

FINRA would assume regulatory responsibility for certain provisions of the federal securities laws and the rules and regulations thereunder that are set forth in the Certification. The Common Rules covered by the proposed Plan are specifically listed in the Certification, as may be amended by the Parties from time to time pursuant to the terms and conditions specified in the Plan.

According to the proposed Plan, CHX will review the Certification, at least annually, or more frequently if required by changes in either the rules of CHX or FINRA, and, if necessary, submit to FINRA an updated list of Common Rules to add CHX rules not included on the then-current list of Common Rules that are substantially similar to FINRA rules; delete CHX rules included in the then-current list of Common Rules that are no longer substantially similar to FINRA rules; and confirm that the remaining rules on the list of Common Rules continue to be CHX rules that are substantially similar to FINRA rules.²¹ FINRA will then confirm in writing whether the rules listed in any updated list are Common Rules as defined in the proposed Plan. Under the proposed Plan, CHX will also provide FINRA with a current list of Dual Members and shall update the list no less frequently than once each quarter.²²

Under the proposed Plan, CHX would retain full responsibility for surveillance, examination, investigation, and enforcement with respect to trading activities or practices involving CHX's own marketplace; registration pursuant to its applicable rules of associated persons (*i.e.*, registration rules that are not Common Rules); its duties as a DEA pursuant to Rule 17d-1 under the Act; and any CHX rules that are not Common Rules.

The Commission is hereby declaring effective a plan that, among other things, allocates regulatory responsibility to FINRA for the oversight and enforcement of CHX rules that are substantially similar to the rules of FINRA for Dual Members of CHX and FINRA. Therefore, modifications to the Certification need not be filed with the Commission as an amendment to the Plan, provided that the Parties are only adding to, deleting from, or confirming changes to CHX rules in the Certification in conformance with the definition of Common Rules provided in the Plan. However, should the Parties decide to add a CHX rule to the Certification that is not substantially similar to a FINRA rule; delete a CHX rule from the Certification that is

substantially similar to a FINRA rule; or leave on the Certification a CHX rule that is no longer substantially similar to a FINRA rule, then such a change would constitute an amendment to the Plan, which must be filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 17d-2 under the Act.²³

The Plan also permits CHX and FINRA to terminate the Plan, subject to notice.²⁴ The Commission notes, however, that while the Plan permits the Parties to terminate the Plan, the Parties cannot by themselves reallocate the regulatory responsibilities set forth in the Plan, since Rule 17d-2 under the Act requires that any allocation or re-allocation of regulatory responsibilities be filed with the Commission.²⁵

IV. Conclusion

This Order gives effect to the Plan filed with the Commission in File No. 4-274. The Parties shall notify all members affected by the Plan of their rights and obligations under the Plan.

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 17(d) of the Act, that the Plan in File No. 4-274, between FINRA and CHX, filed pursuant to Rule 17d-2 under the Act, is approved and declared effective.

It is therefore ordered that CHX is relieved of those responsibilities allocated to FINRA under the Plan in File No. 4-274.

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

Elizabeth M. Murphy,

Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Public Law 94-409, that the Securities and Exchange Commission will hold an Open Meeting on September 17, 2010 at 10 a.m., in the Auditorium, Room L-002.

²³ The Commission also notes that the addition to or deletion from the Certification of any federal securities laws, rules, and regulations for which FINRA would bear responsibility under the Plan for examining, and enforcing compliance by, Dual Members, also would constitute an amendment to the Plan.

²⁴ See paragraph 12 of the proposed 17d-2 Plan.

²⁵ The Commission notes that paragraph 12 of the Plan reflects the fact that FINRA's responsibilities under the Plan will continue in effect until the Commission approves any termination of the Plan.

²⁶ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(34).

The subject matter of the Open Meeting will be:

The Commission will consider whether to propose rules that would require a public company to provide certain disclosures about its short-term borrowings in its filings with the Commission. The Commission will also consider whether to publish an interpretive release to provide guidance regarding the Commission's current disclosure requirements in "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" relating to liquidity and capital resources.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting items.

For further information and to ascertain what, if any, matters have been added, deleted or postponed, please contact:

The Office of the Secretary at (202) 551-5400.

Dated: September 10, 2010.

Elizabeth M. Murphy,

Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act; Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Public Law 94-409, that the Securities and Exchange Commission will hold a Closed Meeting on Thursday, September 16, 2010 at 3 p.m.

Commissioners, Counsel to the Commissioners, the Secretary to the Commission, and recording secretaries will attend the Closed Meeting. Certain staff members who have an interest in the matters also may be present.

The General Counsel of the Commission, or his designee, has certified that, in his opinion, one or more of the exemptions set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(3), (5), (7), 9(B) and (10) and 17 CFR 200.402(a)(3), (5), (7), 9(ii) and (10), permit consideration of the scheduled matters at the Closed Meeting.

Commissioner Paredes, as duty officer, voted to consider the items listed for the Closed Meeting in a closed session.

The subject matter of the Closed Meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 16, 2010 will be:

Institution and settlement of injunctive actions;
Institution and settlement of administrative proceedings; an opinion; and

²¹ See paragraph 2 of the proposed 17d-2 Plan.

²² See paragraph 3 of the proposed 17d-2 Plan.

Other matters relating to enforcement proceedings.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting items.

For further information and to ascertain what, if any, matters have been added, deleted or postponed, please contact:

The Office of the Secretary at (202) 551-5400.

Dated: September 9, 2010.

Elizabeth M. Murphy,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-62849; File No. SR-NSCC-2010-07]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; National Securities Clearing Corporation; Order Approving Proposed Rule Change To Amend Addendum C of its Rules and Procedures To Implement Risk Enhancements To its Stock Borrow Program

September 3, 2010.

I. Introduction

On July 1, 2010, National Securities Clearing Corporation ("NSCC") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") proposed rule change SR-NSCC-2010-07 pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act").¹ The proposed rule change was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on July 29, 2010.² No comment letters were received on the proposal. This order approves the proposal.

II. Description

NSCC is amending its Rules to implement risk enhancements whereby municipal and corporate bonds will be ineligible for lending through NSCC's Stock Borrow Program ("SBP") and Members will be prevented from lending through the SBP securities that were issued by that Member or any of its affiliates.

1. SBP Background

In the course of daily operations, for various reasons, NSCC's Continuous Net Settlement ("CNS") system often requires a number of shares for a

particular security that exceeds the number of shares available to NSCC through Member deliveries. To improve the efficiency of the clearing system in such situations, NSCC's has implemented automated stock borrow procedures to meet these needs for shares of a particular CNS security.

Members wishing to participate in the SBP notify NSCC each day of the securities they have on deposit at The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") that are available to be borrowed by NSCC. After NSCC's nighttime processing of regular deliveries, NSCC borrows from its Members the securities that have been identified as available for the SBP and that are needed to fulfill deliveries. The daytime and nighttime SBP are separate processes. Members can choose to participate only in the nighttime SBP, only in the daytime SBP, or in both. Similarly, securities needed for unfulfilled delivery obligations during the daytime processing are borrowed from Members that have made securities available. NSCC place the borrowed securities in a special CNS subaccount, and the lending Member is advanced the full market value of the borrowed securities until they are returned. As securities become available, borrowed securities are returned through normal long allocations against the special subaccount.

2. Proposed Amendment to Addendum C of the NSCC's Rules

After reviewing the SBP, NSCC determined that it faced increased risk when it borrows municipal or corporate bonds and when it borrows securities issued by the lending Member or any of its affiliates. First, if NSCC is unable to close out in a timely manner long positions in corporate or municipal bonds that were created by loans of such securities from a Member that becomes insolvent, then NSCC may possess high concentrations of corporate or municipal bonds that it cannot deliver to the insolvent Member. Consequently, NSCC bears an increased risk of loss because it would be forced to liquidate those corporate or municipal bond positions in thinly traded markets. Second, NSCC incurs credit exposure in instances where it borrows securities from a Member that is also the issuer of the securities or is an affiliate of the issuer. In the event that such a Member becomes insolvent, then NSCC incurs the additional risk that the securities loaned through the SBP issued by the Member or its affiliate and will likely decline in value.

In both situations, NSCC believes that the risks posed by these SBP practices outweigh the benefits to NSCC and its

Members. Accordingly, NSCC is amending its Rules so that municipal and corporate bonds will be ineligible for lending through the SBP and so that Members will be unable to lend securities through the SBP that are issued by the Member or any of its affiliates. Members will be advised of the implementation date for these changes through the issuance of NSCC Important Notices.

III. Discussion

The Commission finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of the Act³ and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to NSCC. In particular, the Commission believes that the changes NSCC is making to the SBP to establish appropriate safeguards and enhanced efficiency to mitigate risks to NSCC from the SBP are consistent with NSCC's obligations under Section 17A(b)(3)(F).⁴ That section requires, among other things, that the rules of a clearing agency are designed to assure the safeguarding of securities and funds which are in the custody or control of the clearing agency or for which it is responsible.

IV. Conclusion

On the basis of the foregoing, the Commission finds that the proposal is consistent with the requirements of the Act and in particular with the requirements of Section 17A of the Act⁵ and the rules and regulations thereunder.

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,⁶ that the proposed rule change (File No. SR-NSCC-2010-07) be, and hereby is, approved.⁷

For the Commission by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.⁸

Florence E. Harmon,
Deputy Secretary.

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³ 15 U.S.C. 78q-1.

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78q-1(b)(3)(F).

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78q-1.

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

⁷ In approving the proposed rule change, the Commission considered the proposal's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

⁸ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² Securities Exchange Act Release No. 62567 (July 14, 2010), 75 FR 44828 (July 29, 2010) (SR-NSCC-2010-07).