

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The United States Postal Service® hereby gives notice that, pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 3642 and 3632(b)(3), on December 19, 2013, it filed with the Postal Regulatory Commission a *Request of the United States Postal Service to Add Priority Mail Express Contract 16 to Competitive Product List*. Documents are available at [www.prc.gov](http://www.prc.gov), Docket Nos. MC2014–12, CP2014–16.

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## PRESIDIO TRUST

### Notice of Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** The Presidio Trust.

**ACTION:** Notice of Public Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with § 103(c)(6) of the Presidio Trust Act, 16 U.S.C. 460bb appendix, and in accordance with the Presidio Trust's bylaws, notice is hereby given that a public meeting of the Presidio Trust Board of Directors will be held commencing 6:30 p.m. on Monday, January 27, 2014, at Herbst Hall, 385 Moraga Street, Presidio of San Francisco, California. The Presidio Trust was created by Congress in 1996 to manage approximately eighty percent of the former U.S. Army base known as the Presidio, in San Francisco, California.

The purposes of this meeting are to take action on the minutes of a previous Board meeting, to provide the Chairperson's report, to provide the Executive Director's report, to present revised proposals for the Mid-Crissy Field Site Project, and to receive public comment on the Mid-Crissy Field Site Project and on other matters in accordance with the Trust's Public Outreach Policy.

Individuals requiring special accommodation at this meeting, such as needing a sign language interpreter, should contact Mollie Matull at 415.561.5300 prior to January 20, 2014.

**Time:** The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, January 27, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at Herbst Hall, 385 Moraga Street, Presidio of San Francisco.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Karen Cook, General Counsel, the Presidio Trust, 103 Montgomery Street, P.O. Box 29052, San Francisco, California 94129–0052, Telephone: 415.561.5300.

Dated: December 20, 2013.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

*Upon Written Request, Copies Available From:* Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Investor Education and Advocacy, Washington, DC 20549–0213.

#### Extension:

Rule 8c–1, SEC File No. 270–455, OMB Control No. 3235–0514.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (“PRA”) (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) is soliciting comments on the existing collection of information provided for in Rule 8c–1 (17 CFR 240.8c–1), under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Exchange Act”) (15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.*). The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) for extension and approval.

Rule 8c–1 generally prohibits a broker-dealer from using its customers' securities as collateral to finance its own trading, speculating, or underwriting transactions. More specifically, Rule 8c–1 states three main principles: (1) A broker-dealer is prohibited from commingling the securities of different customers as collateral for a loan without the consent of each customer; (2) a broker-dealer cannot commingle customers' securities with its own securities under the same pledge; and (3) a broker-dealer can only pledge its customers' securities to the extent that customers are in debt to the broker-dealer.<sup>1</sup>

The information required by Rule 8c–1 is necessary for the execution of the Commission's mandate under the Exchange Act to prevent broker-dealers from hypothecating or arranging for the hypothecation of any securities carried for the account of any customer under certain circumstances. In addition, the information required by Rule 8c–1 provides important investor protections.

There are approximately 82 respondents as of year-end 2012 (*i.e.*, broker-dealers that conducted business

with the public, filed Part II of the FOCUS Report, did not claim an exemption from the Reserve Formula computation, and reported that they had a bank loan during at least one quarter of the current year). Each respondent makes an estimated 45 annual responses, for an aggregate total of 3,690 responses per year.<sup>2</sup> Each response takes approximately 0.5 hours to complete. Therefore, the total third-party reporting burden per year is 1,845 burden hours.<sup>3</sup>

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's estimates of the burden of the proposed 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 under the PRA unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Please direct your written comments to: Thomas Bayer, 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](mailto:PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov).

Dated: December 20, 2013.

**Kevin M. O'Neill,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–71156; File No. SR–NSCC–2013–13]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; National Securities Clearing Corporation; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change To Discontinue its Stock Borrow Program

December 20, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

<sup>1</sup> See Exchange Act Release No. 2690 (November 15, 1940); Exchange Act Release No. 9428 (December 29, 1971).

<sup>2</sup> 82 respondents × 45 annual responses = 3,690 aggregate total of annual responses.

<sup>3</sup> 3,690 responses × 0.5 hours = 1,845 hours.

("Act")<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on December 10, 2013, 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 NSCC. 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 consist of amendments to the Rules & Procedures ("Rules") of NSCC to discontinue its Stock Borrow Program, as more fully 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, 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 such statements.

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

##### **1. Purpose**

Over the past few years the use of NSCC's Stock Borrow Program, which allows NSCC Members to elect to loan their excess positions to NSCC's Continuous Net Settlement ("CNS") System in order to facilitate the completion of CNS long allocations, has declined. As such, NSCC is proposing to amend its Rules in order to discontinue the Stock Borrow Program.

One of NSCC's core services as a central counterparty is trade clearance and settlement through CNS, where compared and recorded transactions in eligible securities for a particular settlement date are netted by issue into one net long (buy) or net short (sell) position. As a continuous net settlement system, those positions are further netted with positions of the same issue that remain open after their originally

scheduled settlement date (usually T+3), so that trades scheduled to settle on any day are netted with fail positions to result in a single deliver or receive obligation for each Member for each issue in which it has activity. Today, NSCC Members may elect to participate in the Stock Borrow Program by designating specific securities that are in their inventory at DTC to be available to be borrowed by CNS. If CNS cannot complete a delivery to a long Member because a short Member has not completed its delivery to CNS, NSCC looks to those designated securities and initiates deliveries from lenders to CNS if the lending Member has free excess positions at DTC. In turn, CNS delivers the position to a long Member and sets up a pending receive for the lending Member. If the position is not returned to the lender by the end of settlement day, i.e., the Member with the original obligation to deliver to CNS does not complete that delivery, the lender receives full market value for the securities through NSCC settlement.

In 2007, NSCC borrowed a daily average of approximately \$1.85 billion in market value at the close of each day from the approximately 21 Members that participated in the Stock Borrow Program that year. Usage of the Stock Borrow Program has since dropped by almost 95%. In October 2013 only three Members participated in the Stock Borrow Program, and the average daily value borrowed at the close of day during that month was approximately \$81 million. Usage of the program has continued to drop since the end of October 2013. Given this dramatic reduction in the use of the program, NSCC has determined that it is not economically efficient to maintain the service, and NSCC is proposing to amend its Rules in order to discontinue the Stock Borrow Program. NSCC has informed the Members using the Stock Borrow Program of its intent to discontinue the program.

#### *Implementation Timeframe*

Subject to approval of this filing, NSCC will implement the proposed rule changes on a date announced by Important Notice.

#### *Proposed Rule Changes*

NSCC will remove reference to the Stock Borrow Program from Section E of Procedure VII (CNS Accounting Operation), and will remove Addendum C (NSCC Automated Stock Borrow Program Program) from its Rules as reflected in Exhibit 5 hereto.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>3</sup> The Commission notes that Exhibit 5 to the proposed rule change is available at <http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro/nscc.shtml> under File No. SR-NSCC-2013-13, Additional Materials.

Addendum C will be designated as reserved for future use.

##### **2. Statutory Basis**

NSCC believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to NSCC, in particular Section 17A(b)(3)(F) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended ("Act"), which requires that NSCC's Rules be designed to promote the prompt and accurate clearance and settlement of securities transactions. Given the dramatic reduction in the use of the Stock Borrow Program by NSCC's Members, NSCC has determined that it is not economically efficient to maintain the service, and, as such, its proposed rule change will promote its ability to perform the prompt and accurate clearance and settlement of securities transactions.

#### *(B) Clearing Agency'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 due to the dramatic reduction in use of the Stock Borrow Program by NSCC Members, as described above.

#### *(C) Clearing Agency'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, [sic] and Timing for Commission Action**

Within 45 days of the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** or within such longer period up to 90 days (i) as the Commission may designate if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or (ii) as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission will:

(A) By order approve or disapprove such a proposed rule change, or

(B) institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved.

### **IV. Solicitation of Comments**

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing,

[www.sec.gov/rules/sro/nscc.shtml](http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro/nscc.shtml) under File No. SR-NSCC-2013-13, Additional Materials.

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1). Defined terms that are not defined in this notice are defined in Exhibit 5 of the proposed rule change filing, available at <http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro/nscc.shtml> under File No. SR-NSCC-2013-13, Additional Materials.

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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 email to [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File No. SR-NSCC-2013-13 on the subject line.

#### *Paper Comments*

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Elizabeth M. Murphy, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File No. SR-NSCC-2013-13. 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 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 Web site 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 such filings also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of NSCC and on NSCC's Web site at ([http://dtcc.com/legal/rule\\_filings/nsc/2013.php](http://dtcc.com/legal/rule_filings/nsc/2013.php)).

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 No. SR-NSCC-2013-13 and should be submitted on or before January 17, 2014.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>4</sup>

**Kevin M. O'Neill,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## **SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**[Release No. 34-71162; File No. SR-BATS-2013-066]**

### **Self-Regulatory Organizations; BATS Exchange, Inc.; Notice of Filing of a Proposed Rule Change To Adopt Rules To Hold a Volatility Closing Auction**

December 20, 2013.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act"),<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on December 19, 2013, BATS Exchange, Inc. (the "Exchange" or "BATS") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. 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 the Substance of the Proposed Rule Change**

The Exchange filed a proposal to amend Rule 11.23, which governs auctions conducted on the Exchange for Exchange listed-securities.

The text of the proposed rule change is available at the Exchange's Web site at <http://www.batstrading.com>, at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

#### **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 Exchange 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 Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in Sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant parts of such statements.

<sup>4</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

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

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

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

#### **1. Purpose**

##### **Introduction**

The Exchange proposes to add a new auction type to its rules, a Volatility Closing Auction, which will apply any time that an Exchange-listed security is halted between 3:50 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. E.T. In particular, the Exchange proposes to add the Volatility Closing Auction in preparation for the operation during the last 15 minutes of Regular Trading Hours<sup>3</sup> of the Plan to Address Extraordinary Market Volatility Pursuant to Rule 608 of Regulation NMS under the Act (the "Limit Up-Limit Down Plan" or "Plan"), as further described below.<sup>4</sup> The Plan is designed to prevent trades in individual NMS Stocks from occurring outside of specified Price Bands.<sup>5</sup> The requirements of the Plan are coupled with Trading Pauses, or halts, to accommodate more fundamental price moves (as opposed to erroneous trades or momentary gaps in liquidity).

##### **Background**

On May 31, 2012, the Commission approved the Plan, as amended, on a one-year pilot basis.<sup>6</sup> The Plan first became operational in April of 2013, with a staged rollout with respect to the portion of the trading day to which the Plan applies as well as the securities subject to the Plan. All trading centers in NMS Stocks, including both those operated by Participants and those operated by members of Participants, are required to establish, maintain, and enforce written policies and procedures that are reasonably designed to comply with the requirements specified in the Plan.<sup>7</sup> As set forth in more detail in the Plan, Price Bands consisting of a Lower Price Band and an Upper Price Band for each NMS Stock are calculated by the Processors.<sup>8</sup> When the National Best Bid (Offer) is below (above) the Lower (Upper) Price Band, the Processors disseminate the National Best Bid (Offer) with an appropriate flag

<sup>3</sup> Regular Trading Hours are defined in Exchange Rule 1.5(w) as the time between 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. E.T.

<sup>4</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 67091 (May 31, 2012), 77 FR 33498 (June 6, 2012) (File No. 4-631) (Order Approving, on a Pilot Basis, the National Market System Plan To Address Extraordinary Market Volatility).

<sup>5</sup> Unless otherwise specified, capitalized terms used in this rule filing are based on the defined terms of the Plan.

<sup>6</sup> See *supra* note 4.

<sup>7</sup> The Exchange is a Participant in the Plan.

<sup>8</sup> See Section (V)(A) of the Plan.