

June 23, 2021

## **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>CFTC Regulation 40.6 Certification – Liquidity Provider Program</u> LedgerX LLC Submission No. 21-16

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

LedgerX LLC ("<u>LedgerX</u>") hereby notifies the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the "Commission"), pursuant to Commission Regulation 40.6, that it is certifying its Bitcoin ("BTC") and Ether ("ETH") swaps and options liquidity provider program (the "Program") for trading on LedgerX's designated contract market ("DCM") and swap execution facility ("SEF"). The Program will incentivize liquidity and volume in the LedgerX's swaps and options contracts. The terms and conditions of the Program are set forth in Appendix A, which has redacted certain information pursuant to CFTC Regulations 40.8 and 145.9, and Appendix B, which has been filed pursuant to CFTC Regulations 40.8 and 145.9. The Program will become effective on or after July 8, 2021.

## **Compliance with Core Principles**

LedgerX has reviewed the core principles ("Core Principles") set forth in the Commodity Exchange Act and has identified that the Program may most directly implicate the following Core Principles:

DCM Core Principle 2 -- Compliance with Rules; SEF Core Principle 2 -- Compliance with Rules; DCM Core Principle 4 -- Prevention of Market Disruption; SEF Core Principle 4 -- Prevention of Market Disruption

All trading on LedgerX, including any trading and related activity by participants under the Program, is subject to the LedgerX rules (the "Rulebook") including Chapter 8 (Business Conduct and Trading Practices), which prohibits fraud, non-competitive trading, market manipulation and abusive and disruptive trade practices. Terms not defined in this submission have the meanings set forth in the Rulebook. Additionally, as with all trading on LedgerX, trading in the Program's products will be subject to monitoring and surveillance by the Compliance Department, which has the authority to investigate and enforce LedgerX rules, as described in Chapter 9 (Discipline and Enforcement).

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DCM Core Principle 9 -- Execution of Transactions

The Program's products are listed for trading on the LedgerX's trading system, which provides for efficient, competitive, and open execution of transactions.

DCM Core Principle 12 -- Protection of Markets and Market Participants

Chapters 3 (Participants), 4 (Liquidity Providers) and 8 (Business Conduct and Trading Practices) of the Rulebook require all market participants, including those participating in the Program, to observe high standards of integrity, market conduct, commercial honor, fair dealing, and just and equitable principles of trade and prohibits, among other things, fraud, non-competitive trading, market manipulation, and abusive and disruptive trade practices. As with all contracts traded on LedgerX, trading in the Program's products will be subject to monitoring and surveillance by the Compliance Department.

## **Certification**

LedgerX certifies that the Program complies with the CEA and Commission Regulations thereunder. LedgerX additionally certifies that it has concurrently posted a copy of this submission letter and the redacted attachments hereto on LedgerX's website at <a href="https://ledgerx.com/">https://ledgerx.com/</a>. LedgerX is not aware of any or substantive opposing views to the Program.

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

Sincerely,

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