SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-65286; File No. SR-DTC-2011-07)

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; The Depository Trust Company; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change as Modified by Amendment Nos. 1 and 2 Relating To a New Daily Report Subscription for Security Position Reports

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 19b-

4 thereunder² notice is hereby given that on August 24, 2011, The Depository Trust Company

("DTC") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") and on August 31,

2011, and September 7, 2011, filed Amendment Nos. 1 and 2, respectively, to the proposed rule

change³ as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared primarily by DTC.

The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change, as

amended, from interested persons.

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

DTC proposes to add a new Daily Report subscription category to its Security Position

Report ("SPR") Service.

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

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ DTC's amendment of August 31, 2011, clarified that the effective date of the proposed fee schedule would be the date that the Commission approves the proposed rule change. DTC's amendment of September 7, 2011, added a statement that DTC believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with Rule 17Ad-8, 17 CFR 240.17Ad-8, which is reflected in the last paragraph of Section II.A below.

change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. DTC has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

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

SPRs are reports produced by DTC that provide information on the holdings on a specified day of an issuer's security in DTC participant accounts. The SPR service enables an issuer, trustee, or authorized third party to request a report that reflects each participant's closing position recorded by DTC for a specific issue on a subscription basis. Currently, DTC offers subscription on a weekly, monthly, dividend record date, and special request (<u>i.e.</u>, an "as needed") basis.⁴ With respect to special request SPRs, the entities requesting these reports tend to be corporate issuers seeking holder information with respect to their equity securities.

Recently, some authorized users of the SPR service have been ordering the special request SPR on a daily basis in order to satisfy certain tax reporting requirements in non-US markets. DTC's fees for special request SPRs are currently \$120 per CUSIP. As a result of the expense associated with ordering SPRs on a daily basis, the non-US issuer/trustee community has requested that DTC create a daily subscription for SPRs so that a manual tracking process implemented on an interim basis can be replaced by the more efficient SPR process. DTC reviewed this request and determined that it would be feasible for it to offer SPR subsriptions on a daily basis.

This proposed change to the SPR service will require an update to the DTC Fee Schedule to reflect the new subscription type. Specifically, DTC proposes to charge \$9,450 per year for the first recipient of the SPR for a security issue and \$6,785 for each additional recipient of the SPR

⁴ For information on DTC's current rules relating to SPRs, refer to Securities Exchange Act Release No. 52393 (Sept. 8, 2005), 70 FR 54598 (Sept. 15, 2005) [File No. SR-DTC-2005-12].

for that security. In addition, DTC proposes to charge \$2,785 per year for each additional CUSIP in the same family (<u>i.e.</u>, securities whose CUSIP numbers have the same first six characters) of securities, one of which is the subject of an existing Daily Report annual subscription. A one year minimum Daily Report subscription would be required to qualify for this new subscription category.

In addition, DTC proposes to offer a new "Commercial Paper Family Report" that would indicate DTC's participants' closing positions in commercial paper securities as of a specific date. The fee for this report would be \$22 per report for each additional CUSIP in the same family, which, similar to the proposed Daily Report subscription explained above, refers to securities with the same base CUSIP number (<u>i.e.</u>, securities whose CUSIP numbers have the same first six characters), of securities, one of which is the subject of an existing Daily Report annual subscription.

DTC is also updating its SPR Fee Schedule with certain technical changes that are detailed in Exhibit 5 to DTC's filing and that can be viewed online at <u>http://www.dtcc.com/legal/</u>rule_filings/dtc/2011.php.

DTC states that the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of Section 17A of the Act⁵ and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to DTC because it is designed to facilitate the distribution of security position information to issuers and trustees in connection with their regulatory reporting obligations and, as such, promotes the protection of investors and the public interest. In addition and more specifically, DTC believes that the proposed rule filing is consistent with Rule 17Ad-8 under the Act⁶ in that the proposed fees are designed to recover the reasonable costs of providing the securities position listing. DTC based its pricing for the

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78q-1.

⁶ <u>Supra</u> note 2.

provision of the securities position listing using the underlying costs of providing the service versus the projected volumes.

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

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>

DTC has not solicited or received written comments relating to the proposed rule change. DTC will notify the Commission of any written comments it receives.

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

Within 45 days of the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register or within such longer period (i) as the Commission may designate up to ninety days of such date if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or (ii) as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission will:

- (A) by order approve or disapprove the proposed rule change or
- (B) institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved.

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 (<u>http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml</u>) or

 Send an e-mail to <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include File No. SR-DTC-2011-07 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 No. SR-DTC-2011-07. 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 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 DTC's principal office and DTC's website at http://www.dtcc.com/legal/ rule_filings/dtc/2011.php. 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 publicy. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-DTC-2011-07 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.⁷

Elizabeth M. Murphy Secretary

⁷ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).