

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-41223; File No. SR-NSCC-99-03]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; National Securities Clearing Corporation; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change Relating to Fees and Charges

March 29, 1999.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),¹ notice is hereby given that on February 24, 1999, the 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 primarily by NSCC. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The proposed rule change revises NSCC's fee schedule for trade comparison, trade recording, flip trades, and Fund/SERV transactions.

II. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, NSCC 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. NSCC has prepared summaries, set forth in sections (A), (B), and (C) below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.²

(A) Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change.

NSCC's trade comparison fee for each side of each stock, warrant, or right trade submitted is \$.018 per 100 shares with a minimum fee of \$.072 and a maximum fee of \$1.08. The proposed rule change reduces the fee for each side submitted to \$.010 with the minimum fee reduced to \$.040 and the maximum fee reduced to \$.60.

NSCC's trade recording fee for each side of each stock, warrant, or right item that is entered for settlement but not compared by NSCC is \$.008 per 100 shares with a minimum fee of \$.032 and a maximum fee of \$.48. The proposed rule change reduces the fee for such items to \$.006 per 100 shares with the minimum fee reduced to \$.024 and the maximum fee reduced to \$.36.

NSCC's per side fee for flip trades is \$.050. The proposed rule change reduces the fee to \$.025 per side.

The proposed rule change reduces NSCC's Fund/SERV transaction fee from \$.30 to \$.25 per side per order or transfer request.

NSCC intends to give its members the benefit of these fee changes effective as of January 1, 1999. The necessary adjustments to accommodate these reductions will be reflected in billing statements transmitted in February 1999.

NSCC believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 17A(b)(3)(D) of the Act³ and the rules and regulations thereunder because it provides for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among NSCC's participants.

(B) Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

NSCC does not believe that the proposed rule change will impact or impose a burden on competition.

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

No written comments have been solicited or received. NSCC will notify the Commission of any written comments received by NSCC.

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 Act⁴ and pursuant to Rule 19b-4(f)(2)⁵ promulgated thereunder because the proposal changes a due, fee, or other charge imposed by NSCC. At any time within sixty days of the filing of such rule change, the Commission may summarily abrogate such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors,

or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

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. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street NW., Washington, DC 20549. 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 inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of NSCC.

All submissions should refer to File No. SR-NSCC-99-03 and should be submitted by April 27, 1999.

For the Commission by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁶

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Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; The Options Clearing Corporation; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Amending Rules and By-Laws

March 29, 1999.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),¹ notice is hereby given that on March 3, 1999, The Options Clearing Corporation ("OCC") files 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 primarily by OCC. The

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² The Commission has modified the text of the summaries prepared by NSCC.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78q-1(b)(3)(D).

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

⁵ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

⁶ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).