

IMPORTANT NOTICE

National Securities Clearing Corporation



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Date: January 13, 2009
To: ALL PARTICIPANTS
Attention: MANAGING PARTNER/OFFICER
OPERATIONS PARTNER/OFFICER
MANAGER P&S DEPARTMENT
MANAGER DATA PROCESSING DEPARTMENT
MANAGER, MUTUAL FUND OPERATIONS
MANAGER CASHIERS
From: Louis Lepore, Clearance & Settlement Product Management
Subject: Mutual Fund Transfer Enhancement

On December 23, 2008, National Securities Clearing Corporation (“NSCC”) filed Rule Change SR-NSCC-2008-12 with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”). This rule change modifies NSCC’s rules, as necessary, to allow the re-registration of Fund/SERV eligible Fund share positions between an NSCC Member (broker dealer or bank) and an NSCC Fund Member (Mutual Fund Company). As a result, effective **January 23, 2009** NSCC will implement the new code for this Mutual Fund Transfer Enhancement in production. The modifications for this voluntary enhancement were originally outlined in the following important notices:

- Important Notice A#6744, P&S# 6314 dated November 21, 2008
- Important Notice A#6736, P&S# 6306 dated November 7, 2008
- Important Notice A# 6695, P&S# 6265 dated September 16, 2008
- Important Notice A# 6667, P&S# 6237 dated July 29, 2008
- Important Notice A# 6653, P&S# 6222 dated July 7, 2008

Membership Activation

To participate in the Mutual Fund Transfer Enhancement both firms and mutual fund companies must be ACATS-Fund/SERV eligible. Additionally for mutual fund companies, you are required to complete an activation letter in order to participate in this new transfer type. This activation will add you as a Fund Member to the ACATS Master file thus allowing a firm to initiate a Position Transfer Fund (PTF) with you as a contra-participant to the transfer. A copy of the required activation letter, which must be returned on your corporate letterhead, can be obtained from your Relationship Manager who will assist you with the process.

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Testing – Participant Services Environment (PSE)

Participant testing was made available in NSCC’s PSE region beginning on November 28, 2008. The PSE region will continue to remain open and available for testing going forward. It is strongly advised that both firms and mutual fund companies participate in testing before activating and submitting transactions in production.

Additional Information

This Important Notice is available on DTCC’s website at the following URL address: <http://www.dtcc.com>. For additional questions related to this service regarding Fund/SERV®, please contact your Relationship Manager or Randy Solomon at (212) 855-5674 or Rita Gribben at (212) 855-5677. For additional questions related to ACATS, please contact your Relationship Manager or Bill Kapogiannis at (212) 855-5667 or the undersigned at (212) 855-4223.

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