SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-68300; File No. SR-ICC-2012-21)

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; ICE Clear Credit LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Correct One Term in the ICC Rules

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"), and Rule 19b-4 thereunder, notice is hereby given that on November 13, 2012, ICE Clear Credit LLC ("ICC") 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 ICC. ICC filed the proposal pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act³, and Rule 19b-4(f)(3)⁴ thereunder, so that the proposal was effective upon filing with the Commission. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

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

The purpose of the proposed rule change is to change the word "customer" to "client" in the defined term "Client Omnibus Margin Account" in one instance in Section 20-605(d) in order to ensure consistency of defined terms throughout the ICE Clear Credit Rules.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(3).

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

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

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

ICC is updating one word in Section 20-605(d) of the Rules to change the word "customer" to "client" in the defined term "Client Omnibus Margin Account." ICC is making this correction in order to ensure that the defined terms in the ICC Rules are consistent. This change does not require any changes to the ICC risk management framework. The only change submitted is the correction of one defined term in ICC Rule 20-605(d).

Section 17A(b)(3)(F) of the Act⁵ requires, among other things, that the rules of a clearing agency be designed to promote the prompt and accurate clearance and settlement of securities transactions and, to the extent applicable, derivative agreements, contracts, and transactions. ICC believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to ICC, in particular, to Section 17A(b)(3)(F), because the correction of "customer" to "client" in the defined term "Client Omnibus Margin Account" in ICC Rule 20-605(d) will facilitate the prompt and accurate settlement of securities transactions and contribute to the

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⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78q-1(b)(3)(F).

safeguarding of securities and funds associated with swap transactions which are in the custody of control of ICC or for which it is responsible. ICC believes the proposed change will alleviate any potential confusion with defined terms in the ICC Rules.

- (B) <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition</u>

 ICC does not believe the proposed rule change would have any impact, or impose any burden, on competition.
 - (C) <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed</u> <u>Rule Change Received from Members, Participants or Others</u>

Written comments relating to the proposed rule changes have not been solicited or received. ICC will notify the Commission of any written comments received by ICC.

III. <u>Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action</u>

The foregoing rule change has become effective upon filing pursuant to Section $19(b)(3)(A)(iii)^6$ of the Act and Rule $19b-4(f)(3)^7$ thereunder because it is concerned solely with the administration of the self-regulatory organization. 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 necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. ⁸

^{6 15} U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

⁷ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(3).

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(C).

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
 (<u>http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml</u>) or
- Send an e-mail to <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include File Number SR-ICC-2012-21 on the subject line.

Paper Comments:

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

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-ICC-2012-21. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail 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 filings will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of ICC and on ICC's website

(https://www.theice.com/publicdocs/regulatory_filings/ICEClearCredit_111312.pdf).

All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-ICC-2012-21 and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from publication in the Federal Register].

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority. ⁹

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^{9 17} CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).