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POSTAL SERVICE

Product Change—Priority Mail and First-Class Package Service Negotiated Service Agreement

AGENCY: Postal Service™.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Postal Service gives notice of filing a request with the Postal Regulatory Commission to add a domestic shipping services contract to the list of Negotiated Service Agreements in the Mail Classification Schedule's Competitive Products List.

DATES: Date of notice required under 39 U.S.C. 3642(d)(1): August 3, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth A. Reed, 202–268–3179.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The United States Postal Service® hereby gives notice that, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 3632(b)(3), on July 27, 2017, it filed with the Postal Regulatory Commission a *Request of the United States Postal Service to Add Priority Mail & First-Class Package Service Contract 48 to Competitive Product List*. Documents are available at www.prc.gov, Docket Nos. MC2017–160, CP2017–225.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–81255; File No. SR–FICC–2017–018]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; Fixed Income Clearing Corporation; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Amend the Fees in the Mortgage-Backed Securities Division Clearing Rules and the EPN Rules

July 28, 2017.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”) ¹ and Rule 19b–4 thereunder, ² notice is hereby given that on July 28,

2017, Fixed Income Clearing Corporation (“FICC”) 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 the clearing agency. FICC filed the proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act ³ and Rule 19b–4(f)(2) thereunder. ⁴ 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

On July 31, 2017, FICC will implement proposed rule change SR–FICC–2017–012 (“Rule Filing 2017–012”). ⁵ Rule Filing 2017–012 will amend the Mortgage-Backed Securities Division Clearing Rules (the “MBSD Rules”) to (1) move the time that FICC novates and treats itself as the settlement counterparty for certain transactions, (2) guarantee and novate trades with stipulations (“Stipulated Trades”), and (3) establish new processes that promote operational efficiencies for Clearing Members. ⁶ In connection with Rule Filing 2017–012, FICC is proposing with this filing to amend the fees in the MBSD Rules and the EPN Rules (the “EPN Rules”) as further described below. ⁷ The changes proposed in this filing would become effective on August 1, 2017, as described below.

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

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

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b–4(f)(2).

⁵ Securities Exchange Act Release No. 81051 (June 29, 2017), 82 FR 31378 (July 6, 2017) (SR–FICC–2017–012) (“Approval Order”).

⁶ *Id.* In connection with the changes in Rule Filing 2017–012, FICC will implement new processes that promote operational efficiencies for Clearing Members. The full text of Rule Filing 2017–012 may be obtained by visiting DTCC's Web site at <http://www.dtcc.com/legal/sec-rule-filings>.

⁷ Capitalized terms not defined herein are defined in the MBSD Rules and the EPN Rules, available at <http://www.dtcc.com/legal/rules-and-procedures>.

(A) Clearing Agency's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

On July 31, 2017, FICC will amend the MBSD Rules to (1) move the time that FICC novates and treats itself as the settlement counterparty for certain transactions, (2) guarantee and novate trades with stipulations (“Stipulated Trades”), and (3) establish new processes that promote operational efficiencies for Clearing Members. ⁸ In connection with Rule Filing 2017–012, FICC is proposing with this filing to amend the fees in the MBSD Rules and the EPN Rules as further described below. The changes proposed in this filing would become effective on August 1, 2017, as described below.

I. Proposed Changes to the MBSD Rules

FICC is proposing to amend the fees in the MBSD Rules' *Schedule of Charges Broker Account Group* as listed below.

1. The *Account Maintenance* section would be amended to eliminate the “Option Account” fee. This change is being proposed because FICC will eliminate the Broker “give-up” process from the MBSD Rules in connection with Rule Filing 2017–012. ⁹ Because the submission of Broker Give-Up Trades (which includes Option Contracts) will be eliminated, the associated account maintenance fee for Option Accounts will be eliminated.

2. The *Trade Processing* section would be amended to change the name of the “Give-Up Trade Creates” fee to the “Trade Creates” fee. This change is being proposed because FICC will eliminate the Broker “give-up” process from the MBSD Rules in connection with Rule Filing 2017–012. ¹⁰

3. The *Processing Fees* section would be amended to increase the “Trade Input Non-Compliance” fee to \$1,000 a month per Account from \$500 a month per Account. This change is being proposed in order to encourage Clearing Members to submit transactions into FICC's Real-Time Trade Matching (“RTTM”) system in a timely manner. The timely submission of transactions is especially important because FICC will novate and become the settlement counterparty to all transactions (other than Option Contracts) pursuant to Rule Filing 2017–012. ¹¹

FICC is proposing to amend the fees in the MBSD Rules' *Schedule of Charges Dealer Account Group* as listed below.

⁸ See Approval Order, *supra* note 5.

⁹ See Approval Order, 82 FR at 31382.

¹⁰ *Id.*

¹¹ See Approval Order, *supra* note 5.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b–4.