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To:	Depository Trust Company Participants
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Attention:	Executive Management, CIO, CTO, Network Management
Subject:	DTC Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery – Testing Schedule

The Depository Trust Company (“DTC”) will conduct a test of its business continuity and disaster recovery plans in compliance with its obligations under Regulation Systems Compliance and Integrity (i.e. Reg SCI DR testing).

DTC Participants are advised that this Reg SCI DR testing is scheduled to take place on August 28, 2021, October 2, 2021, and October 23, 2021. During these testing weekends, DTC’s systems will be unavailable for processing between the hours of 5:00AM (ET) Saturday and 6:00AM (ET) Sunday. Regular processing and access will resume immediately following the exercise.

Select Participants have been designated by DTC (based on service usage) to take part in this testing. They have been notified accordingly. Please note that the August 28 test is an internal only test and will not be a Participant test. The October 2 test is a pre-test and optional for designated Participants.

Designated DTC Participants are also required to test connectivity between their alternate locations and DTCC data centers at least once a year. This can be performed during the planned DR tests or alternatively, on a separately scheduled weekend. Scheduling of a backup connectivity test on an alternative weekend can be arranged by contacting DTCC (at least three weeks in advance of a planned test) by calling (888) 382-2721: choose option 1 then option 2; or by emailing a request to pipdr@dtcc.com. These tests should be completed by October 31, 2021 to avoid year-end freezes and year-end processing.

Recognizing the criticality of this effort and the importance of regular testing, pursuant to DTC’s Rules, DTC will impose a fine on those DTC Members who, having been notified that they were required to test, fail to do so by December 31, 2021.

Note that any DTC Member not required to conduct a network connectivity test is encouraged to do so, and if such test is successfully completed, written notification of such action will be provided by DTCC. DTC does not entertain requests for voluntary Reg SCI DR test participation.

These tests will continue to take place on an annual basis. We will share details about 2022 scheduled testing as they become available.

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

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