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 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549
 Form 19b-4

File No. SR - 2008 - 10
 Amendment No.

Proposed Rule Change by National Securities Clearing Corporation
 Pursuant to Rule 19b-4 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

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Description

Provide a brief description of the proposed rule change (limit 250 characters).

The proposed rule change is an enhancement to NSCC's insurance and retirement services ("IPS") that allows for the electronic exchange of attachments to IPS messages.

Contact Information

Provide the name, telephone number and e-mail address of the person on the staff of the self-regulatory organization prepared to respond to questions and comments on the proposed rule change.

First Name Last Name
 Title
 E-mail
 Telephone Fax

Signature

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

has duly caused this filing to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized officer.

Date
 By Vice President, Senior Counsel and Deputy General Counsel NSCC
 (Name) (Title)

NOTE: Clicking the button at right will digitally sign and lock this form. A digital signature is as legally binding as a physical signature, and once signed, this form cannot be changed.

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Form 19b-4 Information

The self-regulatory organization must provide all required information, presented in a clear and comprehensible manner, to enable the public to provide meaningful comment on the proposal and for the Commission to determine whether the proposal is consistent with the Act and applicable rules and regulations under the Act.

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Exhibit 1 - Notice of Proposed Rule Change

The Notice section of this Form 19b-4 must comply with the guidelines for publication in the Federal Register as well as any requirements for electronic filing as published by the Commission (if applicable). The Office of the Federal Register (OFR) offers guidance on Federal Register publication requirements in the Federal Register Document Drafting Handbook, October 1998 Revision. For example, all references to the federal securities laws must include the corresponding cite to the United States Code in a footnote. All references to SEC rules must include the corresponding cite to the Code of Federal Regulations in a footnote. All references to Securities Exchange Act Releases must include the release number, release date, Federal Register cite, Federal Register date, and corresponding file number (e.g., SR-[SRO]-xx-xx). A material failure to comply with these guidelines will result in the proposed rule change being deemed not properly filed. See also Rule 0-3 under the Act (17 CFR 240.0-3)

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Exhibit 2 - Notices, Written Comments, Transcripts, Other Communications

Copies of notices, written comments, transcripts, other communications. If such documents cannot be filed electronically in accordance with Instruction F, they shall be filed in accordance with Instruction G.

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Exhibit 3 - Form, Report, or Questionnaire

Copies of any form, report, or questionnaire that the self-regulatory organization proposes to use to help implement or operate the proposed rule change, or that is referred to by the proposed rule change.

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Exhibit 4 - Marked Copies

The full text shall be marked, in any convenient manner, to indicate additions to and deletions from the immediately preceding filing. The purpose of Exhibit 4 is to permit the staff to identify immediately the changes made from the text of the rule with which it has been working.

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Exhibit 5 - Proposed Rule Text

The self-regulatory organization may choose to attach as Exhibit 5 proposed changes to rule text in place of providing it in Item I and which may otherwise be more easily readable if provided separately from Form 19b-4. Exhibit 5 shall be considered part of the proposed rule change.

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Partial Amendment

If the self-regulatory organization is amending only part of the text of a lengthy proposed rule change, it may, with the Commission's permission, file only those portions of the text of the proposed rule change in which changes are being made if the filing (i.e. partial amendment) is clearly understandable on its face. Such partial amendment shall be clearly identified and marked to show deletions and additions.

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1. Text of the Proposed Rule Change.

- (a) The proposed rule change is an enhancement to the insurance and retirement services (“IPS”) of National Securities Clearing Corporation (“NSCC”) called “Attachments”.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Not applicable.

2. Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization.

- (a) The proposed rule change does not require the approval of the Board of Directors of National Securities Clearing Corporation (“NSCC”).

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

- (a) The purpose of the proposed rule change is an enhancement to NSCC’s insurance and retirement services (“IPS”) that allows for the electronic exchange of attachments to IPS messages, such as imaged data in PDF format. The enhancement is referred to as “Attachments”. The attachment may be any collection of data that is unstructured and intended to pass through the network from sender to receiver without edit. The attachment data may but need not be in support of an existing IPS service message.

Background

Recent regulatory developments have highlighted a need for the annuity and insurance industry to have the capability of an electronic exchange of imaged documents, signatures and forms during the pre-sale, new business and post-issue process. Industry standards developed by the industry through the straight-through processing (“STP”) initiative led by the National Association of Variable Annuities (“NAVA”) state that signature capture, either through e-signature or on imaged copies of forms, is required at point of sale. The signature and the associated documentation must be transmitted by the selling broker/dealer agent to the insurance carrier for the annuity to be processed in-good-order.

NSCC’s Attachments service is in furtherance of the NAVA STP initiative. It will eliminate the need for a paper exchange of information and enable straight-through processing when signatures are required at point of sale, or in other contexts where original documentation is required in connection with processing that is otherwise automated. Additionally, industry participants will realize

savings from reduced mailing costs and the processing efficiencies associated with expedited document processing. Automation of this process will also create an improved audit trail and will eliminate problems associated with lost paperwork.

- (b) The proposed rule change will promote processing efficiencies between insurance companies and distributors of variable insurance products, thereby facilitating the prompt and accurate processing of securities transactions, consistent with the requirement of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act") and the rules and regulations promulgated there under applicable to NSCC.

4. Self-Regulatory Organization'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.

5. Self-Regulatory Organization'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.

6. Extension of Time Period for Commission Action.

NSCC does not consent to an extension of the time period specified in Section 19(b)(2) of the Act for Commission action.

7. Basis for Summary Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3) or for Accelerated Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) or Section 19(b)(7)(D).

- (a) The proposed rule change is to take effect pursuant to paragraph (A) of Section 19(b)(3) of the Act and subparagraph (f) of Rule 19-4.
- (b) Because the proposed rule change effects a change in an existing service of NSCC that (i) does not adversely affect the safe-guarding of securities or funds in the custody or control of the clearing agency or for which it is responsible and (ii) does not significantly affect the respective rights and obligations of the clearing agency or persons using the service, it has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act and Rule 19b-4(f) (4) promulgated there under. At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission may summarily abrogate such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

(c) Not applicable.

(d) Not applicable

8. Proposed Rule Change Based on Rules of Another Self-Regulatory Organization or of the Commission.

The proposed rule change is not based on the rules of another self-regulatory organization or the Commission.

9. Exhibits

Exhibit 1 - Notice of proposed rule change for publication in the Federal Register.

Exhibit 2 – N/A

Exhibit 3 – N/A

Exhibit 4 – N/A

Exhibit 5 – N/A

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

(Release No. 34-_____ ; File No. SR-NSCC-2008-10)

SELF-REGULATORY ORGANIZATIONS

Proposed Rule Change by NATIONAL SECURITIES CLEARING CORPORATION (“NSCC”) relating to an enhancement to NSCC’s insurance and retirement services (“IPS”) that allows for the electronic exchange of attachments to IPS messages.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act”), 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1), notice is hereby given that on _____, 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. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The proposed rule change is an enhancement to NSCC’s insurance and retirement services called “Attachments” .

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

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III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act and paragraph (f) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder. At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission may summarily abrogate such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- Electronic comments may be submitted by using the Commission's Internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>), or by sending an e-mail to rule-comment@sec.gov. Please include File No. SR-NSCC-2008-10 on the subject line.
- Paper comments should be sent in triplicate to Nancy M. Morris, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington D.C. 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NSCC-2008-10. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail 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 inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street, NE, Washington D.C. 20549-9303. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at NSCC's principal office and on NSCC's Web site at www.nsc.com. 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 the file number above and should be submitted within _____ days after the date of publication.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.

Nancy M. Morris