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SUBJECT:	NSCC SETTLEMENT ELIGIBILITY FOR T+1 SETTLEMENT CYCLE CORPORATE BOND, MUNICIPAL BOND, UIT (CMU) REAL TIME TRADE MATCHING (RTTM) TRADES

Subject to regulatory approval of any required filings, in Q4 2015 DTCC plans to make T+1 settlement cycle CMU RTTM trades eligible for settlement in NSCC's Continuous Net Settlement (CNS) and Non CNS Balance Order systems. This will apply to matched CMU RTTM trades where S/D = T/D +1 (e.g., T/D 2/12/15, S/D 2/13/15). These trades will appear on the NSCC Consolidated Trade Summary (CTS) as detailed below.

Currently T+1 settlement cycle trades are processed as "Comparison Only" by CMU RTTM and do not appear on the CTS. Also, they are not automatically forwarded to the Obligation Warehouse since NSCC Balance Orders are not created for them.

Settlement Considerations for T+1 CMU RTTM Settlement Cycle Trades

- For a T+1 CMU trade to be assigned a T+1 S/D by NSCC's settlement systems, the trade must match in CMU RTTM by 11:30 a.m. EST on T+1. A T+1 trade that matches after 11:30 a.m. on T+1 will be assigned a NSCC S/D of T+2.
- T+1 trades that match on T+2 or later will be assigned the soonest available S/D by NSCC. E.g., a T+1 trade matching before 11:30 a.m. on T+2 will be assigned a T+2 S/D. If matched after 11:30 a.m. on T+2, a T+3 S/D will be assigned. (Most CMU RTTM trades match by 11:30 a.m. on T+1.)
- A CNS eligible trade matched on the morning of the trade's S/D before 11:30, will enter CNS after matched by RTTM and before the noon CTS is produced. (This is standard processing and currently occurs for T+3 trades that match in the morning of T+3.)
- If a trade is unmatched in CMU RTTM at 11:30 a.m. on T+1, firms retain the ability to Modify the trade to "Comparison Only" if they want to avoid the S/D from being pushed back a day in NSCC.

The contra side will have to do this as well for the trade to match. (This functionality currently exists for T+3 trades that are unmatched at 11:30 a.m. on T+3.)

NSCC Consolidated Trade Summaries and CNS Exemptions

- T+1 trades that match on T will appear in the One Day Settling Section on the CTS that is issued at 10:00 p.m. (AutoRoute #02042354).
- T+1 trades that match on T+1 before 11:30 a.m. will appear in the Same Day CTS that is issued at noon (AutoRoute #02040954).
- T+1 trades that match after 11:30 a.m. on T+1 will appear in the One Day Section on the CTS that is distributed at 10:00 p.m.. (AutoRoute #02042354). The trade will have a S/D of T+2.
- On all of the above, if the trade(s) result in a new CNS short position or increases an existing CNS short position, your firm's One Day Settling CNS Exemption Instruction on the NSCC Master File will be applied to that additional short position.

Obligation Warehouse Impact

When this project is implemented, T+1 CMU RTTM Non CNS trades will create NSCC Balance Orders which will be forwarded to the Obligation Warehouse. Firms should examine their procedures to include the Obligation Warehouse Control Number on their DTC Deliver Orders to ensure the T+1 CMU trade Fail is systemically removed from Obligation Warehouse when the DTC delivery is made.

Impact on CMU RTTM Trade Input

Some firms are coding T+1 CMU trades as “Comparison Only” on their MT 515 trade messages. (In the SETDET block, the :22F::SETR/GSCC/CPRO option identifies a trade to be processed for “Comparison Only”). Coding trades as “Comparison Only” prevents them from settling in NSCC's CNS or Balance Order systems.

This is unnecessary as CMU RTTM currently automatically designates CMU T+1 trades as “Comparison Only” even if firms do not submit in this manner. CMU RTTM will stop doing this in Q4, 2015 (exact date to be announced), when T+1 settlement trades are sent to NSCC's settlement systems.

Firm submission of “Comparison Only” for T+1 trades should be discontinued, unless on an exception basis, you want a specific trade to be processed for comparison purposes only and not be sent to NSCC for settlement.

DTCC is reaching out to affected firms to remove “Comparison Only” code from their T+1 trade submission. This behavior can be altered now. Failure to do so will cause T+1 trades not to match when the settlement changes are implemented in Q4, 2015.

Impact on CMU RTTM Interface to MSRB’s Real Time Reporting System (RTRS)

This effort does not impact how trades are submitted to CMU RTTM for Municipal bond MSRB RTRS processing. “Comparison Only”, as stated above, applies to NSCC settlement processing. It does not change how firms instruct CMU RTTM to route trades to MSRB (the process described in the footnote below is not changing.¹)

Firm Testing

Testing to remove the “Comparison Only” designation on CMU RTTM T+1 messages is currently available by contacting cmutesting@dtcc.com. DTCC is alerting those firms submitting “Comparison Only” on T+1 trades to make the change.

For firms that regularly execute T+1 CMU trades, testing the machine readable version of the NSCC Consolidated Trade Summaries (AutoRoute #s 02042354 & 02040954) is highly recommended. The AutoRoute #s in the test region are 02982354 and 02980954. Testing will be available in early Q3, 2015 (exact dates to be announced).

If you have any questions regarding this or other CMU RTTM services, please enter your question into the PBS WINS function, contact your Relationship Manager, email RMsupport@dtcc.com or contact the undersigned at 212-855-7623 (efanning@dtcc.com).

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¹ The header of the MT515 enables a participant to designate in the Receiver field whether the record should go to RTTM and, where applicable, the MSRB (NSCCTRRS), or whether the record should go to the MSRB only (NSCCREGO). In addition, the Transaction Processing narrative field (:70E::TPRO//) in the Confirmation Details block (CONFDET) contains a repeating field which is required to further tell the RTTM router where a record should be directed. Participants must indicate whether they want their trades to go.