SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-54325; No. SR-SCCP-2006-01)

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Stock Clearing Corporation of Philadelphia; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Amend its Value Fees for RIO Accounts and to Remove Reference to Electronic Communications Networks From its Fee Schedule

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),¹ notice is hereby given that on July 26, 2006, the Stock Clearing Corporation of Philadelphia ("SCCP") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change described in Items I, II, and III below, which items have been prepared primarily by SCCP. SCCP filed the proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act² and Rule 19b-4(f)(2)³ thereunder so that the proposal was effective upon filing with the Commission. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the rule change from interested parties.

I. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed</u> <u>Rule Change</u>

The purpose of the rule change is to amend the current "Value Fees-Regional Interface Organization ("RIO") Accounts"⁴ from of \$0.05 per \$1,000 of contract value to \$0.0012 per

- ² 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).
- ³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).
- ⁴ See SCCP Rules 1 and 10.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

share.⁵ SCCP also proposes to update its fee schedule by removing references to Electronic Communications Networks ("ECNs").

II. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the</u> <u>Proposed Rule Change</u>

In its filing with the Commission, SCCP 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. SCCP has prepared summaries, set forth in sections (A), (B), and (C) below, of the most significant aspects of these statements.⁶

(A) <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis</u> for, the Proposed Rule Change

First, SCCP believes changing the calculation of Value Fees for RIO Accounts from a value-based system to a share-based system should make it easier for a participant organization or a participant to calculate current costs and to estimate future costs associated with these transactions.

Second, SCCP is removing reference to ECNs throughout its fee schedule in order to update its fees to more accurately reflect the fees it is currently imposing. Pursuant to previous rule filings, SCCP waived certain fees and charges for SCCP participants for trades executed on

⁵ The text of the proposed rule change is available at http://www.phlx.com/sccp/sccp_rules/sr-sccp-2006-01.pdf.

⁶ The Commission has modified the text of the summaries prepared by SCCP.

the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Inc. for ECNs. Because SCCP did not renew its pilot program of waiving these fees, the waivers are no longer in effect.⁷

SCCP believes the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 17A of the Act,⁸ as amended, because it clarifies and updates SCCP's fee schedule. As such, it provides for the equitable allocation of fees among its participants and aligns fees for services with the associated cost to deliver the service.

(B) <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition</u>

SCCP does not believe that the proposed rule change would impose any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

(C) <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule</u> <u>Change Received from Members, Participants, or Others</u>

Written comments were not and are not intended to be solicited with respect to the proposed rule change, and none have been received.

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The foregoing proposed rule change has become effective upon filing pursuant to Section

19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act⁹ and Rule $19b-4(f)(2)^{10}$ thereunder because the rule establishes a due,

fee, or other charge. At any time within sixty days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the

Commission may summarily abrogate such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such

 ⁷ Securities Exchange Act Release No. 51153 (February 8, 2005), 70 FR 7786 (February 15, 2005) (SR-SCCP-2005-01). The Commission's temporary approval of SCCP's waiving certain fees associated with ECN trades expired on January 23, 2006.

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78q-1.

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

¹⁰ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

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:

Electronic comments:

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml) or
- Send an e-mail to <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include File Number SR-SCCP-2006-01 on the subject line.

Paper comments:

• Send paper comments in triplicate to Nancy M. Morris, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-SCCP-2006-01. 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 Web site (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 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 inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Section, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549. Copies of such filings also will be available for inspection

and copying at the principal office of SCCP and on SCCP's Web site at http://www.phlx.com/SCCP/memindex_sccpproposals.html. 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-SCCP-2006-01 and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from publication in the Federal Register].

For the Commission by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹¹

Nancy M. Morris Secretary

¹¹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).