SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-72674; File No. SR-EDGX-2014-21)

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; EDGX Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Retire the EDGE Routed Liquidity Report

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 July 18, 2014, 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 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</u> <u>Proposed Rule Change</u>

The Exchange proposes to eliminate reference in Rule 13.9 to the EDGE Routed Liquidity Report, which is a data product that is to be discontinued by the Exchange. The Exchange also proposes to delete the fees related to the EDGE Routed Liquidity Report from its fee schedule. The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's Internet website at <u>www.directedge.com</u>, 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 self-regulatory organization included statements concerning the purpose of, and basis for, the proposed rule change and

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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 selfregulatory 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 the</u> <u>Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change</u>

1. <u>Purpose</u>

The Exchange proposes to delete reference to the EDGE Routed Liquidity Report in Rule 13.9 as well as its related fees from the Exchange's fee schedule. In sum, the EDGE Routed Liquidity Report is a data feed that contains historical order information for orders routed to away destinations by the Exchange. The EDGE Routed Liquidity Report provides routed order information to subscribers on the morning of the following trading day that includes: limit price, routed quantity, symbol, side (bid/offer), time of routing, and the National Best Bid and Offer at the time of routing. The Exchange now proposes to delete reference to EDGE Routed Liquidity Report in Rule 13.9 as well as its related fees from the Exchange's fee schedule because it intends to discontinue offering this data feed. Therefore, reference to the product within Exchange's rules and applicable fees in its fee schedule would no longer serve any legitimate purpose upon the product being retired by the Exchange. The Exchange has no subscribers to the EDGE Routed Liquidity Report and will terminate the data feed upon the operative date of this proposed rule change.

2. <u>Statutory Basis</u>

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with the requirements of Section 6(b) of the Act,³ in general, and Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,⁴ in particular, in that is promotes just and equitable principles of trade, removes impediments to, and perfect the mechanism of, a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, protects investors and the public interest. The Exchange also believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b)(4) of the Act,⁵ in that it provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among members and other persons using its facilities.

Specifically, the proposal is consistent with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,⁶ in that it eliminates any investor confusion by deleting references to a data product, and its related fees, that is to be discontinued by the Exchange, thereby removing impediments to and perfecting the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, protecting investors and the public interest. In addition, the Exchange has no subscribers to the EDGE Routed Liquidity Report, the EDGE Routed Liquidity Report is not a core product offering by the Exchange, nor is the Exchange required by the Act to offer such a product. The proposed rule change will not permit unfair discrimination among customers, brokers, or dealers because the EDGE Routed Liquidity Report will no longer be offered by the Exchange.

In addition, the Exchange believes that the proposed removal of the fees for the

³ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

EDGE Routed Liquidity Report from its fee schedule is consistent with Section 6(b)(4) of the Act⁷ because it would delete fees for a data product that is to be discontinued by the Exchange, thereby eliminating investor confusion. Lastly, the Exchange also believes that the proposed amendment to its fee schedule is reasonable and non-discriminatory because it will apply uniformly to all members.

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

The Exchange believes the proposal is consistent with Section 6(b)(8) of the Act⁸ in that it does not impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The proposed rule change will remove references to a data product, and its related fees, that is to be retired by the Exchange and is not designed to have a competitive impact. Therefore, the Exchange does not believe the proposed rule change will have any effect on competition.

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

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

Because the foregoing proposed rule change does not: (1) significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (2) impose any significant burden on competition; and (3) by its terms does not become operative for 30 days after the date of this filing, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate if consistent with the

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(8).

protection of investors and the public interest, the proposed rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act⁹ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.¹⁰

A proposed rule change filed under Rule 19b-4(f)(6) normally does not become operative for 30 days after the date of filing. However, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) permits the Commission to 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. Waiver of the 30-day operative delay would enable the Exchange to avoid enlisting new subscribers during the operative delay period only to retire the product shortly thereafter once the proposed rule change becomes operative. In addition, the Exchange notes it has no subscribers to the EDGE Routed Liquidity Report. Based on the foregoing, the Commission believes that waiving the 30-day operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest.¹¹ The Commission hereby grants the Exchange's request and designates the proposal operative 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

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹⁰ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). In addition, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) requires a selfregulatory organization to provide 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 of the proposed rule change, or such shorter time as designated by the Commission. The Exchange has satisfied this requirement.

¹¹ For purposes only of waiving the 30-day operative delay, the Commission has also considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. <u>See</u> 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

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 (<u>http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml</u>); or
- Send an e-mail to <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include File Number SR-EDGX-2014-21 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 Number SR-EDGX-2014-21. 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 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of the 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-EDGX-2014-21, and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from publication in the Federal Register].

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹²

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¹² 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).