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Provide a brief description of the action (limit 250 characters, required when Initial is checked \*).

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**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.

(Title \*)

Date 12/18/2017 Managing Director and Deputy General Counsel

By Nikki Poulos

(Name \*)

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**Exhibit 1 - Notice of Proposed Rule Change \***

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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)

**Exhibit 1A- Notice of Proposed Rule Change, Security-Based Swap Submission, or Advance Notice by Clearing Agencies \***

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

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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.

**Exhibit 3 - Form, Report, or Questionnaire**

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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.

**Exhibit 4 - Marked Copies**

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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.

**Exhibit 5 - Proposed Rule Text**

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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.

**Partial Amendment**

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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.

Amendment No. 6 to SR-FICC-2017-008

Fixed Income Clearing Corporation (“FICC”) is filing this partial amendment (“Amendment No. 6”) to SR-FICC-2017-008 (“Proposed Rule Change”), which was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 6, 2017, and was previously amended on April 13, 2017 (“Amendment No. 1”), July 20, 2017 (“Amendment No. 2”), July 21, 2017 (“Amendment No. 3”), December 15, 2017 (“Amendment No. 4”), and December 15, 2017 (“Amendment No. 5”). Amendment No. 3 superseded and replaced Amendment No. 2, Amendment No. 5 superseded and replaced Amendment No. 4, and this Amendment No. 6 supersedes and replaces Amendment No. 5. The Proposed Rule Change proposed to adopt the Clearing Agency Liquidity Risk Management Framework (“Framework”) of FICC and its affiliates, The Depository Trust Company and National Securities Clearing Corporation, as described therein.

In describing the proposed amendments to the Proposed Rule Change and the Framework, FICC has marked **bold, underlined, green highlighted text** to represent additional language that was proposed to be added by Amendment Nos. 1 and 3, and **bold, strike through, green highlighted text** to represent language that was proposed to be removed by Amendment Nos. 1 and 3; **bold, underlined, yellow highlighted text** to represent additional language proposed to be added by Amendment No. 5, and **bold, strike through, yellow highlighted text** to represent language proposed by Amendment No. 5; and **bold, underlined, blue highlighted text** to represent additional language proposed to be added by this Amendment No. 6, and **bold, strike through, blue highlighted text** to represent language proposed by this Amendment No. 6. **Proposed amendments to the Framework are omitted and filed separately with the Commission. Confidential treatment of the redacted pages is being requested pursuant to 17 CFR 240.24b-2.**

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Replace text on pages 4 and 16 of the Proposed Rule Change with the following text:

With respect to DTC, the Framework would **set forth that describe how** DTC’s structural features, including the Collateral Monitor, Net Debit Cap, and Participants Fund **enable it to maintain sufficient qualifying liquid resources by, limiting** the liquidity requirements in default scenarios.

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Replace text on pages 5 and 17 of the Proposed Rule Change with the following text:

The Framework would also state that the Clearing Agencies may have access to other available resources that **may do** not meet the definition of qualifying liquid resources.

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Replace text on pages 5 and 18 of the Proposed Rule Change with the following text:

The Framework would describe how **the liquidity stress testing is regularly reviewed and analyzed, including an evaluation of the appropriateness of existing scenarios, and would also describe how these analyses are liquidity testing reporting is** escalated on at least a monthly basis, **and how these results are used to evaluate the adequacy of the liquidity resources of FICC or NSCC.**

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Replace text on page 5 of the Proposed Rule Change with the following text:

<sup>9</sup> MBSD Rule 17, Section 2a (Procedures for When the Corporation Ceases to Act). *Supra* note 2. **FICC/GSD has filed a proposed rule change and related advance notice to adopt a CCLF program. On November 15, 2018, FICC/GSD's CCLF program will become a qualifying liquid resource of FICC/GSD.** See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. **8023482090 (March 14 November 15, 2017), 82 FR 1440155427 (March 20 November 21, 2017) (SR-FICC-2017-002); 81054 (June 29, 2017) 82 FR 31356 (July 6, 2017) and Securities Exchange Act Release No. 80191 (March 9, 2017), 82 FR 13876 (March 15, 2017) (SR-FICC-2017-802).** ~~Upon Commission approval of this proposed rule change, FICC/GSD's CCLF program will become a qualifying liquid resource of FICC/GSD.~~

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Replace text on pages 5 and 17-18 of the Proposed Rule Change with the following text:

The Framework would state that FICC and NSCC liquidity sufficiency testing is performed daily with respect to three types of scenarios – (1) normal market scenarios, as a baseline reference point to assess other stress assumptions, (2) **stressed, extreme but plausible** scenarios **designed to meet the requirements set forth in Rule 17Ad-22(e)(7)(i) (“Level 2 Scenarios”)**, and (3) **the same stressed, extreme but plausible** scenarios **designed to meet the requirements set forth in Rule 17Ad-22(e)(7)(vi)(A) (“Level 3 Scenarios”)** **applied under severely adverse market conditions that could coincide with the default of a participant.** The Framework would **state that daily liquidity studies may also be performed for informational and monitoring purposes using stress scenarios that exceed the requirements of Rule 17Ad-22(e)(7)(vi)(A).** **The Framework would describe the purpose of the three types of stress scenarios. The Framework would describe the analysis and escalation process for any liquidity shortfalls that are identified through the daily studies utilizing the Level 2 and Level 3 Scenarios. The Framework would also describe the**

manner in which **Level 2 and Level 3** scenarios ~~reflecting these three sets of conditions~~ are developed and selected for testing. ~~Finally, The Framework would describe how liquidity testing results are reporting is comprehensively analyzed on a weekly basis, and how the results of these analyses are~~ escalated on at least a monthly basis, and ~~how these results are~~ used to evaluate the adequacy of the **qualifying** liquidity resources of FICC or NSCC.

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Replace text on pages 8 and 21-22 of the Proposed Rule Change with the following text:

The Framework would also describe how FICC and NSCC perform daily liquidity studies, which are designed to measure the sufficiency of their available liquid resources to meet the cash settlement obligations of their largest Affiliated Family in a number of scenarios, **which including Level 2 Scenarios, which assume a wide range of foreseeable stress scenarios that include, but are not limited to, the default of the Affiliated Family that would generate the largest aggregate payment obligation for the FICC or NSCC in extreme but plausible market conditions. In this way, these daily liquidity studies are designed to meet the requirements of Rule 17Ad-22(e)(7)(i). (1) normal market conditions, as a baseline reference point to assess other stress assumptions, (2) stressed, extreme but plausible scenarios designed to meet the requirements set forth in Rule 17Ad-22(e)(7)(i), and (3) the same stressed, extreme but plausible scenarios designed to meet the requirements set forth in Rule 17Ad-22(e)(7)(vi) applied under severely adverse market conditions that could coincide with the default of a participant.**

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Replace text on pages 9 and 24 of the Proposed Rule Change with the following text:

Further, the Framework would describe annual testing of the DTC and NSCC committed credit facility, which is conducted to confirm the lenders are operationally able to perform their commitments and are familiar with the drawdown process, **and would state that each of the Clearing Agencies would annually test borrowing of their liquidity resources to confirm providers are operationally able to perform their commitments and are familiar with the drawdown process.**

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Replace text on pages 9-10 and 25 of the Proposed Rule Change with the following text:

As described above, the Framework would describe the daily liquidity studies performed by FICC and NSCC to measure the sufficiency of its available liquid resources, **including the manner in which these studies are performed,**

~~and the assumptions used to determine each participant's total liquidity need. In particular, the Framework would describe how the Level 3 Scenarios assume certain standard and predetermined parameters which are designed to be extreme but plausible and meet the requirements set forth in Rule 17Ad-22(e)(7)(vi)(A).—The Framework would describe the manner in which scenarios are developed and selected for testing, and how FICC and NSCC continuously evaluate these scenarios to affirm that they continue to be appropriate, and to determine if they should be modified.~~ The Framework would also describe how liquidity **stress testing results are reporting is comprehensively analyzed on a weekly basis, and how these analyses are** escalated on at least a monthly basis to the management committee responsible for oversight of risk management matters, **and how these results are** used to evaluate the adequacy of the **qualified** liquidity resources of FICC or NSCC.

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Replace text on pages 10 and 25 of the Proposed Rule Change with the following text:

~~With respect to DTC, the Framework would describe how DTC relies on the tools available under the DTC Rules (e.g., the Net Debit Cap and the Collateral Monitor) to regularly test the sufficiency of the liquid resources on an intraday and end-of-day basis and adjust to stressed circumstances during a settlement day to protect DTC and Participants against liquidity exposure under normal and stressed market conditions.~~

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Replace text on page 17 of the Proposed Rule Change with the following text:

<sup>11</sup> ~~MBSD Rule 17, Section 2a (Procedures for When the Corporation Ceases to Act). Supra note 4. **FICC/GSD has filed a proposed rule change and related advance notice to adopt a CCLF program. On November 15, 2018, FICC/GSD's CCLF program will become a qualifying liquid resource of FICC/GSD.** See Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. **8023482090** (March ~~14~~**November 15**, 2017), 82 FR **1440155427** (March ~~20~~**November 21**, 2017) (SR-FICC-2017-002); **81054** (June 29, 2017) 82 FR **31356** (July 6, 2017) and Securities Exchange Act Release No. **80191** (March 9, 2017), 82 FR 13876 (March 15, 2017) (SR-FICC-2017-802). ~~Upon Commission approval of this proposed rule change, FICC/GSD's CCLF program will become a qualifying liquid resource of FICC/GSD.~~~~

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Replace the text on pages 31 through 55 the Proposed Rule Change with the text on the following pages.

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