SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; National Securities Clearing Corporation; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Relating to Fees Charged for Its Positions and Valuations Service

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"), <sup>1</sup> notice is hereby given that on May 11, 2007, the National Securities Clearing Corporation ("NSCC") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change described in Items I, II, and III below, which items have been prepared primarily by NSCC. NSCC filed the proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act<sup>2</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(2) thereunder<sup>3</sup> 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 parties.

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

The purpose of the proposed rule change is to reduce the fees that NSCC charges for its Positions and Valuations service ("POV"), which is part of the Insurance and Retirement Processing Service ("IPS") effective July 1, 2007.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>2</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

The Insurance and Retirement Processing Service was formerly called the Insurance Processing Service.

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

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 these statements.<sup>5</sup>

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

The purpose of the proposed rule change is to reduce the fees that NSCC charges for its POV service effective July 1, 2007.

The transaction fees schedule for the IPS POV service is tiered according to the numbers of transaction processed. The following chart shows the current fees and the proposed reduced fees.

POV Position Records	Current	Proposed
From 0 to 500,000 items per month	\$8.00 per 1,000 items	\$ no change
From 500,001 to 2,000,000 items per month	\$4.50 per 1,000 items	\$4.00 per 1,000 items
From 2,000,001 to 4,000,000 items per month	\$3.75 per 1,000 items	\$3.00 per 1,000 items
For 4,000,001 or more items per month	\$3.50 per 1,000 items	\$2.00 per 1,000 items

These fees are being reduced due to an increase in volume and revenue in NSCC's IPS over recent years which has resulted in excess revenue for these services.

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

The proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of Section 17A of the Act<sup>6</sup> and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to NSCC because the proposed change provides for the equitable allocation of dues fees and other charges among NSCC members and aligns fees for services with the associated cost to deliver the service.

# (B) <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition</u> NSCC does not believe that the proposed rule change will have any impact or impose any

burden on competition.

(C) <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule</u> <u>Change Received from Members, Participants, or Others</u>

Written comments relating to the proposed rule change have not yet 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 upon filing pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act<sup>7</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(2)<sup>8</sup> thereunder because the rule establishes a due, fee, or other charge. At any time within sixty days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission could have summarily abrogated such rule change if it appeared to the Commission that such action was 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. Comments

<sup>7</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78q-1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

may be submitted by any of the following methods:

#### Electronic comments:

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<a href="http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml">http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml</a>) or
- Send an e-mail to <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include File Number SR-NSCC-2007-10 on the subject line.

## Paper comments:

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

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NSCC-2007-10. 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 Web site (<a href="http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml">http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml</a>). 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, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10:00 am and 3:00 pm. The text of the proposed rule change is available at NSCC, the Commission's Public Reference Room, and <a href="http://www.nscc.com/legal/2007/2007-10.pdf">http://www.nscc.com/legal/2007/2007-10.pdf</a>. 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

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publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NSCC-2007-10 and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from publication in the Federal Register].

For the Commission by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.  $^9$ 

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9 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).