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#### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549 For complete Form 19b-4 instructions please refer to the EFFS website. The self-regulatory organization must provide all required information, presented in a Form 19b-4 Information \* clear and comprehensible manner, to enable the public to provide meaningful comment on the proposal and for the Commission to determine whether the proposal Remove is consistent with the Act and applicable rules and regulations under the Act. The Notice section of this Form 19b-4 must comply with the guidelines for publication Exhibit 1 - Notice of Proposed Rule Change \* in the Federal Register as well as any requirements for electronic filing as published by the Commission (if applicable). The Office of the Federal Register (OFR) offers guidance on Federal Register publication requirements in the Federal Register Add Remove View Document Drafting Handbook, October 1998 Revision. For example, all references to the federal securities laws must include the corresponding cite to the United States Code in a footnote. All references to SEC rules must include the corresponding cite to the Code of Federal Regulations in a footnote. All references to Securities Exchange Act Releases must include the release number, release date, Federal Register cite, Federal Register date, and corresponding file number (e.g., SR-[SRO] -xx-xx). A material failure to comply with these guidelines will result in the proposed rule change being deemed not properly filed. See also Rule 0-3 under the Act (17 CFR 240.0-3) The Notice section of this Form 19b-4 must comply with the guidelines for publication **Exhibit 1A- Notice of Proposed Rule** in the Federal Register as well as any requirements for electronic filing as published Change, Security-Based Swap Submission, by the Commission (if applicable). The Office of the Federal Register (OFR) offers or Advance Notice by Clearing Agencies \* guidance on Federal Register publication requirements in the Federal Register Document Drafting Handbook, October 1998 Revision. For example, all references to the federal securities laws must include the corresponding cite to the United States Code in a footnote. All references to SEC rules must include the corresponding cite to the Code of Federal Regulations in a footnote. All references to Securities Exchange Act Releases must include the release number, release date, Federal Register cite, Federal Register date, and corresponding file number (e.g., SR-[SRO] -xx-xx). A material failure to comply with these guidelines will result in the proposed rule change, security-based swap submission, or advance notice being deemed not properly filed. See also Rule 0-3 under the Act (17 CFR 240.0-3) Exhibit 2 - Notices, Written Comments, Copies of notices, written comments, transcripts, other communications. If such Transcripts, Other Communications documents cannot be filed electronically in accordance with Instruction F, they shall be filed in accordance with Instruction G. Remove View Add Exhibit Sent As Paper Document П Exhibit 3 - Form, Report, or Questionnaire Copies of any form, report, or questionnaire that the self-regulatory organization proposes to use to help implement or operate the proposed rule change, or that is Add Remove View referred to by the proposed rule change. Exhibit Sent As Paper Document The full text shall be marked, in any convenient manner, to indicate additions to and **Exhibit 4 - Marked Copies** deletions from the immediately preceding filing. The purpose of Exhibit 4 is to permit Add Remove View the staff to identify immediately the changes made from the text of the rule with which it has been working. **Exhibit 5 - Proposed Rule Text** The self-regulatory organization may choose to attach as Exhibit 5 proposed changes to rule text in place of providing it in Item I and which may otherwise be more easily readable if provided separately from Form 19b-4. Exhibit 5 shall be considered part Add Remove View of the proposed rule change. If the self-regulatory organization is amending only part of the text of a lengthy **Partial Amendment** proposed rule change, it may, with the Commission's permission, file only those portions of the text of the proposed rule change in which changes are being made if the filing (i.e. partial amendment) is clearly understandable on its face. Such partial

amendment shall be clearly identified and marked to show deletions and additions.

#### 1. <u>Text of the Proposed Rule Change</u>

- (a) Pursuant to the provisions of Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act" or "Exchange Act")<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> EDGX Exchange, Inc. ("EDGX" or the "Exchange") proposes to amend Rule 3.13 to update references to recently amended FINRA rules and make a ministerial, non-substantive change. The Exchange has designated this proposal as non-controversial and provided the Commission with the notice required by Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) under the Act.<sup>3</sup>
- (b) The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change would have any direct or significant indirect effect on any other Exchange rule in effect at the time of this filing.
  - (c) Not applicable.

# 2. <u>Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization</u>

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 EVP, General Counsel (913) 815-7000 Chris Solgan Assistant General Counsel (646) 856-8723

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

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

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

The Exchange proposes to amend Rule 3.13 to update references to a recently amended FINRA rule and make a ministerial, non-substantive change. Rule 3.13(a) prohibits Members from directly or indirectly, giving, permitting to be given, or offering to give anything of value to any person for the purpose of influencing or rewarding the action of such person in connection with the publication or circulation in any electronic or other public media, including any investment service or similar publication, Web site, newspaper, magazine or other periodical, radio, or television program of any matter that has, or is intended to have, an effect upon the market price of any security. The Exchange only proposes to amend paragraph (a) by replacing the term "Web site" with "website".

Rule 3.13(b) sets forth exceptions to the prohibitions under paragraph (a) set forth above. These exceptions allow for compensation paid to a person in connection with the publication or circulation of: (i) a communication that is clearly distinguishable as paid advertising; (ii) a communication that discloses the receipt of compensation and the amount thereof in accordance with Section 17(b) of the Securities Act; or (iii) a research report, as that term is defined in NASD Rule 2711. Rule 3.13 also contains a provision that states that FINRA is in the process of consolidating certain NASD rules into a new FINRA rulebook. This provision also states that if the provisions of NASD Rule 2711 are transferred into the FINRA rulebook, then Rule 2711 shall be construed to require Exchange members to comply with FINRA rule corresponding to NASD Rule 2711 (regardless of whether such rule is renumbered or amended) as if such rule were part of

the Rules of the Exchange.

The Commission recently approved a proposed rule change by FINRA to transfer NASD Rule 2711 to the FINRA rulebook and renumber it as FINRA Rule 2241.<sup>4</sup> This was proposed as part of FIRNA's process of consolidating certain NASD rules into a new FINRA rulebook. To reflect the approval of this recent FINRA proposed rule change, the Exchange proposes to replace the reference to NASD Rule 2711 with FINRA 2241 under paragraph (b)(3). The Exchange also proposes to delete the provision within Rule 3.13 referencing the transferring of NASD Rule 2711 to the FINRA rulebook as NASD Rule 2711 was transferred to the FINRA rule book as Rule 2241 (described above), as this provision is no longer necessary.

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

The Exchange believes that proposed rule change is consistent with Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,<sup>5</sup> which requires, among other things, that the Exchange's rules be designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in facilitating transactions in securities, and to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system. The Exchange does not propose to amend the prohibition or exceptions of any of its Rule 3.13. The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change would remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system by avoiding potential investor and Member confusion by updating cross references to

See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 75471(July 16, 2015), 80 FR 43482 (July 22, 2015) (SR-FINRA-2014-047).

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

FINRA rules as a result of the transfer of NASD Rule 2711 to the FINRA rulebook as FINRA Rule 2241 and making a ministerial, non-substantive change. These clarifying changes would remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, protect investors and the public interest.

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change would impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The Exchange does not propose to amend the prohibition or exceptions of any of its Rule 3.13. The proposed rule change is not designed to address any competitive issues but rather update Rule 3.13 to reflect the recent amendment to a referenced FINRA rule and make a ministerial, non-substantive change.

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

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

- 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)

The Exchange has designated this rule filing as non-controversial under Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act<sup>6</sup> and paragraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.<sup>7</sup> The Exchange

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> 17 C.F.R. 240.19b-4.

asserts that the proposed rule change: (1) will not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest, (2) will not impose any significant burden on competition, (3) and will not become operative for 30 days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate. In addition, the Exchange provided the Commission with written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change, along with a brief description and text of the proposed rule change, at least five business days prior to the date of filing.<sup>8</sup>

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change meets the criteria of subparagraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4<sup>9</sup> because the proposed rule change would not adversely affect investors or the public interest; rather, the proposed rule change will assist in avoiding potential investor confusion by updating Rule 3.13 to reflect the recent amendment to a referenced FINRA rule and make a ministerial, non-substantive change. Accordingly, the Exchange has designated this rule filing as non-controversial under Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act<sup>10</sup> and paragraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder. <sup>11</sup>

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

<sup>8 17</sup> C.F.R. 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

Not applicable.

9. <u>Security Based-Swap Submissions Filed Pursuant to Section 3C of the Act</u>

Not applicable.

10. <u>Advance Notices Filed Pursuant to Section 806(e) of the Payment, Clearing and</u> Settlement Supervision Act

Not applicable.

# 11. Exhibits

Exhibit 1 – Form of Notice of Proposed Rule Change for <u>Federal Register</u>.

Exhibit 5 – Text of the Proposed Rule Change.

#### EXHIBIT 1

SECURITIES AND EXCHAN	GE COMMISSION
(Release No. 34-	; File No. SR-EDGX-2015-43)

Self-Regulatory Organizations; EDGX Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change to Amend Rule 3.13, Payments Involving Publications that Influence the Market Price of a Security

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 Rule 3.13 to update references to recently amended FINRA rules and make a ministerial, non-substantive change.

The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Exchange's website at <a href="www.batstrading.com">www.batstrading.com</a>, at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the

<sup>15</sup> 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).

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

Commission's Public Reference Room.

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 Rule 3.13 to update references to a recently amended FINRA rule and make a ministerial, non-substantive change. Rule 3.13(a) prohibits Members from directly or indirectly, giving, permitting to be given, or offering to give anything of value to any person for the purpose of influencing or rewarding the action of such person in connection with the publication or circulation in any electronic or other public media, including any investment service or similar publication, Web site, newspaper, magazine or other periodical, radio, or television program of any matter that has, or is intended to have, an effect upon the market price of any security. The Exchange only proposes to amend paragraph (a) by replacing the term "Web site" with "website".

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advertising; (ii) a communication that discloses the receipt of compensation and the amount thereof in accordance with Section 17(b) of the Securities Act; or (iii) a research report, as that term is defined in NASD Rule 2711. Rule 3.13 also contains a provision that states that FINRA is in the process of consolidating certain NASD rules into a new FINRA rulebook. This provision also states that if the provisions of NASD Rule 2711 are transferred into the FINRA rulebook, then Rule 2711 shall be construed to require Exchange members to comply with FINRA rule corresponding to NASD Rule 2711 (regardless of whether such rule is renumbered or amended) as if such rule were part of the Rules of the Exchange.

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# 2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that proposed rule change is consistent with Section

See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 75471(July 16, 2015), 80 FR 43482
 (July 22, 2015) (SR-FINRA-2014-047).

6(b)(5) of the Act, <sup>6</sup> which requires, among other things, that the Exchange's rules be designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in facilitating transactions in securities, and to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system. The Exchange does not propose to amend the prohibition or exceptions of any of its Rule 3.13. The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change would remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system by avoiding potential investor and Member confusion by updating cross references to FINRA rules as a result of the transfer of NASD Rule 2711 to the FINRA rulebook as FINRA Rule 2241 and making a ministerial, non-substantive change. These clarifying changes would remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, protect investors and the public interest.

# (B) <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition</u>

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change would impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The Exchange does not propose to amend the prohibition or exceptions of any of its Rule 3.13. The proposed rule change is not designed to address any competitive issues but rather update Rule 3.13 to reflect the recent amendment to a referenced FINRA rule and make a ministerial, non-substantive change.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

(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 Action</u>

The Exchange has designated this rule filing as non-controversial under Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act<sup>7</sup> and paragraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 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, 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 Commission may summarily 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

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> 17 C.F.R. 240.19b-4.

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 (<a href="http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml">http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml</a>); or
- Send an e-mail to <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include File No. SR-EDGX-2015-43 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-EDGX-2015-43. 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 (<a href="http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml">http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml</a>). 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-EDGX-2015-43 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>9</sup>

> Robert W. Errett **Deputy Secretary**

#### EXHIBIT 5

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

CHAPTER III. RULES OF FAIR PRACTICE

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Rule 3.13. Payments Involving Publications that Influence the Market Price of a Security

- (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), no Member shall directly or indirectly, give, permit to be given, or offer to give anything of value to any person for the purpose of influencing or rewarding the action of such person in connection with the publication or circulation in any electronic or other public media, including any investment service or similar publication, [Web site] website, newspaper, magazine or other periodical, radio, or television program of any matter that has, or is intended to have, an effect upon the market price of any security.
- (b) (No change).
  - (1) (2) (No change).
  - (3) a research report, as that term is defined in [NASD Rule 2711]FINRA Rule 2241.

[FINRA is in the process of consolidating certain NASD rules into a new FINRA rulebook. If the provisions of NASD Rule 2711 are transferred into the FINRA rulebook, then Rule 2711 shall be construed to require Exchange members to comply with FINRA rule corresponding to NASD Rule 2711 (regardless of whether such rule is renumbered or amended) as if such rule were part of the Rules of the Exchange.]

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