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**Description**

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The Exchange proposes a rule change to rule 11.13 of Bats EDGX Exchange, Inc. to authorize the Exchange to share a users risk settings with the clearing firm that clears transactions on behalf of the user.

**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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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.

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

**Exhibit 1 - Notice of Proposed Rule Change \***

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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)

**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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**Exhibit 3 - Form, Report, or Questionnaire**

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

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

**Exhibit 5 - Proposed Rule Text**

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

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

1. Text of the Proposed Rule Change

(a) 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> Bats EDGX Exchange, Inc. (the “Exchange”) is filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) a proposal to authorize the Exchange to share a User’s<sup>3</sup> risk settings with the clearing firm that clears transactions on behalf of the User. 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 text of the proposed rule change is attached as Exhibit 5. Material proposed to be added is underlined. Material proposed to be deleted is enclosed in brackets.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) Not applicable.

2. Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization

The proposed rule change was approved by senior management of the Exchange pursuant to authority delegated by the Board of Directors of the Exchange on February 11, 2014. Exchange staff will advise the Board of Directors of the Exchange of any action taken pursuant to delegated authority. No other action is necessary for the filing of the rule change.

The persons on the Exchange staff prepared to respond to questions and

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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> A User is defined as “any Member or Sponsored Participant who is authorized to obtain access to the System pursuant to Rule 11.3.” See Exchange Rule 1.5(ee).

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

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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 is proposing to update Rule 11.13, Clearance and Settlement; Anonymity, to authorize the Exchange to share any of the User's risk settings with the clearing firm that clears transactions on behalf of the User.

Current Exchange Rule 11.13 requires that all transactions passing through the facilities of the Exchange shall be cleared and settled through a registered clearing agency using a continuous net settlement system. This requirement may be satisfied by direct participation, use of direct clearing services, or by entry into a correspondent clearing arrangement with another Member that clears trades through such an agency (a "Clearing Member" for purposes of this filing).

Thus, while not all Members are Clearing Members, all Members are required to either clear their own transactions or to have in place a relationship with a Clearing Member's that has agreed to clear transactions on their behalf (or on behalf of any Sponsored Participants<sup>5</sup> for which the Member is a Sponsoring Member<sup>6</sup>) in order to

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<sup>6</sup> A Sponsoring Member is defined as "a broker-dealer that has been issued a membership by the Exchange who has been designated by a Sponsored

conduct business on the Exchange. Each Member that transacts through a Clearing Member on the Exchange is required to execute a Letter of Guarantee which codifies the relationship between the Member and the Clearing Member as it relates to the Exchange, and provides the Exchange with notice of which Clearing Members have relationships with which Members. Because the Clearing Member that guarantees the Member's transactions on the Exchange has a financial interest in understanding the risk settings utilized within the System<sup>7</sup> by the Member, the Exchange is proposing to amend Rule 11.13 to authorize the Exchange to share any of the User's risk settings (as described below) with the Clearing Member that clears transactions on behalf of the User. The proposal would provide the Exchange with authority to directly provide Clearing Members with information that would otherwise be available to such Clearing Members by virtue of their relationship with the respective Users (*i.e.*, such Clearing Members could instead require each User to provide such information as a condition to continuing to clear transactions for such Users). At this time, the Exchange offers a variety of risk settings related to the size of an order (*e.g.*, maximum notional value per order and maximum shares per order), the order type (*e.g.*, pre-market, post-market, short sales and ISOs), restricted securities, easy to borrow securities, and order cut-off (*e.g.*, block new

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Participant to execute, clear and settle transactions resulting from the System. The Sponsoring Member shall be either (i) a clearing firm with membership in a clearing agency registered with the Commission that maintains facilities through which transactions may be cleared or (ii) a correspondent firm with a clearing arrangement with any such clearing firm." See Exchange Rule 1.5(aa).

<sup>7</sup> System is defined as "the electronic communications and trading facility designated by the Board through which securities orders of Users are consolidated for ranking, execution and, when applicable, routing away." See Exchange Rule 1.5(cc).

orders and cancel all open orders).<sup>8</sup> The Exchange proposes to codify these risk settings in proposed Interpretation and Policy .01 to Rule 11.10, as further described below, and to reference such Interpretation and Policy in proposed paragraph (f) of Rule 11.13.

Proposed Interpretation and Policy .01 to Rule 11.10 would state that the risk settings currently offered by the Exchange include:

- controls related to the size of an order (including restrictions on the maximum notional value per order and maximum shares per order);
- controls related to the price of an order (including percentage-based and dollar-based controls);
- controls related to the order types or modifiers that can be utilized (including pre-market, post-market, short sales, ISOs and Directed ISOs);
- controls to restrict the types of securities transacted (including restricted securities and easy to borrow securities as well as restricting activity to test symbols only);
- controls to prohibit duplicative orders;
- controls to restrict the overall rate of orders; and
- controls related to the size of an order as compared to the average daily volume of the security (including the ability to specify the minimum average daily volume of the securities for which such controls will be activated); and

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<sup>8</sup> Securities Exchange Act Release No. 67266 (June 26, 2012), 77 FR 39300 (July 2, 2012) (SR-EDGX-2012-21) (Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Relating to New Market Access Risk Management Service).

- credit controls measuring both gross and net exposure that warn when approached and, when breached, prevent submission of either all new orders or Market Orders only.

In addition to these controls, the Exchange proposes to codify in proposed Interpretation and Policy .01 other risk functionality that: (i) permits Users to block new orders submitted, to cancel all open orders, or to both block new orders and cancel all open orders; and (ii) that automatically cancels a User's orders to the extent the User loses its connection to the Exchange. As set forth above, the proposal to authorize the Exchange to share any of the User's risk settings with the Clearing Member that clears transactions on behalf of the User would be limited to the risk settings specified in Rule 11.10, Interpretation and Policy .01. The Exchange notes that the use by a User of the risk settings offered by the Exchange is optional.<sup>9</sup> By using these optional risk settings, following this proposed rule change a User therefore also opts-in to the Exchange sharing its designated risk settings with its Clearing Member. The Exchange also notes that any Member that does not wish to share its designated risk settings with its Clearing Member could avoid sharing such settings by becoming a Clearing Member.

The Exchange believes that its proposal to share a User's risk settings directly with Clearing Members reduces the administrative burden on participants on the Exchange, including both Clearing Members and Users, and ensures that Clearing Members are receiving information that is up to date and conforms to the settings active in the System. Further, the Exchange believes that the proposal will help such Clearing

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<sup>9</sup> The Exchange does set a maximum allowable order rate threshold in order to ensure the integrity of the System. A User may optionally set a more restrictive order rate threshold but cannot override the Exchange's maximum threshold.

Members to better monitor and manage the potential risks that they assume when clearing for Users of the Exchange.

(b) Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal 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>10</sup> In particular, the proposal is consistent with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act<sup>11</sup> because it 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 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.

As set forth above, the proposed change to Rule 11.13 will allow the Exchange to directly provide a Member's designated risk settings to the Clearing Member that clears trades on behalf of the Member. Because a Clearing Member that executes a clearing Letter of Guarantee on behalf of a Member guarantees all transactions of that Member, and therefore bears the risk associated with those transactions, the Exchange believes that it is appropriate for the Clearing Member to have knowledge of what risk settings the Member may utilize within the System. The proposal will permit Clearing Members who have a financial interest in the risk settings of Members with whom the Clearing Participant has entered into a Letter of Guarantee to better monitor and manage the

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

<sup>11</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).



potential risks assumed by Clearing Members, thereby providing Clearing Members with greater control and flexibility over setting their own risk tolerance and exposure and aiding Clearing Members in complying with the Act. To the extent a Clearing Member might reasonably require a Member to provide access to its risk setting as a prerequisite to continuing to clear trades on the Member's behalf, the Exchange's proposal to share those risk settings directly reduces the administrative burden on participants on the Exchange, including both Clearing Members and Users. The proposal also ensures that Clearing Members are receiving information that is up to date and conforms to the settings active in the System. The Exchange believes that the proposal is consistent with the Act, particularly Section 6(b)(5),<sup>12</sup> because it will foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in facilitating transactions in securities and more generally, will protect investors and the public interest, by reducing administrative burden on both Clearing Members and other Users and by allowing Clearing Members to better monitor their risk exposure.

The Exchange notes that the rule change to adopt paragraph (f) to Rule 11.13 is based on and substantively identical to Exchange Rule 21.17 and Bats BZX Exchange ("BZX") Rule 21.17, each of which is applicable to options participants. The Exchange also notes that other equities exchanges offer functionality that allows clearing firms to not only directly monitor but also to set certain risk settings in connection with the activities of the firms for which they clear.<sup>13</sup>

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<sup>12</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

<sup>13</sup> See, e.g., Nasdaq Rules 6110 and 6120 relating to the Nasdaq Risk Management Service.

The Exchange further believes that codifying the risk settings described above in Interpretation and Policy .01 to Rule 11.10 is consistent with the Act as it will provide additional transparency to Exchange Users regarding the optional risk settings offered by the Exchange. As noted above, these settings have been described by the Exchange in prior filings<sup>14</sup> and further information regarding such settings is available in technical specifications made available by the Exchange. However, the Exchange believes it is appropriate to provide additional details regarding these risk settings in Exchange rules. As such, the Exchange believes that the proposal is consistent with the Act, particularly Section 6(b)(5),<sup>15</sup> because it will foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in facilitating transactions in securities and more generally, will protect investors and the public interest, by providing additional transparency regarding optional risk settings offered by the Exchange.

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The proposed rule change is not designed to address any competitive issues and does not pose an undue burden on non-Clearing Members because, unlike Clearing Members, non-Clearing Members do not guarantee the execution of a Member's transactions on the Exchange. The proposal is structured to offer the same enhancement to all Clearing Members, regardless of size, and would not impose a competitive burden on any Member. Any Member that does not wish to share its designated risk settings

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<sup>14</sup> See supra note 8.

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

with its Clearing Member could avoid sharing such settings by becoming a Clearing Member.

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

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

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>16</sup> and paragraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.<sup>17</sup> The Exchange asserts that the proposed rule change: (1) will not significantly affect the protection of 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>18</sup>

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change does not significantly affect

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<sup>16</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

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

<sup>18</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

the protection of investors or the public interest and does not impose any significant burden on competition. The rule change is based on and substantively identical to Exchange Rule 21.17 and BZX Rule 21.17, each of which is applicable to options participants. The Exchange does not believe that the distinction between applicability to equities participants and their Clearing Members versus options participants and their clearing firms raises any novel or controversial issues. The Exchange also believes the proposal is non-controversial as it codifies prior filings made by the Exchange, which described various optional risk settings offered by the Exchange.<sup>19</sup> Further, the proposed rule change does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest because the proposal will permit Clearing Members who have a financial interest in the risk settings of Member with whom the Clearing Member has entered into a Letter of Guarantee to better monitor and manage the potential risks assumed by Members, thereby aiding Clearing Members in complying with the Act. Accordingly, the Exchange has designated this rule filing as non-controversial under Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act<sup>20</sup> and paragraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.<sup>21</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>22</sup> and

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<sup>19</sup> See supra note 8.

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

<sup>21</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

<sup>22</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

paragraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.<sup>23</sup> Waiver of the 30-day operative delay will allow Clearing Members to immediately monitor and manage the potential risks assumed by Members, functionality which is already available on the Exchange's options platform and other equities exchanges.<sup>24</sup> Waiver of the operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest for the reasons described above.

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

The proposed rule change is based on Exchange Rule 21.17 and BZX Rule 21.17 and is substantively identical to such rules. The only difference between the proposed rule the rules upon which it is based is that the proposed rule applies to participants on the Exchange's equities platform whereas Exchange Rule 21.17 and BZX Rule 21.17 apply only to options participants.

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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<sup>23</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

<sup>24</sup> See supra, note 13.

Exhibit 1: Completed Notice of the Proposed Rule Change for publication in the Federal Register.

Exhibit 2–4: Not applicable.

Exhibit 5: Text of Proposed Rule Change.

EXHIBIT 1

## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

(Release No. 34-\_\_\_\_\_; File No. SR-BatsEDGX-2017-16)

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Bats EDGX Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change to Rule 11.13 of Bats EDGX Exchange, Inc. to Authorize the Exchange to Share a User's Risk Settings with the Clearing Firm that Clears Transactions on Behalf of the User

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 11.13, Clearance and Settlement; Anonymity, to authorize the Exchange to share a User's<sup>5</sup> risk settings with the clearing firm that clears transactions on behalf of the User.

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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).

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The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Exchange's website at [www.bats.com](http://www.bats.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

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Proposed Interpretation and Policy .01 to Rule 11.10 would state that the risk settings currently offered by the Exchange include:

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- controls to prohibit duplicative orders;
- controls to restrict the overall rate of orders; and

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- controls related to the size of an order as compared to the average daily volume of the security (including the ability to specify the minimum average daily volume of the securities for which such controls will be activated); and
- credit controls measuring both gross and net exposure that warn when approached and, when breached, prevent submission of either all new orders or Market Orders only.

In addition to these controls, the Exchange proposes to codify in proposed Interpretation and Policy .01 other risk functionality that: (i) permits Users to block new orders submitted, to cancel all open orders, or to both block new orders and cancel all open orders; and (ii) that automatically cancels a User's orders to the extent the User loses its connection to the Exchange. As set forth above, the proposal to authorize the Exchange to share any of the User's risk settings with the Clearing Member that clears transactions on behalf of the User would be limited to the risk settings specified in Rule 11.10, Interpretation and Policy .01. The Exchange notes that the use by a User of the risk settings offered by the Exchange is optional.<sup>10</sup> By using these optional risk settings, following this proposed rule change a User therefore also opts-in to the Exchange sharing its designated risk settings with its Clearing Member. The Exchange also notes that any Member that does not wish to share its designated risk settings with its Clearing Member could avoid sharing such settings by becoming a Clearing Member.

The Exchange believes that its proposal to share a User's risk settings directly with Clearing Members reduces the administrative burden on participants on the

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<sup>10</sup> The Exchange does set a maximum allowable order rate threshold in order to ensure the integrity of the System. A User may optionally set a more restrictive order rate threshold but cannot override the Exchange's maximum threshold.

Exchange, including both Clearing Members and Users, and ensures that Clearing Members are receiving information that is up to date and conforms to the settings active in the System. Further, the Exchange believes that the proposal will help such Clearing Members to better monitor and manage the potential risks that they assume when clearing for Users of the Exchange.

## 2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal 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>11</sup> In particular, the proposal is consistent with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act<sup>12</sup> because it 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 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.

As set forth above, the proposed change to Rule 11.13 will allow the Exchange to directly provide a Member's designated risk settings to the Clearing Member that clears trades on behalf of the Member. Because a Clearing Member that executes a clearing Letter of Guarantee on behalf of a Member guarantees all transactions of that Member, and therefore bears the risk associated with those transactions, the Exchange believes that it is appropriate for the Clearing Member to have knowledge of what risk settings the

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<sup>11</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

<sup>12</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

Member may utilize within the System. The proposal will permit Clearing Members who have a financial interest in the risk settings of Members with whom the Clearing Participant has entered into a Letter of Guarantee to better monitor and manage the potential risks assumed by Clearing Members, thereby providing Clearing Members with greater control and flexibility over setting their own risk tolerance and exposure and aiding Clearing Members in complying with the Act. To the extent a Clearing Member might reasonably require a Member to provide access to its risk setting as a prerequisite to continuing to clear trades on the Member's behalf, the Exchange's proposal to share those risk settings directly reduces the administrative burden on participants on the Exchange, including both Clearing Members and Users. The proposal also ensures that Clearing Members are receiving information that is up to date and conforms to the settings active in the System. The Exchange believes that the proposal is consistent with the Act, particularly Section 6(b)(5),<sup>13</sup> because it will foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in facilitating transactions in securities and more generally, will protect investors and the public interest, by reducing administrative burden on both Clearing Members and other Users and by allowing Clearing Members to better monitor their risk exposure.

The Exchange notes that the rule change to adopt paragraph (f) to Rule 11.13 is based on and substantively identical to Exchange Rule 21.17 and Bats BZX Exchange ("BZX") Rule 21.17, each of which is applicable to options participants. The Exchange also notes that other equities exchanges offer functionality that allows clearing firms to not only directly monitor but also to set certain risk settings in connection with the

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

activities of the firms for which they clear.<sup>14</sup>

The Exchange further believes that codifying the risk settings described above in Interpretation and Policy .01 to Rule 11.10 is consistent with the Act as it will provide additional transparency to Exchange Users regarding the optional risk settings offered by the Exchange. As noted above, these settings have been described by the Exchange in prior filings<sup>15</sup> and further information regarding such settings is available in technical specifications made available by the Exchange. However, the Exchange believes it is appropriate to provide additional details regarding these risk settings in Exchange rules. As such, the Exchange believes that the proposal is consistent with the Act, particularly Section 6(b)(5),<sup>16</sup> because it will foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in facilitating transactions in securities and more generally, will protect investors and the public interest, by providing additional transparency regarding optional risk settings offered by the Exchange.

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The proposed rule change is not designed to address any competitive issues and does not pose an undue burden on non-Clearing Members because, unlike Clearing Members, non-Clearing Members do not guarantee the execution of a Member's transactions on the Exchange. The proposal is structured to offer the same enhancement

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<sup>14</sup> See, e.g., Nasdaq Rules 6110 and 6120 relating to the Nasdaq Risk Management Service.

<sup>15</sup> See supra note 9.

<sup>16</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

to all Clearing Members, regardless of size, and would not impose a competitive burden on any Member. Any Member that does not wish to share its designated risk settings with its Clearing Member could avoid sharing such settings by becoming a Clearing Member.

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

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

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>17</sup> and paragraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>18</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

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<sup>17</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>18</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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:

- 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-BatsEDGX-2017-16 on the subject line.

##### Paper Comments:

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

All submissions should refer to File No. SR-BatsEDGX-2017-16. 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-BatsEDGX-2017-16 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>19</sup>

Robert W. Errett  
Deputy Secretary

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<sup>19</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

**Exhibit 5**

Note: Proposed new language is underlined. Proposed deletions are enclosed in [brackets].

**Rules of Bats EDGX Exchange, Inc.**

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**CHAPTER XI. TRADING RULES**

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## Rule 11.10. Order Execution

(a)-(f) (No change.)

*Interpretations and Policies:*

.01 The Exchange offers certain risk settings applicable to a User's activities on the Exchange. The risk settings currently offered by the Exchange include:

(a) controls related to the size of an order (including restrictions on the maximum notional value per order and maximum shares per order);

(b) controls related to the price of an order (including percentage-based and dollar-based controls);

(c) controls related to the order types or modifiers that can be utilized (including pre-market, post-market, short sales, ISOs and Directed ISOs);

(d) controls to restrict the types of securities transacted (including restricted securities and easy to borrow securities as well as restricting activity to test symbols only);

(e) controls to prohibit duplicative orders;

(f) controls to restrict the overall rate of orders; and

(g) controls related to the size of an order as compared to the average daily volume of the security (including the ability to specify the minimum average daily volume of the securities for which such controls will be activated); and

(h) credit controls measuring both gross and net exposure that warn when approached and, when breached, prevent submission of either all new orders or Market Orders only.

In addition to the risk settings enumerated above, the Exchange also offers risk functionality that permits Users to block new orders submitted, to cancel all open orders, or to both block new orders and cancel all open orders. Furthermore, the Exchange offers risk functionality that automatically cancels a User's orders to the extent the User loses its connection to the Exchange.

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Rule 11.13. Clearance and Settlement; Anonymity

(a)-(e) (No change.)

(f) The Exchange may share any of a User's risk settings specified in Interpretation and Policy .01 to Rule 11.10 with the clearing firm that clears transactions on behalf of the User.

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