that the Exchange will provide further notifications to members to ensure clarity about the delay of implementation of these functionalities. The Commission believes that the proposed rule change helps ensure clarity about the delay of implementation of this functionality. For these reasons, the Commission believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act.

IV. Conclusion

It is Therefore Ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act, that the proposed rule change (SR–MRX–2017–02) be, and hereby is, approved.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.86

Eduardo A. Aleman, Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION


Consolidated Tape Association; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of the Twenty-Eight Substantive Amendment to the Second Restatement of the CTA Plan and the Twentieth Amendment to the Restated CQ Plan


Pursuant to Section 11A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"), and Rule 608 thereunder, notice is hereby given that on June 30, 2017, the Consolidated Tape Association ("CTA") Plan participants ("Participants") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") a proposal to amend the Second Restatement of the CTA Plan and the Restated Consolidated Quotation ("CQ") Plan ("Plans").4 These amendments represent the Twenty-Eighth Substantive Amendment to the CTA Plan and the Twentieth Amendment to the CQ Plan ("Amendments"). The Amendments seek to amend the Plans in order to reflect changes to the names and addresses of certain Participants, as set forth in Section III(a) of the Plans. Pursuant to Rule 608(b)(3)(ii) under Regulation NMS, the Participants designate the Amendments as concerned solely with the administration of the Plans and as "Ministerial Amendments" under both Section IV(b) of the CTA Plan and Section IV(c) of the CQ Plan. As a result, the Amendments were effective upon filing and were submitted by the Chairman of the Plan’s Operating Committee. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments from interested persons on the proposed Amendments.

I. Rule 608(a)

A. Purpose of the Amendments

The Amendments effectuate changes that certain Participants have made to their names and addresses, as set forth in Section III(a) of the Plans.

B. Governing or Constituent Documents

Not applicable.

C. Implementation of the Amendments

Because the Amendments constitute "Ministerial Amendments" under both Section IV(b) of the CTA Plan and Section IV(c) of the CQ Plan, the Chairman of the Plan’s Operating Committee may submit the Amendments to the Commission on behalf of the Participants in the Plans. Because the Participants have designated the Amendments as concerned solely with the administration of the Plans, the Amendments become effective upon filing with the Commission.

D. Development and Implementation Phases

Not applicable.

E. Analysis of Impact on Competition

The Participants assert that the Amendments do not impose any burden on competition because they merely effectuate a change in the names and addresses of certain Participants. For the same reasons, the Participants do not believe that the Amendments introduce terms that are unreasonably discriminatory for purposes of Section 11A(c)(1)(D) of the Exchange Act.

F. Written Understanding or Agreements Relating to Interpretation of, or Participation in, Plan

Not applicable.

G. Approval by Sponsors in Accordance With Plan

See Item I.C. above.

H. Description of Operation of Facility Contemplated by the Proposed Amendments

Not applicable.

I. Terms and Conditions of Access

Not applicable.

J. Method of Determination and Imposition, and Amount of, Fees and Charges

Not applicable.

K. Method and Frequency of Processor Evaluation

Not applicable.

L. Dispute Resolution

Not applicable.

II. Rule 601(a)

A. Equity Securities for Which Transaction Reports Shall be Required by the Plan

Not applicable.

B. Reporting Requirements

Not applicable.

C. Manner of Collecting, Processing, Sequencing, Making Available and Disseminating Last Sale Information

Not applicable.

D. Method of Determination and Imposition, and Amount of, Fees and Charges

Not applicable.

E. Standards and Methods Ensuring Promptness, Accuracy and Completeness of Transaction Reports

Not applicable.

F. Rules and Procedures Addressed to Fraudulent or Manipulative Dissemination

Not applicable.
G. Terms of Access to Transaction Reports  
Not applicable.

H. Identification of Marketplace of Execution  
Not applicable.

III. Solicitation of Comments  
The Commission seeks general comments on the Amendments. Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed Amendments are 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–CTA/CQ–2017–03 on the subject line.

Paper Comments
- Send paper comments in triplicate to Brent J. Fields, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549–1090. All submissions should refer to File Number SR–CTA/CQ–2017–03 on the subject line.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  


Self-Regulatory Organizations; National Securities Clearing Corporation; Notice of Filing of a Proposed Rule Change To Expand the Application of the Family-Issued Securities Charge  


Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") and Rule 19b–4 thereunder, notice is hereby given that on July 10, 2017, National Securities Clearing Corporation ("NSCC") 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 clearing agency. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Clearing Agency’s Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change  
The proposed rule change consists of amendments to the NSCC Rules and Procedures ("Rules") in order to (i) expand the application of NSCC’s existing family-issued securities charge to all Members, as described below, and (ii) include a definition of “Family-Issued Security” as a security that was issued by a Member or by an affiliate of that Member, as described in greater detail below.

II. Clearing Agency’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change  
In its filing with the Commission, the clearing agency 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 clearing agency has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

(A) Clearing Agency’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change  

1. Purpose  
Currently, in calculating its Members’ required deposits to the Clearing Fund, NSCC excludes positions in Family-Issued Securities of certain Members from its parametric volatility Clearing Fund component (“VaR Charge”), and instead charges an amount calculated by multiplying the absolute value of the long, net unsettled positions in that Member’s Family-Issued Securities by a percentage that is no less than 40 percent (“FIS Charge”). The FIS Charge is currently only applied to Members that are rated 5, 6, or 7 on the Credit Risk Rating Matrix ("CRRM"). The proposed change would expand the application of the FIS Charge to the positions in Family-Issued Securities of all Members to help NSCC cover the specific wrong-way risk posed by Family-Issued Securities, as described further below. Therefore, NSCC is proposing to amend (i) Rule 1 (Definitions and Descriptions) to add a definition of “Family-Issued Security,” and (ii) Procedure XV (Clearing Fund Formula and Other Matters) to expand the application of the FIS Charge to all Members by moving the description of FIS Charge from Section I.(B)(1) to Sections I.(A)(1) and I.(A)(2) in order to make clear that the FIS Charge would be included as a component of the Clearing Fund formula calculated for all Members.

As a central counterparty, NSCC occupies an important role in the securities settlement system by interposing itself between counterparties to financial transactions and thereby reducing the risk faced by participants and contributing to global financial stability. The effectiveness of a central counterparty’s risk controls and the adequacy of its financial resources would not be subject to the FIS Charge.