

of the Act³ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act⁴ in particular, in that it is designed to protect investors and the public interest by streamlining various aspects of the membership process. The Exchange believes that the provisions identified in Rule 900.1, 910, and 921 are outdated and unnecessary. These rules regarding partnerships and changes to the partnership rules no longer serves the needs of the Exchange.

As described above PHLX's former ownership required the Exchange to be vigilant of the ownership structure of its members in case of financial distress or bankruptcy as the seat structure was vital to the financial condition of the Exchange and the relationships among members. Before demutualization, members had an ownership interest in the Exchange. Today, permits convey no ownership and therefore such vigilance as to the ownership structure of members is no longer warranted.

The removal of Rules 900.1(b) and (d), Rule 910(j) and part of 921(b) will promote just and equitable principles of trade, and foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in facilitating transactions in securities by removing burdensome requirements so that members and member organizations may properly focus on other relevant requirements which benefit the marketplace.

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. The Exchange's proposed amendments seek to delete certain unnecessary rules which today burden partnerships over corporations. The deletions of the Rules 900.1(b) and (d), Rule 910(j) will remove a current burden on competition which requires members and member organizations that are partnerships to disclose unnecessary information as compared to other corporate entities not structured as a partnership.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

No written comments were either solicited or received.

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)(iii) of the Act⁵ and subparagraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.⁶

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: (i) Necessary or appropriate in the public interest; (ii) for the protection of investors; or (iii) 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 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 email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-Phlx-2016-38 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-Phlx-2016-38. This file number should be included on the subject line if email 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/>

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(a)(iii) [sic].

⁶ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). In addition, Rule 19b-4(f)(6) requires a self-regulatory organization to give the Commission written notice of its intent to file 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.

[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 10:00 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-Phlx-2016-38 and should be submitted on or before June 22, 2016.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁷

Brent J. Fields,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-77906; File No. SR-BatsEDGA-2016-10]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Bats EDGA Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change to Rule 11.7, Opening Process

May 25, 2016.

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 May 13, 2016, Bats EDGA Exchange, Inc. (the "Exchange" or "EDGA") 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 Exchange. The Exchange has designated this proposal as a "non-controversial" proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the

⁷ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

Act³ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii) thereunder,⁴ which renders it effective upon filing with the Commission. 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 filed a proposal to amend Rule 11.7, Opening Process, to await a two-sided quotation from the listing exchange prior to opening a security for trading during Regular Trading Hours.⁵

The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Exchange's Web site at www.batstrading.com, at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

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 Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in Sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant parts of such statements.

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

1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to amend Rule 11.7, Opening Process, to await a two-sided quotation from the listing exchange prior to opening a security for trading during Regular Trading Hours.

Exchange Rule 11.7 describes the Exchange's current opening process. Subparagraph (a) to Rule 11.7 states that prior to the beginning of the Regular Session,⁶ Users⁷ who wish to participate in the Opening Process may enter orders to buy or sell.⁸ Subparagraph (a)(2) to Rule 11.7 provides that, with certain exceptions,⁹

all orders with a time-in-force instruction of Regular Hours Only may participate in the Opening Process. Subparagraph (b) to Rule 11.7 states that the Exchange will open by performing the Opening Process in which the System will attempt to match buy and sell orders that are executable at the midpoint of the National Best Bid and Offer ("NBBO"). Subparagraph (c) to Exchange Rule 11.7 sets forth the process by which the System sets the opening price of the Opening Process. Currently, the System¹⁰ sets the price of the Opening Process at the midpoint of the first NBBO after 9:30:00 a.m. Eastern Time. However, for securities listed on either the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. ("NYSE") or NYSE MKT LLC ("NYSE MKT"), the System currently sets the price of the Opening Process at the midpoint of the first NBBO subsequent to the first reported trade on the listing exchange after 9:30:00 a.m. Eastern Time. The Exchange may alternatively set the price of the Opening Process for securities listed on either the NYSE or NYSE MKT at the midpoint of the then prevailing NBBO when the first two-sided quotation published by the relevant listing exchange after 9:30:00 a.m. Eastern Time, but before 9:45:00 a.m. Eastern Time if no first trade is reported by the listing exchange within one second of publication of the first two-sided quotation by the listing exchange. The System waits to set the price at the midpoint of the first NBBO as set forth above because securities listed on the NYSE or NYSE MKT may not open at precisely 9:30:00 a.m. Eastern Time.

Pursuant to subparagraph (b) of Rule 11.7, all orders executable at the midpoint of the NBBO will continue to be processed in time sequence, beginning with the order with the oldest time stamp and not in accordance with Exchange Rule 11.9(a)(2)(B), which outlines priority at the midpoint of the NBBO. Matches occur until there are no remaining contra-side orders or there is

an imbalance of orders. An imbalance of orders may result in orders that cannot be executed in whole or in part. Any unexecuted orders may then be placed by the System on the EDGA Book,¹¹ cancelled, executed, or routed to away Trading Centers in accordance with the Users' instructions pursuant to Exchange Rule 11.11.

The Exchange proposes to amend subparagraph (c) to Rule 11.7 to now await a two-sided quotation from the listing exchange prior to opening a security for trading during Regular Trading Hours. As amended, subparagraph (c)(2) to Rule 11.7 would state that the System would set the price of the Opening Process at the midpoint of the first NBBO *subsequent to the first two-sided quotation* published by the listing exchange after 9:30:00 a.m. Eastern Time. For securities listed on either the NYSE or NYSE MKT, subparagraph (c)(1)(i) to Rule 11.7 would state that the System would set the price of the Opening Process at the midpoint of the first NBBO subsequent to the first reported trade *and first reported quotation* on the listing exchange after 9:30:00 a.m. Eastern Time. Pursuant to subparagraph (c)(1)(i) to Rule 11.7, the Exchange will utilize the existing NBBO to calculate each securities' [sic] opening price once a trade and two-sided quotation are received from the listing exchange, regardless of the order in which the trade or quotation are received. The Exchange believes the proposed rule change will enable the listing market's quotation to be incorporated into the NBBO, which the Exchange would, in turn, utilize in its calculation of the midpoint of the NBBO. The Exchange believes doing so would result in an opening price that more closely reflect the opening market prices and conditions for that security. Under subparagraph (c)(1)(ii) to Rule 11.7, the Exchange will continue to alternatively set the price of the Opening Process for securities listed on either the NYSE or NYSE MKT at the midpoint of the then prevailing NBBO when the first two-sided quotation published by the relevant listing exchange after 9:30:00 a.m. Eastern Time, but before 9:45:00 a.m. Eastern Time if no first trade is reported by the listing exchange within one second of publication of the first two-sided quotation by the listing exchange.

Discretionary Range of Limit Orders, and (iv) Intermarket Sweep Orders ("ISOs") not modified by Rule 11.7(a)(1), and (iii) orders with a Minimum Execution Quantity instruction. See Exchange Rule 11.7(a)(2). Orders that are designated for the Regular Session that cannot participate in the Opening Process will not be accepted by the System until the Opening Process is completed or a Contingent Opening. *Id.* Limit Orders with a Reserve Quantity may participate to the full extent of their displayed size and Reserve Quantity. *Id.* Limit Orders with a Discretionary Range may participate up to their ranked limit price for buy orders and down to their ranked limit price for sell orders. *Id.* All Limit Orders with a Pegged instruction will be eligible for execution in the Opening Process based on their pegged prices at the time the Opening Process is conducted. *Id.*

¹⁰ See Exchange Rule 1.5(cc).

¹¹ The term "EDGA Book" is defined as "the System's electronic file of orders." See Exchange Rule 1.5(d).

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

⁵ See Exchange Rule 1.5(y).

⁶ See Exchange Rule 1.5(hh).

⁷ See Exchange Rule 1.5(ee).

⁸ Orders cancelled prior to the Opening Process will not participate in the Opening Process.

⁹ The following order types and instruction may not participate in the opening process: (i) Limit Orders with a Post Only instruction, (ii) the

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act¹² in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act¹³ in particular, in that it is designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in facilitating transactions in securities, 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 the proposed rule change will promote just and equitable principles of trade, removes impediments to, and perfect the mechanism of, a free and open market and a national market system because it enables the System to execute the Opening Process at a price that is objectively established by the market for the security. The proposal would enable the listing market's quotation to be incorporated into the NBBO, which the Exchange would, in turn, utilize in its calculation of the midpoint of the NBBO. The Exchange believes doing so would result in an opening price that more closely reflect the opening market prices and conditions for that security. Therefore, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change promotes just and equitable principles of trade because it ensures a midpoint price that the Exchange believes would accurately reflect the market for the security.

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposal will impose any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The proposed rule change will enable the Exchange to incorporate the listing market's quotation into its calculation of the midpoint of the NBBO, resulting in an opening price that would more closely reflect the opening market prices and conditions for that security. Therefore, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change will promote competition by enhancing the quality of the Exchange's opening process.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

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

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

Because the 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 Act¹⁴ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.¹⁵

A proposed rule change filed pursuant to Rule 19b-4(f)(6) under the Act¹⁶ normally does not become operative for 30 days after the date of its filing. However, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii)¹⁷ 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. The Exchange states that waiver of the 30-day operative delay would allow market participants to immediately realize the benefits of what may be more accurate opening prices. Based on the foregoing, the Commission believes the waiver of the operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. Therefore, the Commission hereby waives the operative delay and designates the proposal operative upon filing.¹⁸

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. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be approved or disapproved.

¹⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹⁵ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6). As required under Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii), the Exchange provided the Commission with written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change, along with a brief description and the 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.

¹⁶ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

¹⁷ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

¹⁸ 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. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

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 email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File No. SR-BatsEDGA-2016-10 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-BatsEDGA-2016-10. This file number should be included on the subject line if email 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 10:00 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 No. SR-BatsEDGA-2016-10, and should be submitted on or before June 22, 2016.

¹² 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

¹³ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁹

Brent J. Fields,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-77918; File No. SR-BatsBYX-2016-10]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Bats BYX Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change Related to Fees

May 25, 2016.

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 May 16, 2016, Bats BYX Exchange, Inc. (the “Exchange” or “BYX”) 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 Exchange has designated the proposed rule change as one establishing or changing a member due, fee, or other charge imposed by the Exchange under Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act³ and Rule 19b-4(f)(2) thereunder,⁴ which renders the proposed rule change effective upon filing with the Commission. 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 filed a proposal to amend the fee schedule applicable to Members⁵ and non-members of the Exchange pursuant to BYX Rules 15.1(a) and (c) (“Fee Schedule”) to reinsert fee code PX, which was inadvertently deleted in its entirety in an earlier proposed rule change.

The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Exchange’s Web site at www.batstrading.com, at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission’s Public Reference Room.

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 Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in Sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant parts of such statements.

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

1. Purpose

On May 5, 2016, the Exchange amended Rule 11.13, Order Execution and Routing, to delete the IOCM and ICMT routing options.⁶ At that time, the Exchange also amended its Fee Schedule to delete: (i) References to the IOCM and ICMT routing options under footnote 8; and (ii) fee code PX, which was yielded on orders routed to Bats EDGX Exchange, Inc. (“EDGX”) to execute against MidPoint Peg Orders⁷ on EDGX using ICMT or IOCM routing options. Fee code PX is also yielded on orders routed using the RMPT routing option.⁸ In that filing, the Exchange inadvertently deleted fee code PX in its entirety when fee code PX should have only been amended to delete references to the IOCM and ICMT routing options.

The Exchange now proposes to reinsert fee code PX, less the references to the ICMT and IOCM routing options. The reinserted language would state that fee code PX is yielded on orders routing using the RMPT routing option. Orders that yield fee code PX in securities priced at or above \$1.00 are charged a fee of \$0.00120 per share and orders in securities priced below \$1.00 are charged a fee of 0.29% charge of the order’s total dollar value. The proposed rates for fee code PX are identical to that which was included in the Fee Schedule prior to May 10, 2016.

⁶ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 77790 (May 10, 2016), 81 FR 30360 (May 16, 2016) (SR-BatsBYX-2016-06).

⁷ See EDGX Rule 11.8(d).

⁸ RMPT is a routing option under which a Mid-Point Peg Order checks the System for available shares and any remaining shares are then sent to destinations on the System routing table that support midpoint eligible orders. If any shares remain unexecuted after routing, they are posted on the BYX Book as a MidPoint Peg Order, unless otherwise instructed by the User. See Exchange Rule 11.13(b)(3)(Q).

The Exchange proposes to implement the proposed rule change immediately.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the objectives of Section 6 of the Act,⁹ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(4),¹⁰ in particular, as it is designed to provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees and other charges among its Members and other persons using its facilities. The Exchange believes that its proposed rates represent an equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among Members and other persons using its facilities because it is designed to reinsert fee code PX, which was inadvertently deleted in an earlier rule filing. The Exchange does not believe that this change represents a significant departure from previous pricing offered by the Exchange, as fee code PX will continue to be yielded on orders that utilize the RMPT routing option and will be charged the same rates as set forth in the Fee Schedule prior to its mistaken deletion. Furthermore, the Exchange notes that routing through the Exchange and utilizing fee code PX is voluntary. Lastly, the Exchange also believes that the proposed amendment is non-discriminatory because it applies uniformly to all Members.

B. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement on Burden on Competition

This proposed rule change does not impose any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The Exchange does not believe the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition as it is simply designed to reinsert fee code PX, which was that was inadvertently deleted in an earlier rule filing.

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

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78f.

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(4).

¹⁹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

⁵ 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).