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The Exchange proposes a rule change to amend the operation of the Super Aggressive order instruction under paragraph (n)(2) of Exchange Rule 11.6.

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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”)¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² Cboe EDGX Exchange, Inc. (“EDGX” or the “Exchange”) is filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) a proposed rule change to amend the operation of the Super Aggressive order instruction under paragraph (n)(2) of Exchange Rule 11.6. 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.³

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange’s website at <http://markets.cboe.com/>, at the Exchange’s principal office and at the Public Reference Room of the Commission.

(b) The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will have any direct or significant indirect effect on any other Exchange rule in effect at the time of this filing.

(c) Not applicable.

2. Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization

(a) The Exchange’s President (or designee) pursuant to delegated authority approved the proposed rule change on July 6, 2018.

(b) Please refer questions and comments on the proposed rule change to Patrick Sexton, Executive Vice President, General Counsel, and Corporate Secretary, (312) 786-

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

7462, or Anders Franzon, Senior Vice President, Deputy General Counsel and Chief Legal Officer, (913) 815-7154.

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 the description of the Super Aggressive instruction under paragraph (n)(2) of Exchange Rule 11.6, Routing/Posting Instructions to: (i) specify that an incoming order with a Post Only instruction that locks a resting order with a Super Aggressive instruction must include a Displayed instruction for the order with a Super Aggressive instruction to engage in a liquidity swap and execute against that incoming order; and (ii) modify language from the description of the Super Aggressive instruction that states if an order that does not contain a Super Aggressive instruction maintains higher priority than one or more Super Aggressive eligible orders, the Super Aggressive eligible order(s) with lower priority will not be converted and the incoming order with a Post Only instruction will be posted or cancelled in accordance with Exchange Rule 11.6(n)(4).⁴

Super Aggressive is an optional order instruction that directs the System⁵ to route an order when an away Trading Center locks or crosses the limit price of the order resting on the EDGX Book.⁶ When an order with a Super Aggressive instruction is locked by an

⁴ The Exchange also proposes to remove the extraneous word “solely” from the second sentence of Rule 11.6(n)(2). The removal of this word does not alter the operation of the Super Aggressive order instruction.

⁵ The term “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).

⁶ See Exchange Rule 1.5(d).

incoming order with a Post Only instruction that does not remove liquidity pursuant to Rule 11.6(n)(4),⁷ the order with a Super Aggressive instruction is converted to an executable order and will remove liquidity against such incoming order.

First, the Exchange proposes to modify the behavior of the Super Aggressive instruction to require that the incoming order with a Post Only instruction that locks a resting order with a Super Aggressive instruction must include a Displayed instruction for an execution to occur. The Super Aggressive instruction is generally utilized for best execution purposes because it enables the order to immediately attempt to access displayed liquidity on another Trading Center that is either priced equal to or better than the order with a Super Aggressive instruction's limit price. The Super Aggressive instruction also enables the order to execute against an equally priced incoming order with a Post Only instruction that would otherwise not execute by being willing to act as the liquidity remover in such a scenario. Today, the incoming order with a Post Only instruction may include either a Displayed or Non-Displayed instruction for it to engage in a liquidity swap with an order with a Super Aggressive instruction resting on the EDGX Book.

Consistent with the Super Aggressive instruction to access liquidity displayed on other Trading Centers, the Exchange proposes to amend the Super Aggressive instruction such that an order with such instruction will execute against an equally priced incoming order with a Post Only instruction only when such order is to be displayed on the EDGX

⁷ The Exchange will execute an order with a Post Only instruction priced at or above \$1.00 in certain circumstances where the value of such execution when removing liquidity equals or exceeds the value of such execution if the order instead posted to the EDGX Book and subsequently provided liquidity, including the applicable fees charged or rebates provided. See Exchange Rule 11.6(n)(4).

Book. The order with a Super Aggressive instruction would continue to act as a liquidity remover in such a scenario. Should such an equally priced incoming order with a Post Only instruction not include a Displayed instruction, the resting order with a Super Aggressive instruction would remain on the EDGX Book and await an execution where it may act as a liquidity provider. The incoming order with a Post Only instruction and a Non-Displayed instruction would be posted to the EDGX Book at its limit price, creating an internally locked non-displayed book. As is the case today, an execution would continue to occur where an incoming order with a Post Only instruction is priced more aggressively than the order with a Super Aggressive instruction resting on the EDGX Book, regardless of whether the incoming order included a Displayed or Non-Displayed instruction.⁸

The Exchange notes that Users seeking to act as a liquidity remover once resting on the EDGX Book in all cases (i.e., seeking to execute against incoming Post Only orders regardless of the display instruction) may attach the Non-Displayed Swap (“NDS”) instruction to their order.⁹ The NDS instruction is similar to the Super Aggressive instruction, in that it also is an optional order instruction that a User may include on an order that directs the Exchange to have such order, when resting on the EDGX Book, execute against an incoming order with a Post Only instruction rather than have it be locked by the incoming order. Today, because orders with either instruction (i.e., Super Aggressive and NDS) will execute against incoming orders with a Post Only instruction regardless of whether the order is to be displayed, the instructions are currently identical with two exceptions. First, an order with a Super Aggressive

⁸ See id.

⁹ See Exchange Rule 11.6(n)(7).

instruction will not convert into a liquidity removing order and execute against an order with a Post Only instruction if there is an order on the order book with priority over such order that does not also contain a Super Aggressive instruction. As further described below, the Exchange is proposing to modify this feature of the Super Aggressive instruction. The second current distinction between the two instructions, which would remain, is that an order with a Super Aggressive instruction can be displayed on the Exchange whereas an order with the NDS instruction must be non-displayed. As amended, the additional distinction between the two instructions would be whether an order would become a liquidity removing order against any order with a Post Only instruction that would lock it (i.e., NDS) or only when the order with a Post Only instruction that would lock it also contains a Displayed instruction (i.e., Super Aggressive).

The below examples illustrate the proposed behavior. Assume the National Best Bid and Offer (“NBBO”) is \$10.00 by \$10.10. An order to buy is displayed on the EDGX Book at \$10.00 with a Super Aggressive instruction. There are no other orders resting on the EDGX Book. An order to sell at \$10.00 with a Post Only and Displayed instruction is entered. The incoming order to sell would execute against the resting order to buy at \$10.00, the locking price, because the incoming order included a Displayed instruction. The order to buy would act as the liquidity remover and the order to sell would act as the liquidity adder. However, no execution would occur if the incoming order to sell included a Non-Displayed instruction. Instead, the incoming order to sell would be posted non-displayed to the EDGX Book at \$10.00, its limit price, causing the EDGX Book to be internally locked.

Second, the Exchange proposes to enable an incoming order with a Post Only instruction and Displayed instruction to execute against an equally priced non-displayed order with a Super Aggressive instruction where a non-displayed order without a Super Aggressive instruction maintains time priority over the Super Aggressive eligible order at that price. In such case, the non-displayed, non-Super Aggressive order seeks to remain a liquidity provider and would cede time priority to the order with a Super Aggressive instruction, which is willing to act as a liquidity remover to facilitate the execution. The Exchange proposes to effect this change by modifying language in the description of the Super Aggressive instruction to state that if an order *displayed on the EDGX Book* does not contain a Super Aggressive instruction and maintains higher priority than one or more Super Aggressive eligible orders, the Super Aggressive eligible order(s) with lower priority will not be converted and the incoming order with a Post Only instruction will be posted or cancelled in accordance with Exchange Rule 11.6(n)(4). Thus, an order with a Super Aggressive instruction, whether displayed on the Exchange or non-displayed, will never execute ahead of a displayed order that maintains time priority.

The Super Aggressive instruction is designed to facilitate executions that would otherwise not occur due to the Post Only instruction requirement to not remove liquidity. Users entering orders with the Super Aggressive instruction tend to be fee agnostic because an order with a Super Aggressive instruction is willing to route to an away Trading Center displaying an equally or better priced order (i.e., pay a fee at such Trading Center). Meanwhile, an order without the Super Aggressive instruction elects to remain on the EDGX Book as the liquidity provider until it may execute against an incoming order that would act as the liquidity remover. Therefore, enabling the Super Aggressive

order to execute against an incoming order, regardless of whether a non-displayed order without a Super Aggressive instruction maintains priority, is consistent with the User's intent for both orders – one chooses to remain the liquidity provider and forgo the execution while the other is willing to execute irrespective of whether it is the liquidity provider or remover. The Exchange notes that similar behavior occurs for orders utilizing the NDS instruction,¹⁰ which also seeks to engage in a liquidity swap against incoming orders with a Post Only instruction. The Exchange, however, has proposed to retain the existing limitation with respect to orders displayed on the EDGX Book.

The following example illustrates the operation of an order with a Super Aggressive instruction under the proposed rule change. Assume the NBBO is \$10.00 by \$10.04. There is a non-displayed Limit Order to buy resting on the EDGX Book at \$10.03 (“Order A”). A second non-displayed Limit Order to buy at \$10.03 is then entered with a Super Aggressive instruction and has time priority behind the first Limit Order (“Order B”). An order to sell with a Post Only instruction priced at \$10.03 is entered. Under current behavior, the incoming sell order with a Post Only instruction would not execute against Order A and would post to the EDGX Book¹¹ because the value of such execution against the resting buy order when removing liquidity does not equal or exceed the value of such execution if the order instead posted to the EDGX Book and subsequently provided liquidity, including the applicable fees charged or

¹⁰ See Exchange Rule 11.6(n)(7). See also Securities Exchange Act Release No. 80841 (June 1, 2017), 82 FR 26559 (June 7, 2017) (SR-BatsEDGX-2017-25) (including an example where an order cedes execution priority to an order with an NDS instruction).

¹¹ Such order would be posted to the EDGX Book in accordance with the Exchange's re-pricing instructions to comply with Rule 610(d) of Regulation NMS. See Exchange Rule 11.6(l)(1). See also 242 CFR 242.610(d).

rebates provided. Further, the incoming sell order with a Post Only instruction could not execute against Order B because Order A is on the EDGX Book and maintains time priority over Order B. Under the proposed change, the incoming sell order, if it contained a Displayed instruction, would execute against Order B and Order B would become the remover of liquidity while the incoming sell order with a Post Only instruction would become the liquidity provider. In such case, Order A cedes priority to Order B because Order A did not also include a Super Aggressive instruction¹² and thus the User that submitted the order did not indicate the preference to be treated as the remover of liquidity in favor of an execution; instead, by not using Super Aggressive, a User indicates the preference to remain posted on the EDGX Book as a liquidity provider. However, if the incoming sell order was priced at \$10.02, it would receive sufficient price improvement to execute upon entry against all resting buy Limit Orders in time priority at \$10.03.¹³ Also, if Order A was displayed on the EDGX Book, no execution would occur, as the proposed change would only apply to non-displayed liquidity.

(b) Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act¹⁴ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act¹⁵ in particular,

¹² This behavior is consistent with the operation of the Exchange's NDS instruction. See supra note 10.

¹³ The execution occurs here because the value of the execution against the buy order when removing liquidity exceeds the value of such execution if the order instead posted to the EDGX Book and subsequently provided liquidity, including the applicable fees charged or rebates provided. See supra note 7.

¹⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

¹⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

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 proposed changes to the Super Aggressive order instruction are 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 Super Aggressive instruction is an optional feature that is intended to reflect the order management practices of various market participants. The proposal to limit the execution of an order with a Super Aggressive instruction to execute against incoming orders with a Post Only instruction that also contain a Displayed instruction promotes just and equitable principles of trade because it enables Users to elect an order instruction consistent with their intent to execute only against displayed orders, in part, for best execution purposes. The amended Super Aggressive instruction would ensure executions at the best available price displayed on another Trading Center or against an incoming order that would have been displayed on the EDGX Book. Users seeking to act as a liquidity remover once resting on the EDGX Book and execute against an incoming order with a Post Only and Non-Displayed instruction may attach the NDS instruction to their order.¹⁶

¹⁶ See Exchange Rule 11.6(n)(7).

The proposed change to the Super Aggressive instruction also removes impediments to and perfects the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system because it is designed to facilitate executions that would otherwise not occur due to the Post Only instruction requirement to not remove liquidity. The proposal enables non-displayed Super Aggressive orders to execute against an incoming order, regardless of whether another non-displayed order without a Super Aggressive instruction maintains priority consistent with the User's intent for both orders – one chooses to remain the liquidity provider and forgo the execution while the other is willing to execute irrespective of whether it is the liquidity provider or remover. The non-Super Aggressive order seeks to remain a liquidity provider and cede its time priority to the order with a Super Aggressive instruction, which is willing to act as a liquidity remover to facilitate the execution. It also enables an order without the Super Aggressive instruction to remain on the EDGX Book as a liquidity provider, consistent with the expected operation of their resting order. The Exchange notes that similar behavior occurs for orders utilizing the NDS¹⁷ instruction, which also seeks to engage in a liquidity swap against incoming orders with a Post Only instruction. Finally, by limiting the proposed change to non-displayed orders, the proposal remains consistent with NDS and also retains existing functionality with respect to the handling of displayed orders.

For the reasons set forth above, the Exchange believes the proposal removes impediments to and perfects the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, protects investors and the public interest.

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

¹⁷ See supra note 10.

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will result in any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act, as amended. On the contrary, the proposed changes to the Super Aggressive order instruction are intended to improve the usefulness of the instruction and to align its operation with the intention of the User, resulting in enhanced competition through increased usage and execution quality on the Exchange. Thus, to the extent the change is intended to improve functionality on the Exchange to encourage Users to direct their orders to the Exchange, the change is competitive, but the Exchange does not believe the proposed change will result in any burden on intermarket competition as it is a minor change to available functionality. The proposed changes to the Super Aggressive order instruction also promote intramarket competition because they will facilitate the execution of orders that would otherwise remain unexecuted consistent with the intent of the User entering the order, thereby increasing the efficient functioning of the Exchange. Further, the Super Aggressive order instruction will remain available to all Users in the same way it is today. Thus, Users can continue to choose between various optional order instructions, including Super Aggressive, NDS, and others, depending on the order handling they prefer the Exchange to utilize. Therefore, the Exchange does not believe the proposed rule change will result in any burden on intramarket competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

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

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

6. Extension of Time Period for Commission Action

Not applicable.

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

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)¹⁸ of the Act and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)¹⁹ thereunder. The proposed rule change effects a change that (A) does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (B) does not impose any significant burden on competition; and (C) by its terms, does not become operative for 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.²⁰

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change meets the criteria of subparagraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4²¹ because it would not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest. The proposed changes to the Super Aggressive order instruction do not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest because they enable: (i) Users to elect an order instruction consistent with their intent to execute only against displayed orders, in part, for best execution purposes; and (ii) non-displayed orders to cede priority facilitating the execution of orders that would otherwise post to the EDGX Book. The Super Aggressive instruction is an

¹⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹⁹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

²⁰ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

²¹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

optional order instruction that would now allow for executions against orders with a Post Only instruction only if they also contain a Displayed instruction. Thus, the change to the Super Aggressive instruction is a minor change to existing functionality that will otherwise remain similar to the existing functionality and also will remain similar to functionality provided for orders with an NDS instruction. Users seeking to access incoming orders with a Post Only instruction, but not a Displayed instruction, will continue to be able to attach the NDS order instruction to their order²² as well as other order instruction that may permit such executions.²³ As described above, the proposed priority change for orders with a Super Aggressive instruction is similar to that adopted by the Exchange with respect to orders with an NDS instruction, and remains consistent with NDS by limiting the change so that only non-displayed orders without a Super Aggressive would cede priority to orders with a Super Aggressive instruction.²⁴ Therefore, this change presents no novel issues that have not already been addressed. This change is in the public interest because it facilitates executions that would otherwise not occur due to the incoming order with a Post Only instruction's requirement not to remove liquidity. It also enables an order without the Super Aggressive instruction to remain on the EDGX Book as a liquidity provider, consistent with the expected operation of their resting order. The Exchange has accordingly designated this rule filing as "non-controversial" under Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act²⁵ and paragraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4

²² See Exchange Rule 11.6(n)(7).

²³ See, e.g., the Aggressive and Book Only instructions described in Rule 11.6(n)(1) and (3).

²⁴ See *supra* note 10.

²⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

thereunder.²⁶

The Exchange respectfully requests that the Commission waive the 30-day operative delay period after which a proposed rule change under Rule 19b-4(f)(6) becomes effective. Waiver of the 30-day operative delay would benefit investors by enabling the Exchange to implement the proposed rule change promptly after filing, thus allowing the Exchange to make this functionality available to Users. The use of the Super Aggressive instruction is completely optional, and, as noted above, the NDS instruction remains available to the extent Users wish to execute against orders with a Post Only instruction regardless of whether they contain a Displayed instruction or a Non-Displayed instruction. Waiver of the operative delay is, therefore, consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest.

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.

²⁶ 17 C.F.R. 240.19b-4.

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-CboeEDGX-2018-025)

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Cboe EDGX Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change to Exchange Rule 11.6, Definitions, to Amend the Operation of the Super Aggressive Order Instruction

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act”),¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² notice is hereby given that on _____, Cboe 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 Act³ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) thereunder,⁴ 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 the operation of the Super Aggressive order instruction under paragraph (n)(2) of Exchange Rule 11.6.

The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Exchange’s website at www.markets.cboe.com, at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission’s

Public Reference Room.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

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 the description of the Super Aggressive instruction under paragraph (n)(2) of Exchange Rule 11.6, Routing/Posting Instructions to: (i) specify that an incoming order with a Post Only instruction that locks a resting order with a Super Aggressive instruction must include a Displayed instruction for the order with a Super Aggressive instruction to engage in a liquidity swap and execute against that incoming order; and (ii) modify language from the description of the Super Aggressive instruction that states if an order that does not contain a Super Aggressive instruction maintains higher priority than one or more Super Aggressive eligible orders, the Super Aggressive eligible order(s) with lower priority will not be converted and the incoming order with a Post Only instruction will be posted or cancelled in accordance with Exchange Rule 11.6(n)(4).⁵

⁵ The Exchange also proposes to remove the extraneous word "solely" from the second sentence of Rule 11.6(n)(2). The removal of this word does not alter the operation of the Super Aggressive order instruction.

Super Aggressive is an optional order instruction that directs the System⁶ to route an order when an away Trading Center locks or crosses the limit price of the order resting on the EDGX Book.⁷ When an order with a Super Aggressive instruction is locked by an incoming order with a Post Only instruction that does not remove liquidity pursuant to Rule 11.6(n)(4),⁸ the order with a Super Aggressive instruction is converted to an executable order and will remove liquidity against such incoming order.

First, the Exchange proposes to modify the behavior of the Super Aggressive instruction to require that the incoming order with a Post Only instruction that locks a resting order with a Super Aggressive instruction must include a Displayed instruction for an execution to occur. The Super Aggressive instruction is generally utilized for best execution purposes because it enables the order to immediately attempt to access displayed liquidity on another Trading Center that is either priced equal to or better than the order with a Super Aggressive instruction's limit price. The Super Aggressive instruction also enables the order to execute against an equally priced incoming order with a Post Only instruction that would otherwise not execute by being willing to act as the liquidity remover in such a scenario. Today, the incoming order with a Post Only instruction may include either a Displayed or Non-Displayed instruction for it to engage

⁶ The term "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).

⁷ See Exchange Rule 1.5(d).

⁸ The Exchange will execute an order with a Post Only instruction priced at or above \$1.00 in certain circumstances where the value of such execution when removing liquidity equals or exceeds the value of such execution if the order instead posted to the EDGX Book and subsequently provided liquidity, including the applicable fees charged or rebates provided. See Exchange Rule 11.6(n)(4).

in a liquidity swap with an order with a Super Aggressive instruction resting on the EDGX Book.

Consistent with the Super Aggressive instruction to access liquidity displayed on other Trading Centers, the Exchange proposes to amend the Super Aggressive instruction such that an order with such instruction will execute against an equally priced incoming order with a Post Only instruction only when such order is to be displayed on the EDGX Book. The order with a Super Aggressive instruction would continue to act as a liquidity remover in such a scenario. Should such an equally priced incoming order with a Post Only instruction not include a Displayed instruction, the resting order with a Super Aggressive instruction would remain on the EDGX Book and await an execution where it may act as a liquidity provider. The incoming order with a Post Only instruction and a Non-Displayed instruction would be posted to the EDGX Book at its limit price, creating an internally locked non-displayed book. As is the case today, an execution would continue to occur where an incoming order with a Post Only instruction is priced more aggressively than the order with a Super Aggressive instruction resting on the EDGX Book, regardless of whether the incoming order included a Displayed or Non-Displayed instruction.⁹

The Exchange notes that Users seeking to act as a liquidity remover once resting on the EDGX Book in all cases (i.e., seeking to execute against incoming Post Only orders regardless of the display instruction) may attach the Non-Displayed Swap (“NDS”) instruction to their order.¹⁰ The NDS instruction is similar to the Super

⁹ See id.

¹⁰ See Exchange Rule 11.6(n)(7).

Aggressive instruction, in that it also is an optional order instruction that a User may include on an order that directs the Exchange to have such order, when resting on the EDGX Book, execute against an incoming order with a Post Only instruction rather than have it be locked by the incoming order. Today, because orders with either instruction (i.e., Super Aggressive and NDS) will execute against incoming orders with a Post Only instruction regardless of whether the order is to be displayed, the instructions are currently identical with two exceptions. First, an order with a Super Aggressive instruction will not convert into a liquidity removing order and execute against an order with a Post Only instruction if there is an order on the order book with priority over such order that does not also contain a Super Aggressive instruction. As further described below, the Exchange is proposing to modify this feature of the Super Aggressive instruction. The second current distinction between the two instructions, which would remain, is that an order with a Super Aggressive instruction can be displayed on the Exchange whereas an order with the NDS instruction must be non-displayed. As amended, the additional distinction between the two instructions would be whether an order would become a liquidity removing order against any order with a Post Only instruction that would lock it (i.e., NDS) or only when the order with a Post Only instruction that would lock it also contains a Displayed instruction (i.e., Super Aggressive).

The below examples illustrate the proposed behavior. Assume the National Best Bid and Offer (“NBBO”) is \$10.00 by \$10.10. An order to buy is displayed on the EDGX Book at \$10.00 with a Super Aggressive instruction. There are no other orders resting on the EDGX Book. An order to sell at \$10.00 with a Post Only and Displayed

instruction is entered. The incoming order to sell would execute against the resting order to buy at \$10.00, the locking price, because the incoming order included a Displayed instruction. The order to buy would act as the liquidity remover and the order to sell would act as the liquidity adder. However, no execution would occur if the incoming order to sell included a Non-Displayed instruction. Instead, the incoming order to sell would be posted non-displayed to the EDGX Book at \$10.00, its limit price, causing the EDGX Book to be internally locked.

Second, the Exchange proposes to enable an incoming order with a Post Only instruction and Displayed instruction to execute against an equally priced non-displayed order with a Super Aggressive instruction where a non-displayed order without a Super Aggressive instruction maintains time priority over the Super Aggressive eligible order at that price. In such case, the non-displayed, non-Super Aggressive order seeks to remain a liquidity provider and would cede time priority to the order with a Super Aggressive instruction, which is willing to act as a liquidity remover to facilitate the execution. The Exchange proposes to effect this change by modifying language in the description of the Super Aggressive instruction to state that if an order *displayed on the EDGX Book* does not contain a Super Aggressive instruction and maintains higher priority than one or more Super Aggressive eligible orders, the Super Aggressive eligible order(s) with lower priority will not be converted and the incoming order with a Post Only instruction will be posted or cancelled in accordance with Exchange Rule 11.6(n)(4). Thus, an order with a Super Aggressive instruction, whether displayed on the Exchange or non-displayed, will never execute ahead of a displayed order that maintains time priority.

The Super Aggressive instruction is designed to facilitate executions that would otherwise not occur due to the Post Only instruction requirement to not remove liquidity. Users entering orders with the Super Aggressive instruction tend to be fee agnostic because an order with a Super Aggressive instruction is willing to route to an away Trading Center displaying an equally or better priced order (i.e., pay a fee at such Trading Center). Meanwhile, an order without the Super Aggressive instruction elects to remain on the EDGX Book as the liquidity provider until it may execute against an incoming order that would act as the liquidity remover. Therefore, enabling the Super Aggressive order to execute against an incoming order, regardless of whether a non-displayed order without a Super Aggressive instruction maintains priority, is consistent with the User's intent for both orders – one chooses to remain the liquidity provider and forgo the execution while the other is willing to execute irrespective of whether it is the liquidity provider or remover. The Exchange notes that similar behavior occurs for orders utilizing the NDS instruction,¹¹ which also seeks to engage in a liquidity swap against incoming orders with a Post Only instruction. The Exchange, however, has proposed to retain the existing limitation with respect to orders displayed on the EDGX Book.

The following example illustrates the operation of an order with a Super Aggressive instruction under the proposed rule change. Assume the NBBO is \$10.00 by \$10.04. There is a non-displayed Limit Order to buy resting on the EDGX Book at \$10.03 (“Order A”). A second non-displayed Limit Order to buy at \$10.03 is then

¹¹ See Exchange Rule 11.6(n)(7). See also Securities Exchange Act Release No. 80841 (June 1, 2017), 82 FR 26559 (June 7, 2017) (SR-BatsEDGX-2017-25) (including an example where an order cedes execution priority to an order with an NDS instruction).

entered with a Super Aggressive instruction and has time priority behind the first Limit Order (“Order B”). An order to sell with a Post Only instruction priced at \$10.03 is entered. Under current behavior, the incoming sell order with a Post Only instruction would not execute against Order A and would post to the EDGX Book¹² because the value of such execution against the resting buy order when removing liquidity does not equal or exceed the value of such execution if the order instead posted to the EDGX Book and subsequently provided liquidity, including the applicable fees charged or rebates provided. Further, the incoming sell order with a Post Only instruction could not execute against Order B because Order A is on the EDGX Book and maintains time priority over Order B. Under the proposed change, the incoming sell order, if it contained a Displayed instruction, would execute against Order B and Order B would become the remover of liquidity while the incoming sell order with a Post Only instruction would become the liquidity provider. In such case, Order A cedes priority to Order B because Order A did not also include a Super Aggressive instruction¹³ and thus the User that submitted the order did not indicate the preference to be treated as the remover of liquidity in favor of an execution; instead, by not using Super Aggressive, a User indicates the preference to remain posted on the EDGX Book as a liquidity provider. However, if the incoming sell order was priced at \$10.02, it would receive sufficient price improvement to execute upon entry against all resting buy Limit Orders

¹² Such order would be posted to the EDGX Book in accordance with the Exchange’s re-pricing instructions to comply with Rule 610(d) of Regulation NMS. See Exchange Rule 11.6(l)(1). See also 242 CFR 242.610(d).

¹³ This behavior is consistent with the operation of the Exchange’s NDS instruction. See supra note 11.

in time priority at \$10.03.¹⁴ Also, if Order A was displayed on the EDGX Book, no execution would occur, as the proposed change would only apply to non-displayed liquidity.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act¹⁵ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act¹⁶ 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 proposed changes to the Super Aggressive order instruction are 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 Super Aggressive instruction is an optional feature that is intended to reflect the order management practices of various market participants. The proposal to limit the execution of an order with a Super Aggressive instruction to execute against incoming orders with a Post Only instruction

¹⁴ The execution occurs here because the value of the execution against the buy order when removing liquidity exceeds the value of such execution if the order instead posted to the EDGX Book and subsequently provided liquidity, including the applicable fees charged or rebates provided. See supra note 8.

¹⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

¹⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

that also contain a Displayed instruction promotes just and equitable principles of trade because it enables Users to elect an order instruction consistent with their intent to execute only against displayed orders, in part, for best execution purposes. The amended Super Aggressive instruction would ensure executions at the best available price displayed on another Trading Center or against an incoming order that would have been displayed on the EDGX Book. Users seeking to act as a liquidity remover once resting on the EDGX Book and execute against an incoming order with a Post Only and Non-Displayed instruction may attach the NDS instruction to their order.¹⁷

The proposed change to the Super Aggressive instruction also removes impediments to and perfects the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system because it is designed to facilitate executions that would otherwise not occur due to the Post Only instruction requirement to not remove liquidity. The proposal enables non-displayed Super Aggressive orders to execute against an incoming order, regardless of whether another non-displayed order without a Super Aggressive instruction maintains priority consistent with the User's intent for both orders – one chooses to remain the liquidity provider and forgo the execution while the other is willing to execute irrespective of whether it is the liquidity provider or remover. The non-Super Aggressive order seeks to remain a liquidity provider and cede its time priority to the order with a Super Aggressive instruction, which is willing to act as a liquidity remover to facilitate the execution. It also enables an order without the Super Aggressive instruction to remain on the EDGX Book as a liquidity provider, consistent with the expected operation of their resting order. The Exchange notes that similar behavior occurs for orders

¹⁷ See Exchange Rule 11.6(n)(7).

utilizing the NDS¹⁸ instruction, which also seeks to engage in a liquidity swap against incoming orders with a Post Only instruction. Finally, by limiting the proposed change to non-displayed orders, the proposal remains consistent with NDS and also retains existing functionality with respect to the handling of displayed orders.

For the reasons set forth above, the Exchange believes the proposal removes impediments to and perfects the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, protects investors and the public interest.

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will result in any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act, as amended. On the contrary, the proposed changes to the Super Aggressive order instruction are intended to improve the usefulness of the instruction and to align its operation with the intention of the User, resulting in enhanced competition through increased usage and execution quality on the Exchange. Thus, to the extent the change is intended to improve functionality on the Exchange to encourage Users to direct their orders to the Exchange, the change is competitive, but the Exchange does not believe the proposed change will result in any burden on intermarket competition as it is a minor change to available functionality. The proposed changes to the Super Aggressive order instruction also promote intramarket competition because they will facilitate the execution of orders that would otherwise remain unexecuted consistent with the intent of the User entering the order, thereby increasing the efficient functioning of the Exchange. Further, the Super Aggressive order instruction will remain available to all Users in the

¹⁸ See supra note 11.

same way it is today. Thus, Users can continue to choose between various optional order instructions, including Super Aggressive, NDS, and others, depending on the order handling they prefer the Exchange to utilize. Therefore, the Exchange does not believe the proposed rule change will result in any burden on intramarket competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

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

The Exchange has 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 Act¹⁹ and paragraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder,²⁰ 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

¹⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

²⁰ 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. Please include File No. SR-CboeEDGX-2018-025 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-CboeEDGX-2018-025. 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.

Persons submitting comments are cautioned that we do not redact or edit personal identifying information from comment submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-CboeEDGX-2018-025 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.²¹

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Deputy Secretary

²¹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

EXHIBIT 5

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

Rules of Cboe EDGX Exchange, Inc.

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CHAPTER XI. TRADING RULES

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Rule 11.6. Definitions

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(a) – (m) (No change).

(n) Routing/Posting Instructions

(1) (No change).

(2) Super Aggressive. An order instruction that directs the System to route the order if an away Trading Center locks or crosses the limit price of the order resting on the EDGX Book. A User may instruct the Exchange to apply the Super Aggressive instruction [solely] to routable orders posted to the EDGX Book with remaining size of an Odd Lot. When any order with a Super Aggressive instruction is locked by an incoming order with a Post Only instruction and a Displayed instruction that does not remove liquidity pursuant to Rule 11.6(n)(4) below, the order with a Super Aggressive instruction is converted to an executable order and will remove liquidity against such incoming order. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if an order displayed on the EDGX Book [that] does not contain a Super Aggressive instruction and maintains higher priority than one or more Super Aggressive eligible orders, the Super Aggressive eligible order(s) with lower priority will not be converted, as described above, and the incoming order with a Post Only instruction will be posted or cancelled in accordance with Rule 11.6(n)(4) below.

(3) – (7) (No change).

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