SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION


Self-Regulatory Organizations; Fixed Income Clearing Corporation; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Amend the Fees in the Mortgage-Backed Securities Division Clearing Rules and the EPN Rules


Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”) ¹ and Rule 19b–4 thereunder, ² notice is hereby given that on July 28, 2017, Fixed Income Clearing Corporation (“FICC”) 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. FICC filed the proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act ³ and Rule 19b–4(f)(2) thereunder. ⁴ 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

On July 31, 2017, FICC will implement proposed rule change SR–FICC–2017–012 (“Rule Filing 2017–012”). ⁵ Rule Filing 2017–012 will amend the Mortgage-Backed Securities Division Clearing Rules (the “MBSD Rules”) to (1) move the time that FICC novates and treats itself as the settlement counterparty for certain transactions, (2) guarantee and novate trades with stipulations (“Stipulated Trades”), and (3) establish new processes that promote operational efficiencies for Clearing Members. ⁶ In connection with Rule Filing 2017–012, FICC is proposing with this filing to amend the fees in the MBSD Rules and the EPN Rules as further described below. The changes proposed in this filing would become effective on August 1, 2017, as described 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.

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