

IMPORTANT NOTICE

National Securities Clearing Corporation



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Date: December 11, 2008
To: All Participants
Attention: Managing Partner/Officer; P&S Manager; Cashier Manager, Data Processing Manager, Insurance Processing Manager, Mutual Fund Processing Manager
From: Enterprise Service Center
Subject: NEW YEAR'S DAY SCHEDULE

National Securities Clearing Corporation, the New York, Alternext and NASDAQ Stock Exchanges, the NASD System and all New York Banks will be closed on Thursday, January 1, 2009 in observance of New Years Day. The following changes in NSCC's operations and schedules will be in effect:

COMPARISON SYSTEMS:

Trade input for OTC equities for trade date Wednesday, December 31, 2008 will be accepted no later than 12:00 Midnight on Wednesday, December 31, 2008. Trade input for the Real Time Transaction System (RTTM) for Corporates, Municipals and UITS (CMU) for trade date Wednesday, December 31, 2008 will be accepted no later than 8:00 pm on Wednesday, December 31, 2008.

CNS CONTINUOUS NET SETTLEMENT:

Seg. Exemptions and Priority Requests for settlement of Friday, January 2, 2009 will be accepted on Wednesday Evening, December 31, 2008.

CENTRAL DELIVERY AND SETTLEMENT (ESS):

No Deliver or Settlement Operations will be provided on Thursday, January 1, 2009.

INTER-CITY DELIVERIES (IESS):

Inter-City Deliveries will be accepted on Wednesday, December 31, 2008 for settlement Friday, January 2, 2009.

STOCK BORROW PROGRAM:

Stock Borrow availability information for the Night Cycle will be accepted on Wednesday, December 31, 2008 for settlement Friday, January 2, 2009. The Daytime Stock Borrow for settlement Friday, January 2, 2009 will be accepted on Friday, January 2, 2009.

ACAT - AUTOMATED CUSTOMER ACCOUNT TRANSFER:

No ACAT activity will be accepted on Thursday, January 1, 2009.

ACAT - FUND/SERV INTERFACE:

No ACAT-Fund/SERV Interface activity will be accepted on Thursday, January 1, 2009.

ACAT – COST BASIS:

No ACAT- Cost Basis activity will be accepted on Thursday, January 1, 2009.

ACATS/IPS

No ACATS/IPS Interface activity will be accepted on Thursday, January 1, 2009.

MUTUAL FUND COMMISSION SETTLEMENT:

No Mutual Fund Commission Settlement activity will be accepted on Thursday, January 1, 2009.

FUND/SERV AND NETWORKING:

No Fund/SERV or Networking activity will be accepted on Thursday, January 1, 2009.

INSURANCE PROCESSING:

IPS files received on Thursday, January 1, 2009 will be processed. **POV files will be transmitted on Thursday, January 1, 2009** (refer to NSCC Important Notice A#6648, dtd June 30, 2008). Subsequent output regarding all other files will be produced and distributed on Friday, January 2, 2009.

Questions regarding this Important Notice should be directed to Participant Services at (800) 422-0582 or the undersigned at (212) 855-5947.

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