

consistent with the requirements of the Act.

IV. Conclusion

For the reasons discussed above, the Commission finds that the proposal is consistent with the Act, and, in particular, Section 6 of the Act.

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act,¹⁴ that the proposed rule change (File No. SR-CBOE-95-49) is approved.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹⁵

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Deputy Secretary.

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; The Depository Trust Company; Notice of Filing of a Proposed Rule Change to Establish a Coupon Collection Service for Municipal Bearer Bonds

December 1, 1995.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),¹ notice is hereby given that on September 18, 1995, The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change (File No. SR-DTC-95-18) as described in Items I, II, and III below, which items have been prepared primarily by DTC. On October 30, 1995, DTC filed an amendment to the proposed rule change.² The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change for interested persons.

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

DTC is filing the proposed rule change to establish a coupon collection service program in order to provide its participants with a cost effective method for the collection of interest relating to the coupons from municipal bearer bonds.

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

In its filing with the Commission, DTC 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 Items IV below. DTC has prepared summaries, set forth in sections (A), (B), (C) below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.³

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

DTC seeks to establish a coupon collection service in order to provide DTC's participants with a cost-effective method for the collection of interest relating to the coupons from municipal bearer bonds. This service will include collection of coupons which are due in the future as well as past due coupons for DTC eligible and ineligible municipal issues payable in the United States. Past due coupons will be accepted for up to three years after the payable date.

DTC participants will be required to deposit coupons in a standard sealed envelope or "shell" with no more than two hundred coupons contained in any one shell. Only coupons for the same CUSIP number, series, and payable date can be enclosed in any one shell. Mutilated coupons will be required to be guaranteed by the depositing participant and placed into separate shells.⁴ DTC will require that each shell contain the following information on its face: (i) CUSIP number; (ii) a description of the issue including municipality, state, purpose, series, date of issue, and maturity date; (iii) payable date; (iv) quantity of coupons enclosed; (v) dollar value of individual coupons; (vi) total shell value; (vii) participant number; and (viii) contact name and telephone number of the depositing participant.

³ The Commission has modified the text of the summaries prepared by DTC.

⁴ The validity of the coupon number, bond number, payable date, and payable amount of the mutilated coupon will be guaranteed by the depositing participant by a stamp affixed to the coupon executed by an authorized officer of such participant. In cases of a badly mutilated coupon, DTC may require a letter of indemnity. In the event a paying agent rejects a mutilated coupon, any credit made to the depositing participant's account with respect to such coupon will be reversed. Telephone conversation between Piku K. Thakkar, Assistant Counsel, DTC; Ann Reich, DTC; and Mark Steffensen, Attorney, Division, Commission (October 17, 1995).

All shells must be accompanied by a complete deposit ticket that includes: (i) DTC participant number; (ii) shell quantity; (iii) total dollar value; (iv) CUSIP number per shell; (v) coupon quantity per shell; (vi) dollar value per shell; and (vii) whether the coupons are payable on a future date or are past due.⁵

DTC will verify the number of shells listed on the deposit ticket and give the participant a time-stamped copy of the ticket. If the number of shells listed on the deposit ticket does not agree with the physical number of shells, DTC will immediately reject the entire deposit and will return it to the participant. DTC will neither inspect nor verify the shell contents prior to presentation to the paying agent. The depositing participant is responsible for the integrity of the shell contents. In the event of a coupon shell loss, the participant will be required to provide DTC with a full description (including certificate number) of the coupons contained in the shell.

Coupons may be rejected by the paying agent and returned to the depositing participant for a variety of reasons. The most common reasons for rejection are likely to include: (i) Mixed shell contents including mixed payable dates, mixed series or purposes, or mixed maturity years; (ii) incorrect count of shell contents; (iii) called certificate; (iv) mutilated coupon; (v) stopped certificate;⁶ or (vi) issue in default.

DTC will act simply as a conduit between the participant and the paying agent. In this capacity, DTC will pass through rejected shells to DTC participants in the form received from the paying agent together with any paying agent documentation. DTC will neither inspect nor verify the contents of rejected shells. For shells rejected after the payable date, appropriate funds will be debited from the participant's account on the day the rejected coupons are returned to the participant.

Interest for coupons for which the paying agent is located outside of New York City that are deposited at least

⁵ When the coupons are due in the future, each deposit ticket can have up to 50 shells attached to it, but each of the attached shells must have the same payable date. For past due coupons, shells with different deposit dates may be listed on the same deposit ticket. Letter from Piku K. Thakkar, Assistant Counsel, DTC, to Mark Steffensen, Esq., Division, Commission (October 26, 1995).

⁶ A "stopped certificate" is a certificate for which a stop transfer instruction has been requested. A stop transfer instruction typically is initiated as the result of a lost or stolen stock certificate. Telephone conversation between Piku K. Thakkar, Assistant Counsel, DTC, and Mark Steffensen, Attorney, Division, Commission (September 26, 1995).

¹⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2) (1988).

¹⁵ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12) (1994).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1) (1988).

² Letter from Piku K. Thakkar, Assistant Counsel, DTC, to Mark Steffensen, Esq., Division of Market Regulation ("Division"), Commission (October 26, 1995).