

- DBGS00592 Special Assistant to the Press Secretary. Effective February 14, 2007.
- DBGS00597 Confidential Assistant to the Assistant Deputy Secretary. Effective February 14, 2007.
- DBGS00600 Special Assistant to the General Counsel. Effective February 15, 2007.
- DBGS00601 Special Assistant to the Director, Intergovernmental Affairs. Effective February 28, 2007.
- DBGS00602 Confidential Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Communications and Outreach. Effective February 28, 2007.
- Section 213.3303 Office of Management and Budget*
- BOGS70008 Deputy to the Associate Director for Legislative Affairs (House). Effective February 22, 2007.
- Section 213.3303 Office of National Drug Control Policy*
- QQGS70003 Deputy Chief of Staff to the Chief of Staff. Effective February 05, 2007.
- Section 213.3303 Office of the United States Trade Representative*
- TNGS70003 Confidential Assistant to the Deputy United States Trade Representative. Effective February 26, 2007.
- Section 213.3303 Presidents Commission on White House Fellowships*
- WHGS00020 Staff Assistant to the Associate Director. Effective February 22, 2007.
- Section 213.3323 Federal Communications Commission*
- FCGS07052 Bureau Chief to the Chairman. Effective February 16, 2007.
- Section 213.3330 Securities and Exchange Commission*
- SEOT60004 Director of Legislative Affairs to the Chairman. Effective February 26, 2007.
- Section 213.3331 Department of Energy*
- DEGS00561 Senior Advisor to the Deputy Secretary of Energy. Effective February 08, 2007.
- DEGS00562 Senior Policy Advisor to the Associate Director for System Operations and External Relations. Effective February 08, 2007.
- DEGS00564 Special Assistant to the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary. Effective February 15, 2007.
- DEGS00568 Special Assistant for Communications to the Director, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability. Effective February 16, 2007.
- DEGS00569 Transmission Sitting Analyst to the Director, Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability. Effective February 16, 2007.
- DEGS00056 Special Program Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Energy (Nuclear Energy). Effective February 26, 2007.
- DEGS00570 Senior Policy Advisor to the Assistant Secretary of Energy (Environmental Management). Effective February 28, 2007.
- Section 213.3331 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission*
- DRGS17039 Confidential Assistant to the Member-Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Effective February 16, 2007.
- Section 213.3332 Small Business Administration*
- SBGS00610 Senior Advisor to the Associate Administrator for Capital Access. Effective February 08, 2007.
- SBGS00611 Senior Advisor to the Associate Administrator for Field Operations. Effective February 08, 2007.
- Section 213.3337 General Services Administration*
- SGSG00186 Confidential Assistant to the Associate Administrator for Performance Improvement. Effective February 08, 2007.
- SGSG60131 Director of Strategic Communications to the Deputy Associate Administrator for Communications. Effective February 09, 2007.
- SGSG60126 Deputy Associate Administrator for Communications to the Associate Administrator for Citizen Services and Communications. Effective February 16, 2007.
- Section 213.3339 United States International Trade Commission*
- TCGS00007 Staff Assistant (Legal) to a Commissioner. Effective February 08, 2007.
- TCGS00037 Staff Assistant (Legal) to the Chairman. Effective February 08, 2007.
- Section 213.3348 National Aeronautics and Space Administration*
- NNGS00176 Deputy Press Secretary/ Public Affairs Specialist to the Assistant Administrator for Public Affairs. Effective February 06, 2007.
- Section 213.3353 Merit Systems Protection Board*
- MPSL00001 Chief Counsel to the Vice Chairman. Effective February 09, 2007.
- Section 213.3357 National Credit Union Administration*
- CUOT01317 Senior Policy Advisor to the Chairman. Effective February 08, 2007.
- Section 213.3384 Department of Housing and Urban Development*
- DUGS60467 Staff Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development. Effective February 08, 2007.
- Section 213.3394 Department of Transportation*
- DTGS60342 Special Assistant for Scheduling and Advance to the Director for Scheduling and Advance. Effective February 01, 2007.
- DTGS60197 Confidential Assistant to the Chief of Staff. Effective February 02, 2007.
- DTGS60159 Special Assistant to the Associate Administrator for Policy and Governmental Affairs. Effective February 15, 2007.
- DTGS60194 Special Assistant to the Administrator. Effective February 15, 2007.
- Section 213.3396 National Transportation Safety Board*
- TBGS61518 Special Assistant to the Vice Chairman. Effective February 16, 2007.
- Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 3301 and 3302; E.O. 10577, 3 CFR 1954-1958 Comp., p. 218.
- Office of Personnel Management.  
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- SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
- [Release No. 34-55514; File No. SR-CBOE-2007-29]
- Self-Regulatory Organizations; Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Increase the Class Quoting Limit in the Option Class Accredited Home Lenders Holding (LEND)**
- March 22, 2007.
- 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 15, 2007, the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated ("CBOE" or "Exchange") 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 substantially prepared by the CBOE. The Exchange has designated this proposal as one constituting a stated policy, practice, or interpretation with respect to the meaning, administration, or enforcement of an existing rule under Section 19(b)(3)(A)(i) of the Act,<sup>3</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(1)<sup>4</sup> thereunder, which renders the proposal effective upon filing with the Commission. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

### I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

CBOE proposes to increase the class quoting limit in the option class Accredited Home Lenders Holding (LEND). The text of the proposed rule change is available on CBOE's Web site ([www.cboe.com](http://www.cboe.com)), at the CBOE's Office of the Secretary, and at the Commission's public reference room.

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

In its filing with the Commission, the Exchange 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 Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

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

##### 1. Purpose

CBOE Rule 8.3A, Maximum Number of Market Participants Quoting Electronically per Product, establishes class quoting limits ("CQLs") for each class traded on the Hybrid Trading System.<sup>5</sup> A CQL is the maximum

number of quoters that may quote electronically in a given product and the current levels are established from 25-40, depending on the trading activity of the particular product.

Rule 8.3A, Interpretation .01(c) provides a procedure by which the President of the Exchange may increase the CQL for a particular product. In this regard, the President of the Exchange may increase the CQL in exceptional circumstances, which are defined in the rule as " \* \* \* substantial trading volume, whether actual or expected."<sup>6</sup> The effect of an increase in the CQL is procompetitive in that it increases the number of market participants that may quote electronically in a product. The purpose of this filing is to increase the CQL in the option class LEND from its current limit of 25 to 35.

The trading volume in LEND has increased substantially recently. Increasing the CQL in LEND options will enable the Exchange to enhance the liquidity offered, thereby offering deeper and more liquid markets.

##### 2. Statutory Basis

Accordingly, CBOE believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act and the rules and regulations under the Act applicable to a national securities exchange and, in particular, the requirements of Section 6(b) of the Act.<sup>7</sup> Specifically, the Exchange believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the Section 6(b)(5)<sup>8</sup> requirements that the rules of an exchange be designed to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest.

#### B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

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

#### C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants, or Others

The Exchange neither received nor solicited written comments on the proposal.

<sup>6</sup> "Any actions taken by the President of the Exchange pursuant to this paragraph will be submitted to the SEC in a rule filing pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Exchange Act." Rule 8.3A.01(c).

<sup>7</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78(f)(b).

<sup>8</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78(f)(b)(5).

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

The foregoing proposed rule change will take effect upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(i) of the Act<sup>9</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(1) thereunder,<sup>10</sup> because it constitutes a stated policy, practice, or interpretation with respect to the meaning, administration, or enforcement of an existing rule.

At any time within 60 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 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 [rule-comments@sec.gov](mailto:rule-comments@sec.gov). Please include File Number SR-CBOE-2007-29 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-CBOE-2007-29. 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 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

<sup>9</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(i).

<sup>10</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(1).

<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)(i).

<sup>4</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(1).

<sup>5</sup> See Rule 8.3A.01.

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 20549-9303. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the CBOE. 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-CBOE-2007-29 and should be submitted on or before April 19, 2007.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.<sup>11</sup>

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-55515; File No. SR-FICC-2006-19]

### Self-Regulatory Organizations; Fixed Income Clearing Corporation; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change Relating to Membership, Definitions, and the Electronic Pool Notification Service

March 22, 2007.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),<sup>1</sup> notice is hereby given that on December 13, 2006, the Fixed Income Clearing Corporation ("FICC") 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 substantially by FICC. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

#### I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The purpose of this filing is to restructure FICC's Government Securities Division's ("GSD") membership standards and membership requirements by conforming them to current practice and to harmonize them with similar rules of FICC's clearing agency affiliate, the National Securities Clearing Corporation ("NSCC"). In

addition, this rule filing would update various definitions and make technical changes to GSD and to FICC's Mortgage-Backed Securities Division's ("MBS") Electronic Pool Notification ("EPN") rules.

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

In its filing with the Commission, FICC 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. FICC has prepared summaries, set forth in Sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

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

###### 1. Membership Rules

FICC proposes to revise its rules concerning membership types, the membership application process, and the ongoing requirements of GSD members into a format that FICC believes will make such rules easier to locate and understand by applicants and members. To accomplish this, FICC would amend current Rule 2 (proposed to be titled "Members"), move much of the content of current Rule 2 into a new Rule 2A ("Initial Membership Requirements"), and revise Rule 3 (proposed to be titled "Ongoing Membership Requirements"). Other rules and provisions would be modified to make technical corrections where necessary and to be harmonized with analogous NSCC rules.

a. *Membership Types:* FICC's current Rule 2 ("Comparison-Only and Netting Members") sets forth the types of GSD members, eligibility requirements, application procedures, and member reporting requirements. FICC proposes to revise Rule 2 to establish each GSD membership type: Comparison-Only Members, Netting Members, Sponsoring Members, Sponsored Members, and Funds-Only Settling Bank Members. Substantially all other provisions contained in the current Rule 2 will be moved to either proposed Rule 2A or proposed Rule 3.

One exception to this is that FICC is proposing to delete current Rule 2, Section 4 ("Financial Reports by Netting Applicants). FICC states that the rationale for such proposed deletion is that FICC already advises during the

application process applicants of the required financial reports depending on the category of membership applied for and the applicant entity type. In addition, FICC would set forth in proposed Rule 3 the financial reports that must be submitted by members to FICC on an ongoing basis.

FICC is also proposing to delete Section 1(f) of Rule 2, which provides that applicants that have been approved for membership must execute and deliver to FICC a membership agreement. This provision is redundant with existing Rule 2, Section 3, which would appear in proposed Rule 2A, Section 7.

b. *Consolidation of Membership Standards and Requirements:* The membership qualifications, financial standards, and operational requirements for each member type are currently set forth in Rule 2 ("Comparison-Only and Netting Members"), Rule 3 ("Financial Responsibility, Operational Capability and Other Membership Standards of Comparison-Only and Netting Members"), and Rule 4 ("Clearing Fund, Watch List and Loss Allocation"). To consolidate this information, FICC proposes to create a new Rule 2A ("Initial Membership Requirements") that would establish the initial membership eligibility requirements for all member types and would set forth the process of membership application and evaluation. In addition, FICC proposes to restructure Rule 3 ("Ongoing Membership Requirements") to contain all current GSD rule provisions regarding the continuing requirements of members.

The restructuring would encompass three substantive changes:

(i) *Immediate Placement on the Watch List:* FICC proposes to delete current Rule 3, Section 1(d)(iii) that automatically disqualifies an applicant from becoming member if the applicant is subject to any action or condition, the existence of which would require the applicant to be placed on FICC's Watch List if it were already a member. FICC believes that eliminating such provision will not diminish FICC's ability to deny membership to an unworthy applicant because FICC would still retain under other sections of its rules the discretion to deny membership based on the applicant's underlying financial, operational, or character issues. Moreover, FICC's credit risk matrix enables FICC to place such applicant directly on FICC's watch list for closer monitoring.

(ii) *Additional Reporting Requirements:* FICC proposes to add new language to proposed Rule 3, Section 2 ("Reports by Netting

<sup>11</sup> 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

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