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To:	ALL ACATS PARTICIPANTS
From:	ACATS PRODUCT MANAGEMENT, DTCC EQUITIES CLEARANCE
Attention:	DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS, ACCOUNT TRANSFERS DEPARTMENT, MUTUAL FUND OPERATIONS, P&S DEPARTMENT
Subject:	ACATS SHORTENED CYCLE ENHANCEMENTS – SCOPE AND SCHEDULE CHANGE

This important notice is a follow-up to [Important Notice A8274](#) (published 10/26/16).

As described in the previous Important Notice, NSCC’s Automated Customer Account Transfer Service (ACATS) was planning the launch of a series of enhancements over the next several years. This series of enhancements, approved by the SIMFA Customer Account Transfer (CAT) Section, would provide an improved framework to shorten the time it would take to process an account transfer.

After careful review of this project and future shortened cycle projects, a decision was made by NSCC to not only implement the already planned shortened ACATS enhancements, but to begin a process that will modernize the overall ACATS application. Follow-up communications will be made to provide more detail on the modernization effort, formation of working groups and impacts to the implementation plan.

With this increase in scope, the date of release for the next phase of shortened ACATS will be changed. The original dates of PSE-November 2017 and Production-March 2018 are no longer in effect.

The new target dates (pending regulatory approval) are as follows:

PSE (Test) – November 2018

Production – March 2019

A copy of this Important Notice can be obtained from the website of NSCC’s parent corporation, The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation, at <http://www.dtcc.com>.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact your DTCC Relationship Manager.

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