

**CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURE:**

Individuals wishing to request amendment of records about them should write to Neldean Monroe, OPM Voting Rights Administrator, P.O. Box 25167, Denver, CO 80225-0167 and furnish the following information for their records to be located:

1. Full name.
2. Date and place of birth.
3. Social Security Number.
4. Signature.
5. Precise identification of the information to be amended.

Individuals requesting amendment must also follow OPM's Privacy Act regulations regarding verification of identity and amendment to records (5 CFR part 297).

**RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:**

Information in this system of records is obtained from:

1. The individual to whom the information applies.
2. Election commissioners and registrars of voters of covered jurisdictions.

**SYSTEM EXEMPTIONS:**

None.

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**POSTAL RATE COMMISSION**

[Order No. 1469; Docket No. A2006-1]

**Post Office Closing Appeal; Pittsburgh, PA**

**AGENCY:** Postal Rate Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice and order.

**SUMMARY:** This document informs the public that a petitioner has filed an appeal of a post office closing in Pittsburgh, PA. It notes, among other things, that several preliminary steps have been taken, such as assigning the appeal a docket number, informing the Postal Service of the appeal, and developing a procedural schedule. A decision on the merits has not yet been made.

**DATES:** See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for dates.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments electronically via the Commission's Filing Online system at <http://www.prc.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stephen L. Sharfman, General Counsel, 202-789-6820.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 404(b), the Commission has accepted

the petitioner's appeal of the closing of the Observatory Finance Station, Pittsburgh, PA. The Commission hereby institutes a proceeding under 39 U.S.C. 404(b)(5) and designates the case as Docket No. A2006-1 to consider the petitioner's appeal.

*Categories of issues apparently raised.* The categories of issues that appear to be raised include: 1. Observance of procedure required by law [39 U.S.C. 404(b)(5)(B)]; 2. Effect on the community [39 U.S.C. 404(b)(2)(A)]; and 3. Effect of resulting economic savings [39 U.S.C. 404(b)(2)(A)(iii)].

After the Postal Service files the administrative record and the Commission reviews it, the Commission may find that there are more legal issues than those set forth above. Or, the Commission may find that the Postal Service's determination disposes of one or more of those issues. The deadline for the Postal Service to file the administrative record with the Commission is July 6, 2006 [39 CFR 3001.113].

*Availability; Web site posting.* The Commission has posted the appeal and supporting material on its Web site at <http://www.prc.gov>. Additional filings in this case and participants' submissions also will be posted on the Web site, if provided in electronic format or amenable to conversion, and not subject to a valid protective order. Information on how to use the Commission's Web site is available online or by contacting the Commission's webmaster via telephone at 202-789-6873 or via electronic mail at [prc-webmaster@prc.gov](mailto:prc-webmaster@prc.gov).

The appeal and all related documents are also available for public inspection in the Commission's docket section. Docket section hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on federal government holidays. Docket section personnel may be contacted via electronic mail at [prc-dockets@prc.gov](mailto:prc-dockets@prc.gov) or via telephone at 202-789-6846.

*Filing of documents.* All filings of documents in this case shall be made using the Internet (Filing Online) pursuant to Commission rules 9(a) and 10(a) at the Commission's Web site <http://www.prc.gov>, unless a waiver is obtained [39 CFR 3001.9(a) and 10(a)]. Instructions for obtaining an account to file documents online may be found on the Commission's Web site, <http://www.prc.gov>, or by contacting the Commission's docket section at [prc-dockets@prc.gov](mailto:prc-dockets@prc.gov) or via telephone at 202-789-6846.

*Intervention.* Those, other than the petitioner and respondent, wishing to be heard in this matter are directed to file a notice of intervention on or before July

24, 2006 in accordance with 39 CFR 3001.111. The notice of intervention shall be filed using the Internet (Filing Online) at the Commission's Web site (<http://www.prc.gov>), unless a waiver is obtained for hardcopy filing. Rules 9(a) and 10(a) [39 CFR 3001.9(a) and 10(a)].

*Further procedures.* The Postal Reorganization Act requires that the Commission issue its decision within 120 days from the date this appeal was filed [39 U.S.C. 404 (b)(5)]. A procedural schedule has been developed to accommodate this statutory deadline. In the interest of expedition, in light of the 120-day decision schedule, the Commission may request the Postal Service or other participants to submit memoranda of law on any appropriate issue. If requested, such memoranda will be due 14 days from the issuance of the request. Responses to such memoranda will be due 14 days from the date the memoranda is filed. As required by the Commission rules, if any motions are filed, responses are due 7 days after any such motion is filed [39 CFR 3001.21]. If necessary, the Commission also may ask petitioners or the Postal Service for more information.

*It is ordered:*

1. The Postal Service shall file the administrative record in this appeal by July 6, 2006.

2. The procedural schedule is listed below.

3. The Secretary shall arrange for publication of this notice and order and procedural schedule in the **Federal Register**.

**Procedural Schedule**

June 21, 2006: Filing of appeal.

June 28, 2006: Commission notice and order of filing of appeal.

July 6, 2006: Deadline for Postal Service to file administrative record in this appeal.

July 24, 2006: Last day of filing of petitions to intervene [see 39 CFR 3001.111(b)].

July 26, 2006: Petitioner's participant statement or initial brief [see 39 CFR 3001.115(a) and (b)].

August 15, 2006: Postal Service's answering brief [see 39 CFR 3001.115(c)].

August 30, 2006: Petitioner's reply brief should petitioner choose to file one [see 39 CFR 3001.115(d)].

September 6, 2006: Deadline for motions by any party requesting oral argument. The Commission will schedule oral argument only when it is a necessary addition to the written filings [see 39 CFR 3001.116].

October 19, 2006: Expiration of the Commission's 120-day decisional schedule [see 39 U.S.C. 404(b)(5)].

Issued June 28, 2006.

By the Commission.

**Steven W. Williams,**

*Secretary.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release 34-54056; File No. 600-23]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; Fixed Income Clearing Corporation; Notice of Filing and Order Approving an Extension of Temporary Registration as a Clearing Agency

June 28, 2006.

The Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") is publishing this notice and order to solicit comments from interested persons and to extend the Fixed Income Clearing Corporation's ("FICC") temporary registration as a clearing agency through June 30, 2007.<sup>1</sup>

On May 24, 1988, pursuant to sections 17A(b) and 19(a) of the Act<sup>2</sup> and Rule 17Ab2-1 promulgated thereunder,<sup>3</sup> the Commission granted the Government Securities Clearing Corporation ("GSCC") registration as a clearing agency on a temporary basis for a period of three years.<sup>4</sup> The Commission subsequently extended GSCC's registration through June 30, 2003.<sup>5</sup>

On February 2, 1987, pursuant to sections 17A(b) and 19(a) of the Act<sup>6</sup> and Rule 17Ab2-1 promulgated thereunder,<sup>7</sup> the Commission granted the MBS Clearing Corporation ("MBSCC") registration as a clearing agency on a temporary basis for a period of eighteen months.<sup>8</sup> The Commission

<sup>1</sup> FICC is the successor to MBS Clearing Corporation and Government Securities Clearing Corporation.

<sup>2</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78q-1(b) and 78s(a).

<sup>3</sup> 17 CFR 240.17Ab2-1.

<sup>4</sup> Securities Exchange Act Release No. 25740 (May 24, 1988), 53 FR 19639.

<sup>5</sup> Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 25740 (May 24, 1988), 53 FR 19639; 29236 (May 24, 1991), 56 FR 24852; 32385 (June 3, 1993), 58 FR 32405; 35787 (May 31, 1995), 60 FR 30324; 36508 (November 27, 1995), 60 FR 61719; 37983 (November 25, 1996), 61 FR 64183; 38698 (May 30, 1997), 62 FR 30911; 39696 (February 24, 1998), 63 FR 10253; 41104 (February 24, 1999), 64 FR 10510; 41805 (August 27, 1999), 64 FR 48682; 42335 (January 12, 2000), 65 FR 3509; 43089 (July 28, 2000), 65 FR 48032; 43900 (January 29, 2001), 66 FR 8988; 44553 (July 13, 2001), 66 FR 37714; 45164 (December 18, 2001), 66 FR 66957; 46135 (June 27, 2002), 67 FR 44655.

<sup>6</sup> *Supra* note 2.

<sup>7</sup> *Supra* note 3.

<sup>8</sup> Securities Exchange Act Release No. 24046 (February 2, 1987), 52 FR 4218.

subsequently extended MBSCC's registration through June 30, 2003.<sup>9</sup>

On January 1, 2003, MBSCC was merged into GSCC, and GSCC was renamed FICC.<sup>10</sup> The Commission subsequently extended FICC's temporary registration through June 30, 2006.<sup>11</sup>

On June 2, 2006, FICC requested that the Commission grant FICC permanent registration as a clearing agency or in the alternative extend FICC's temporary registration until such time as the Commission is prepared to grant FICC permanent registration.<sup>12</sup>

Recently FICC announced its intention to implement a central counterparty ("CCP") service in its Mortgage-Backed Services Division ("MBS Division"). Pursuant to this service, FICC, acting as the CCP for MBS Division members, would become the new legal counterparty to all original counterparties for eligible mortgage-backed securities transactions. Currently, FICC, through its Government Securities Division, acts as the CCP for its members U.S. Government securities transactions.

The Commission therefore is extending FICC's temporary registration as a clearing agency in order that FICC may continue to provide its users clearing and settlement services as a registered clearing agency. The Commission will consider permanent registration of FICC at a future date after the Commission and FICC have had time to evaluate how FICC is functioning with its MBS Division acting as a CCP, assuming the MBS Division CCP service is implemented.

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:

<sup>9</sup> Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 25957 (August 2, 1988), 53 FR 39537; 27079 (July 31, 1989), 54 FR 34212; 28492 (September 28, 1990), 55 FR 41148; 29751 (September 27, 1991), 56 FR 50602; 31750 (January 21, 1993), 58 FR 6424; 33348 (December 15, 1993), 58 FR 68183; 35132 (December 21, 1994), 59 FR 67743; 37372 (June 26, 1996), 61 FR 35281; 38784 (June 27, 1997), 62 FR 36587; 39776 (March 20, 1998), 63 FR 14740; 41211 (March 24, 1999), 64 FR 15854; 42568 (March 23, 2000), 65 FR 16980; 44089 (March 21, 2001), 66 FR 16961; 44831 (September 21, 2001), 66 FR 49728; 45607 (March 20, 2002), 67 FR 14755; 46136 (June 27, 2002), 67 FR 44655.

<sup>10</sup> Securities Exchange Act Release No. 47015 (December 17, 2002), 67 FR 78531 (December 24, 2002) [File Nos. SR-GSCC-2002-07 and SR-MBSCC-2002-01].

<sup>11</sup> Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 48116 (July 1, 2003), 68 FR 41031; 49940 (June 29, 2004), 69 FR 40695; 51911 (June 23, 2005), 70 FR 37878.

<sup>12</sup> Letter from Nikki Poulos, Vice President and General Counsel, FICC (June 2, 2006).

### 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](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number 600-23 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 600-23. 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 (<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 inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Section, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of FICC and on FICC's Web site at <http://www.ficc.com>. 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 600-23 and should be submitted on or before July 26, 2006.

*It is therefore ordered* that FICC's temporary registration as a clearing agency (File No. 600-23) be and hereby is extended through June 30, 2007.

For the Commission by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>13</sup>

**Nancy M. Morris,**

*Secretary.*

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<sup>13</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(1506).