

3642 and 3632(b)(3), on January 30, 2024, it filed with the Postal Regulatory Commission a *USPS Request to Add Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage® Contract 178 to Competitive Product List*. Documents are available at www.prc.gov, Docket Nos. MC2024–171, CP2024–177.

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POSTAL SERVICE

Product Change—Priority Mail and USPS Ground Advantage® 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 required notice:* February 8, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The United States Postal Service® hereby gives notice that, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 3632(b)(3), on February 1, 2024, it filed with the Postal Regulatory Commission a *USPS Request to Add Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage® Contract 182 to Competitive Product List*. Documents are available at www.prc.gov, Docket Nos. MC2024–179, CP2024–185.

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POSTAL SERVICE

Product Change—Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail, and USPS Ground Advantage® 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 required notice:* February 8, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The United States Postal Service® hereby gives notice that, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 3632(b)(3), on January 30, 2024, it filed with the Postal Regulatory Commission a *USPS Request to Add Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail & USPS Ground Advantage® Contract 44 to Competitive Product List*. Documents are available at www.prc.gov, Docket Nos. MC2024–173, CP2024–179.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Fixed Income Clearing Corporation; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Clarify How FICC Applies the Minimum Charge

February 2, 2024.

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 January 25, 2024, 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)(4) 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 modifications to the FICC Mortgage-Backed Securities Division (“MBSD”) Clearing Rules (“MBSD Rules”) to clarify how FICC applies the Minimum Charge (as defined below) at MBSD, as

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)(4).

well as make certain technical 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

FICC is proposing changes that would clarify the disclosures in the MBSD Rules related to FICC's application of Minimum Charge at MBSD.

Background

As part of its market risk management strategy, FICC manages its credit exposure to Clearing Members by determining the appropriate Required Fund Deposit to the Clearing Fund and monitoring its sufficiency, as provided for in the MBSD Rules. ⁶ The Required Fund Deposit serves as each Clearing Member's margin. The objective of a Clearing Member's Required Fund Deposit is to mitigate potential losses to FICC associated with liquidation of a Clearing Member's portfolio in the event FICC ceases to act for that Clearing Member (hereinafter referred to as a “default”). ⁷ The aggregate of all Clearing Member's Required Fund Deposits, together with certain other deposits required under the MBSD Rules, constitutes the Clearing Fund, which FICC would access, among other instances, should a defaulting Clearing Member's own Clearing Fund deposit be insufficient to satisfy losses to FICC caused by the liquidation of that Clearing Member's portfolio.

Pursuant to the MBSD Rules, each Clearing Member's Required Fund Deposit amount consists of a number of

⁵ Capitalized terms used herein and not defined shall have the meaning assigned to such terms in the MBSD Rules, available at www.dtcc.com/legal/rules-and-procedures.aspx.

⁶ See MBSD Rule 4 (Clearing Fund and Loss Allocation), *supra* note 5. FICC's market risk management strategy is designed to comply with Rule 17Ad–22(e)(4) under the Act, where these risks are referred to as “credit risks.” 17 CFR 240.17Ad–22(e)(4).

⁷ See MBSD Rule 17 (Procedures for When the Corporation Ceases to Act), *supra* note 5.