

## II. Description of the Proposal

In February 2010, the Commission approved FINRA's proposal to amend the FINRA Rule 6700 Series to define "Asset-Backed Securities" as TRACE-Eligible Securities, thereby subjecting members to the requirement to report transactions in such securities to TRACE.<sup>4</sup> The proposal is to become effective on May 16, 2011.<sup>5</sup> In the current proposed rule change, FINRA proposes additional amendments to the FINRA Rule 6700 Series and FINRA Rule 7730 to prepare for the reporting of Asset-Backed Securities transactions to TRACE. The proposed rule change amends or supplements the TRACE reporting and other requirements that will apply to Asset-Backed Securities transactions. Specifically, the proposed rule change would:

(1) In FINRA Rule 6710, clarify, simplify, or conform the defined terms "TRACE-Eligible Security," "Reportable TRACE Transaction," "Agency Debt Security," "Asset-Backed Security" and "TRACE System Hours"; add the defined term, "Securitizer"; and delete the defined terms "Sponsor" and "Issuing Entity";

(2) In FINRA Rule 6730, (A) revise, renumber, and conform the text of parallel reporting provisions in FINRA Rule 6730(a); (B) incorporate minor amendments regarding the duration and expiration of the pilot program for reporting Asset-Backed Securities transactions ("Pilot Program"); (C) consolidate reporting requirements for Asset-Backed Securities transactions that are executed other than during TRACE System Hours; (D) simplify how settlement is reported for Asset-Backed Securities transactions; (E) add alternative reporting requirements for Asset-Backed Securities transactions that are collateralized mortgage obligation ("CMO") or real estate mortgage investment conduit ("REMIC") transactions that occur prior to the issuance of the CMO or REMIC ("pre-issuance CMOs/REMICs"); and (F) add new FINRA Rule 6730(a)(6) to clarify a member's obligation to provide information to FINRA Operations regarding a TRACE-Eligible Security when such security is not in the TRACE system, and to incorporate other minor

<sup>4</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 61566 (February 22, 2010), 75 FR 9262 (March 1, 2010). This proposed rule change also amended FINRA Rule 7730 to establish fees for reporting transactions in Asset-Backed Securities.

<sup>5</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 63223 (November 1, 2010), 75 FR 68654 (November 8, 2010) (Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of SR-FINRA-2010-054 to Extend the Implementation Period for SR-FINRA-2009-065); *Regulatory Notice* 10-55 (October 2010).

technical or clarifying amendments to the Rule;

(3) In FINRA Rule 6760, incorporate requirements that apply to Securitizers of Asset-Backed Securities, alternative notification requirements for pre-issuance CMOs/REMICs, and minor technical, conforming, or clarifying changes; and

(4) In FINRA Rule 7730, add the Financial Information eXchange ("FIX") as a method to report transactions to TRACE, establish a system-related FIX fee, and incorporate a minor technical amendment.

## III. Discussion and Commission's Findings

After carefully considering the proposed rule change, the Commission finds that it is consistent with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to a national securities association.<sup>6</sup> In particular, the Commission finds that the proposal is consistent with Section 15A(b)(6) of the Act,<sup>7</sup> which requires, among other things, that FINRA rules must be designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. The Commission believes that the proposal clarifies the standards for reporting Asset-Backed Securities, will assist FINRA by supporting more timely and accurate reporting to TRACE of transactions in Asset-Backed Securities and enhance FINRA's surveillance of the debt market in connection with Asset-Backed Securities transactions for the protection of investors and in furtherance of the public interest.

The Commission further finds that the proposal to add to Rule 7730 a fee for reporting transactions in Asset-Backed Securities via FIX is consistent with Section 15A(b)(5) of the Act, which requires, among other things, that FINRA rules provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among members, issuers, and other persons using any facility or system that FINRA operates or controls.<sup>8</sup> The fee is similar to the Computer-to-Computer Interface ("CTCI") fee that currently is assessed to members that elect to report transactions in TRACE-Eligible Securities to TRACE via a CTCI line.

<sup>6</sup> In approving this proposal, the Commission has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

<sup>7</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78o-3(b)(6).

<sup>8</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78o-3(b)(5).

## IV. Conclusion

*It is therefore ordered*, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,<sup>9</sup> that the proposed rule change (SR-FINRA-2011-012), be, and hereby is, approved.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delSegated authority.<sup>10</sup>

Cathy H. Ahn,

Deputy Secretary.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-64362; File No. SR-EDGA-2011-13]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; EDGA Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Extend the Pilot Period of the Inbound Router, as described in EDGA Rule 2.12(b)

April 28, 2011.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on April 20, 2011, EDGA Exchange, Inc. (the "Exchange" or "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 Exchange. 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 proposes to extend the pilot period of the Exchange's inbound router, as described in Rule 2.12(b), so that the Exchange can receive inbound routes of equities orders through DE Route, the Exchange's routing broker dealer, from EDGX Exchange, Inc. ("EDGX"). The text of the proposed rule change is attached as Exhibit 5 and is available on the Exchange's Web site at <http://www.directedge.com>, at the Exchange's principal office, and at the Public Reference Room of the Commission.

<sup>9</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

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

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

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

## 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 self-regulatory organization has prepared summaries, set forth in Sections A, B and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

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

#### 1. Purpose

Currently, Direct Edge ECN, LLC d/b/a DE Route ("DE Route") is the approved outbound order routing facility of EDGX.<sup>3</sup> The Exchange, through DE Route, has also been approved to receive inbound routes of equities orders by DE Route from EDGX. The Exchange's authority to receive inbound routes of equities orders by DE Route from EDGX is subject to a pilot period of twelve months, ending July 1, 2011. The Exchange hereby seeks to extend the previously approved pilot period (with the attendant obligations and conditions outlined in the Commission's Approval Order) for an additional twelve months, through June 30, 2012. This is reflected in the proposed amendment to EDGA Rule 2.12(b).

#### 2. Statutory Basis

The statutory basis for the proposed rule change is Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,<sup>4</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, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in facilitating transactions in securities, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. Specifically, the proposed rule change will allow the Exchange to continue receiving inbound routes of equities orders from DE Route acting in its capacity as a facility of EDGX, in a manner consistent with prior approvals and established protections. The Exchange believes that

extending the previously approved pilot period for twelve months will permit both the Exchange and the Commission to further assess the impact of the Exchange's authority to receive direct inbound routes of equities orders via DE Route, including the attendant obligations and conditions.

### 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. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed 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. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission 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 to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act<sup>5</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) thereunder.<sup>6</sup>

A proposed rule change filed under Rule 19b-4(f)(6)<sup>7</sup> normally does not become operative prior to 30 days after the date of the filing. However, pursuant to Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii),<sup>8</sup> the Commission may designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest.

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 (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an e-mail to [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR-EDGA-2011-13 on the subject line.

### Paper Comments

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

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-EDGA-2011-13. 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 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 Web site 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 a.m. and 3 p.m.<sup>9</sup> 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-EDGA-2011-13 and should be submitted on or before May 25, 2011.

<sup>3</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 61698 (March 12, 2010), 75 FR 13151 (March 18, 2010) (hereinafter referred to as the "Commission's Approval Order").

<sup>4</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

<sup>5</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

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

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

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

<sup>9</sup> The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.sec.gov>.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>10</sup>

Cathy H. Ahn,

Deputy Secretary.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-64361; File No. SR-EDGX-2011-12]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; EDGX Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Extend the Pilot Period of the Inbound Router, as Described in EDGX Rule 2.12(b)

April 28, 2011.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on April 20, 2011, EDGX Exchange, Inc. (the "Exchange" or "EDGX") 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 Exchange. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

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

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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. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and the Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

##### 1. Purpose

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The statutory basis for the proposed rule change is Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,<sup>4</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, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in facilitating transactions in securities, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest. Specifically, the proposed rule change will allow the Exchange to continue receiving inbound routes of equities orders from DE Route acting in its capacity as a facility of EDGA, in a manner consistent with prior approvals and established protections. The Exchange believes that extending the previously approved pilot period for twelve months will permit both the Exchange and the Commission to further assess the impact of the Exchange's authority to receive direct inbound routes of equities orders via DE Route, including the attendant obligations and conditions.

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

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

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

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

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

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