

May 31, 2025

VIA COMMISSION PORTAL

Christopher J. Kirkpatrick Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission Three Lafayette Centre 1155 21st Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20581

Re: <u>Commission Regulation 40.6(a) – Rule Certification</u> LedgerX LLC Submission No. 25-24

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

LedgerX LLC (d/b/a MIAX Derivatives Exchange) (the "Company") hereby notifies the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the "Commission"), pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Commodity Exchange Act (the "CEA") and Commission Regulation 40.6(a), that it is certifying the attached Operations Manual applicable to the Company's registration as a Designated Contract Market ("DCM") (hereinafter, the "DCM Operations Manual"). The attached amendments will become effective within 10 business days hereof. The current estimated effective date is June 13, 2025.

A concise explanation and analysis of the changes and amendments, and their compliance with applicable provisions of the CEA, including the Core Principles and the Commission's Regulations, are as follows.

The Company has revised the DCM Operations Manual throughout to address a new category of Participant, namely Futures Commission Merchant ("FCM") Participants, and distinguish, where appropriate, their treatment from the treatment of Direct Access Participants. The Company revised Section V to include a description of both types of Participants, including the Participant Agreement and Application both must complete, and the respective requirements both must satisfy to be and remain eligible Participants on the DCM. For example, the DCM Manual was revised to confirm that FCM Participants must obtain evidence that their Customers submit to the DCM's jurisdiction, and to clarify that FCM Participants are responsible for fulfilling all KYC/AML screening for their Customers. These revisions support the DCM's establishment of a clear legal framework for the application of Company Rules to both FCM Participants and Direct Access Participants, as well as their Authorized Representatives, Authorized Users, and Customers. These revisions are consistent with **DCM Core Principle 2**, in that they enable the Company to establish, monitor, and enforce compliance with its Rules and **DCM Core Principle**



13, in that they establish the Company's ability to enforce its disciplinary procedures on all Participants, Customers, Authorized Representatives and Authorized Users.

Section V was also revised to describe how the DCM monitors and verifies that Participants continue to meet the standards of the DCM. It describes how the DCM anticipates joining the Joint Audit Committee to facilitate its monitoring of FCM Participant compliance with minimum net capital related financial requirements, the obligation to segregate customer funds, risk management requirements, financial reporting requirements, recordkeeping requirements, and sales practice and other compliance requirements. The Section also describes the types of financial reports the DCM will review to evaluate an FCM Participant's financial condition. A related edit was made to Section III to establish that the CCO is the Company's primary representation on the Joint Audit Committee. Finally, Section V was also revised to address the process by which FCM Participants (and their Customers) and Direct Access Participants may withdraw from participation in the DCM. These changes are consistent with **DCM Core Principles 2 and 11** in that they enable the Company to establish, monitor, and enforce compliance with its Rules and ensure the financial integrity of transactions entered into on the DCM by monitoring the financial condition of FCM Participants. The revisions are also consistent with **DCM Core Principle 4**, in that establishing a process by which Participants may withdraw supports orderly trading on the DCM.

Various provisions throughout the DCM Operations Manual have also incorporated reference to FCM Participants and/or their Customers, as appropriate, to account for the new category of market participants. For example, provisions addressing conflicts of interest have been revised to clarify that Customers and Authorized Users are also subject to the DCM's conflicts of interest controls. These changes are consistent with **DCM Core Principle 2**, in that they enable the Company to establish, monitor, and enforce compliance with its Rules. and also with **DCM Core Principle 16**, which requires the DCM to enforce rules minimizing conflicts of interest.

Section VII was revised to describe how Direct Access Participants enter orders on the DCM for themselves and how FCM Participants may enter orders on the DCM for themselves and on behalf of their Customers. Relatedly, the Section describes how Participants may cancel open orders, as well as how Participants and Customers will receive trading confirmations. Section VII was also revised to clarify that block trading is only permissible in certain Contracts. These changes are consistent with **DCM Core Principles 4 and 9**, in that they promote orderly trading on the DCM and establish mechanisms for the execution of transactions. They are also consistent with **DCM Core Principle 10 and 18**, in that they describe how Participants and Customers will receive written records of their trading activity.

Section VIII regarding trade practice and market surveillance and Section IX regarding Disciplinary Procedures have been revised throughout to reference Customers and/or Authorized Users, as appropriate. These revisions are consistent with **DCM Core Principle 2**, in that they enable the Company to establish, monitor, and enforce compliance with its Rules and **DCM Core**



Principle 13, in that they support the Company's enforcement of its disciplinary procedures. They are also consistent with **DCM Core Principles 4, 5, and 12**, in that they facilitate the DCM's monitoring of trading to detect and prevent market abuses and protection of market participants from abusive practices.

Minor changes have been made to Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery provisions to account for the Customers of FCM Participants, in accordance with **DCM Core Principle 20**, which requires the DCM to have system safeguards.

Provisions addressing reporting requirements have been updated to account for the Customers of FCM Participants, and the reporting of an FCM Participant's good standing with the DCM. These revisions are consistent with **DCM Core Principle 11**, in that they support the financial integrity of the exchange by monitoring the financial condition of FCM Participants.

Recordkeeping procedures have also been updated to address the Customers of FCM Participants and onboarding of FCM Participants, in accordance with **DCM Core Principle 18** which requires that a DCM maintain records of activities related to the Company's business as a DCM.

Section XVII provisions regarding the collection of fees have also been revised to clarify the recording and collection of various types of fees from Participants and Customers. These revisions are consistent with **DCM Core Principle 2**, in that they enable the Company to establish, monitor, and enforce compliance with its Rules and **DCM Core Principle 21**, in that they support the financial stability of the DCM.

Finally, certain minor corrections or rephrasing revisions that do not implicate Core Principles were also made (e.g., replacing references to MIAXdx with Company).

The changes and amendments to the DCM Operations Manual are reflected in a redlined copy designated as **Appendix A**. The final version of the revised DCM Operations Manual is attached at **Appendix B**. MIAXdx requests confidential treatment for Appendices A and B, as set forth in our FOIA Confidential Treatment request included in this certification. In accordance with CFTC Regulation 40.8, Appendices A and B have been provided in redacted form in this document, with unredacted versions submitted in segregated appendices marked confidential.

The Company certifies that the above changes and amendments comply with the CEA and Commission Regulations thereunder. The Company additionally certifies that it has concurrently posted a copy of this submission letter and the attachments hereto on the Company website at https://www.miaxdx.com/reg-notices. The Company is not aware of any or substantive opposing views to the changes and amendments.



Please contact the undersigned at margo@miaxdx.com if you have any questions or you would otherwise like to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

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APPENDIX A

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APPENDIX B

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