

initial Form ATS–N disclosures and discussions with SuperX ATS.

In the conversations between SuperX ATS and Commission staff about the initial Form ATS–N disclosures and the ATS operations, Commission staff and SuperX ATS have discussed a potential amendment to update SuperX ATS's disclosures regarding the complexities of its operations. Extending the review period will enable the NMS Stock ATS to amend its disclosures, if appropriate, and allow Commission staff to conduct a thorough review of amendments to the initial disclosures provided on the initial Form ATS–N.

For the reasons given above, the Commission is extending the review period of the initial Form ATS–N submitted by SuperX ATS. Accordingly, pursuant to Rule 304(a)(1)(iv)(B), October 4, 2019 is the date by which the Commission may declare the initial Form ATS–N submitted by SuperX ATS ineffective.

By the Commission.

Eduardo A. Aleman,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Initial Form ATS–N Filing; Notice of Extension of Commission Review Period

May 31, 2019.

On February 8, 2019, Liquidnet Negotiation ATS filed an initial Form ATS–N (“Form ATS–N”) with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”). Pursuant to Rule 304 under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”), the Commission may, after notice and an opportunity for hearing, declare an initial Form ATS–N ineffective no later than 120 days from the date of filing with the Commission, or, if applicable, the extended review period. June 8, 2019 is 120 calendar days from the date of filing. Pursuant to Rule 304(a)(1)(iv)(B), the Commission may extend the initial Form ATS–N review period for up to an additional 120 calendar days if the initial Form ATS–N is unusually lengthy or raises novel or complex issues that require additional time for review.

Liquidnet Negotiation ATS was operating pursuant to an initial operation report on Form ATS on file with the Commission as of January 7,

2019.¹ Liquidnet Negotiation ATS filed an initial Form ATS–N on February 8, 2019. During the initial 120 calendar day review period, the Commission staff has been reviewing the disclosures on Liquidnet Negotiation ATS's initial Form ATS–N. In addition, the staff has been engaged in ongoing discussions with Liquidnet Negotiation ATS about its disclosures and manner of operations, as well as the requirements of Form ATS–N, to facilitate complete and comprehensible disclosures that reflect the complexities of those operations.

Form ATS–N requires NMS Stock ATSs to file with the Commission, and disclose to the public for the first time, certain information, including descriptions by the NMS Stock ATSs of their fees, the trading activities by their broker-dealer operators and their affiliates in the NMS Stock ATSs, their use of market data, their written standards for granting access to trading on the NMS Stock ATSs, and their written safeguards and procedures for protecting their subscribers' confidential trading information required by revised Rule 301(b)(10) of Regulation ATS. The initial Form ATS–N disclosures and discussions with Commission staff have revealed complexities about the operations of Legacy NMS Stock ATSs including, among other things, matching functionalities, means of order entry, order interaction and execution procedures, conditional order processes, segmentation of orders, and counterparty selection protocols. The Commission staff needs additional time to review novel and complex issues such as these, which Commission staff has discussed with Liquidnet Negotiation ATS. Extending the initial Form ATS–N Commission review period for an additional 120 calendar days will provide Commission staff an opportunity to continue its review of the initial Form ATS–N disclosures and discussions with Liquidnet Negotiation ATS.

In the conversations between Liquidnet Negotiation ATS and Commission staff about the initial Form ATS–N disclosures and the ATS operations, Commission staff and Liquidnet Negotiation ATS have discussed a potential amendment to update Liquidnet Negotiation ATS's disclosures regarding the complexities of its operations. Extending the review period will enable the NMS Stock ATS to amend its disclosures, if appropriate,

¹ An NMS Stock ATS (as defined in Rule 300(k) of Regulation ATS) that was operating pursuant to an initial operation report on Form ATS on file with the Commission as of January 7, 2019 is a “Legacy NMS Stock ATS.” 17 CFR 242.301(b)(2)(viii).

and allow Commission staff to conduct a thorough review of amendments to the initial disclosures provided on the initial Form ATS–N.

For the reasons given above, the Commission is extending the review period of the initial Form ATS–N submitted by Liquidnet Negotiation ATS. Accordingly, pursuant to Rule 304(a)(1)(iv)(B), October 6, 2019 is the date by which the Commission may declare the initial Form ATS–N submitted by Liquidnet Negotiation ATS ineffective.

By the Commission.

Eduardo A. Aleman,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; National Securities Clearing Corporation; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change To Make a Clarification and Technical Changes to Addendum K

May 31, 2019.

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 May 29, 2019, 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 the clearing agency. NSCC filed the proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act³ and Rule 19b–4(f)(1) 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

The proposed rule change consists of amendments to Addendum K of NSCC's Rules & Procedures (“Rules”) in order to make a clarification and technical

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b–4(f)(1).

changes, as described in greater detail 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, 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.

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

1. Purpose

The proposed rule change would amend Addendum K to make a clarification and technical changes, as described in greater detail below. The proposed rule change is only clarifying the language of the NSCC guaranty and, therefore, would not change any of the rights and obligations of NSCC's Members.

Addendum K describes NSCC's trade guaranty to Members regarding their CNS and balance order transactions. The proposed rule change would clarify Addendum K by adding language that was inadvertently deleted from the Rules in connection with the approval by the Commission of rule filing SR–NSCC–2016–005⁶ and notice of no objection to advance notice SR–NSCC–2016–803.⁷ Specifically, the proposed rule change would add “, and, in either case,” after clause (ii) in the third sentence to make it clear that NSCC is guaranteeing balance order transactions through the close of business on T+2, whether submitted bilaterally or locked-in.

NSCC is also proposing to make the following technical changes to Addendum K:

(1) Delete the word “orders” in the first sentence and replace it with “order” to be consistent with the use of this phrase in the Rules.

(2) Replace the word “guarantee” with “guaranty” in footnote 1 as well as

in the fourth sentence to be consistent with the use of this term in the Rules.

(3) Replace the reference to “NSCC” in footnote 1 with “the Corporation” to be consistent with the use of this term in the Rules.

(4) Replace the reference to “Options Clearing Corporation” in footnote 1 with “The Options Clearing Corporation” to reflect the proper legal name of the entity referenced.

2. Statutory Basis

NSCC believes this proposal is consistent with the requirements of the Act, and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to a registered clearing agency. Specifically, NSCC believes this proposal is consistent with Section 17A(b)(3)(F)⁸ of the Act and Rule 17Ad–22(e)(23)(i),⁹ as promulgated under the Act, for the reasons described below.

Section 17A(b)(3)(F) of the Act requires, in part, that the Rules be designed to promote the prompt and accurate clearance and settlement of securities transactions.¹⁰ NSCC believes that the proposed rule change would promote prompt and accurate clearance and settlement of securities transactions. This is because the proposed rule change would: (i) Clarify the provision regarding the NSCC guaranty by adding language that reflects how the guaranty works and that was inadvertently deleted in a previous rule filing and (ii) make technical changes that would promote consistency in terminology usage and reflect a proper legal entity name, all of which would ensure that the Rules are clear and consistent. Having clear and consistent Rules would help Members to better understand their rights and obligations regarding NSCC's clearance and settlement services. NSCC believes that when Members better understand their rights and obligations regarding NSCC's clearance and settlement services, they can better act in accordance with the Rules. NSCC believes that better enabling Members to comply with the Rules would promote the prompt and accurate clearance and settlement of securities transactions by NSCC. As such, NSCC believes the proposed rule changes are consistent with Section 17A(b)(3)(F) of the Act.

Rule 17Ad–22(e)(23)(i) under the Act requires NSCC to establish, implement, maintain and enforce written policies and procedures reasonably designed to publicly disclose all relevant rules and

material procedures.¹¹ NSCC believes that the proposed rule change would improve the clarity and the transparency of the Rules by clarifying language and making the technical changes described in detail above. NSCC believes that by enhancing the clarity and transparency of the Rules (here in particular, the provisions associated with the NSCC guaranty), NSCC would ensure that the Rules disclose all relevant and material aspects of NSCC's guaranty. As such, NSCC believes these proposed rule changes are consistent with Rule 17Ad–22(e)(23)(i) under the Act.

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

NSCC does not believe the proposed rule changes would impact competition. These changes are a clarification and technical changes that would not change NSCC's current practices or affect Members' rights and obligations. As such, NSCC believes these proposed rule changes would not have any impact on competition.

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

Written comments relating to this proposed rule change have not 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 pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act¹² and paragraph (f) of Rule 19b–4 thereunder.¹³ 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:

⁵ Capitalized terms not defined herein are defined in the Rules, available at http://www.dtcc.com/~media/Files/Downloads/legal/rules/nscc_rules.pdf.

⁶ Securities Exchange Act Release No. 79598 (December 19, 2016), 81 FR 94462 (December 23, 2016) (SR–NSCC–2016–005).

⁷ Securities Exchange Act Release No. 79592 (December 19, 2016), 81 FR 94448 (December 23, 2016) (SR–NSCC–2016–803).

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78q–1(b)(3)(F).

⁹ 17 CFR 240.17Ad–22(e)(23)(i).

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78q–1(b)(3)(F).

¹¹ 17 CFR 240.17Ad–22(e)(23)(i).

¹² 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹³ 17 CFR 240.19b–4(f).

Electronic Comments

- Use the Commission's internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an email to rule-comments@sec.gov. Please include File Number SR–NSCC–2019–001 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

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

All submissions should refer to File Number SR–NSCC–2019–001. This file number should be included on the subject line if email 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 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 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. 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. Persons submitting comments are cautioned that we do not redact or edit personal identifying information from comment submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR–NSCC–2019–001 and should be submitted on or before June 27, 2019.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁴

Eduardo A. Aleman,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Initial Form ATS–N Filing; Notice of Extension of Commission Review Period

June 3, 2019.

On February 8, 2019, POSIT filed an initial Form ATS–N (“Form ATS–N”) with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”). Pursuant to Rule 304 under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”), the Commission may, after notice and an opportunity for hearing, declare an initial Form ATS–N ineffective no later than 120 days from the date of filing with the Commission, or, if applicable, the extended review period. June 8, 2019 is 120 calendar days from the date of filing. Pursuant to Rule 304(a)(1)(iv)(B), the Commission may extend the initial Form ATS–N review period for up to an additional 120 calendar days if the initial Form ATS–N is unusually lengthy or raises novel or complex issues that require additional time for review.

POSIT was operating pursuant to an initial operation report on Form ATS on file with the Commission as of January 7, 2019.¹ POSIT filed an initial Form ATS–N on February 8, 2019. During the initial 120 calendar day review period, the Commission staff has been reviewing the disclosures on POSIT's initial Form ATS–N. In addition, the staff has been engaged in ongoing discussions with POSIT about its disclosures and manner of operations, as well as the requirements of Form ATS–N, to facilitate complete and comprehensible disclosures that reflect the complexities of those operations.

Form ATS–N requires NMS Stock ATSs to file with the Commission, and disclose to the public for the first time, certain information, including descriptions by the NMS Stock ATSs of their fees, the trading activities by their broker-dealer operators and their affiliates in the NMS Stock ATSs, their use of market data, their written standards for granting access to trading on the NMS Stock ATSs, and their written safeguards and procedures for protecting their subscribers' confidential trading information required by revised Rule 301(b)(10) of Regulation ATS. The initial Form ATS–N disclosures and discussions with Commission staff have

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revealed complexities about the operations of Legacy NMS Stock ATSs including, among other things, matching functionalities, means of order entry, order interaction and execution procedures, conditional order processes, segmentation of orders, and counterparty selection protocols. The Commission staff needs additional time to review novel and complex issues such as these, which Commission staff has discussed with POSIT. Extending the initial Form ATS–N Commission review period for an additional 120 calendar days will provide Commission staff an opportunity to continue its review of the initial Form ATS–N disclosures and discussions with POSIT.

In the conversations between POSIT and Commission staff about the initial Form ATS–N disclosures and the ATS operations, Commission staff and POSIT have discussed a potential amendment to update POSIT's disclosures regarding the complexities of its operations. Extending the review period will enable the NMS Stock ATS to amend its disclosures, if appropriate, and allow Commission staff to conduct a thorough review of amendments to the initial disclosures provided on the initial Form ATS–N.

For the reasons given above, the Commission is extending the review period of the initial Form ATS–N submitted by POSIT. Accordingly, pursuant to Rule 304(a)(1)(iv)(B), October 6, 2019 is the date by which the Commission may declare the initial Form ATS–N submitted by POSIT ineffective.

By the Commission.

Eduardo A. Aleman,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Initial Form ATS–N Filing; Notice of Extension of Commission Review Period

May 31, 2019.

On February 8, 2019, JPM–X filed an initial Form ATS–N (“Form ATS–N”) with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”). Pursuant to Rule 304 under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”), the Commission may, after notice and an opportunity for hearing, declare an initial Form ATS–N ineffective no later than 120 days from the date of filing

¹⁴ 17 CFR 200.30–3(a)(12).