### 1. Text of the Proposed Rule Change

- (a) EDGA Exchange, Inc. ("EDGA" or the "Exchange"), proposes to amend EDGA Rule 11.13 to extend the operation of a pilot pursuant to the Rule until April 11, 2011. The text of the proposed rule change is attached as Exhibit 5 and is available on the Exchange's website at <a href="www.directedge.com">www.directedge.com</a>, at the Exchange's principal office, and at the Public Reference Room of the Commission.
- (b) The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will have any direct effect, or any significant indirect effect, on any other Exchange rule in effect at the time of this filing.
- (c) Not applicable.

### 2. Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization

Senior management has approved the proposed rule change pursuant to authority delegated to it by the Board of Directors of the Exchange on April 27, 2010. Exchange staff will advise the EDGA Exchange Board of Directors of any action taken pursuant to delegated authority. No further action by the Board of Directors or the membership of the Exchange is required. Therefore, the Exchange's internal procedures with respect to the proposed change are complete.

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

Eric W. Hess General Counsel EDGA Exchange 201-942-8239

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

#### (a) Purpose

The purpose of this filing is to extend the effectiveness of the Exchange's current rule applicable to Clearly Erroneous Executions, Rule 11.13. The rule, explained in further detail below, was approved to operate under a pilot program set to expire on December 10, 2010. The Exchange proposes to extend the pilot program to April 11, 2011.

On September 10, 2010, the Commission approved, on a pilot basis, changes to EDGA Rule 11.13 to provide for uniform treatment: (1) of clearly erroneous execution reviews in multi-stock events involving twenty or more securities; and

(2) in the event transactions occur that result in the issuance of an individual stock trading pause by the primary market and subsequent transactions that occur before the trading pause is in effect on the Exchange. The Exchange also adopted additional changes to Rule 11.13 that reduced the ability of the Exchange to deviate from the objective standards set forth in Rule 11.13. The Exchange believes the benefits to market participants from the more objective clearly erroneous executions rule should be approved to continue on a pilot basis.

#### (b) Statutory Basis

The statutory basis for the proposed rule change is Section 6(b)(5) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act"),<sup>3</sup> which requires the rules of an exchange to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. The Exchange believes that the proposed rule meets these requirements in that it promotes transparency and uniformity across markets concerning review of transactions as clearly erroneous.

## 4. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition</u>

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

5. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule</u> 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.

See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 62886 (September 10, 2010, 75 FR 56613 (September 16, 2010) (SR-EDGA-2010-03).

<sup>2 &</sup>lt;u>Id.</u>

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

# 7. <u>Basis for Summary Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3) or for Accelerated Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(2)</u>

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)<sup>4</sup> of the Act and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)<sup>5</sup> thereunder. The proposed rule change effects a change that (A) does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (B) does not impose any significant burden on competition; and (C) by its terms, does not become operative for 30 days after the date of the filing, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest; provided that the self-regulatory organization has given the Commission written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change, along with a brief description and text of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission.

The Exchange believes that its proposal should become immediately effective and requests that the Commission waive the 30-day pre-operative waiting period contained in Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) under the Act. Waiver of this requirement will provide the Exchange with additional time to review the impact of the pilot program. The Exchange believes that FINRA and other national securities exchanges are also extending the pilot program and thus, to ensure consistent rules across market centers, that the extension should not be delayed. The amendments to the clearly erroneous execution rules were adopted to address, among other concerns, certain impacts of the type of sudden price declines that the market experienced on the afternoon of May 6, 2010. Accordingly, waiver of the operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest.

For the foregoing reasons, the Exchange believes that this rule filing qualifies for a waiver of the 30-day delayed operative date 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>7</sup> and Rule  $19b-4(f)(6)^8$  thereunder.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

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

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

# 8. <u>Proposed Rule Change Based on Rules of Another Self-Regulatory Organization or of the Commission</u>

Not applicable.

# 9. Exhibits

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

Exhibit 5 – Text of Proposed EDGA Rule 11.13.

EXHIBIT 1

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-; File No. SR-EDGA-2010-24

[Date]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; EDGA Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Amend EDGA Rule 11.13 to extend the operation of a pilot pursuant to the Rule until April 11, 2011

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act"),<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on December 9, 2010, the EDGA Exchange, Inc. (the "Exchange" or the "EDGA") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which items have been prepared by the self-regulatory organization. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change</u>

The Exchange proposes to amend EDGA Rule 11.13 to extend the operation of a pilot pursuant to the Rule until April 11, 2011. The text of the proposed rule change is attached as Exhibit 5 and is available on the Exchange's website at <a href="www.directedge.com">www.directedge.com</a>, at the Exchange's principal office, and at the Public Reference Room of the Commission.

II. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis</u> for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, the Exchange included statements concerning

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

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

the purpose of, and basis for, the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The self-regulatory organization has prepared summaries, set forth in Sections A, B and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

A. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory</u>
<u>Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change</u>

#### <u>Purpose</u>

The purpose of this filing is to extend the effectiveness of the Exchange's current rule applicable to Clearly Erroneous Executions, Rule 11.13. The rule, explained in further detail below, was approved to operate under a pilot program set to expire on December 10, 2010. The Exchange proposes to extend the pilot program to April 11, 2011.

On September 10, 2010, the Commission approved, on a pilot basis, changes to EDGA Rule 11.13 to provide for uniform treatment: (1) of clearly erroneous execution reviews in multi-stock events involving twenty or more securities; and (2) in the event transactions occur that result in the issuance of an individual stock trading pause by the primary market and subsequent transactions that occur before the trading pause is in effect on the Exchange.<sup>3</sup> The Exchange also adopted additional changes to Rule 11.13 that reduced the ability of the Exchange to deviate from the objective standards set forth in Rule 11.13.<sup>4</sup> The Exchange believes the benefits to market participants from the more

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<sup>4</sup> Id.

objective clearly erroneous executions rule should be approved to continue on a pilot basis.

#### Basis

The statutory basis for the proposed rule change is Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,<sup>5</sup> which requires the rules of an exchange to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. The Exchange believes that the proposed rule meets these requirements in that it promotes transparency and uniformity across markets concerning review of transactions as clearly erroneous.

### B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

The proposed rule change does not impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

C. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed</u> Rule Change Received from Members, Participants or Others

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

III. <u>Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission</u>
Action

Because the foregoing proposed rule change does not: (i) significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (ii) impose any significant burden on competition; and (iii) become operative for 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate, it has become effective pursuant

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

to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act<sup>6</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) thereunder.<sup>7</sup>

A proposed rule change filed under Rule 19b-4(f)(6)<sup>8</sup> normally does not become operative prior to 30 days after the date of the filing. However, pursuant to Rule 19b4(f)(6)(iii),<sup>9</sup> the Commission may designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Exchange has asked the Commission to waive the 30-day operative delay so that the proposal may become operative immediately upon filing.

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.

#### IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

#### Electronic comments:

 Use the Commission's Internet comment form <a href="http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml">http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml</a>); or

 Send an E-mail to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File No. SR-EDGA-2010-24 on the subject line.

<sup>6 15</sup> U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

<sup>8 17</sup> CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

<sup>9 17</sup> CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

#### Paper comments:

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

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-EDGA-2010-24. 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 Commissions Internet Web site (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-EDGA-2010-24 and should be submitted by [insert date 21 days from the date of publication in the Federal Register].

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.  $^{10}$ 

Secretary

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

#### Exhibit 5

Text of the proposed rule change (Additions are <u>underlined</u>; deletions are in [brackets].)

#### CHAPTER XI. TRADING RULES

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## Rule 11.13 Clearly Erroneous Executions

The provisions of paragraphs (c), (e)(2), (f), and (g) of this Rule, as amended on September 10, 2010, shall be in effect during a pilot period set to end on [December 10, 2010.] <u>April 11, 2011.</u> If the pilot is not either extended or approved permanent by [December 10, 2010] <u>April 11, 2011</u>, the prior versions of paragraphs (c), (e)(2), (f), and (g) shall be in effect.

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