

clearance and settlement of securities transactions.

III. Conclusion

On the basis of the foregoing, the Commission finds that the proposal is consistent with the requirements of the Act and in particular with the requirements of Section 17A of the Act¹³ and the rules and regulations thereunder.

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act, that proposed rule change SR-NSCC-2016-001 be, and hereby is, *approved*.¹⁴

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁵

Brent J. Fields,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

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From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of FOIA Services, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-2736.

Extension:

Notice of Exempt Preliminary Roll-Up Communication, SEC File No. 270-396, OMB Control No. 3235-0452.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) is soliciting comments on the collection of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

Exchange Act Rule 14a-6(n) (17 CFR 240.14a-6(n)) requires any person that engages in a proxy solicitation subject to Exchange Act Rule 14a-2(b)(4) [(17 CFR 240.14a-2(b)(4))] to file a Notice of Exempt Preliminary Roll-Up Communication (“Notice”) [(17 CFR 240.14a-104)] with the Commission. The Notice provides information regarding ownership interest and any potential conflicts of interest to be included in statements submitted by or on behalf of a person engaging in the

solicitation. The Notice takes approximately 0.25 hours per response and is filed by approximately 4 respondents for a total of one annual burden hour (0.25 hours per response × 4 response).

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether this proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden imposed by the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number.

Please direct your written comments to Pamela Dyson, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Remi Pavlik-Simon, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549 or send an email to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov.

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Extension:

Form S-8; SEC File No. 270-66, OMB Control No. 3235-0066.

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Form S-8 (17 CFR 239.16b) under the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77a *et seq.*) is the primary registration statement used by eligible registrants to register securities to be issued in connection with an employee benefit plan. We estimate that Form S-8 takes approximately 24 hours per response to prepare and is filed by approximately 2,140 respondents. In addition, we estimate that 50% of the preparation time (12 hours) is completed in-house by the filer for a total annual reporting burden of 25,680 (12 hours per response × 2,140 responses).

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether this proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden imposed by the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

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Extension:

Rule 155; SEC File No. 270-492, OMB Control No. 3235-0549.

¹³ 15 U.S.C. 78q-1.

¹⁴ In approving the proposed rule change, the Commission considered the proposal’s impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

¹⁵ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) is soliciting comments on the collection of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

Rule 155 (17 CFR 230.155) under the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77a *et seq.*) provides safe harbors for a registered offering of securities following an abandoned private offering, or a private offering following an abandoned registered offering, without integrating the registered and private offerings in either case. In connection with a registered offering following an abandoned private offering, Rule 155 requires an issuer to include in any prospectus filed as a part of a registration statement disclosure regarding the abandoned the private offering. Similarly, the rule requires an issuer to provide each offeree in a private offering following an abandoned registered offering with: (1) Information concerning the withdrawal of the registration statement; (2) the fact that the private offering is unregistered; and (3) the legal implications of the offering’s unregistered status. We estimate Rule 155 takes approximately 4 hours per response to prepare and is filed by 600 respondents annually.

We estimate that 50% of the 4 hours per response (2 hours per response) is prepared by the filer for a total annual reporting burden of 1,200 hours (2 hours per response × 600 responses).

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether this proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden imposed by the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; The Depository Trust Company; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change Pursuant to Which It Would Impose Deposit Chills and Global Locks and Provide Fair Procedures to Issuers

June 3, 2016.

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 27, 2016, The Depository Trust Company (“DTC”) 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 DTC. DTC filed the proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(2)³ of the Act thereunder. 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 the Rules, By-Laws and Organization Certificate of DTC (the “Rules”) in order to add a Rule which establishes: (i) The circumstances under which DTC would impose and release a restriction on Deposits of an Eligible Security (a “Deposit Chill”) or on book-entry services for an Eligible Security (a “Global Lock”); and (ii) the fair procedures for notice and an opportunity for the issuer of the Eligible Security (the “Issuer”) to challenge the Deposit Chill or Global Lock (each, a “Restriction”), as described below.⁴

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b–4.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

⁴ Each capitalized term not otherwise defined herein has its respective meaning as set forth in the Rules, available at <http://www.dtcc.com/legal/rules-and-procedures.aspx>.

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 proposal would add new Rule 33 (Deposit Chills and Global Locks) to establish: (i) The circumstances under which DTC would impose and release a Deposit Chill or a Global Lock; and (ii) the fair procedures for notice and an opportunity for the Issuer to challenge the Restriction, as described below.

(i) Background

A. DTC

DTC is the nation’s central securities depository, registered as a clearing agency under Section 17A of the Act.⁵ DTC’s deposit and book-entry transfer services help facilitate the operation of the nation’s securities markets. By serving as registered holder of trillions of dollars of Securities, DTC, on a daily basis, processes enormous volumes of securities transactions facilitated by book-entry movement of interests, without the need to transfer physical certificates.

DTC performs services and maintains Securities Accounts for its Participants, primarily banks and broker dealers, pursuant to its Rules and Procedures. Participants agree to be bound by the Rules and Procedures of DTC as a condition of their DTC membership.⁶ DTC allows a Participant to present Securities to be made eligible for DTC’s depository and book-entry services. If a Security is accepted by DTC as meeting DTC’s eligibility requirements for services⁷ and is deposited with DTC for credit to the Securities Account of a

⁵ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 20221 (September 23, 1983), 48 FR 45167 (October 3, 1983) (File No. 600–1).

⁶ See *supra* note 5.

⁷ See Rule 5, *supra* note 4; DTC Operational Arrangements (Necessary for Securities to Become and Remain Eligible for DTC Services), January 2012 (the “Operational Arrangements”), Section 1, available at <http://www.dtcc.com/-/media/Files/Downloads/legal/issue-eligibility/eligibility/operational-arrangements.pdf>.