditions for that security. Therefore, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change promotes just and equitable principles of trade because it ensures a midpoint price that the Exchange believes would accurately reflect the market for the security.

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposal will impose any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The proposed rule change will enable the Exchange to incorporate the listing market's quotation into its calculation of the midpoint of the NBBO, resulting in an opening price that would more closely reflect the opening market prices and conditions for that security. Therefore, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change will promote competition by enhancing the quality of the Exchange's opening process.

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

Not applicable.

6. Extension of Time Period for Commission Action

Not applicable.

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

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)<sup>14</sup> of the Act and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)<sup>15</sup> thereunder. The proposed rule change effects a change that (A) does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (B) does not impose any significant burden on competition; and (C) by its terms, does not

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<sup>14</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>15</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).



become operative for thirty (30) days after the date of the filing, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest; provided that the self-regulatory organization has given the Commission written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change, along with a brief description and text of the proposed rule change, at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission.<sup>16</sup>

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change meets the criteria of subparagraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4<sup>17</sup> because the proposed rule change is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest because it will enable the Exchange to incorporate the listing market's quotation into its calculation of the midpoint of the NBBO, resulting in an opening price that would more closely reflect the opening market prices and conditions for that security. The Exchange also believes the proposed rule change does not impose any significant burden on competition for the reasons set forth under Item 4 above. Accordingly, 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 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>20</sup> and

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<sup>16</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

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

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

<sup>19</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

<sup>20</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

paragraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.<sup>21</sup> Waiver of the operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest because it will allow the Exchange to implement the proposed rule change in a timely manner. The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change will benefit market participants by enhancing the quality of the Exchange's opening process by further ensuring its opening prices more closely reflect the securities' opening market price and conditions. Therefore, the Exchange believes that benefits to Exchange Users expected from the proposed rule change should not be delayed. Further, the proposed rule change will not require any systems changes by Exchange Users that would necessitate a delay, as it is the Exchange System that will calculate the opening price as described herein. Therefore, the Exchange requests that the Commission waive the 30-day operative delay.

At any time within sixty (60) days of the filing of such proposed rule change, the Commission may summarily 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 Rules 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.

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<sup>21</sup> 17 C.F.R. 240.19b-4(f)(6).

11. Exhibits

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

Exhibit 5 – Text of the Proposed Rule Change

EXHIBIT 1

## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

(Release No. 34-\_\_\_\_\_; File No. SR-BatsEDGX-2016-19)

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Bats EDGX Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change to Rule 11.7, Opening Process

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 \_\_\_\_\_, Bats 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 amend Rule 11.7, Opening Process, to await a two-sided quotation from the listing exchange prior to opening a security for trading during Regular Trading Hours.<sup>5</sup>

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

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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).

<sup>5</sup> See Exchange Rule 1.5(y).

[www.batstrading.com](http://www.batstrading.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 proposes to amend Rule 11.7, Opening Process, to await a two-sided quotation from the listing exchange prior to opening a security for trading during Regular Trading Hours.

Exchange Rule 11.7 describes the Exchange's current opening process.

Subparagraph (a) to Rule 11.7 states that prior to the beginning of the Regular Session,<sup>6</sup> Users<sup>7</sup> who wish to participate in the Opening Process may enter orders to buy or sell.<sup>8</sup>

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time-in-force instruction of Regular Hours Only may participate in the Opening Process. Subparagraph (b) to Rule 11.7 states that the Exchange will open by performing the Opening Process in which the System will attempt to match buy and sell orders that are executable at the midpoint of the National Best Bid and Offer (“NBBO”). Subparagraph (c) to Exchange Rule 11.7 sets forth the process by which the System sets the opening price of the Opening Process. Currently, the System<sup>10</sup> sets the price of the Opening Process at the midpoint of the first NBBO after 9:30:00 a.m. Eastern Time. However, for securities listed on either the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. (“NYSE”) or NYSE MKT LLC (“NYSE MKT”), the System currently sets the price of the Opening Process at the midpoint of the first NBBO subsequent to the first reported trade on the listing exchange after 9:30:00 a.m. Eastern Time. The Exchange may alternatively set the price of the Opening Process for securities listed on either the NYSE or NYSE MKT at the midpoint of the then prevailing NBBO when the first two-sided quotation published by the relevant listing exchange after 9:30:00 a.m. Eastern Time, but before 9:45:00 a.m. Eastern Time if no first trade is reported by the listing exchange within one second of publication of the first two-sided quotation by the listing exchange. The System waits to set the price at the

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by Rule 11.7(a)(1), and (iii) orders with a Minimum Execution Quantity instruction. See Exchange Rule 11.7(a)(2). Orders that are designated for the Regular Session that cannot participate in the Opening Process will not be accepted by the System until the Opening Process is completed or a Contingent Opening. Id. Limit Orders with a Reserve Quantity may participate to the full extent of their displayed size and Reserve Quantity. Id. Limit Orders with a Discretionary Range may participate up to their ranked limit price for buy orders and down to their ranked limit price for sell orders. Id. All Limit Orders with a Pegged instruction will be eligible for execution in the Opening Process based on their pegged prices at the time the Opening Process is conducted. Id.

<sup>10</sup> See Exchange Rule 1.5(cc).

midpoint of the first NBBO as set forth above because securities listed on the NYSE or NYSE MKT may not open at precisely 9:30:00 a.m. Eastern Time.

Pursuant to subparagraph (b) of Rule 11.7, all orders executable at the midpoint of the NBBO will continue to be processed in time sequence, beginning with the order with the oldest time stamp and not in accordance with Exchange Rule 11.9(a)(2)(B), which outlines priority at the midpoint of the NBBO. Matches occur until there are no remaining contra-side orders or there is an imbalance of orders. An imbalance of orders may result in orders that cannot be executed in whole or in part. Any unexecuted orders may then be placed by the System on the EDGX Book,<sup>11</sup> cancelled, executed, or routed to away Trading Centers in accordance with the Users' instructions pursuant to Exchange Rule 11.11.

The Exchange proposes to amend subparagraph (c) to Rule 11.7 to now await a two-sided quotation from the listing exchange prior to opening a security for trading during Regular Trading Hours. As amended, subparagraph (c)(2) to Rule 11.7 would state that the System would set the price of the Opening Process at the midpoint of the first NBBO subsequent to the first two-sided quotation published by the listing exchange after 9:30:00 a.m. Eastern Time. For securities listed on either the NYSE or NYSE MKT, subparagraph (c)(1)(i) to Rule 11.7 would state that the System would set the price of the Opening Process at the midpoint of the first NBBO subsequent to the first reported trade and first reported quotation on the listing exchange after 9:30:00 a.m. Eastern Time. Pursuant to subparagraph (c)(1)(i) to Rule 11.7, the Exchange will utilize the existing

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NBBO to calculate each securities' opening price once a trade and two-sided quotation are received from the listing exchange, regardless of the order in which the trade or quotation are received. The Exchange believes the proposed rule change will enable the listing market's quotation to be incorporated into the NBBO, which the Exchange would, in turn, utilize in its calculation of the midpoint of the NBBO. The Exchange believes doing so would result in an opening price that more closely reflect the opening market prices and conditions for that security. Under subparagraph (c)(1)(ii) to Rule 11.7, the Exchange will continue to alternatively set the price of the Opening Process for securities listed on either the NYSE or NYSE MKT at the midpoint of the then prevailing NBBO when the first two-sided quotation published by the relevant listing exchange after 9:30:00 a.m. Eastern Time, but before 9:45:00 a.m. Eastern Time if no first trade is reported by the listing exchange within one second of publication of the first two-sided quotation by the listing exchange.

## 2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act<sup>12</sup> in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act<sup>13</sup> in particular, in that it is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in 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. The Exchange believes the proposed rule change will promote just and equitable

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

<sup>13</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).



principles of trade, removes impediments to, and perfect the mechanism of, a free and open market and a national market system because it enables the System to execute the Opening Process at a price that is objectively established by the market for the security. The proposal would enable the listing market's quotation to be incorporated into the NBBO, which the Exchange would, in turn, utilize in its calculation of the midpoint of the NBBO. The Exchange believes doing so would result in an opening price that more closely reflect the opening market prices and conditions for that security. Therefore, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change promotes just and equitable principles of trade because it ensures a midpoint price that the Exchange believes would accurately reflect the market for the security.

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposal will impose any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The proposed rule change will enable the Exchange to incorporate the listing market's quotation into its calculation of the midpoint of the NBBO, resulting in an opening price that would more closely reflect the opening market prices and conditions for that security. Therefore, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change will promote competition by enhancing the quality of the Exchange's opening process.

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

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

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

Because the foregoing proposed rule change does not: (A) significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (B) impose any significant burden on competition; and (C) by its terms, become operative for 30 days from the date on which it was filed or such shorter time as the Commission may designate it has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act<sup>14</sup> and paragraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>15</sup> the Exchange has designated this rule filing as non-controversial. The Exchange has given the Commission written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change, along with a brief description and text of the proposed rule change at least five business days prior to the date of filing of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission.

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: (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>14</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>15</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to  
delegated authority.<sup>16</sup>

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Deputy Secretary

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<sup>16</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

## EXHIBIT 5

Proposed new language is underlined; proposed deletions are in [brackets].

## CHAPTER XI. TRADING RULES

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## Rule 11.7. Opening Process

(a) – (b) (No change).

(c) Determining the price of the Opening Process. The price of the Opening Process will be at the midpoint of the NBBO.

(1) When the listing exchange is either the NYSE or NYSE MKT, the Opening Process will be priced at the midpoint of the: (i) first NBBO subsequent to the first reported trade and first two-sided quotation on the listing exchange after 9:30:00 a.m. Eastern Time; or (ii) then prevailing NBBO when the first two-sided quotation published by the listing exchange after 9:30:00 a.m. Eastern Time, but before 9:45:00 a.m. Eastern Time if no first trade is reported by the listing exchange within one second of publication of the first two-sided quotation by the listing exchange.

(2) For any other listing market, the Opening Process will be priced at the midpoint of the first NBBO subsequent to the first two-sided quotation published by the listing exchange [disseminated] after 9:30:00 a.m. Eastern Time.

(d) – (e) (No change).

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