higher tiers of Market Maker Plus. More specifically, this change is designed to permit Market Makers to aim for a higher tier at the end of month without potentially removing one of those trading days from the calculation if it is the Market Maker's best quoting day for the month. The Exchange believes that this will allow Market Makers to quote more aggressively at the end of the month in order to qualify for a higher tier of Market Maker Plus, and thereby contribute to market quality in Select Symbols. Furthermore, with the change described above, the Exchange believes that it is reasonable and equitable now to remove the language about removing the day only when doing so will qualify the Market Maker for the rebate. This language is no longer needed since removing the worst day will always be better for the Market Maker. Finally, the Exchange believes that these changes are equitable and not unfairly discriminatory as all Market Makers will be subject to the same qualification criteria for Market Maker Plus. The proposed fee changes described in this proposed rule change are applicable solely to Market Makers as the Market Maker Plus program, which is designed to encourage Market Makers to maintain quality markets, applies only to these members. The Exchange continues to believe that it is not unfairly discriminatory to offer rebates under this program only to Market Makers since Market Makers, and, in particular, those Market Makers that achieve Market Maker Plus status, are subject to additional requirements and obligations (such as quoting requirements) that other market participants are not.

B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

The Exchange does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The proposed fee changes are pro-competitive as they are designed to encourage Market Makers to make quality markets in Select Symbols. The Exchange believes that the Market Maker Plus program will continue to encourage competition by incentivizing Market Makers to provide liquidity and maintain tight markets in Select Symbols. The Exchange operates in a highly competitive market in which market participants can readily favor competing venues if they deem fee levels at a particular venue to be excessive, or rebate opportunities available at other venues to be more favorable. In such an environment, the Exchange must continually adjust its fees to remain competitive. Because competitors are free to modify their own fees in response, and because market participants may readily adjust their order routing practices, the Exchange believes that the degree to which fee changes in this market may impose any burden on competition is extremely limited.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

No written comments were either solicited or received.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act,[15] and Rule 19b–4(f)(2)[16] thereunder. At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is: (i) Necessary or appropriate in the public interest; (ii) for the protection of investors; or (iii) otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. If the Commission takes such action, the Commission shall institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule should be approved or disapproved.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is 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–ISE–2018–20 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549–1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR–ISE–2018–20. This file number should be included on the subject line if email is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's internet website (*http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml*). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Exchange. All comments received will be posted without change. Persons submitting comments are cautioned that we do not redact or edit personal identifying information from comment submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR–ISE–2018–20 and should be submitted on or before April 17, 2018.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.[17]

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Assistant Secretary.

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[15] 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

[16] 17 CFR 240.19b–4(f)(2).

[17] 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–82927; File No. SR–OCC–2017–021]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; The Options Clearing Corporation; Order Instituting Proceedings To Determine Whether To Approve or Disapprove the Proposed Rule Concerning Updates to and Formalization of OCC's Recovery and Orderly Wind-Down Plan

March 22, 2018.

I. Introduction

On December 8, 2017, The Options Clearing Corporation (''OCC'') filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (''Commission'') the proposed rule change SR–OCC–2017–021 (''Proposed Rule Change''), pursuant to Section 19(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(''Act''),[1] and Rule 19b–4 thereunder.[2] The Proposed Rule Change was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on December 26, 2017.[3] On January 25, 2018, the Comission designated a longer period within which to approve the Proposed Rule Change, disapprove the Proposed Rule Change, or institute proceedings to determine whether to approve or disapprove the Proposed Rule Change.[4] The Commission is publishing this order pursuant to Section 19(b)(2)(B) of the Act[5] to institute proceedings to determine whether to approve or disapprove the Proposed Rule Change.

Institution of proceedings does not indicate that the Commission has reached any conclusions with respect to the Proposed Rule Change, nor does it mean that the Commission will ultimately disapprove the Proposed Rule Change. Rather, as discussed below, the Commission seeks additional input on the Proposed Rule Change and issues presented by the proposal.

II. Description of the Proposed Rule Change[6]

The Proposed Rule Change would formalize and update OCC's Recovery and Wind-Down (''RWD'') Plan. In its proposal,[7] OCC stated that the purpose of the proposed RWD Plan is to (i) demonstrate that OCC has considered the scenarios which may potentially prevent it from being able to provide its ''Critical Services'' (defined below) as a going-concern,[8] (ii) provide appropriate plans for OCC's recovery or orderly wind-down based on the results of such consideration; [9] and (iii) impart to relevant authorities the information reasonably anticipated to be necessary for purposes of recovery and orderly wind-down planning.[10]

The proposed RWD Plan consists of eight chapters.[11] Chapter 1 of the RWD Plan would provide an executive summary and overview of the proposed Plan.[12] Chapter 2 of the proposed RWD Plan is designed to impart information that OCC believes would be essential to relevant authorities for purposes of recovery and orderly wind-down planning, as well as to provide readers of the RWD Plan with necessary context for the subsequent discussion and analysis of OCC's ''Critical Services'' and ''Critical Support Functions'' in Chapter 4 (discussed below) and of OCC's resolution process in Chapter 6 (discussed below).[13] In Chapter 3 of the proposed RWD Plan, OCC would identify each of its fourteen different internal support functions and provide a brief description of the activities performed by each such support function.[14] The primary purpose of Chapter 4 of the proposed RWD Plan would be to identify OCC's ''Critical Services'' and ''Critical Support Functions.'' [15]

Chapter 5 of OCC's proposed RWD Plan would constitute OCC's Recovery Plan.[16] the purpose of Chapter 5 would be to demonstrate that OCC has considered scenarios which may potentially prevent it from being able to provide its Critical Services as a going-concern and that, based on the scenarios considered, OCC has prepared appropriate plans for its recovery.[17] Chapter 6 of OCC's proposed RWD Plan would constitute OCC's Wind-Down Plan (''WDP'').[18] Chapter 6 would demonstrate that OCC has considered scenarios which may potentially prevent it from being able to provide its Critical Services as a going-concern and that OCC has adequately evaluated plans for its orderly wind-down.[19] Chapter 7 of OCC's proposed Plan would memorialize the prior governance for approval of the earlier drafts of OCC's recovery and orderly wind-down plan and would establish an internal governance process for the maintenance, review and approval of the proposed RWD Plan.[20]

III. Proceedings To Determine Whether To Approve or Disapprove File No. SR–OCC–2017–021 and Grounds for Disapproval Under Consideration

The Commission is instituting proceedings pursuant to Section 19(b)(2)(B) of the Act to determine whether the Proposed Rule Change should be approved or disapproved.[21] Institution of proceedings is appropriate at this time in view of the legal and policy issues raised by the Proposed Rule Change. As noted above, institution of proceedings does not indicate that the Commission has reached any conclusions with respect to any of the issues involved. Rather, the Commission seeks and encourages interested persons to provide additional comment on the Proposed Rule Change and provide arguments to support the Commission's analysis as to whether to approve or disapprove the Proposed Rule Change.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(2)(B) of the Act,[22] the Commission is providing notice of the grounds for disapproval under consideration. The Commission is

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[1] 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

[2] 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

[3] Securities Exchange Act Release No. 82352 (Dec. 19, 2017), 82 FR 61072 (Dec. 26, 2017) (SR–OCC–2017–021) (''Notice''). On December 8, 2017, OCC also filed a related advance notice (SR–OCC–2017–810) with the Commission pursuant to Section 806(e)(1) of Title VIII of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, entitled the Payment, Clearing, and Settlement Supervision Act of 2010 and Rule 19b–4(n)(1)(i) under the Act (''Advance Notice''). 12 U.S.C. 5465(e)(1) and 17 CFR 240.19b–4(n)(1)(i), respectively. The Advance Notice was published in the **Federal Register** on January 23, 2018. Securities Exchange Act Release No. 82513 (Jan. 17, 2018), 83 FR 3224 (Jan. 23, 2018) (SR–OCC–2017–810).

The Financial Stability Oversight Council designated OCC a systemically important financial market utility on July 18, 2012. *See* Financial Stability Oversight Council 2012 Annual Report, Appendix A, available at *http://www.treasury.gov/initiatives/fsoc/Documents/2012%20Annual%20Report.pdf*. Therefore, OCC is required to comply with the Payment, Clearing and Settlement Supervision Act and file advance notices with the Commission. *See* 12 U.S.C. 5465(e).

[4] Securities Exchange Act Release No. 82586 (Jan. 25, 2018), 83 FR 4527 (Jan. 31, 2018) (File No. SR–OCC–2017–021).

[5] 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2)(B).

[6] The description of the Proposed Rule Change is substantially excerpted from the Notice. *See* Notice, *supra* note 3, 82 FR at 61073–80.

[7] *See id.* at 61073.

[8] As defined by Rule 17Ad–22(e)(3)(ii), those scenarios are: ''credit losses, liquidity shortfalls, losses from general business risks and other losses.'' 17 CFR 240.17Ad–22(e)(3)(ii).

[9] *See* Standards for Covered Clearing Agencies, 81 FR 70786, 70810 (Oct. 13, 2016).

[10] *Id.*

[11] Notice, *supra* note 3, 82 FR at 61073.

[12] *Id.*

[13] *Id.* at 61074.

[14] *Id.*

[15] *Id.* The RWD Plan would define a ''Critical Service'' as a service provided by OCC that, if interrupted, would likely have a material negative impact on participants or significant third parties, give rise to contagion, or undermine the general confidence of markets the FMU serves. *Id.*

[16] *Id.* at 61075.

[17] *Id.* For the purposes of the RWD Plan, OCC would define ''recovery'' consistent with the definition advanced by the Committee on Payments and Market Infrastructures and the International Organization of Securities Commissions, which is ''the actions of [a Financial Market Utility (''FMI'')], consistent with its rules, procedures, and other ex-ante contractual arrangements, to address any uncovered credit loss, liquidity shortfall, capital inadequacy, or business, operational or other structural weakness, including the replenishment of any depleted pre-funded financial resources and liquidity arrangements, as necessary to maintain the FMI's viability as a going concern.'' *Id.,* note 30 (citation omitted).

[18] *Id.* at 61080.

[19] *Id.* For the purposes of the RWD Plan, OCC would frame its wind-down objective consistent with the objective advanced by the Financial Stability Board for CCP resolution: ''CCP resolution should have as its objective the pursuit of financial stability and ensure the continuity of critical CCP functions in all jurisdictions where those functions are critical and without exposing taxpayers to risk of loss. . . .The objectives of CCP resolution can be achieved either by: (i) Restoring the ability of the CCP to continue to perform its critical functions as a going concern; or (ii) ensuring continued performance of those functions by another entity or arrangement (including a bridge entity established by the resolution authority) coupled with the orderly wind-down of the residual CCP in resolution.'' *Id.,* note 54 (citation omitted).

[20] *Id.* at 61080.

[21] 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2)(B).

[22] *Id.*

instituting proceedings to allow for additional analysis, and input from, commenters with respect to the Proposed Rule Change's consistency with the Act and the rules thereunder, including the following:

• Section 17A(b)(3)(F) of the Act,[23] which requires, in part, that the rules of a clearing agency be designed to promote the prompt and accurate clearnance and settlement of securities transactions, assure the safeguarding of securities and funds which are in the custody or control of the clearing agency or for which it is responsible, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest; and

• Rule 17Ad–22(e)(3)(ii) of the Act,[24] which requires a covered clearing agency to establish, implement, maintain and enforce written policies and procedures reasonably designed to plan for the recovery and orderly wind-down of the covered clearing agency necessitated by credit losses, liquidity shortfalls, losses from general business risk, or any other losses.

IV. Request for Written Comments

The Commission requests that interested persons provide written submissions of their views, data, and arguments with respect to the Proposed Rule Change with respect to the issues identified above, as well as any other concerns they may have with the Proposed Rule Change. In particular, the Commission invites the written views of interested persons concerning whether the Proposed Rule Change is consistent with Section 17A(b)(3)(F) and Rule 17Ad–22(e)(3)(ii) under the Act, cited above, or any other provision of the Act, rules, and regulations thereunder.

Although there do not appear to be any issues relevant to approval or disapproval that would be facilitated by an oral presentation of views, data, and arguments, the Commission will consider, pursuant to Rule 19b–4, any request for an opportunity to make an oral presentation.[25]

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments regarding whether the Proposed Rule Change should be approved or disapproved by April 17, 2018. Any person who wishes to file a rebuttal to any other person's submission must file that rebuttal by May 1, 2018.

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 No. SR–OCC–2017–020 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 No. SR–OCC–2017–020. This file number should be included on the subject line if email is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's internet website (*http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml*). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the Proposed Rule Change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the Proposed Rule Change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of OCC and on OCC's website at *https://www.theocc.com/about/publications/bylaws.jsp.*

All comments received will be posted without change. Persons submitting comments are cautioned that we do not redact or edit personal identifying information from comment submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly.

All submissions should refer to File No. SR–OCC–2017–021 and should be submitted on or before April 17, 2018. If comments are received, any rebuttal comments should be submitted on or before May 1, 2018.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.[26]

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Assistant Secretary.

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[23] 15 U.S.C. 78q–1(b)(3)(F).

[24] 17 CFR 17Ad–22(e)(3)(ii).

[25] Section 19(b)(2) of the Act, as amended by the Securities Acts Amendments of 1975, Public Law 94–29, 89 Stat. 97 (1975), grants the Commission flexibility to determine what type of proceeding—either oral or notice and opportunity for written comments—is appropriate for consideration of a particular proposal by a self-regulatory organization. *See* Securities Acts Amendments of 1975, Report of the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs to Accompany S. 249, S. Rep. No. 75, 94th Cong., 1st Sess. 30 (1975).

[26] 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Multiple IRS Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Departmental Offices, U.S. Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury will submit the following information collection requests to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. The public is invited to submit comments on these requests.

DATES: Comments should be received on or before April 26, 2018 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Send comments regarding the burden estimate, or any other aspect of the information collection, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to (1) Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for Treasury, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, or email at *OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.gov* and (2) Treasury PRA Clearance Officer, 1750 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Suite 8142, Washington, DC 20220, or email at *PRA@treasury.gov.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Copies of the submissions may be obtained from Jennifer Quintana by emailing *PRA@treasury.gov,* calling (202) 622–0489, or viewing the entire information collection request at *www.reginfo.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

1. Title: Mortgage Credit Certificates (MCCs).

OMB Control Number: 1545–0922.

Type of Review: Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: Mortgage Credit Certificates provide qualified holders of the certificates with a credit against income