

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Depository Trust Company



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To: All Participants
Category: Compliance
From: General Counsel's Office
Attention: Managing Partner/Officer Cashier/Operations Management
Subject: DTC Rule Change SR-DTC-2010-07 regarding end of day liquidity

The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") recently filed a rule change regarding end of day liquidity with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). In an effort to maximize the early return of available liquidity to Participants, DTC will implement a new optional profile (the "profile") in PBS.

By setting its profile in PBS appropriately, a Participant can set a standing instruction to have excess funds wired to their DTC Settling Bank at approximately 3:20 p.m. eastern time after the Largest Provisional Net Credit ("LPNC") is released to Participants at 3:05 p.m. eastern time. If a Participant chooses to use the profile, the Participant will be required to set the profile to either retain a minimum credit balance amount or be set to zero. A Participant will not be able to wire funds to their Settling Bank account if the funds movement will put the Participant into a debit balance. If a Participant has more than one SPP/P&I wire instruction on file with DTC, the Participant will be required to set its profile to indicate to which account the funds should be wired at its Settling Bank. The profile will provide Participants with another means to maximize the early return of available liquidity. In the event of a systemic, operational or other crisis or event, DTC will have the ability to freeze the profile.

DTC is also modifying its Procedures as they relate to the intraday return of SPPs and withdrawal of P&I allocations. Currently, Participants are able to withdraw the sum of all P&I payments allocated to their account, less any previous withdrawals, subject to DTC's Risk Management Controls. Participants are also able to request that DTC return all or a portion of an SPP submitted earlier in the day provided they have sufficient collateral and net debit cap to do so. In order to streamline the processing of securities transactions, DTC is modifying its Procedures so that a Participant may request the return of an SPP and withdraw a P&I allocation only if it will not put the Participant into a debit balance. DTC is also updating its P&I withdrawal process in order to make it more efficient. Withdrawals that are blocked as a result of insufficient collateral or net debit cap will no longer recycle until enough collateral or settlement credits are generated to satisfy the collateral or net debit cap deficiency. Instead a withdrawal request will complete when the Participant makes the request or it will drop and the Participant will be able to submit a new request.

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Additionally, DTC is making technical updates to its Settlement Processing Schedule in order to properly reflect the input methods available to Participants.¹

DTC expects to implement these changes in the third quarter of 2010 and will notify Participants of the effective date in an upcoming Important Notice.

The full text of the rule change is available at our website, www.dtcc.com. Questions or inquiries regarding this proposed rule change may be directed to Candice Fordin, Associate Counsel at email cfordin@dtcc.com or (212) 855-7632; any such comments will be forwarded to the SEC. Written comments may also be addressed to the Secretary of the Commission, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. We request that you provide DTC with a copy of your comments.

¹ In 2008, DTCC completed a multi-year initiative to transition all Participant Terminal System (“PTS”) functions to the Participant Browser System (“PBS”). Now, rather than toggle between the two tools, Participants can manage all their needs via the web-based PBS, which is more flexible than PTS, while offering greater functionality.