

Deriv/SERV will charge its users fees in connection with the Deriv/SERV Equity Options Service and pursuant to the Service Agreement will make payments to NSCC for the services that NSCC is providing. NSCC will file proposed rule changes under Section 19(b) of the Act for fees that NSCC charges to Deriv/SERV for the NSCC Equity Options Service and for any changes made by NSCC to the Equity Options Service.

NSCC believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of Section 17A of the Act⁶ and the rules and regulations thereunder because the implementation of the proposal will provide for the prompt and accurate clearance and settlement of U.S. OTC equity option transactions processed through the NSCC Equity Options Service by facilitating the transmission of standardized information on a centralized communications platform. This will reduce processing errors, delays, and risks that are typically associated with manual processes.

(B) Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

NSCC does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose a burden on competition 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

NSCC has not solicited or received any written comments on this proposal. NSCC will notify the Commission of any written comments it receives.

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

Section 17A(b)(3)(F) of the Act requires that the rules of a clearing

Fund and Insurance Processing Services, in which members do not receive the protections of the NSCC guarantee. Some of NSCC's nonguaranteed services entail settlement of funds through NSCC on a nonguaranteed basis (*i.e.*, NSCC's FundSERV® service). Other nonguaranteed services involve the communication of information only without settlement of transactions or funds through the facilities of NSCC (*i.e.*, NSCC's Profile service). The NSCC Equity Options Service is a nonguaranteed service limited to the matching and communication of information and does not involve settlement of securities transactions or funds through the facilities of NSCC. In its Matching Release, the Commission concluded that matching constitutes a clearing agency function, specifically the "comparison of data respecting the terms of settlement of securities transactions," within the meaning of Section 3(a)(23)(A) of the Exchange Act. Securities Exchange Act Release No. 39829 (April 6, 1998), 63 FR 17943 [File No. S7-10-98].

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78q-1.

agency be designed to promote the prompt and accurate clearance and settlement of securities transactions.⁷ The Commission finds that NSCC's proposed rule change is consistent with this obligation under the Act because the NSCC Equity Options Service should reduce manual processing errors, delays, and risks that are typically associated with U.S. OTC equity option transactions by facilitating the transmission of standardized information on a centralized communications platform for all U.S. OTC equity options processed through it.

NSCC has requested that the Commission find good cause for approving the proposed rule change prior to the thirtieth day after publication of the notice of filing. The Commission finds good cause for approving prior to the thirtieth day after publication because by so approving NSCC will be able to implement and firms to begin using the NSCC Equity Options Service before the approaching end of year freeze on systems changes.

The Commission is approving the NSCC Equity Options Service on a temporary basis through May 31, 2005, so that NSCC will have time to evaluate the operations of the service and to report its findings to the Commission before the Commission decides on permanent approval.

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. Please include File Number SR-NSCC-2004-04 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

- Send paper comments in triplicate to Jonathan G. Katz, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-NSCC-2004-04. 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

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78q-1(b)(3)(F).

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 provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Section, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of NSCC and on NSCC's Web site at www.nsc.com/legal. 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-2004-04 and should be submitted on or before December 8, 2004.

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,⁸ that the proposed rule change (File No. SR-NSCC-2004-04) be and hereby is approved on an accelerated basis through May 31, 2005.

For the Commission by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁹

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Disaster #3615]

State of Florida; Amendment #4

In accordance with a notice received from the Department of Homeland Security—Federal Emergency Management Agency—effective November 3, 2004, the above numbered declaration is hereby amended to extend the deadline for filing applications for physical damages as a result of this disaster to December 31, 2004.

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

⁹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

All other information remains the same, *i.e.*, the deadline for filing applications for economic injury is May 13, 2005.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

Dated: November 9, 2004.

Herbert L. Mitchell,

Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Disaster #3620]

State of Florida; Amendment #7

In accordance with a notice received from the Department of Homeland Security—Federal Emergency Management Agency—effective November 3, 2004, the above numbered declaration is hereby amended to extend the deadline for filing applications for physical damages as a result of this disaster to December 31, 2004.

All other information remains the same, *i.e.*, the deadline for filing applications for economic injury is June 6, 2005.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

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Herbert L. Mitchell,

Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Disaster #3627]

State of Florida; Amendment #2

In accordance with a notice received from the Department of Homeland Security—Federal Emergency Management Agency—effective November 3, 2004, the above numbered declaration is hereby amended to extend

the deadline for filing applications for physical damages as a result of this disaster to December 31, 2004.

All other information remains the same, *i.e.*, the deadline for filing applications for economic injury is June 16, 2005.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

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Herbert L. Mitchell,

Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Disaster #3635]

State of Florida; Amendment #2

In accordance with a notice received from the Department of Homeland Security—Federal Emergency Management Agency—effective November 3, 2004, the above numbered declaration is hereby amended to extend the deadline for filing applications for physical damages as a result of this disaster to December 31, 2004.

All other information remains the same, *i.e.*, the deadline for filing applications for economic injury is June 27, 2005.

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Herbert L. Mitchell,

Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Disaster #3607]

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; Amendment #2

In accordance with notices received from the Department of Homeland

Security—Federal Emergency Management Agency—effective October 8 and November 8, 2004, the above numbered declaration is hereby amended to reestablish the incident period for this disaster as beginning on July 27, 2004, and continuing through August 25, 2004. The declaration is also amended to extend the deadline for filing applications for physical damages as a result of this disaster to December 8, 2004.

All other information remains the same, *i.e.*, the deadline for filing applications for economic injury is May 6, 2005.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

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Herbert L. Mitchell,

Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Small Business Investment Companies; Increase in Maximum Leverage Ceiling

13 CFR 107.1150(a) sets forth the maximum amount of Leverage (as defined in 13 CFR 107.50) that a Small Business Investment Company may have outstanding at any time. The maximum Leverage amounts are adjusted annually based on the increase in the Consumer Price Index published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The cited regulation states that SBA will publish the indexed maximum Leverage amounts each year in a Notice in the **Federal Register**.

Accordingly, effective the date of publication of this Notice, and until further notice, the maximum Leverage amounts under 13 CFR 107.1150(a) are as stated in the following table:

If your leverageable capital is:	Then your maximum leverage is:
(1) Not over \$19,800,000	300 percent of Leverageable Capital.
(2) Over \$19,800,000 but not over \$39,700,000	\$59,400,000 + [2 × (Leverageable Capital – \$19,800,000)].
(3) Over \$39,700,000 but not over \$59,500,000	\$99,200,000 + (Leverageable Capital – \$39,700,000).
(4) Over \$59,500,000	\$119,000,000.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 59.011, small business investment companies)

Dated: November 10, 2004.

Harry Haskins,

Acting Associate Administrator for Investment.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

The Social Security Administration (SSA) publishes a list of information