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**Description**

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

Establish Implementation Date of National Securities Clearing Corporation's Enhancements to the Haircut-Based Volatility Charge Applicable to Municipal Bonds

**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 action.

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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 03/03/2020      Managing Director and Deputy General Counsel  
 By Nikki Poulos      npoulos@dtcc.com  
 (Name \*)

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**Form 19b-4 Information \***

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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.

**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.

## 1. Text of the Proposed Rule Change

(a) National Securities Clearing Corporation (“NSCC”) is filing this proposed rule change to amend the NSCC Rules & Procedures (the “Rules”)<sup>1</sup> in order to establish the implementation date<sup>2</sup> of rule changes (“Approved Rule Change”) submitted pursuant to rule filing SR-NSCC-2019-004 (“Rule Filing”)<sup>3</sup> and advance notice SR-NSCC-2019-801 (“Advance Notice”).<sup>4</sup> Pursuant to the proposed rule change, the Rules would be amended to state that the Approved Rule Change will be implemented by March 27, 2020, as discussed below.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) Not applicable.

## 2. Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization

The proposed rule change was approved by the Deputy General Counsel of NSCC on March 3, 2020 pursuant to delegated authority from NSCC’s Board of Directors.

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

### (a) Purpose

On February 13, 2020, the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) issued an order approving the Rule Filing,<sup>5</sup> which was filed by NSCC pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Act”), as amended.<sup>6</sup> The Commission

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<sup>1</sup> Capitalized terms not defined herein are defined in the Rules, available at [http://dtcc.com/~media/Files/Downloads/legal/rules/nscc\\_rules.pdf](http://dtcc.com/~media/Files/Downloads/legal/rules/nscc_rules.pdf).

<sup>2</sup> The implementation date was previously set for February 28, 2020 pursuant to rule filing NSCC-2020-004. See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 88260 (February 21, 2020), 85 Fed. Reg. 11425 (February 27, 2020) (SR-NSCC-2020-004).

<sup>3</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 87858 (December 26, 2019), 85 Fed. Reg. 149 (January 2, 2020) (SR-NSCC-2019-004).

<sup>4</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 87911 (January 8, 2020), 85 Fed. Reg. 2197 (January 14, 2020) (File No. SR-NSCC-2019-801).

<sup>5</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 88191 (February 13, 2020), 85 Fed. Reg. 9843 (February 20, 2020) (SR-NSCC-2019-004).

<sup>6</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

also issued a notice of no objection to the Advance Notice,<sup>7</sup> which was filed with the Commission pursuant to Section 806(e)(1) of Title VIII of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act entitled the Payment, Clearing, and Settlement Supervision Act of 2010<sup>8</sup> and Rule 19b-4(n)(1)(i) of the Act.<sup>9</sup>

The purpose of the Approved Rule Change is to amend the Rules to enhance the methodology NSCC uses for calculating the haircut-based margin charge applicable to municipal bonds.

NSCC is filing this proposed rule change to establish that the Approved Rule Change submitted pursuant to the Rule Filing and the Advance Notice will be implemented by March 27, 2020. Specifically, NSCC would add a legend to Procedure XV (Clearing Fund Formula and Other Matters) of the Rules (“Procedure XV”)<sup>10</sup> to state that the rule changes submitted pursuant to the Rule Filing and the Advance Notice have been approved and not objected to, respectively, but are not yet implemented. The legend would provide that these rule changes would be implemented by March 27, 2020 and include the file numbers of the Rule Filing and the Advance Notice. The legend would also state that when the rule changes are implemented, NSCC will announce the implementation by important notice and the legend would automatically be removed from Procedure XV.

(b) Statutory Basis

Section 17A(b)(3)(F) of the Act requires, in part, that the Rules be designed to (i) promote the prompt and accurate clearance and settlement of securities transactions and (ii) remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a national system for the prompt and accurate clearance and settlement of securities transactions, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest.<sup>11</sup> The proposed rule change would establish that the Approved Rule Change would be implemented by March 27, 2020 and provide Members with an understanding of when the Approved Rule Change will begin to affect them. Knowing when the rule changes will begin to affect Members would enable them to timely fulfill their obligations to NSCC, which would in turn ensure NSCC’s processes work as intended. Therefore, NSCC believes that the proposed rule change would promote the prompt and accurate clearance and settlement of securities transactions as well as remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a national system for the prompt and accurate clearance and settlement of securities transactions, consistent with Section 17A(b)(3)(F) of the Act cited above.

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<sup>7</sup> See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 88162 (February 11, 2020), 85 Fed. Reg. 8798 (February 18, 2020) (SR-NSCC-2019-801).

<sup>8</sup> 12 U.S.C. 5465(e)(1).

<sup>9</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(n)(1)(i).

<sup>10</sup> Procedure XV, supra note 1.

<sup>11</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78q-1(b)(3)(F).

**4. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement on Burden on Competition**

NSCC does not believe that the proposed rule change to establish an implementation date for the Approved Rule Change would have any impact, or impose any burden, on competition because the proposed rule change is intended to provide additional clarity in the Rules with respect to when these rule changes would be implemented. As such, the proposed rule change would not affect the rights or obligations of the Members or NSCC other than establishing when the rule changes described above would begin to impact the Members.

**5. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received from Members, Participants or Others**

NSCC has not received or solicited any written comments relating to this proposal. NSCC will notify the Commission of any written comments received by NSCC.

**6. Extension of Time Period for Commission Action**

Not applicable.

**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 become effective pursuant to paragraph (A) of Section 19(b)(3) of the Act.<sup>12</sup>

(b) The proposed rule change effects a change in an existing service of NSCC that (A) does not adversely affect the safeguarding of securities or funds in the custody or control of NSCC or for which it is responsible and (B) does not significantly affect the respective rights or obligations of NSCC or Members because the proposed rule change would not affect the rights or obligations of the Members or NSCC other than establishing when the Approved Rule Change would begin to impact the Members.<sup>13</sup>

(c) Not applicable.

(d) Not applicable.

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<sup>12</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>13</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(4).

**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. Security-Based Swap Submissions Filed Pursuant to Section 3C of the Act**

Not applicable.

**10. Advance Notice Filed Pursuant to Section 806(e) of the Payment, Clearing and Settlement Supervision Act**

Not applicable.

**11. Exhibits**

Exhibit 1 – Not applicable.

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

Exhibit 2 – Not applicable.

Exhibit 3 – Not applicable.

Exhibit 4 – Not applicable.

Exhibit 5 – Proposed changes to the Rules.

**EXHIBIT 1A**

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
(Release No. 34-[\_\_\_\_]; File No. SR-NSCC-2020-006)

[DATE]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; National Securities Clearing Corporation; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change to Establish Implementation Date of National Securities Clearing Corporation’s Enhancements to the Haircut-Based Volatility Charge Applicable to Municipal Bonds

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (“Act”),<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on March \_\_, 2020, National Securities Clearing Corporation (“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 the clearing agency. NSCC filed the proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)<sup>3</sup> of the Act and subparagraph (f)(4)<sup>4</sup> of Rule 19b-4 thereunder. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. Clearing Agency’s Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The proposed rule change consists of amendments to the NSCC Rules &

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<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

<sup>3</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>4</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(4).

Procedures (the “Rules”)<sup>5</sup> in order to establish the implementation date<sup>6</sup> of rule changes (“Approved Rule Change”) submitted pursuant to rule filing SR-NSCC-2019-004 (“Rule Filing”)<sup>7</sup> and advance notice SR-NSCC-2019-801 (“Advance Notice”).<sup>8</sup> Pursuant to the proposed rule change, the Rules would be amended to state that the Approved Rule Change will be implemented by March 27, 2020, as discussed below.

II. Clearing Agency’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, the clearing agency included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The clearing agency has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

(A) Clearing Agency’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

1. Purpose

On February 13, 2020, the Commission issued an order approving the Rule

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<sup>12</sup> 12 U.S.C. 5465(e)(1).

<sup>13</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(n)(1)(i).

<sup>14</sup> Procedure XV, supra note 5.

would also state that when the rule changes are implemented, NSCC will announce the implementation by important notice and the legend would automatically be removed from Procedure XV.

2. Statutory Basis

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(B) Clearing Agency's Statement on Burden on Competition

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<sup>15</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78q-1(b)(3)(F).

additional clarity in the Rules with respect to when these rule changes would be implemented. As such, the proposed rule change would not affect the rights or obligations of the Members or NSCC other than establishing when the rule changes described above would begin to impact the Members.

(C) Clearing Agency's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received from Members, Participants, or Others

NSCC has not received or solicited any written comments relating to this proposal. NSCC will notify the Commission of any written comments received by NSCC.

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)<sup>16</sup> of the Act and paragraph (f)<sup>17</sup> of Rule 19b-4 thereunder. At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend 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:

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<sup>16</sup> 15 U.S.C 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>17</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f).

Electronic Comments:

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (<http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml>); or
- Send an e-mail to [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR-NSCC-2020-006 on the subject line.

Paper Comments:

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NSCC-2020-006. 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 website (<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 website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549 on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of the filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of NSCC and on DTCC's website (<http://dtcc.com/legal/sec-rule-filings.aspx>). All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit

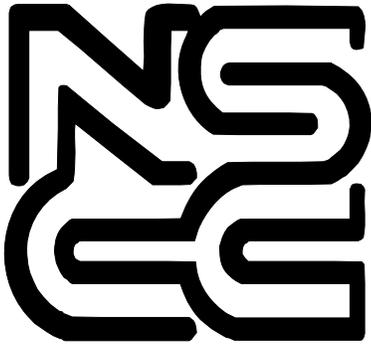
only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NSCC-2020-006 and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from publication in the Federal Register].

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>18</sup>

Secretary

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<sup>18</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).



**NATIONAL  
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**RULES & PROCEDURES**

**TEXT OF PROPOSED RULE CHANGE**

***Bold, underlined and italicized*** text indicates proposed added language.

PROCEDURE XV. CLEARING FUND FORMULA AND OTHER MATTERS<sup>1</sup>

**Changes to this Procedure XV, as amended by File Nos. SR-NSCC-2019-004 and SR-NSCC-2019-801 are available at [dtcc.com/~media/Files/Downloads/legal/rule-filings/2019/NSCC/SR-NSCC-2019-004.pdf](http://dtcc.com/~media/Files/Downloads/legal/rule-filings/2019/NSCC/SR-NSCC-2019-004.pdf) and [dtcc.com/~media/Files/Downloads/legal/rule-filings/2019/NSCC/SR-NSCC-2019-801.pdf](http://dtcc.com/~media/Files/Downloads/legal/rule-filings/2019/NSCC/SR-NSCC-2019-801.pdf), respectively. These changes have been approved and not objected to, respectively, by the SEC, but are not yet implemented. These changes will be implemented by March 27, 2020. The Corporation will issue an Important Notice when these changes are implemented, and this legend will automatically be removed from this Procedure XV.**

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<sup>1</sup> All calculations shall be performed daily or, if the Corporation deems it appropriate, on a more frequent basis.