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Erica A. Barker,
Secretary.

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POSTAL SERVICE

Board of Governors; Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: August 15, 2020, at 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: Washington, DC

STATUS: Closed.

ITEMS CONSIDERED:

1. Administrative Issues.
2. Strategic Issues.

On August 15, 2020, a majority of the members of the Board of Governors of the United States Postal Service voted unanimously to hold and to close to public observation a special meeting in Washington, DC, via teleconference. The Board determined that no earlier public notice was practicable.

GENERAL COUNSEL CERTIFICATION: The General Counsel of the United States Postal Service has certified that the meeting may be closed under the Government in the Sunshine Act.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Michael J. Elston, Secretary of the Board, U.S. Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Washington, DC 20260-1000. Telephone: (202) 268-4800.

Michael J. Elston,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-89560; File No. SR-FICC-2020-009]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Fixed Income Clearing Corporation; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change, as Modified by Amendment No. 1, To Introduce the Margin Liquidity Adjustment Charge and Include a Bid-Ask Risk Charge in the VaR Charges

August 14, 2020.

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 30, 2020, Fixed Income Clearing Corporation (“FICC”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) proposed rule change SR-FICC-2020-009. On August 13, 2020, FICC filed Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change, to make clarifications and corrections to the proposed rule change.³ The proposed rule change, as modified by Amendment No. 1 (hereinafter, the “Proposed Rule Change”), is described in Items I, II and III below, which Items have been prepared primarily by the clearing agency.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

The Proposed Rule Change consists of modifications to the FICC Government Securities Division (“GSD”) Rulebook (“GSD Rules”) and the FICC Mortgage-Backed Securities Division (“MBSD”) Clearing Rules (“MBSD Rules,” and together with the GSD Rules, “Rules”) to introduce the Margin Liquidity Adjustment (“MLA”) charge as an additional component of GSD and MBSD's respective Clearing Funds, as described in greater detail below.⁵

This Proposed Rule Change also consists of modifications to the GSD Rules, the MBSD Rules, the GSD Methodology Document—GSD Initial Market Risk Margin Model (“GSD QRM Methodology Document”) and the MBSD Methodology and Model Operations Document—MBSD Quantitative Risk Model (“MBSD QRM

Methodology Document,” and together with the GSD QRM Methodology Document, the “QRM Methodology Documents”) in order to (i) enhance the calculation of the VaR Charges of GSD and MBSD to include a bid-ask spread risk charge, and (ii) make necessary technical changes to the QRM Methodology Documents in order to implement this proposed change.

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

FICC is proposing to enhance the methodology for calculating Required Fund Deposits to the respective Clearing Funds of GSD and MBSD by (1) introducing a new component, the MLA charge, which would be calculated to address the risk presented to FICC when a Member's portfolio contains large net unsettled positions in a particular group of securities with a similar risk profile or in a particular transaction type (referred to as “asset groups”),⁶ and (2) enhancing the calculation of the VaR Charges of GSD and MBSD by including a bid-ask spread risk charge, as described in more detail below.⁷

FICC is also proposing to make certain technical changes to the QRM Methodology Documents, as described in below, in order to implement the proposed enhancement to the VaR Charges.

(i) Overview of the Required Fund Deposits and the Clearing Funds

As part of its market risk management strategy, FICC manages its credit

⁶ References herein to “Members” refer to GSD Netting Members and MBSD Clearing Members, as such terms are defined in the Rules. References herein to “net unsettled positions” refer to, with respect to GSD, Net Unsettled Positions, as such term is defined in GSD Rule 1 (Definitions) and, with respect to MBSD, refers to the net positions that have not yet settled. *Supra* note 4.

⁷ The results of a study of the potential impact of adopting the proposed changes have been provided to the Commission.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ Amendment No. 1 made clarifications and corrections to the description of the proposed rule change and Exhibits 3 and 5 of the filing, and these clarifications and corrections have been incorporated, as appropriate, into the description of the proposed rule change in Item II below.

⁴ On July 30, 2020, FICC filed the proposed rule change as an advance notice (SR-FICC-2020-802) 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, 12 U.S.C. 5465(e)(1), and Rule 19b-4(n)(1)(i) under the Act, 17 CFR 240.19b-4(n)(1)(i). On August 13, 2020, FICC filed Amendment No. 1 to the advance notice to make similar clarifications and corrections to the advance notice. A copy of the advance notice, as modified by Amendment No. 1 (hereinafter, the “Advance Notice”) is available at <http://www.dtcc.com/legal/sec-rule-filings.aspx>.

⁵ Capitalized terms not defined herein are defined in the GSD Rules, available at http://www.dtcc.com/~media/Files/Downloads/legal/rules/ficc_gov_rules.pdf, and the MBSD Rules, available at www.dtcc.com/~media/Files/Downloads/legal/rules/ficc_mbsd_rules.pdf.