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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. ("EDGX" or the "Exchange") proposes to amend its fees and rebates applicable to Members<sup>3</sup> and non-Members of the Exchange pursuant to Exchange Rule 15.1(a) and (c). Changes to the fee schedule pursuant to this proposal are effective upon filing.

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 comments on the proposed rule change are:

Eric Swanson
Executive Vice President and
General Counsel

Chris Solgan Assistant General Counsel

<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 term "Member" is defined as "any registered broker or dealer that has been admitted to membership in the Exchange." See Exchange Rule 1.5(n).

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

#### (a) <u>Purpose</u>

The Exchange proposes to amend its fee schedule to remove the Cross-Asset Tier under footnote 1, Add Volume Tiers.

The Exchange determines the liquidity adding rebate that it will provide to Members using the Exchange's tiered pricing structure. Currently, the Exchange provides various rebates under footnote 1 of the fee schedule for a Member dependent on the Member's ADV<sup>4</sup> as a percentage of the TCV<sup>5</sup> or OCV<sup>6</sup> for orders that yield fee codes B, V, Y, 3, and 4. The Exchange currently has ten Add Volume Tiers under footnote 1. Under such pricing structure, a Member will receive a rebate of anywhere between \$0.0025 and \$0.0033 per share executed, depending on the tier for which such Member qualifies.

The Exchange now proposes to amend the Add Volume Tiers under footnote 1 to remove an existing tier called the Cross-Asset Tier. Under the Cross-Asset tier, a Member receives an enhanced rebate of \$0.0028 per share where that: (i) Member has on the Exchange's equity options trading platform ("EDGX Options") an ADV in Firm<sup>7</sup>

As defined in the Exchange's fee schedule <u>available at</u> http://www.bats.com/us/equities/membership/fee\_schedule/edgx/.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Id.

As defined in the EDGX Options' fee schedule <u>available</u> <u>at http://www.bats.com/us/options/membership/fee\_schedule/edgx/.</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Id.

orders equal to or greater than 0.15% of average OCV; and (2) Member has an ADAV<sup>8</sup> equal to or greater than 0.12% of average TCV. The Exchange is proposing to eliminate the tier because the rebate has not achieved the desired effect, despite being designed to incentivize Members to add liquidity in two asset classes, both in EDGX equities and EDGX Options. As such, the Exchange is proposing to eliminate the text in footnote 1 related to the Cross-Asset Tier.

#### <u>Implementation Date</u>

The Exchange proposes to implement this amendment to its fee schedule on December 1, 2016.

### (b) <u>Statutory Basis</u>

The Exchange believes that the proposed removal of the Cross-Asset Tier represents an equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among Members and other persons using its facilities because, as described above, the additional rebate offered under this tier is not affecting Members' behavior in the manner originally conceived by the Exchange. While the Exchange acknowledges the benefit of Members entering orders that add liquidity in two asset classes, the Exchange has generally determined that it is providing an additional rebate for liquidity that would be added on the Exchange regardless of whether the tier existed. As such, the Exchange also believes that the proposed elimination of the Cross-Asset Tier would be non-discriminatory in that it currently applies equally to all Members and, upon elimination, would no longer be available to any Members. Further, it will allow the Exchange to explore other ways in

As defined in the Exchange's fee schedule <u>available</u> <u>at http://batstrading.com/support/fee\_schedule/edgx/.</u>

which it may enhance market quality for all Members.

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

The Exchange does not believe its proposed amendment to its fee schedule would impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

The Exchange does not believe that its proposal to remove the Cross-Asset Tier under footnote 1 would burden competition, but, rather, enhance the Exchange's ability to compete with other market centers. As described above, the Exchange believes that it is offering enhanced rebates for orders that would be submitted to the Exchange without the enhanced rebate, which prevents the Exchange from being able to offer other rebates or reduced fees that might be able to enhance market quality to the benefit of all Members. As such, removing the Cross-Asset Tier will allow the Exchange other opportunities to enhance market quality on the Exchange and ultimately, better compete with other market centers.

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

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.

## 6. Extension of Time Period for Commission Action

Not applicable.

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

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act<sup>9</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(2) thereunder, <sup>10</sup> the Exchange has designated this proposal as establishing or changing a due, fee, or other charge applicable to the Exchange's Members and non-members, which renders the proposed rule change effective 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.

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

Not applicable.

- Security Based- Swap Submissions Filed Pursuant to Section 3C of the Act Not applicable.
- 10. <u>Advance Notices Filed Pursuant to Section 806(e) of the Payment, Clearing and Settlement Supervision Act</u>

Not applicable.

#### 11. Exhibits

Exhibit 1: Completed Notice of Proposed Rule Change for Publication in the

Federal Register.

Exhibit 2-4: Not applicable.

Exhibit 5: Text of the Proposed Rule Change.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

#### EXHIBIT 1

SECURITIES AND EXCHA	NGE COMMISSION
(Release No. 34-	; File No. SR-BatsEDGX-2016-68)

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Bats EDGX Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change to Fees for Use of the Exchange's Equities Platform

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

The Exchange filed a proposal to amend the fee schedule applicable to Members<sup>5</sup> and non-members of the Exchange pursuant to EDGX Rules 15.1(a) and (c).

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

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

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

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

The term "Member" is defined as "any registered broker or dealer that has been admitted to membership in the Exchange." See Exchange Rule 1.5(n).

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

#### 1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to amend its fee schedule to remove the Cross-Asset Tier under footnote 1, Add Volume Tiers.

The Exchange determines the liquidity adding rebate that it will provide to Members using the Exchange's tiered pricing structure. Currently, the Exchange provides various rebates under footnote 1 of the fee schedule for a Member dependent on the Member's ADV<sup>6</sup> as a percentage of the TCV<sup>7</sup> or OCV<sup>8</sup> for orders that yield fee codes B, V, Y, 3, and 4. The Exchange currently has ten Add Volume Tiers under footnote 1. Under such pricing structure, a Member will receive a rebate of anywhere between \$0.0025 and \$0.0033 per share executed, depending on the tier for which such Member qualifies.

As defined in the Exchange's fee schedule <u>available at</u> http://www.bats.com/us/equities/membership/fee\_schedule/edgx/.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Id.

As defined in the EDGX Options' fee schedule <u>available</u> <u>at http://www.bats.com/us/options/membership/fee\_schedule/edgx/.</u>

The Exchange now proposes to amend the Add Volume Tiers under footnote 1 to remove an existing tier called the Cross-Asset Tier. Under the Cross-Asset tier, a Member receives an enhanced rebate of \$0.0028 per share where that: (i) Member has on the Exchange's equity options trading platform ("EDGX Options") an ADV in Firm<sup>9</sup> orders equal to or greater than 0.15% of average OCV; and (2) Member has an ADAV<sup>10</sup> equal to or greater than 0.12% of average TCV. The Exchange is proposing to eliminate the tier because the rebate has not achieved the desired effect, despite being designed to incentivize Members to add liquidity in two asset classes, both in EDGX equities and EDGX Options. As such, the Exchange is proposing to eliminate the text in footnote 1 related to the Cross-Asset Tier.

#### Implementation Date

The Exchange proposes to implement this amendment to its fee schedule on December 1, 2016.

#### 2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed removal of the Cross-Asset Tier represents an equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among Members and other persons using its facilities because, as described above, the additional rebate offered under this tier is not affecting Members' behavior in the manner originally conceived by the Exchange. While the Exchange acknowledges the benefit of Members entering orders that add liquidity in two asset classes, the Exchange has generally

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As defined in the Exchange's fee schedule <u>available</u> <u>at http://batstrading.com/support/fee\_schedule/edgx/.</u>

determined that it is providing an additional rebate for liquidity that would be added on the Exchange regardless of whether the tier existed. As such, the Exchange also believes that the proposed elimination of the Cross-Asset Tier would be non-discriminatory in that it currently applies equally to all Members and, upon elimination, would no longer be available to any Members. Further, it will allow the Exchange to explore other ways in which it may enhance market quality for all Members.

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

The Exchange does not believe its proposed amendment to its fee schedule would impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

The Exchange does not believe that its proposal to remove the Cross-Asset Tier under footnote 1 would burden competition, but, rather, enhance the Exchange's ability to compete with other market centers. As described above, the Exchange believes that it is offering enhanced rebates for orders that would be submitted to the Exchange without the enhanced rebate, which prevents the Exchange from being able to offer other rebates or reduced fees that might be able to enhance market quality to the benefit of all Members. As such, removing the Cross-Asset Tier will allow the Exchange other opportunities to enhance market quality on the Exchange and ultimately, better compete with other market centers.

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

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 Action</u>

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act<sup>11</sup> and paragraph (f) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.<sup>12</sup> 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 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 <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include File No. SR-BatsEDGX-2016-68 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-2016-68. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f).

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-2016-68 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>13</sup>

Robert W. Errett Deputy Secretary

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### EXHIBIT 5

Proposed new language is <u>underlined</u>; proposed deletions are in [brackets].

## **Bats EDGX Exchange Fee Schedule**

## Effective [November 18] December 1, 2016

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#### **Footnotes:**

### <sup>1</sup>Add Volume Tiers:

The rebates to add provided by the below add volume tiers are applicable to the following fee codes: B, V, Y, 3, and 4.

Tier	Rebate Per Share to Add	Required Criteria
Mega Tier 1 - Investor Depth	(No change)	
[Cross- Asset Tier	(\$0.0028)	<ul> <li>(1) Member has on EDGX Options an ADV in Firm orders ≥ 0.15% of average OCV; and</li> <li>(2) Member has an ADAV ≥ 0.12% of average TCV.]</li> </ul>
Single MPID Cross- Asset Tier	(No change.)	

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