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The self-regulatory organization must provide all required information, presented in a clear and comprehensible manner, to enable the public to provide meaningful comment on the proposal and for the Commission to determine whether the proposal is consistent with the Act and applicable rules and regulations under the Act.

#### Exhibit 1 - Notice of Proposed Rule Change \*

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#### Exhibit 1A- Notice of Proposed Rule Change, Security-Based Swap Submission, or Advance Notice by Clearing Agencies



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#### Exhibit 2 - Notices, Written Comments, Transcripts, Other Communications

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Copies of notices, written comments, transcripts, other communications. If such documents cannot be filed electronically in accordance with Instruction F, they shall be filed in accordance with Instruction G.

#### Exhibit 3 - Form, Report, or Questionnaire

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Copies of any form, report, or questionnaire that the self-regulatory organization proposes to use to help implement or operate the proposed rule change, or that is referred to by the proposed rule change.

#### **Exhibit 4 - Marked Copies**

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The full text shall be marked, in any convenient manner, to indicate additions to and deletions from the immediately preceding filing. The purpose of Exhibit 4 is to permit the staff to identify immediately the changes made from the text of the rule with which it has been working.

#### **Exhibit 5 - Proposed Rule Text**

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The self-regulatory organization may choose to attach as Exhibit 5 proposed changes to rule text in place of providing it in Item I and which may otherwise be more easily readable if provided separately from Form 19b-4. Exhibit 5 shall be considered part of the proposed rule change.

## **Partial Amendment**

If the self-regulatory organization is amending only part of the text of a lengthy proposed rule change, it may, with the Commission's permission, file only those portions of the text of the proposed rule change in which changes are being made if the filing (i.e. partial amendment) is clearly understandable on its face. Such partial amendment shall be clearly identified and marked to show deletions and additions.

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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# Form 19b-4

Proposed Rule Change

by

THE OPTIONS CLEARING CORPORATION

Pursuant to Rule 19b-4 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

# Item 1. <u>Text of the Proposed Rule Change</u>

The Options Clearing Corporation ("OCC") proposes to amend its Schedule of Fees in order to correct an inadvertent omission in the Schedule of Fees that was the subject of a prior rule change and also proposes to add clarifying language to its Schedule of Fees. The updated Schedule of Fees is attached hereto as Exhibit 5. Material proposed to be added to the Schedule of Fees as currently in effect is underlined and material proposed to be deleted is enclosed in bold brackets.

# Item 2. <u>Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization</u>

The proposed rule change was approved for filing with the Commission by OCC's Board of Directors ("Board") at a meeting held on March 6, 2014. The vote of the Board to approve this filing was unanimous, including the affirmative votes of the six Member Directors present at the meeting.

Questions regarding the proposed rule change should be addressed to Stephen Szarmack, Vice President and Associate General Counsel, at (312) 322-4802.

# Item 3. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and the Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change</u>

## A. <u>Purpose</u>

The purpose of this proposed rule change is to correct an inadvertent omission in the Schedule of Fees that was the subject of a prior rule filing. In March 2014, OCC filed, for immediate effectiveness, a proposal with the Commission to amend its Schedule of Fees, effective April 1, 2014 ("Filing 2014-05"). Filing 2014-05 has since been published on the

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Commission's website and in the Federal Register. However, through an inadvertent oversight, the Schedule of Fees attached as Exhibit 5 to Filing 2014-05 did not include a reference to the "decentralized linkage" fee. OCC is now proposing to correct the Schedule of Fees set forth in Exhibit 5 in order to properly reflect the decentralized linkage fee of two cents (\$0.02) that has been applied since its adoption. In addition, OCC proposes to add language to its Schedule of Fees to clarify the trade volume number (i.e., more than 2750 contracts) at which market maker/specialist scratch trades and decentralized linkage trades are charged a flat fee of \$55 per trade, per side instead of a per trade, per side fee of two cents (\$0.02). Except for the aforementioned changes, the Schedule of Fees set forth in Exhibit 5 to this proposed rule change is the same as the Schedule of Fees contained in Exhibit 5 to Filing 2014-05.

## B. Statutory Basis

OCC believes the proposed rule change is consistent with Section  $17A(b)(3)(D)^4$  of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended ("Act") because it corrects an inadvertent omission in OCC's Schedule of Fees, thereby ensuring transparency regarding fees. As there is no intentional change in the Fee Schedule, OCC will continue to equitably allocate fees among its clearing members and other market participants. The proposed rule change is not inconsistent with the existing rules of the OCC including any other rules proposed to be

The decentralized linkage fee was added to OCC's Schedule of Fees in 2012 so that OCC could, for the purposes of charging a clearing fee, treat routing trades executed in accordance with the Options Order Protection and Locked/Crossed Market Plan the same as market maker/specialist scratch trades. *See* Securities and Exchange Act Release No. 68025 (October 10, 2012), 77 FR 63398 (October 16, 2012) (SR-OCC-2012-18).

OCC considers the decentralized linkage trade to be substantially similar to a market maker/scratch trade. *Id.* Therefore the decentralized linkage fee will be will be the same as the market maker/scratch fee set forth in Filing 2014-05.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78q-1(b)(3)(D).

amended.

# Item 4. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition</u>

OCC does not believe that the proposed rule change would impose a burden on competition. The proposed rule change is being filed with the Commission solely to correct an inadvertent oversight in Filing 2014-05. The Schedule of Fees attached as Exhibit 5 will be applied equally to all clearing members clearing trades through OCC.

# Item 5. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed</u> <u>Rule 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.

# **Item 6.** Extension of Time Period for Commission Action

Not applicable.

# Item 7. <u>Basis for Summary Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3) or for Accelerated Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(2)</u>

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)<sup>5</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(2),<sup>6</sup> the proposed rule change is filed for immediate effectiveness inasmuch as it pertains to fees charged to OCC clearing members. At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend 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.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

Notwithstanding its immediate effectiveness, implementation of this rule change will be

# Item 8. <u>Proposed Rule Change Based on Rules of Another Self-Regulatory</u> Organization or of the Commission

Not applicable.

# Item 9. Security-Based Swap Submissions Filed Pursuant to Section 3C of the Act

Not applicable.

# Item 10. Advance Notices Filed Pursuant to Section 806(e) of the Payment, Clearing and Settlement Supervision Act

Not applicable.

# Item 11. Exhibits

Exhibit 1A. Completed notice of the proposed rule change for publication in

# the Federal Register.

Exhibit 5. Schedule of Fees.

# **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, The Options Clearing Corporation has duly caused this filing to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

THE OPTIONS CLEARING CORPORATION

y: \_\_\_\_\_\_

Stephen M. Szarmack Vice President and

**Associate General Counsel** 

#### EXHIBIT 1A

SR-OCC-2014-11)

Self-Regulatory Organizations; The Options Clearing Corporation; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change to Correct an Inadvertent Omission in a Prior Proposed Rule Change Concerning OCC's Clearing Fee Schedule.

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 May 28, 2014, The Options Clearing Corporation ("OCC") 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 primarily by OCC. OCC filed the proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)<sup>3</sup> of the Act and Rule 19b-4(f)(2)<sup>4</sup> thereunder.<sup>5</sup>

I. <u>Clearing Agency's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change</u>

OCC proposes to amend its Schedule of Fees in order to correct an inadvertent omission in the Schedule of Fees that was the subject of a prior rule change.

II. <u>Clearing Agency's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change</u>

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

Notwithstanding its immediate effectiveness, implementation of this rule change will be delayed until this rule change is deemed certified under CFTC Regulation §40.6.

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

# (A) <u>Clearing Agency's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change</u>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78q-1(b)(3)(D).

# (C) <u>Clearing Agency's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change</u> <u>Received from Members, Participants or Others</u>

Written comments on the proposed rule change 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 rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)<sup>10</sup> of the Act and Rule 19b-4(f)(2)<sup>11</sup> thereunder. At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend 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 Commissions 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-OCC-2014-11 on the subject line.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

# Paper Comments:

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

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-OCC-2014-11. 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 website (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 website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Section, 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of OCC and on OCC's website at http://www.theocc.com/about/publications/bylaws.jsp 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-OCC-2014-11 and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from publication in the Federal Register].

For the Commission by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated Authority.  $^{12}$ 

Kevin M. O'Neill Deputy Secretary

Action as set forth recommended herein APPROVED pursuant to authority delegated by the Commission under Public Law 87-592. For: Division of Trading and Markets

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#### **EXHIBIT 5**

# THE OPTIONS CLEARING CORPORATION SCHEDULE OF FEES – APRIL 2014

# CLEARING MEMBER CLEARING

**Clearing Fees** 

Trades with contracts of:

 1 - 500
 \$ .05

 501 - 1000
 \$ .04

 1001 - 2000
 \$ .03

Greater than 2000 \$ 55.00 per trade

**New Products** 

From the first day of listing through the end of the following calendar month: \$ 0.00

Thereafter reverts to the clearing fees specified above.

Market Maker/Specialist Scratch and \$ 0.02 Linkage Fees per side\*

Minimum Monthly Clearing Fee \$ 200.00

Exercise Fee – per line item

on exercise notice \$ 1.00

**MEMBERSHIP** 

New Clearing Member
Qualification Fee \$4,000.00

Stock and Market Loan Program Transaction Fees

Per transaction assessed against each

lender and borrower \$ 1.00

STAMPS

Clearing Member Authorization Stamp \$ 23.00 per stamp

\* A Market Maker/Specialist or Linkage transaction that includes more than 2,750 contracts will be charged a flat fee of \$55.00 per trade per side.

### **ANCILLARY SERVICES**

#### TIER I

- ENCORE Access
- MyOCC Access
- Data Service proprietary position and trade data (includes transmission to service bureau
- Report Bundle
- Series File
- Special Settlement File
- Open Interest File
- Prices File
- Stock Loan File
- Theoretical Profit and Loss Values
- Leased line charges are additional

\$ 1,500.00 per month

#### **Additional Clearing Member:**

No Charge

#### TIER II

- ENCORE Access
- MyOCC Access
- Data Service proprietary position and trade data (includes transmission to service bureau)
- Report Bundle
- Leased line charges are additional

\$ 1,000.00 per month

#### TIER III

- ENCORE Access
- MyOCC Access

\$650.00 per month

#### TIER IV (Stock Loan Only)

- ENCORE Access
- MyOCC Access

\$ 300.00 per month

## LEASED LINE SERVICES

T1 line to a Midwest Destination
T1 line to an East Coast Destination
T1 line to a West Coast Destination
T1 line to a West Coast Destination
T1 line to a Midwest Destination
- \$1,000.00 per month, per line
- \$2,000.00 per month, per line

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# **CLEARING MEMBER/NON-CLEARING MEMBER**

#### PUBLICATIONS/BROCHURES

Disclosure Documents \$ .45

OCC/ICC By-Laws and Rules \$ 47.00 (Updates can be obtained on a subscription basis for \$47.00 per year.)

# **NON-CLEARING MEMBER**

## SERIES INFORMATION

**Non-Clearing Member** 

Non-Distribution \$1,750.00 per month

Distribution \$3,000.00 per month

Real Time Data \$250.00 per month

(in addition to fees listed above)

#### PRICES INFORMATION

Non-Clearing Member \$3,000.00 per month

### THEORETICAL PROFIT AND LOSS VALUES\*

Non-Clearing Member \$1,000.00 per month

# **ESCROW BANKS**

#### **ESCROW PROGRAM FEES**

Fscrow Bank Monthly Program Fee \$200.00

**ALL FEES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE** 

For further information, contact Member Services at 1-800-621-6072.