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Description

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Modify Addendum A (Fee Schedule) to adjust fees related to NSCCs ACATS, OW, FundSERV, Insurance and Retirement Processing, and AIP services.

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Exhibit 1A- Notice of Proposed Rule Change, Security-Based Swap Submission, or Advance Notice by Clearing Agencies *

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Copies of any form, report, or questionnaire that the self-regulatory organization proposes to use to help implement or operate the proposed rule change, or that is referred to by the proposed rule change.

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The self-regulatory organization may choose to attach as Exhibit 5 proposed changes to rule text in place of providing it in Item I and which may otherwise be more easily readable if provided separately from Form 19b-4. Exhibit 5 shall be considered part of the proposed rule change.

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If the self-regulatory organization is amending only part of the text of a lengthy proposed rule change, it may, with the Commission's permission, file only those portions of the text of the proposed rule change in which changes are being made if the filing (i.e. partial amendment) is clearly understandable on its face. Such partial amendment shall be clearly identified and marked to show deletions and additions.

1. Text of the Proposed Rule Change

(a) The proposed rule changes consist of changes to Addendum A (Fee Structure) of the Rules & Procedures (“Rules”) of National Securities Clearing Corporation (“NSCC”) in order to adjust fees related to NSCC’s Automated Customer Account Transfer Service, Obligation Warehouse, Fund/SERV[®], Insurance and Retirement Processing Services, and Alternative Investment Product Services, as described below.¹ The text of the proposed rule changes are attached hereto as Exhibit 5.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) Not applicable.

2. Procedures of the Clearing Agency

The proposed rule changes were approved by the Businesses, Technology and Operations Committee of NSCC’s Board of Directors on October 20, 2015.

3. Clearing Agency’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

(a) Purpose

Fee Changes for Automated Customer Account Transfer Service

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Therefore, NSCC is proposing to increase the following fees: (1) fee for transfer initiation input, per submission, from \$0.15 to \$0.18; (2) settling fee for assets received, per item settled, from \$0.05 to \$0.06; (3) fee for adding, changing or deleting assets from a record, per asset entered, from \$0.05 to \$0.06; (4) fee for each receive/deliver instruction, per instruction issued, from \$0.10 to \$0.12; and (5) fee for each account transfer reject, per full account per side, from \$1.00 to \$1.20.

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Fee Changes for Obligation Warehouse

The proposed rule change would also adjust fees associated with NSCC's Obligation Warehouse ("OW"), a non-guaranteed, automated service that tracks, stores, and maintains unsettled ex-clearing and failed obligations, as well as obligations exited from NSCC's Continuous Net Settlement ("CNS") system, non-CNS ACATS Receive and Deliver Instructions, Balance Orders, and Special Trades, as such terms are defined in the Rules.³ The OW service provides transparency, serves as a central storage of open (i.e. failed or unsettled) broker-to-broker obligations, and allows users to manage and resolve exceptions in an efficient and timely manner.

NSCC is proposing to adjust the fee for matching within OW to align this fee with the fees charged for matching through NSCC's Real Time Trade Matching platform through which fixed income securities (corporate and municipal bonds, and unit investment trusts) are validated and matched.⁴ Therefore, NSCC is proposing to increase the fee for matching within OW from \$0.75 to \$0.85.

NSCC is also proposing to align the fees associated with closing obligations from OW. Obligations that are identified as eligible for NSCC's CNS service may be closed from OW to be processed through CNS, for a fee of \$0.20. Obligations may also be closed from OW as a result of the Reconfirmation and Pricing Service ("RECAPS"), for a fee of \$0.20. Obligations may also be closed from OW if paired off with other obligations in the same CUSIP, pursuant to NSCC's Pair Off function, for a \$1.50 fee.⁵ Finally, obligations may be closed from OW if they are settled through NSCC's Envelope Settlement Service, and currently no fee is charged for this service.⁶ Therefore, NSCC is proposing to align each of these fees by (1) increasing the fees for closing obligations that are processed through CNS or as a result of RECAPS processing from \$0.20 to \$0.35, (2) decreasing the fee for closing obligations in connection with the OW Pair Off service from \$1.50 to \$0.35, and (3) adding a fee for closing obligations that settle through its Envelope Settlement Service for \$0.35.

Finally, NSCC is proposing to adjust the fee charged to the recipient of a delivery notification request advisory that informs the recipient that the submitting party has acknowledged that an OW obligation between those parties has settled, if that notification is aged two days or older ("Aged Delivery Advisories"); and the fee charged to the recipient of a pending cancel request advisory that requests that the recipient cancel a previously compared OW obligation, if that request is aged two days or older ("Aged Cancel Advisories"). NSCC is proposing to increase these fees from \$2.00 to \$2.50. NSCC is also proposing to adjust the fee

³ See Rule 51 (Obligation Warehouse) and Procedure IIA (Obligation Warehouse), supra note 1.

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charged to the recipient of a comparison advisory that requests that the recipient affirm the comparison of an obligation, if that advisory is aged five days or older (“Aged Comparison Advisories”). NSCC is proposing to increase this fee from \$5.00 to \$5.50.

The proposed increase in fees for Aged Delivery Advisories, Aged Cancel Advisories, and Aged Comparison Advisories would encourage more timely action by the recipients of these advisories, which, in turn, would reduce the frequency of these fees and align the fees associated with the OW service with the costs of delivering that service to NSCC’s Members.

Fee Changes for Fund/SERV

The proposed rule change would also reduce the transaction fees associated with NSCC’s Fund/SERV (“Fund/SERV”) service, a non-guaranteed service offering within NSCC’s Mutual Fund Services that enables its members to process and settle mutual fund transactions through automated, standardized formats and a centralized platform.⁷ NSCC is proposing to reduce Fund/SERV transaction fees from \$0.07 to \$0.06, per side, per order or transfer request, as it has determined that the reduction aligns these fees with the costs of providing this service.

Fee Changes for Insurance and Retirement Processing Services

The proposed rule change would also adjust the fee schedule, as well as introduce new fees, associated with NSCC’s Insurance and Retirement Processing Services (“I&RS”), as more fully described below. NSCC’s I&RS is a suite of non-guaranteed services that enables its members to exchange information, and settle payments, with respect to insurance products, retirement plans or programs, and other benefit plans or programs.⁸ NSCC proposes the following changes for the reasons described below:

Implement Monthly Membership Fee – NSCC proposes to introduce a \$250 minimum monthly account fee for all I&RS accounts. NSCC would waive this minimum fee if the aggregate transaction and other service fees attributable to I&RS activity in a given month equals or exceeds \$250. The proposed change is intended to encourage I&RS activity with respect to dormant I&RS accounts.

Implement Multiple Destination Fee – NSCC proposes to charge members directing NSCC to deliver I&RS files to more than two destinations an additional monthly fee. NSCC members directing NSCC to deliver I&RS files to three or four destinations would be charged an additional \$50 per month, per I&RS product. NSCC members directing NSCC to deliver I&RS files to five or more destinations would be charged an additional \$100 per month, per I&RS

⁷ See Rule 52. (Mutual Fund Services), A (Fund/Serv), and Addendum D (Statement of Policy/Envelope Settlement Service, Mutual Fund Services, Insurance and Retirement Processing Services and Other Services Offered by the Corporation), supra note 1.

⁸ See Rule 57 (Insurance and Retirement Processing Services) and Addendum D (Statement of Policy/Envelope Settlement Service, Mutual Fund Services, Insurance and Retirement Processing Services and Other Services Offered by the Corporation), supra note 1.

product. The proposed change would align the fees charged with the cost of providing these products and services to members with multiple file destinations.

In Force Transactions (“IFT”) Adjustments – IFT is an I&RS offering that automates data processing with respect to “in force” policy transactions among participating NSCC members. In force policy transactions are transactions that take place after the underlying insurance contract has become effective. NSCC proposes the following adjustments to the IFT product offering:

- *Eliminate Broker Identification Number (“BIN”)/Representative of Record (“REP”) Incentives.* Currently, NSCC members who utilize IFT’s BIN/REP product are given a monthly credit of up to \$350 toward their BIN/REP charges, as well as a 30% credit of their BIN/REP transaction costs to be applied to NSCC fees with respect to other I&RS products. These BIN/REP credit programs were originally implemented in 2009 to encourage growth and adoption of the BIN/REP product. As BIN/REP is now widely utilized, the proposed change would eliminate these incentive credits.
- *Reduce REP Change Request Fee.* The current fee for REP change requests is \$0.65, per transaction, per side. The proposed change would reduce this fee to \$0.35, per transaction, per side. The proposed change is consistent with the fees currently charged for similar I&RS transactions.
- *Introduce New IFT Transaction Functionality Fees.* NSCC proposes to introduce the fees applicable to three new IFT transaction functionalities: Policy Administration Inquiries would be \$0.35 (per inquiry/per side); Policy Administration Requests would be \$1.25 (per inquiry/per side); and Death Notification Requests would be \$1.25 (per request/per side).
- *Implement IFT Tiered Pricing Program (other than BIN/REP).* NSCC proposes to implement a new tiered pricing program, which includes member directed activity level designations correlating to identified monthly minimum fees. The proposed change is intended to incentivize greater use of the IFT product by discounting transaction fees once the minimum monthly fee has been met for higher activity level designations. Set forth below are the transaction fees that would apply to IFT transactions (not including BIN/REP) until the Minimum Monthly Fee is met for the chosen Activity Level (as reflected in the chart below). Thereafter, the transaction fees would be as reflected in the chart. Thus, the transaction fees applicable to Level 1 designations are the same whether before meeting the Minimum Monthly Fee of \$1,000 or after. However, Level 2 or Level 3 designations will benefit from discounted fees per transaction once their Minimum Monthly Fee is met.

Values Inquiry	\$0.35 (per inquiry, per side)
Policy Administration Inquiry	\$0.35 (per inquiry, per side)
Policy Administration Request	\$1.25 (per request, per side)
Death Notification Request	\$1.25 (per request, per side)
Fund Transfer	\$1.25 (per request, per side)

Withdrawals	\$1.25 (per request, per side)
Arrangements	\$1.25 (per request, per side)

<u>Activity Level</u>	<u>Minimum Monthly Fee</u>	<u>Fee Per Transaction over Minimum Requests/Inquiries</u>
Level 1	\$1,000	\$1.25/\$0.35
Level 2	\$3,000	\$1.00/\$0.28
Level 3	\$5,000	\$0.75/\$0.21

Fee Changes for Alternative Investment Product Services

The proposed rule change would also adjust the fee schedule associated with NSCC’s Alternative Investment Product (“AIP”) Services, a non-guaranteed processing platform for the exchange of information and settlement of payments with respect to alternative investment products such as hedge funds, funds of hedge funds, commodities pools, managed futures, and real estate investment trusts.⁹ NSCC proposes the following changes for the reasons described below:

Reduce Fee for Higher Volume Eligible AIP Product Account Transfers – Currently, there is no transaction activity with respect to higher volume Eligible AIP Product transfers. To encourage activity, NSCC proposes to reduce higher volume Eligible AIP Product transfer fees from \$1.50 per transaction to \$0.50 per transaction.

Reduce Fee for Lower Volume Eligible AIP Product Fee Trades – Currently, there is no transaction activity with respect to lower volume Eligible AIP Product trades. To encourage activity, NSCC proposes to reduce lower volume Eligible AIP Product trade fees from \$30 per trade to \$10 per trade.

Increase AIP Distributor Cap – The AIP Distributor cap of \$50,000 per calendar year with respect to certain Eligible AIP Product transactions was initially introduced to encourage AIP adoption by broker/dealers and has been successful. The cap continues to be an effective enticement for additional activity, but NSCC believes it should be increased to align AIP fees with the cost of providing the service. Accordingly, NSCC is proposing to increase the AIP Distributor cap from \$50,000 per calendar year to \$250,000 per calendar year.

No other changes to the Rules are contemplated by this proposed rule change. The proposed changes would take effect on January 1, 2016.

⁹ See Rule 53 (Alternative Investment Product Services and Members) and Addendum D (Statement of Policy/Envelope Settlement Service, Mutual Fund Services, Insurance and Retirement Processing Services and Other Services Offered by the Corporation), supra note 1.

(b) Statutory Basis

Section 17A(b)(3)(D) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (“Act”)¹⁰ requires that NSCC’s Rules provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among its participants. The proposed rule changes would align NSCC’s fees with the costs of delivering services to NSCC members, and would allocate those fees equitably among the NSCC members that use those services. Further, the proposed rule changes that would increase fees for Aged Delivery Advisories, Aged Cancel Advisories, and Aged Comparison Advisories would encourage more timely action by the recipients of these advisories, which, in turn, would reduce the frequency of these fees and align the fees associated with the OW service with the costs of delivering that service to NSCC’s Members. Therefore, the proposed rule changes would comply with Section 17A(b)(3)(D).¹¹

4. Clearing Agency’s Statement on Burden on Competition

The proposed rule changes would not have any impact, or impose any burden, on competition. As stated above, the proposed changes would align NSCC’s fees with the costs of delivering associated services to its members, and would not disproportionately impact any NSCC members.

5. Clearing Agency’s Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received from Members, Participants, or Others

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

6. Extension of Time Period for Commission Action

NSCC does not consent to an extension of the time period specified in Section 19(b)(2) of the Act for Commission action.¹²

7. Basis for Summary Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3) or for Accelerated Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) or Section 19(b)(7)(D)

(a) The proposed rule changes are to take effect on January 1, 2016 pursuant to paragraph A of Section 19(b)(3) of the Act.¹³

(b) The proposed rule changes establish or change a due, fee, or other charge applicable only to NSCC participants.

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78q-1(b)(3)(D).

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¹² 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

¹³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

(c) Not applicable.

(d) Not applicable.

8. Proposed Rule Change Based on Rules of Another Self-Regulatory Organization or of the Commission

The proposed rule changes are not based on the rules of another self-regulatory organization or of the Commission.

9. Security-Based Swap Submissions Filed Pursuant to Section 3C of the Act

Not applicable.

10. Advance Notices Filed Pursuant to Section 806(e) of the Payment, Clearing and Settlement Supervision Act

Not applicable.

11. Exhibits

Exhibit 1 – Not applicable

Exhibit 1A – Notice of proposed rule changes for publication in the Federal Register

Exhibit 2 – Not applicable

Exhibit 3 – Not applicable

Exhibit 4 – Not applicable

Exhibit 5 – Proposed Rule Changes

EXHIBIT 1A

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
(Release No. 34-[_____]; File No. SR-NSCC-2015-009)

[DATE]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; National Securities Clearing Corporation; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Adjust Fees Related to Automated Customer Account Transfer Service, Obligation Warehouse, Fund/SERV®, Insurance and Retirement Processing Services, and Alternative Investment Product Services

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1)¹ of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”) and Rule 19b-4² thereunder, notice is hereby given that on December [___], 2015, 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 by NSCC. NSCC filed the proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)³ of the Act and Rule 19b-4(f)(2)⁴ thereunder. The proposed rule change 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. Clearing Agency’s Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The proposed rule change consists of changes to Addendum A (Fee Structure) of the Rules & Procedures (“Rules”) of NSCC in order to adjust fees related to NSCC’s

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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Automated Customer Account Transfer Service, Obligation Warehouse, Fund/SERV®, Insurance and Retirement Processing Services, and Alternative Investment Product Services, as more fully described below.⁵

II. Clearing Agency'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.

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Implement Multiple Destination Fee – NSCC proposes to charge members directing NSCC to deliver I&RS files to more than two destinations an additional monthly fee. NSCC members directing NSCC to deliver I&RS files to three or four destinations would be charged an additional \$50 per month, per I&RS product. NSCC members directing NSCC to deliver I&RS files to five or more destinations would be charged an additional \$100 per month, per I&RS product. The proposed change would align the fees charged with the cost of providing these products and services to members with multiple file destinations.

In Force Transactions ("IFT") Adjustments – IFT is an I&RS offering that

¹² See Rule 57 (Insurance and Retirement Processing Services) and Addendum D (Statement of Policy/Envelope Settlement Service, Mutual Fund Services, Insurance and Retirement Processing Services and Other Services Offered by the Corporation), supra note 5.

automates data processing with respect to “in force” policy transactions among participating NSCC members. In force policy transactions are transactions that take place after the underlying insurance contract has become effective. NSCC proposes the following adjustments to the IFT product offering:

- *Eliminate Broker Identification Number (“BIN”)/Representative of Record (“REP”) Incentives.* Currently, NSCC members who utilize IFT’s BIN/REP product are given a monthly credit of up to \$350 toward their BIN/REP charges, as well as a 30% credit of their BIN/REP transaction costs to be applied to NSCC fees with respect to other I&RS products. These BIN/REP credit programs were originally implemented in 2009 to encourage growth and adoption of the BIN/REP product. As BIN/REP is now widely utilized, the proposed change would eliminate these incentive credits.
- *Reduce REP Change Request Fee.* The current fee for REP change requests is \$0.65, per transaction, per side. The proposed change would reduce this fee to \$0.35, per transaction, per side. The proposed change is consistent with the fees currently charged for similar I&RS transactions.
- *Introduce New IFT Transaction Functionality Fees.* NSCC proposes to introduce the fees applicable to three new IFT transaction functionalities: Policy Administration Inquiries would be \$0.35 (per inquiry/per side); Policy Administration Requests would be \$1.25 (per inquiry/per side); and Death Notification Requests would be \$1.25 (per

request/per side).

Implement IFT Tiered Pricing Program (other than BIN/REP). NSCC proposes to implement a new tiered pricing program, which includes member directed activity level designations correlating to identified monthly minimum fees. The proposed change is intended to incentivize greater use of the IFT product by discounting transaction fees after once the chosen level’s minimum monthly fee has been met for higher activity level designations. Set forth below are the transaction fees that would apply to IFT transactions (not including BIN/REP) until the Minimum Monthly Fee is met for the chosen Activity Level (as reflected in the chart below). Thereafter, the transaction fees would be as reflected in the chart. Thus, the transaction fees applicable to Level 1 designations are the same whether before meeting the Minimum Monthly Fee of \$1,000 or after. However, Level 2 or Level 3 designations will benefit from discounted fees per transaction once their Minimum Monthly Fee is met.

Values Inquiry	\$0.35 (per inquiry, per side)
Policy Administration Inquiry	\$0.35 (per inquiry, per side)
Policy Administration Request	\$1.25 (per request, per side)
Death Notification Request	\$1.25 (per request, per side)
Fund Transfer	\$1.25 (per request, per side)
Withdrawals	\$1.25 (per request, per side)
Arrangements	\$1.25 (per request, per side)

<u>Activity Level</u>	<u>Minimum Monthly Fee</u>	<u>Fee Per Transaction over Minimum Requests / Inquiries</u>
Level 1	\$1,000	\$1.25/\$0.35
Level 2	\$3,000	\$1.00/\$0.28
Level 3	\$5,000	\$0.75/\$0.21

Fee Changes for Alternative Investment Product Services

The proposed rule change would also adjust the fee schedule associated with NSCC’s Alternative Investment Product (“AIP”) Services, a non-guaranteed processing

platform for the exchange of information and settlement of payments with respect to alternative investment products such as hedge funds, funds of hedge funds, commodities pools, managed futures, and real estate investment trusts.¹³ NSCC proposes the following changes for the reasons described below:

Reduce Fee for Higher Volume Eligible AIP Product Account Transfers –

Currently, there is no transaction activity with respect to higher volume Eligible AIP Product transfers. To encourage activity, NSCC proposes to reduce higher volume Eligible AIP Product transfer fees from \$1.50 per transaction to \$0.50 per transaction.

Reduce Fee for Lower Volume Eligible AIP Product Fee Trades –

Currently, there is no transaction activity with respect to lower volume Eligible AIP Product trades. To encourage activity, NSCC proposes to reduce lower volume Eligible AIP Product trade fees from \$30 per trade to \$10 per trade.

Increase AIP Distributor Cap –

The AIP Distributor cap of \$50,000 per calendar year with respect to certain Eligible AIP Product transactions was initially introduced to encourage AIP adoption by broker/dealers and has been successful. The cap continues to be an effective enticement for additional activity, but NSCC believes it should be increased to align AIP fees with the cost of providing the service. Accordingly, NSCC is proposing to increase the AIP Distributor cap from \$50,000 per calendar year to \$250,000 per calendar year.

No other changes to the Rules are contemplated by this proposed rule change.

The proposed changes would take effect on January 1, 2016.

¹³ See Rule 53 (Alternative Investment Product Services and Members) and Addendum D (Statement of Policy/Envelope Settlement Service, Mutual Fund Services, Insurance and Retirement Processing Services and Other Services Offered by the Corporation), supra note 5.

2. Statutory Basis

Section 17A(b)(3)(D) of the Act¹⁴ requires that NSCC's Rules provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among its participants. The proposed rule changes would align NSCC's fees with the costs of delivering services to NSCC members, and would allocate those fees equitably among the NSCC members that use those services. Further, the proposed increase to fees for Aged Delivery Advisories, Aged Cancel Advisories, and Aged Comparison Advisories would encourage more timely action by the recipients of these advisories, which, in turn, would reduce the frequency of these fees and align the fees associated with the OW service with the costs of delivering that service to NSCC's Members. Therefore, the proposed rule changes would comply with Section 17A(b)(3)(D).¹⁵

(B) Clearing Agency's Statement on Burden on Competition

The proposed rule changes would not have any impact, or impose any burden, on competition. As stated above, the proposed changes would align NSCC's fees with the costs of delivering associated services to its members, and would not disproportionately impact any NSCC members.

(C) Clearing Agency's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received from Members, Participants, or Others

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.

¹⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78q-1(b)(3)(D).

¹⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78q-1(b)(3)(D).

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)¹⁶ of the Act and paragraph (f) of Rule 19b-4¹⁷ thereunder. 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.

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 (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an e-mail to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-NSCC-2015-009 on the subject line.

Paper Comments:

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Brent J. Fields, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NSCC-2015-009. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process

¹⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

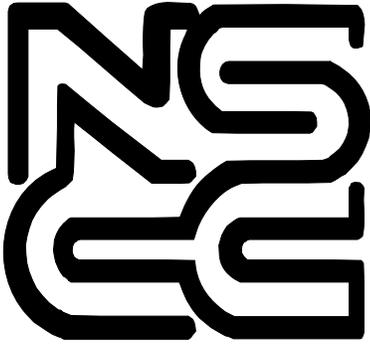
¹⁷ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f).

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 am and 3:00 pm. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of NSCC and on DTCC's website (<http://dtcc.com/legal/sec-rule-filings.aspx>). 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-NSCC-2015-009 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.¹⁸

Secretary
Brent J. Fields

¹⁸ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).



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TEXT OF PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

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ADDENDUM A

NATIONAL SECURITIES CLEARING CORPORATION

FEE STRUCTURE

I. TRADE COMPARISON AND RECORDING SERVICE FEES - represents the fees to enter and correct original trade data.

A. Trade Comparison:

1. Each side of each bond trade submitted - \$0.85 per side.

B. Trade Correction Fees:¹

1. Listed Equity System Correction Fees:

Suggested Name Deletes submitted to the Corporation directly by participants on T+1 - \$.40 to both sides.

2. Bond Correction Fees:

- a. All supplemental input after T (Advisory, As Of, Withhold) except for Trades Deleted:

- (1) T+1 - \$.60 to the submitter
- (2) T+2 - \$.90 to the submitter
- (3) after T+2 - \$1.50 to the submitter

- b. Trades Deleted:

- (1) T+1 - \$.60 to both sides
- (2) T+2 - \$.90 to both sides
- (3) after T+2 - \$1.50 to both sides

3. Trade Rejection Fee: \$.50 per bond reject.

C. Trade recording fees will be charged as follows on those items originally compared by other parties, but cleared through the Corporation²:

1. Each side of each bond item entered for settlement, but not compared by the Corporation - \$0.85 per side.

¹ Trade Submission Fees (see I.A. above) will be charged in addition to the Trade Correction Fees detailed in I.B. Trade Correction Fees will not be applied on OCS, IDC and ACT input.

² Trade recording fees for equities are incorporated into the Clearance Activity Fee set forth in II.A. below.

2. Each side of a foreign security trade entered for settlement, but not compared by the Corporation - \$.75 per side.

D. OBLIGATION WAREHOUSE

1.	Warehouse Fee for each compared item	\$0.02
2.	Matching Fee for each submission	\$0. 78 <u>5</u>
3.	Fee for each pending comparison advisory aged 5 days or more	\$5. 05 <u>0</u>
4.	Fee to close an obligation and send to CNS	\$0. 20 <u>35</u>
5.	Fee to withhold an obligation from being closed and sent to CNS	\$0.05
6.	Fee to apply mandatory corporate action events to compared obligations warehoused in Obligation Warehouse	\$2.50
7.	Fee for OW delivery notification request advisories aged 2 days or older	\$2. 05 <u>0</u>
8.	Fee for OW pending cancel request advisories aged 2 days or older	\$2. 05 <u>0</u>
9.	Fee for each obligation closed due to RECAPS (charged per RECAPS cycle)	\$0. 20 <u>35</u>
10.	Fee for each obligation closed due to Pair Off (charged per obligation side)	\$ 1.500 <u>.35</u>
11.	<u>Fee for each obligation closed due to Envelope Settlement Service (ESS) (charged per obligation side)</u>	<u>\$0.35</u>

E. Index Receipts

1. Index Creation and Redemption Units - each side of each Index Creation and Redemption instruction submitted for regular way (T+3) settlement - \$30 per side.
2. Index Creation and Redemption Units – each side of each Index Creation and Redemption instruction submitted for shortened settlement - \$50 per side.

//. TRADE CLEARANCE FEES - represents fees for trade recording, netting, issuance of instructions to receive or deliver, effecting book-entry deliveries, and related activity.

- A. Clearance Activity Fee – The sum of: (a)(i) \$0.021593 per side for zero to 35,000 monthly sides, (ii) \$0.001197 per side for 35,001 to 42,000,000 monthly sides, and (iii) \$0.000628 per side for over 42,000,000 monthly sides, plus (b) a “value into the net” fee of \$0.331940430 per million of processed value (i.e. for CNS and Balance Order netting, the sum of the contract amount and any CNS fail value), plus (c) a “value out of the net” fee of \$2.36844405 per million of settling value (i.e. the absolute value of the CNS Long and Short Positions).
- B. Deliveries to CNS in the day processing cycle to cover a short valued position - \$.40 per delivery.
- C. Fails to Deliver to CNS (Short-In CNS) –
 - 1. \$.25 per item short in CNS for 1 to 30 days at close of business.
 - 2. \$.50 per item short in CNS for 31 to 60 days at close of business.
 - 3. \$.75 per item short in CNS for 61 to 90 days at close of business.
 - 4. \$1.00 per item short in CNS for more than 90 days at close of business.
- D. Flip Trades - \$.00060 per side.
- E. Security orders generated³ - \$.40 per item.
- F. CNS Buy-In (long Broker and short Broker) - \$5.00 per item.
- G. Clearing Interface Exemption or Inclusion Instruction to the Corporation - \$.75 per item.

³ A security order, or non-CNS settling item, is an instruction to deliver or receive securities outside of the CNS system. These instructions will be generated when cleared securities are not eligible for CNS or when both parties to a transaction wish to settle in this manner. Security orders may be issued on an item-by-item basis or netted through balance order procedures.

H. Reorganizations

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| 1. | Mandatory Reorganizations - | \$2.50 each |
| 2. | Voluntary Reorganizations – | |
| a. | Long Broker (per input submitted on the business day prior to the protect expiration date or, when there is no protect period, the business day prior to the expiration date)
Automated Input | \$15.00 each |
| b. | Long Broker (per input or add submitted on the protect expiration date or, when there is no protect period, on the expiration date) | \$500.00 each |
| c. | Short Broker (per reorganization) | \$35.00 each |

I.	Foreign Securities Transactions (Netted)	\$.50 per item in addition to F. above
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J. Dividends

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| 1. | CNS Stock Dividend Payment (Long) - \$12.00 per item. |
| 2. | CNS Cash Dividend & Interest Payment (Long) - \$1.40 per item. |
| 3. | CNS Stock Dividend Payment (Short) - \$12.00 per item. |
| 4. | CNS Cash & Interest Payment (Short) - \$1.40 per item. |
| 5. | Research on invalid CNS dividend or interest claim - \$70 per claim |

III. DELIVERY SERVICE FEES

A. Envelope Settlement Service:

ESS Deliveries or Receives ⁴	\$10.00 per envelope
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B.	New York State Transfer Taxes	\$1.00 per Form
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⁴ This fee applies to all ESS deliveries and receives (including intercity).

IV. OTHER SERVICE FEES		
A.	Reorganizations	\$10.00 per item
B.	Non-CNS Buy-ins	\$10.00 per item
C.	Check and Draft processing	\$165.00 per month
D.	Reconciliation and Proof of Settlement	\$100.00 per month
E.	Processing Daily Settlement activity entered on Settlement Statement	\$1.00 per item (minimum \$25.00; maximum \$250.00 per month)
F.	Automated Customer Account Transfer Service	
1.	Transfer Initiation Form	
	a. Standard	\$. 15 <u>8</u> per submission
	b. Non-Standard	\$. 15 <u>8</u> per submission
2.	Recording	
	a. Asset Delivers	\$.05 per asset which is reported by the delivering firm
	b. Asset Receives	\$. 05 <u>6</u> per asset which is received by the receiving firm
3.	Corrections	\$. 05 <u>6</u> per asset
	Asset additions, deletions, or changes	
4.	Insurance Registrations	\$.25 per insurance registration submitted, to the receiver and the deliverer
5.	Non-CNS Receive/Deliver Orders	\$. 10 <u>2</u> per order issued
6.	Adjustment of customer account number	\$.12 per adjustment

7.	Account Transfer Rejects*	\$1. 02 0 per full account reject per side where both parties are required by their designated examining authority or other regulatory body to use an automated customer account transfer service
G.	Fund/SERV®	
1.	Membership Fee: for each participating Member, Mutual Fund/Insurance Services Member and Fund Member regardless of activity level	\$50.00 per month
2.	Transaction Fee:	\$0. 070006 per side per order or transfer request settling through the Corporation
H.	Networking ⁷	
1.	Membership Fee: for each participating Member, Mutual Fund/Insurance Services Member and Fund Member regardless of activity level	\$200.00 per month
2.	Activity Fee (all types except for Networking Omnibus Activity Position Files (Omni/SERV))	\$.001 per record
3.	Networking Omnibus Activity/Position Files (Omni/SERV)	\$2,500 monthly file fee for omnibus file transmissions
I.	DTCC Payment aXis ⁷	
1.	Commission & Fee Settlement	
a.	Membership Fee	\$50.00 per month
b.	Transaction Fees	
i.	For the first 500,000 records submitted each month	\$.30 per hundred records, \$50 minimum
ii.	For each record in excess of 500,000, but not exceeding 1,000,000 submitted each	\$.20 per hundred records

month

- iii. For each record in excess of 1,000,000 submitted each month \$.10 per hundred records

2. Invoicing & Fee Settlement

- a. Membership Fee \$500.00 per month

- b. Transaction Fees (excluding Detail Records):

- i. For the first 500,000 records submitted each month \$.10 per record

- ii. For each record in excess of 500,000, but not exceeding 1,000,000 submitted each month \$.08 per record

- iii. For each record in excess of 1,000,000 submitted each month \$.06 per record

- c. Detail Record Fees

- i. For the first 500,000 records submitted each month \$.30 per hundred records

- ii. For each record in excess of 500,000, but not exceeding 1,000,000 submitted each month \$.20 per hundred records

- iii. For each record in excess of 1,000,000 submitted each month \$.10 per hundred records

J. Profile

- a. Phase I (price and rate) only \$325.00 per month

b. Phases I and II \$2,000.00 per month⁵

K. Insurance and Retirement Processing Services^{6, 7}

1. Membership Fee **\$250.00 per month (will be waived if aggregate Transaction and Other Service Fees in such month equal or exceed \$250.00)**

2.4. Transaction Fees

a. (i) Positions (both Full and New)

⁵ Users of Profile II with 25 or fewer funds in their family will receive a \$1,150 credit per month against the base \$2,000 per month fee. Thus, the net fee for fund families which meet this criterion will be \$850 per month.

⁶ Unless otherwise noted, all Insurance and Retirement Processing Services transaction fees are per side, and both sides are charged for each item. Volume is calculated on an aggregate basis among qualified carrier members or qualified distributor members, as applicable.

Multiple destination fees apply. Participants directing NSCC to deliver Insurance and Retirement Processing Service files to more than two (2) destinations will be charged an additional monthly fee, per product, as follows: (i) Participants directing NSCC to deliver Insurance and Retirement Processing Service files to three (3) or four (4) destinations will be charged an additional \$50 per month, per product; and (ii) Participants directing NSCC to deliver Insurance and Retirement Processing Service files to five (5) or more destinations will be charged an additional \$100 per month, per product.

~~**BIN and REP Incentive Discount: Effective October 1, 2009, Participants that submit BIN or REP transactions (i.e., In Force Transactions-Registered Representative Change Requests or Confirms (2.f. and 2.g. of this Section T., also referred to as "REP" transactions) and Brokerage Identification Number Change Requests or Confirms (2.h. and 2.i. of this Section T., also referred to as "BIN" changes) will receive the first \$350 in such transactions, each month, at no cost.**~~

~~**In addition, effective October 1, 2009, Participants that submit BIN or REP transactions will receive a credit of 30% of the BIN and REP transaction costs (net of the monthly \$350 discount) to be applied to fees charged (but not to exceed the amount changed) in respect of Insurance and Retirement Services "Core Products". Core Products are the following: Positions, Commissions, Financial Activity Reporting, Applications/Subsequent Premiums, and Asset Pricing.**~~

⁷ Extraordinary Event Pricing: if arranged in advance with NSCC, a Participant may qualify for a credit on transaction fees incurred due to extraordinary events such as mergers or mass reconciliations that generate unusually high transaction volume for a limited duration. With respect to transaction types for which the participant has no history of prior usage, the credit is in the amount of 85% of the transaction fees chargeable in respect of the transaction type, with an additional credit in the amount of 5% if the participant continues use of the transaction type after the event. With respect to transaction types for which the participant has a history of prior usage, the credit is in an amount sufficient to produce an aggregate fee for the transaction type that is no more than 120% of the average amount charged to the participant in respect of such transactions in the prior three months.

• From 0 to 500,000 items/month	\$8.00 per 1,000 items
• From 500,001 to 2,000,000 items/month	\$4.00 per 1,000 items
• From 2,000,001 to 4,000,000 items/month	\$3.00 per 1,000 items
• For 4,000,001 or more items/month	\$2.00 per 1,000 items
(ii) Positions (Focused)	
• From 0 to 500,000 items/month	\$3.00 per 1,000 items
• From 500,001 to 2,000,000 items/month	\$1.50 per 1,000 items
• From 2,000,001 to 4,000,000 items/month	\$1.50 per 1,000 items
• For 4,000,001 or more items/month	\$0.50 per 1,000 items
b. Asset Pricing	
• From 0 to 49,999 items/month	\$0.75 per 1,000 items
• From 50,000 to 249,999 items/month	\$0.65 per 1,000 items
• From 250,000 to 999,999 items/month	\$0.55 per 1,000 items
• More than 999,999 items/month	\$0.45 per 1,000 items
c. Commissions	
• From 0 to 999 items/month	\$40.00 per 1,000 items
• From 1,000 to 9,999 items/month	\$35.00 per 1,000 items
• From 10,000 to 29,999 items/month	\$30.00 per 1,000 items
• More than 29,999 items/month	\$25.00 per 1,000 items
d. Initial Application Information (APP) ⁸	

For members for whom settlement

⁸ Each initial application with a new business attachment will be subject to a \$0.25 discount.

is available:

- From 0 to 1,999 items/month \$1.50 per item
- From 2,000 to 3,499 items/month \$1.00 per item
- More than 3,499 items/month \$0.50 per item

For members for whom settlement is not available:

- From 0 to 1,999 items/month \$1.50 per item

More than 1,999 items/month \$1.00 per item

e. Subsequent Activity (SUB) \$0.50 per item

f. Financial Activity Report (FAR) \$0.05 per zero to 100,000 items
\$0.04 per 100,001 to 150,000 items
\$0.03 per 150,001 to 200,000 items
\$0.02 per 200,001 or greater items

g. Producer Management Portal

For Insurance Company providers of producer training completions

Band	Number of Active Producers Managed	Monthly Fee
1	0-999	\$0
2	1,000-9,999	\$1,000
3	10,000-49,999	\$3,000
4	50,000-99,999	\$4,000
5	100,000-249,999	\$5,000
6	250,000 +	\$5,000, plus \$0.018 per active producer managed

3.2. Other Service Fees

TIER	FEE	<u>PRODUCT/SERVICE</u>
TIER 1	\$.05	All Attachments (per attachment, per side)-
TIER 2	\$0.15	Licensing and Appointments (L&A) Periodic Reconciliation (per item)
TIER 3	\$0.35	Licensing and Appointments (L&A) Transaction (per item) Registered Representative Change Confirm (per transaction, per side) <u>Registered Representative Change Request (per transaction, per side)</u>

Brokerage Identification Number Change Request
(per transaction, per side)

Brokerage Identification Number Change Confirm
(per transaction, per side)

~~Values Inquiry (per inquiry, includes response,
per side)~~

TIER 4 \$0.65

Customer Account Transfer Output (per transaction,
charged to Insurance Carrier/Retirement Services
Member only)

Customer Account Transfer Confirm (per
transaction, per side)

Settlement Processing (per transaction, per side)

Request for Replacement Status (a/k/a Pending
Case Status) – Receiving Carrier (per Request for
Replacement Status)

Request for Replacement Status (a/k/a Pending
Case Status) – Deliverer (per Request for
Replacement Status)

~~Registered Representative Change Request (per
transaction, per side)~~

Time Expired Transaction (per transaction, per side)

TIER 5 \$1.25

~~Fund Transfer (per request, per side)~~

~~Withdrawals (per request, per side)~~

~~Arrangements (per request, per side)~~

Request for Replacement - Delivering Carrier (per
request)

Request for Replacement - Receiving Carrier (per
request)

Producer Management Portal (per inquiry)

TIER 6

IN FORCE TRANSACTIONS (not including BIN/REP)

Transaction fees immediately following apply per transaction until the Minimum Monthly Fee is reached for the chosen Activity Level (as reflected in the chart* below). Thereafter, the transaction fees are as reflected in the chart* below.

<u>Values Inquiry</u>	<u>\$0.35 (per inquiry, per side)</u>
<u>Policy Administration Inquiry</u>	<u>\$0.35 (per inquiry, per side)</u>
<u>Policy Administration Request</u>	<u>\$1.25 (per request, per side)</u>
<u>Death Notification Request</u>	<u>\$1.25 (per request, per side)</u>
<u>Fund Transfer</u>	<u>\$1.25 (per request, per side)</u>
<u>Withdrawals</u>	<u>\$1.25 (per request, per side)</u>
<u>Arrangements</u>	<u>\$1.25 (per request, per side)</u>

***IN FORCE TRANSACTIONS CHART**

<u>ACTIVITY LEVEL</u>	<u>MINIMUM MONTHLY FEE</u>	<u>TRANSACTION FEE PER TRANSACTION OVER MINIMUM MONTHLY FEE</u>
		<u>Requests/Inquiries</u>
<u>Level 1</u>	<u>\$1.000</u>	<u>\$1.25/\$0.35</u>

<u>Level 2</u>	<u>\$3.000</u>	<u>\$1.00/\$0.28</u>
<u>Level 3</u>	<u>\$5.000</u>	<u>\$0.75/\$0.21</u>

4.3. Batch Service Fees (periodic file transmission)

- a. Producer Management Portal \$6,000 per month

L. Global Clearance Network Service

1. Instruction Processing Fees

- a. Receipt of transaction instructions from a Member via CPU/CPU or I.P.C. \$2.25 per item
- b. Rejects - each instruction submitted resulting in a rejection \$.75 per item
- c. Processing of Accepted Instructions - forwarding of instruction to agent bank \$.75 per item

2. Reporting Fees

Receipt of Reports - fee charged each day a Member is sent a set of reports, per location, based on the method of distribution

- a. Machine Readable Output (MRO) \$10.00 per item
- b. Print Image Output \$20.00 per item
- c. Hardcopy or Mail \$50.00 per item

- M. International Link Service -Transaction Fees Per Agreement with Link Service Participant

- N. Account Information Transmission Service for each Member participating in the service \$200.00 per month
- O. Alternative Investment Products
 - 1. Higher Volume⁹ Eligible AIP Product Fees
 - i. Records
 - A. The first 2,999,999 records per calendar year \$0.10 per record
 - B. The next 1,000,000 records per calendar year¹⁰ \$0.09 per record
 - C. The next 1,000,000 records per calendar year¹¹ \$0.08 per record
 - D. All additional records¹² \$0.07 per record
 - ii. Trades
 - A. The first 10,000 trades per calendar year \$5.00 per trade
 - B. The next 10,000 trades per calendar year¹³ \$4.75 per trade
 - C. The next 10,000 trades per calendar year¹⁴ \$4.50 per trade
 - D. All additional trades¹⁵ \$4.00 per trade
 - iii. Transfers **\$0.50 ~~\$1.50~~** per transfer

⁹ Higher volume Eligible AIP Products are identified in subsection 3.

¹⁰ i.e., the 3,000,000th to 3,999,999th records submitted in a calendar year.

¹¹ i.e., the 4,000,000th to 4,999,999th records submitted in a calendar year.

¹² i.e., the 5,000,000th and higher records submitted in a calendar year.

¹³ i.e., the 10,001st to 20,000th trades submitted in a calendar year.

¹⁴ i.e., the 20,001st to 30,000th trades submitted in a calendar year.

¹⁵ i.e., the 30,001st and higher trades submitted in a calendar year.

2. Lower Volume¹⁶ Eligible AIP Product Fees

- i. Records \$1.00 per record
- ii. Trades ~~\$10.00~~~~\$30.00~~ per trade
- iii. Transfers \$5.00 per transfer

3. ELIGIBLE AIP PRODUCT	HIGHER VOLUME	LOWER VOLUME	FEE ¹⁷ CAP
Hedge Fund		√	
Fund of Funds		√	
Private Equity Fund		√	
Managed Debt Fund		√	
Private Debt Fund		√	
Managed Currency Fund		√	
Commodity Pool Fund		√	
REIT	√		√
Managed Future Fund	√		√
Business Development Corporation (BDC)	√		√
Registered Hedge Fund ¹⁸	√		
Oil & Gas Public	√		√
Oil & Gas Private	√		√
Equipment Leasing Public	√		√

¹⁶ Lower volume Eligible AIP Products are identified in subsection 3.

¹⁷ If column is checked, the applicable fees apply to all entities processing such products through AIP; however, the maximum charge for AIP Distributors in this regard is a cumulative maximum (for submission of records and trades) of ~~\$50,000~~ ~~\$250,000~~ per calendar year.

¹⁸ For purposes of the Alternative Investment Products fee structure, "Registered Hedge Fund" shall mean hedge funds that are registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

3. ELIGIBLE AIP PRODUCT	HIGHER VOLUME	LOWER VOLUME	FEE ¹⁷ CAP
Equipment Leasing Private	√		√
Futures Public	√		√
Futures Private	√		√
Notes Public	√		√
Notes Private	√		√
Real Estate Public	√		√
Real Estate Private	√		√
Closed End Management Investment Company	√		√
All Other		√	

V. PASS-THROUGH AND OTHER FEES

A. Participant Fees - represents the monthly fee for each number assigned to a Member or Municipal Comparison Only Member for participation by each Member or Municipal Comparison Only Member under such number in one or more of the specified services provided by the Corporation. The services and their related base fees are:

1. Trade Processing System

For Members	\$300.00 per month, per account
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2. Trade input, either (a) as a Service Bureau or (b) by an affiliated Service Bureau

	\$250.00 per month
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3. Global Clearance Network Service

	\$100.00 per month
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4. International Link Service

	Per Agreement with Link Service Participant
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B. Special Service Fees:

1. Commission Billing:

a.	Debit	\$.50 per item
b.	Credit	\$.50 per item
2.	DTC Sponsored Accounts – available to each CNS participant who is not also a participant of DTC:	Cost
3.	Output Fees	
a.	Machine Readable Output	\$10.00 per tape
b.	Service Bureau Tapes	\$2.50 per tape
c.	Magnetic Tape not returned	\$20.00 per tape
d.	Printed Output Reports:	
	For Members with less than 20,000 lines per month	No charge
	For Members with 20,000 or more lines per month	\$4.00 per each 1000 lines
4.	Microfiche Reports	\$3.00 per fiche
5.	Special Research	\$25.00 per hour
6.	Domestic Portfolio Composition File	\$125.00 per month per file
7.	Foreign Portfolio Composition File	\$125.00 per month per file
8.	Subscription-based Portfolio Composition File Reporting	\$3.00 per unit per month for the first zero to 200 average daily units ¹⁹
		\$2.00 per unit per month for the next 300 average daily units (201st to 500th units)
		\$1.00 per unit per month for all average daily units above 500 (501 st and above)
		\$600 minimum; ²⁰ \$1,550

¹⁹ “Units” refers to the number of portfolio subscriptions for each billing month. Unit charges are calculated by applying the tiered fee structure to the average daily number of units subscribed for by the Member in the billing month.

		maximum per month
C.	Pass-Through Expenses:	
1.	Communications	
a.	Communications Access	Cost
b.	Telephone toll calls	Cost
c.	Failure to migrate from legacy networks to SMART and/or SFTI	Cost ²¹
2.	Forms	Cost
3.	Miscellaneous Expenses: Any other expense not specified above, whether one-time or recurring, which the Corporation may incur on behalf of a Member at a Member's request	Cost
D.	(1) Each item submitted in paper form (except Envelope Settlement Service, Funds Only Settlement Service, Dividend Settlement Service, Correspondent Delivery and Collection Service, and Automated Customer Account Transfer Service Transfer Initiation Form)	\$.50 per item
	(2) Each ACAT Transfer Initiation Form submitted in paper form	\$1.00 per item
E.	Line of Credit Commitment Fee	Current month's cost -- pro rata monthly among Letter of Credit users based upon previous month's utilization

²⁰ From June 2, 2014 until December 31, 2015, the minimum will be \$300 per month and, thereafter the minimum will increase to \$600 per month and this footnote will be deleted.

²¹ The entire cost of supporting the legacy network connections will be allocated among the remaining users pro rata.

- F. Global Clearing Network Service P.C. \$125.00 per month
Access/Hunt group Fee

VI. COLLECTION CHARGE

The Corporation may also bill Members and Mutual Fund/Insurance Services Members for, and include on Members' and Mutual Fund/Insurance Services Members' (referred to in this section collectively as "participants") settlement statements, fees and charges which may be imposed on such participants by third parties such as: (a) other subsidiaries of The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation (b) self-regulatory organizations and other security industry organizations or entities, where such third party has represented to the Corporation that it has an agreement with the participant allowing the participant's payment of such fees and charges; and (c) other organizations and entities which provide services or equipment to participants which are integral to services provided by the Corporation. Any amounts so collected will be remitted to the appropriate organization or entity imposing such fee or charge.

Such fees and charges may include those of companies that identify themselves as being an affiliate of the participant. Participants should check their settlement statements, which shall reflect all such charges, and report any problems to the Corporation immediately.

VII. APPLICATION OF FEES

With the exception of certain registered clearing agencies, all fees will be charged uniformly to all participants and collected through the settlement system if possible. Fees for other standard services provided to registered clearing agencies will be the same as those charged to other participants. Special services performed for registered clearing agencies will be contracted on an individual basis.

VIII. NSCC PRICING POLICY

The Corporation's policy is to retain only those revenues which are required to maintain an adequate revenue base in order to liquidate current production costs, provide for a continuance of product enhancements and development, provide for a discount when volume levels equal or exceed projections and provide for retained earnings as directed by the Board. In order to meet such objectives, the Corporation will:

If the Corporation's gross billable revenues before adjustment (i.e., revenues before discount) exceed the approximate level of costs, adjust downward (i.e., discount) participants' invoices.

If the Corporation's gross billable revenues before adjustment (i.e., revenues before surcharge) are less than the approximate level of costs, adjust upward (i.e., surcharge) participants' invoices.

Both the discount and the surcharge when applicable will be reflected directly on participants' invoices.