SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-62686; File No. SR-DTC-2010-10)

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; The Depository Trust Company; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Promote Efficiencies Within the Legal Notice System

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"), ¹ notice is hereby given that on July 29, 2010, The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change described in Items I and II below, which items have been prepared primarily by DTC. DTC filed the proposal pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act² and Rule 19b-4(f)(4)³ thereunder so that the proposal was effective upon filing with the Commission. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the rule change from interested parties.

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

The proposed rule change promotes efficiencies within the Legal Notice System ("LENS").

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, 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 Item IV

² 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(4).

below. DTC has prepared summaries, set forth in sections (A), (B), and (C) below, of the most significant aspects of these statements.⁴

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

1. <u>Purpose</u>

In 1991, DTC created LENS to reduce the amount of paper that DTC participants ("Participants") receive in connection with DTC's distribution of legal notices. At that time, notices were made available through an electronic format through DTC's proprietary PTS 3270 terminal network ("PTS service"). In 2000, DTC enhanced LENS by making the notices available over the Internet ("Web service"). The Web service improved the PTS service by: (i) reducing the costs of distribution, which cost was ultimately borne by Participants, (ii) offering online viewing of notices and notice download capability, and (iii) providing up-to-date functionality that a web environment supports such as the option to receive email alerts when new notices are posted for CUSIPs specified by the user. The Web service is also more accessible, requiring little or no training when Participants bring on new staff.

Recently, DTC has been studying whether further enhancements and efficiencies can be made to the LENS service. In an effort to reduce the costs associated with LENS, DTC will end the use of the LENS service through PTS effective August 27, 2010. DTC has notifies Participants currently using the LENS system through PTS by Important Notice on a "splash screen" (displayed when Participants sign on to PTS) and through its Relationship Management

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

⁵ Securities Exchange Act Release No. 34-29291 (June 12, 1991), 56 FR 28190 (June 19, 1991).

⁶ Securities Exchange Act Release No. 34-43964 (February 14, 2001), 66 FR 1190 (February 22, 2001).

newsletter. Participants will continue to have access to LENS through the Web service, which, as mentioned previously, provides greater ease of use and functionality.

2. <u>Statutory Basis</u>

DTC believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Section 17A of the Act⁷ because it controls costs associated with a service provided by DTC and therefore does not significantly affect the respective rights or obligations of DTC or persons using the service.

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

DTC does not believe that the proposed rule change will have any impact or 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 relating to the proposed rule change were not and are not intended to be solicited or received. DTC will notify the Commission of any written comments received by DTC.

III. <u>Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for</u> Commission Action

The foregoing proposed rule change has become effective upon filing pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(iii) of the Act⁸ and Rule 19b-4(f)(4)⁹ thereunder because the proposed rule change effects a change in an existing service of DTC that: (i) does not adversely affect the safeguarding of securities or funds in DTC's custody or control or for which it is responsible and (ii) does not

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(iii).

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78q-1.

⁹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(4).

significantly affect the respective rights and obligations of DTC or persons using the service. 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 Commission's 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-DTC-2010-10 on the subject line.

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-DTC-2010-10. 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

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that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be

available for Web site viewing and printing 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 filings also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal

office of DTC and on DTC's Web site at

http://www.dtcc.com/downloads/legal/rule_filings/2010/dtc/2010-10.pdf.

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-DTC-2010-10 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.¹⁰

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