SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-60144; File No. SR-OCC-2009-11)

June 19, 2009

Self-Regulatory Organizations; The Options Clearing Corporation; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of a Proposed Rule Change Relating to Ancillary Fee Changes

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"), <sup>1</sup> notice is hereby given that on May 28, 2009, 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)(ii) of the Act<sup>2</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(2)<sup>3</sup> thereunder so that the proposal was effective upon filing with the Commission. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

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

The proposed rule change would (i) reduce ancillary service fees charged to Tier I, II, III, and IV clearing members and (ii) reduce leased line charges for subscribing clearing members.

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

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

<sup>2</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s-1(b)(3)(A)(ii).

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

below. OCC has prepared summaries, set forth in sections (A), (B), and (C) below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.<sup>4</sup>

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

The principal purpose of this rule change is to effect certain fee changes with respect to OCC's ancillary services program.

In addition to clearing and settlement services, OCC provides its clearing members with a number of ancillary services, which range from on-line access to OCC systems to report and data distribution offerings. Hardware and communication lines support these ancillary service offerings. In August 2002, OCC implemented a four-tiered fee structure for its ancillary services with a different bundle of services offered at a fixed cost for each tier and revised its leased line charges for subscribing clearing members. OCC periodically reviews these fees based on changes in costs, infrastructure, and operational changes.

Pursuant to such a review, effective June 1, 2009, OCC will reduce the fixed monthly ancillary fees charged to Tier I, II, III, and IV clearing members and the leased line charges for subscribing clearing members. The following chart summarizes the ancillary services associated with each tier and the related fee changes:

TIER	ANCILLARY SERVICES	COST	
		Previous	June, 2009
I	ENCORE Access	\$2,100/month	\$1,500/month
	MyOCC Access		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The Commission has modified parts of these statements.

<sup>5</sup> Securities Exchange Act Release No. 46339 (August 12, 2002), 67 FR 53828 (August 19, 2002) (File No. SR-OCC-2002-17).

For example, in 2006 OCC reduced the tiered fee structure to reflect changes in infrastructure and disaster recovery protocols. Securities Exchange Act Release No. 53812 (May 16, 2006), 71 FR 29699 (May 23, 2006) (SR-OCC-2006-03).

TIER	ANCILLARY SERVICES	COST	
		Previous	June, 2009
	Data Service – proprietary position		
	and trade data (includes transmission		
	to service bureau)		
	Report Bundle		
	Series File		
	Open Interest File		
	Prices File		
	Stock Loan File		
	Theoretical Profit and Loss Values		
	Leased line charges are additional		
	Additional clearing numbers:	\$850/clearing	No Additional
		number/month	Charge
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II	ENCORE Access	\$1,650/month	\$1,000/month
	MyOCC Access		
	Data Service - proprietary position and		
	trade data (includes transmission to		
	service bureau)		
	Report Bundle		
	Leased line charges are additional	φο <b>π</b> ο/	φ.σ.σ.ο./
	ENGODE A	\$950/month	\$650/month
III	ENCORE Access		
	MyOCC Access		
IV	ENCORE Assess	\$400/maan4h	\$200/
	ENCORE Access	\$400/month	\$300/month
(Stock Loan Only)	MyOCC Access		

Monthly Leased Line Charges:	Previous	<b>June, 2009</b>	
T1 line to a Midwest clearing member	\$1,500	\$1,000	
T1 line to an East Coast clearing member	\$2,500	\$1,500	
T1 line to a West Coast clearing member	\$3,500	\$2,000	

OCC's Schedule of Fees as of June, 2009, which reflects the foregoing changes, is attached as Exhibit 5 to Filing No. OCC-2009-11.

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

OCC does not believe that the proposed rule change would impose any burden on competition.

(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 rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act<sup>7</sup> and Rule 19b-4(f)(2)<sup>8</sup> promulgated thereunder because the proposal changes a due, fee, or other charge applicable only to a member. 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 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 (<a href="http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml">http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml</a>); or
- Send an e-mail to <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include File Number SR-OCC-2009-11 on the subject line.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</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-2009-11. 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 Web site (<a href="http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml">http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml</a>). 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 Room, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10:00 am and 3:00 pm. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office

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of OCC. 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

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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.9

Florence E. Harmon Deputy Secretary

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9 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).