

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>11</sup>

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-59252; File No. SR-NSCC-2008-10]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; National Securities Clearing Corporation; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change Relating to an Enhancement to Its Insurance and Retirement Services To Allow for the Electronic Exchange of Attachments to Messages

January 15, 2009.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”),<sup>1</sup> notice is hereby given that on November 24, 2008, 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)(iii) of the Act<sup>2</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(4)<sup>3</sup> 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. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The proposed rule change is an enhancement to NSCC’s insurance and retirement services (“IPS”) called “Attachments.”

#### 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 these statements.<sup>4</sup>

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

The purpose of the proposed rule change is to enhance the IPS to allow for the electronic exchange of attachments to IPS messages, such as imaged data in PDF format. The enhancement is referred to as “Attachments.” The attachment may be any collection of data that is unstructured and is intended to pass through the network from sender to receiver without edit. The attachment data may but need not be in support of an existing IPS service message.

#### Background

Recent regulatory developments have highlighted a need for the annuity and insurance industry to have the capability of an electronic exchange of imaged documents, signatures, and forms during the presale, new business, and post-issue process. Industry standards developed by the industry through the straight-through processing (“STP”) initiative led by the National Association of Variable Annuities (“NAVA”) state that signature capture, either through e-signature or on imaged copies of forms, is required at point of sale. The signature and the associated documentation must be transmitted by the selling broker-dealer agent to the insurance carrier for the annuity to be processed “in-good-order.”

NSCC’s Attachments service is in furtherance of the NAVA STP initiative. It will eliminate the need for a paper exchange of information in paper form and will enable STP when signatures are required at point of sale or when original documentation is required in connection with processing what is otherwise automated. Additionally, industry participants will realize savings from reduced mailing costs and from the processing efficiencies associated with expedited document processing. Automation of this process will also create an improved audit trail and will eliminate problems associated with lost paperwork.

The proposed rule change will promote processing efficiencies between insurance companies and distributors of variable insurance products thereby facilitating the prompt and accurate processing of securities transactions, which is consistent with the

requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder applicable to NSCC.

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

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

#### (C) Self-Regulatory Organization’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.

### 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)(iii) of the Act<sup>5</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(4)<sup>6</sup> thereunder because the proposed rule effects a change in an existing service of NSCC that (i) does not adversely affect the safeguarding of securities or funds in the custody or control of NSCC or for which it is responsible and (ii) does not significantly affect the respective rights or obligations of NSCC or persons using the service. 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. 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](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR-NSCC-2008-10 on the subject line.

#### Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Elizabeth M. Murphy, Secretary,

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

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

<sup>3</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(4).

<sup>4</sup> The Commission has modified the text of the summaries prepared by NSCC.

<sup>5</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

<sup>6</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(4).

Securities and Exchange Commission,  
100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC  
20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NSCC-2008-10. 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 (<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 Room, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. The text of the proposed rule change is available at NSCC, the Commission's Public Reference Room, and [http://www.dtcc.com/downloads/legal/rule\\_filings/2008/nsc/2008-10.pdf](http://www.dtcc.com/downloads/legal/rule_filings/2008/nsc/2008-10.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-NSCC-2008-10 and should be submitted on or before February 17, 2009.

For the Commission by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>7</sup>

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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### Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change by New York Stock Exchange LLC Extending Until March 9, 2009, the Operation of Interim NYSE Rule 128 Which Permits the Exchange To Cancel or Adjust Clearly Erroneous Executions If They Arise Out of the Use or Operation of Any Quotation, Execution or Communication System Owned or Operated by the Exchange, Including Those Executions That Occur in the Event of a System Disruption or System Malfunction

January 15, 2009.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1)<sup>1</sup> of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act")<sup>2</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>3</sup> notice is hereby given that, on January 9, 2009, New York Stock Exchange LLC ("NYSE" or the "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by the self-regulatory organization. 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 Exchange proposes to extend until March 9, 2009, the operation of interim NYSE Rule 128 ("Clearly Erroneous Executions for NYSE Equities") which permits the Exchange to cancel or adjust clearly erroneous executions if they arise out of the use or operation of any quotation, execution or communication system owned or operated by the Exchange, including those executions that occur in the event of a system disruption or system malfunction.

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

In its filing with the Commission, the self-regulatory organization 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 those statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant parts of such statements.

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

##### 1. Purpose

The Exchange proposes to extend until March 9, 2009, the operation of interim NYSE Rule 128 ("Clearly Erroneous Executions for NYSE Equities") which permits the Exchange to cancel or adjust clearly erroneous executions if they arise out of the use or operation of any quotation, execution or communication system owned or operated by the Exchange, including those executions that occur in the event of a system disruption or system malfunction.

Prior to the implementation of NYSE Rule 128 on January 28, 2008,<sup>4</sup> the NYSE did not have a rule providing the Exchange with the authority to cancel or adjust clearly erroneous trades of securities executed on or through the systems and facilities of the NYSE.

In order for the NYSE to be consistent with other national securities exchanges which have some version of a clearly erroneous execution rule, the Exchange is drafting an amended clearly erroneous rule which will accommodate such other exchanges but will be appropriate for the NYSE market model.

The NYSE notes that the Commission approved an amended clearly erroneous execution rule for Nasdaq in May 2008.<sup>5</sup> On July 28, 2008, the Exchange filed with the SEC a request to extend the operation of interim Rule 128 until October 1, 2008<sup>6</sup> in order to review the provisions of Nasdaq's clearly erroneous rule and to consider integrating similar standards into its own amendment to Rule 128. On October 1, 2008,<sup>7</sup> the Exchange filed with the SEC a further request to extend the operation of interim Rule 128 until January 9, 2009 in order to consider integrating similar standards into the amendment to Rule 128. The Exchange is in the process of

<sup>4</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 57323 (February 13, 2008), 73 FR 9371 (February 20, 2008) (SR-NYSE-2008-09).

<sup>5</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 57826 (May 15, 2008), 73 FR 29802 (May 22, 2008) (SR-NASDAQ-2007-001).

<sup>6</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 58328 (August 8, 2008), 73 FR 47247 (August 13, 2008) (SR-NYSE-2008-63).

<sup>7</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 58732 (October 3, 2008), 73 FR 61183 (October 15, 2008) (SR-NYSE-2008-99).

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

<sup>2</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78a.

<sup>3</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

<sup>7</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).