

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

DIVISION OF CORPORATION FINANCE

September 5, 2023

Mark D. Walker Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Direct Digital Holdings, Inc. 1177 West Loop South Suite 1310 Houston, TX 77207

Re: Direct Digital Holdings, Inc. Schedule TO-I filed August 29, 2023 File No. 005-93602

Dear Mark D. Walker:

We have reviewed your filing and have the following comments. In some of our comments, we may ask you to provide us with information so we may better understand your disclosure.

Please respond to these comments by providing the requested information or advise us as soon as possible when you will respond. If you do not believe our comments apply to your facts and circumstances, please tell us why in your response.

After reviewing your response to these comments, we may have additional comments.

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Minimum Tender Condition, page 6

 Disclosure in this section indicates that "[b]ased on the 3,217,800 Warrants outstanding as of August 28, 2023, 1,609,222 Warrants would need to be tendered in order to satisfy the Minimum Tender Condition [the tender of more than 50% of the outstanding Warrants]." It would appear that only 1,608,901 Warrants need be tendered to satisfy this condition. Please advise or revise.

Forward-Looking Statements; Risk Factors, page 20

2. We note your reference to Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Note that the safe harbor protections for forward-looking statements contained in those federal securities laws do not apply to statements made in connection with a tender offer. See Section 21E(b)(2)(C) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Please delete the reference or clarify that it is not applicable to the

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tender offer.

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3. In your response letter, please explain why this issuer tender offer is not subject to Exchange Act Rule 13e-3. We note that it is an offer for all outstanding Warrants which are currently listed on the Nasdaq. To the extent that Warrants are not tendered but the offer is consummated, the remaining Warrants will be subject to redemption at a reduced price as compared to the offer price. In the alternative, please file and disseminate a Schedule 13E-3.

We remind you that the filing persons are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of their disclosures, notwithstanding any review, comments, action or absence of action by the staff.

Please direct any questions to Perry Hindin at 202-551-3444.

Sincerely,

Division of Corporation Finance Office of Mergers & Acquisitions

cc: Andrew J. Terjesen