SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-77583; File No. SR-BatsEDGA-2016-04)

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Bats EDGA Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Non-Substantive Correction to Rule 11.27

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 April 7, 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 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. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed</u> <u>Rule Change</u>

The Exchange filed a proposal to a make one non-substantive correction to Exchange Rule 11.27, which implements the Regulation NMS Plan to Implement a Tick Size Pilot Program ("Plan").

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

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

Reference Room.

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

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 Basis</u> for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

The Exchange recently adopted Rule 11.27(b), which sets forth the requirements for the collection and transmission of data pursuant to Appendices B and C of the Plan.⁵ The Exchange now proposes to make one non-substantive correction to Exchange Rule 11.27 by renumbering it as Rule 11.21.⁶ The Rule was incorrectly numbered in the initial proposed rule change as the last

See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 77417 (March 22, 2016) (SR-BatsEDGA-2016-01) (Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change to Adopt Exchange Rule 11.27 to Implement the Regulation NMS Plan to Implement a Tick Size Pilot Program).

The Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA"), on behalf of the Plan Participants submitted a letter to Commission requesting exemption from certain provisions of the Plan related to data collection. <u>See</u> letter from Marcia E. Asquith, Senior Vice President and Corporate Secretary, FINRA dated December 9, 2015 to Robert W. Errett, Deputy Secretary, Commission ("Exemption Request"). The Commission, pursuant to its authority under Rule 608(e) of Regulation NMS, granted the Exchange a limited exemption from the requirement to comply with certain provisions of the Plan as specified in the letter and noted herein. <u>See</u> letter from David Shillman, Associate Director, Division of Trading and Markets, Commission to Eric Swanson, General Counsel, Exchange, dated March 22, 2016 ("Exemption Letter"). While the Exemption Letter references current Exchange Rule 11.27, the Exchange understands it will continue to apply to the rule when renumbered as Rule 11.21.

rule within Chapter XI of the Exchange's rulebook is Rule 11.20, Obligations of Market Makers. The Exchange now propose to renumber it as Rule 11.21 in order to have consecutively numbered rules within Chapter XI of its rulebook. Other than renumbering the rule as proposed herein, the Exchange does not proposes to amend any of the provisions of current Rule 11.27.

The proposed rule change will be effective on April 4, 2016.

2. Statutory Basis

The Exchange believes that its proposal is consistent with Section 6(b) of the Act⁷ in general, and furthers the objectives of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act⁸ 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 that this proposal is consistent with the Act because it ensures consecutively numbered rules within Chapter XI of its rulebook, thereby clarifying the Exchange's rulebook and avoiding potential investor confusion.

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

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will result in any burden on competition that is not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The Exchange notes that the proposed rule change is not intended to have a competitive impact. It is simply intended to ensure consecutively numbered rules within Chapter XI of its rulebook and does not amend any of the provisions of current Rule 11.27.

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

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

Written comments were neither solicited nor received.

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 Act⁹ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6) thereunder.¹⁰

A proposed rule change filed pursuant to Rule 19b-4(f)(6) under the Act¹¹ normally does not become operative for 30 days after the date of its filing. However, Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii)¹² 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. The Exchange has stated that the proposed rule change is intended to ensure consecutively numbered rules within Chapter XI of the Exchange's rulebook and does not amend any of the provisions of current Rule 11.27. The Commission believes that waiver of the operative delay is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest because it may benefit investors by clarifying the Exchange's rulebook and avoiding potential investor confusion. Accordingly, the Commission hereby waives the operative delay and

^{9 15} U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

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.

¹¹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

¹² 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6)(iii).

designates the proposed rule change operative upon filing.¹³

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.

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 <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include File Number SR-BatsEDGA-2016-04 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-BatsEDGA-2016-04. 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

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).

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-BatsEDGA-2016-04, 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. 14

Robert W. Errett Deputy Secretary

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¹⁴ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).