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RULE 2

PARTICIPANTS AND PLEDGEES

Section 1. The Corporation shall make its services, or certain of its services, available to partnerships, corporations or other organizations or entities which (i) apply to the Corporation for the use of such services, (ii) meet the qualifications specified in Rule 3, (iii) are approved by the Corporation and (iv) if required, make a Required Participants Fund Deposit pursuant to Section 1 of Rule 4 and Required Preferred Stock Investment pursuant to Section 2 of Rule 4. The Corporation shall approve applications only upon a determination by the Corporation that the applicant meets the standards of financial condition, operational capability and character defined below:

(a) the applicant has demonstrated that it has sufficient financial ability to make any Required Participants Fund Deposit and Required Preferred Stock Investment and meet all of its anticipated obligations to the Corporation;

(b) the applicant has demonstrated that it has adequate personnel capable of handling transactions with the Corporation and adequate physical facilities, books and records and procedures to fulfill its anticipated commitments to, and to meet the operational requirements of, the Corporation, other Participants and Pledgees with necessary promptness and accuracy and to conform to any condition and requirement which the Corporation reasonably deems necessary for its protection;
(c) the Corporation has received no substantial information which would reasonably and adversely reflect on the applicant or its Controlling Management to such extent that access of the applicant to the Corporation should be denied; and any such applicant may be deemed not to meet the qualifications set forth in this paragraph if:

(i) the Corporation shall have reasonable grounds to believe that the applicant or its Controlling Management to be responsible for (A) making a misstatement of a material fact or omitting to state a material fact to the Corporation in connection with its application to become a Participant or thereafter or (B) fraudulent acts or the violation of the Securities Act, the Exchange Act, the Investment Company Act, the Investment Advisers Act or any rule or regulation thereunder;

(ii) the applicant or its Controlling Management has been convicted within the ten years preceding the filing of its application to become a Participant or at any time thereafter of any crime, felony or misdemeanor which involves the purchase, sale or transfer of any security or the breach of fiduciary duty, or arose out of conduct of the business of a broker, dealer, investment company, investment adviser, underwriter, bank, trust company, fiduciary, insurance company or other financial institution; or involves robbery, larceny, embezzlement, fraudulent conversion, forgery or misappropriation of funds, securities or other property; or involves any violation of Section 1341, 1342 or 1343 of Title 18 of the United States Code;

(iii) the applicant or its Controlling Management is permanently or temporarily enjoined by order, judgment or decree of any court or other governmental authority of competent jurisdiction from acting as a broker, dealer, investment company, investment adviser, underwriter, bank, trust company, fiduciary, insurance company or other financial institution or from engaging in or continuing any conduct or practice in connection with any such activity, or in connection with the purchase, sale or Delivery of any security, and the enforcement of such injunction or prohibition has not been stayed;

(iv) the applicant or its Controlling Management has been expelled or suspended, or had its participation terminated from a national securities association or exchange registered under the Exchange Act, a self-regulatory organization as defined in Section 3(a)(26) of the Exchange Act, or a corporation which engages in clearance and settlement activities or a securities depository or has been barred or suspended from being associated with any member of such an exchange, association, corporation or securities depository;

(v) the applicant is subject to statutory disqualification as defined in Section 3(a)(39) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or an order of similar effect issued by a Federal or State banking authority, or other examining authority or regulator, including a non-U.S. examining authority or regulator.
(d) the applicant meets the requirements set forth in the Policy Statement on the
Admission of Participants set forth in these Rules

(e) with regard to any applicant that shall be an FFI Participant, such applicant
must be FATCA Compliant.

In addition to items (a) through (c) above, the Corporation shall retain the right to deny
membership to an applicant if the Corporation becomes aware of any factor or circumstance
about the applicant or its Controlling Management which may impact the suitability of that
particular applicant as a Participant of the Corporation. Further, applicants are required to
inform the Corporation as to any member of its Controlling Management that is or becomes
subject to statutory disqualification (as defined in Section 3(a)(39) of the Exchange Act).

The Corporation may approve the application of any applicant, either unconditionally or
on an appropriate temporary or other conditional basis, if the Corporation determines that any
standard specified in this Section, as applied to such applicant or its Controlling Management, is
unduly or disproportionately severe or that the conduct of such applicant or its Controlling
Management has been such as not to make it against the interest of the Corporation, other
Participants or Pledgees or the public to approve such application.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Corporation may decline to accept the application of
any applicant upon a determination by the Corporation that the Corporation does not have
adequate personnel, space, data processing capacity or other operational capability at that time to
perform its services for additional Participants without impairing the ability of the Corporation to
provide services for its existing Participants, to assure the prompt, accurate and orderly
processing and settlement of Securities transactions, to safeguard the funds and Securities held
by or for the Corporation for Participants or Pledgees or otherwise to carry out its functions;
provided, however, that applicants whose applications are denied pursuant to this paragraph shall
be approved as promptly as the capabilities of the Corporation permit in the order in which their
applications were filed with the Corporation.

The Corporation may, from time to time, determine those Participants that shall be
required to fulfill, within the time frames established by the Corporation, certain operational
testing requirements (the scope of such testing to be determined by the Corporation in its sole
discretion) and related reporting requirements (such as reporting the test results to the
Corporation in a manner specified by the Corporation) that may be imposed by the Corporation
to test and monitor the continuing operational capability of the Participant. Such Participants
shall, as so required, comply with the subject operational testing requirement within specified
time frames. The Corporation may assess a fine on any Participant that fails to comply with
operational testing and related reporting requirements within the specified time frame.

The Corporation has established standards for designating those Participants who shall be
required to participate in annual business continuity and disaster recovery testing that the
Corporation reasonably determines are, taken as a whole, the minimum necessary for the
maintenance of fair and orderly markets in the event that business continuity and disaster
recovery plans are required to be activated. The standards shall take into account factors such as:
(1) activity-based thresholds; (2) significant operational issues of the Participant during the
twelve months prior to the designation; and (3) past performance of the Participant with respect
to operational testing. The specific standards adopted by the Corporation and any updates or
modifications thereto shall be published to Participants and applied on a prospective basis.

Upon notification that the Participant has been designated to participate in the annual
business continuity and disaster recovery testing, as described above, Participants shall be
required to fulfill, within the timeframes established by the Corporation, certain testing
requirements (the scope of such testing to be determined by the Corporation in its sole
discretion) and related reporting requirements (such as reporting the test results to the
Corporation in a manner specified by the Corporation) that may be imposed by the Corporation.

The Corporation shall apply the foregoing requirements on a nondiscriminatory basis.
Any applicant aggrieved by action taken by the Corporation in applying such qualifications shall
be entitled to a right of appeal in accordance with Rule 22.

The entities which have made a Required Participants Fund Deposit pursuant to Section 1
of Rule 4 and Required Preferred Stock Investment pursuant to Section 2 of Rule 4 and to which
the Corporation makes all of its services available shall be known as Participants. The entities
which, if required, have made a Required Participants Fund Deposit pursuant to Section 1 of
Rule 4 and Required Preferred Stock Investment pursuant to Section 2 of Rule 4 and to which
the Corporation makes only certain of its services available shall be known as Limited
Participants. For purposes of these Rules, the term “Participant” shall include the term “Limited
Participant” unless the (i) context otherwise requires or (ii) the Procedures otherwise provide.

The Corporation may at any time cease either temporarily or definitively to make its
services available to a Participant in accordance with these Rules and the Participant shall, upon
receipt of notice thereof given by the Corporation as provided in these Rules cease to be a
Participant; provided, however, that if the Corporation notifies a Participant that it has ceased to
act for it only with respect to a particular transaction or transactions, the Participant shall
continue to be a Participant. A Participant may terminate its business with the Corporation by
notifying the Corporation as provided in Sections 7 or 8 of Rule 4 or, if for a reason other than
those specified in said Sections 7 and 8, by notifying the Corporation thereof; the Participant
shall, upon receipt of such notice by the Corporation, cease to be a Participant, subject to
Section 6 of Rule 4. In the event that a Participant shall cease to be a Participant, the
Corporation shall thereupon cease to make its services available to the Participant, except that
the Corporation may perform services on behalf of the Participant or its successor in interest
necessary to terminate the business of the Participant or its successor with the Corporation, and
the Participant or its successor shall pay to the Corporation the fees and charges provided by
these Rules with respect to services performed by the Corporation subsequent to the time when
the Participant ceases to be a Participant. The Corporation shall immediately notify the SEC if it
temporarily or definitively ceases to make its services available to a Participant in accordance
with these Rules.
RULE 4

PARTICIPANTS FUND AND PARTICIPANTS INVESTMENT

Section 1. Participants Fund

The Participants Fund shall comprise the Actual Participants Fund Deposits of all Participants, as provided in these Rules and as specified in the Procedures.

(a) Required Participants Fund Deposits

Each Participant shall be required to make a Required Participants Fund Deposit in accordance with one or more formulas based upon the Participant's use of the facilities of the Corporation; provided, however, that (i) each Participant other than a Limited Participant shall be required to make at least a minimum Required Participants Fund Deposit and (ii) depending upon the services it utilizes, a Limited Participant may or may not be required to make a Required Participants Fund Deposit. The formulas for determining the Required Participants Fund Deposits of Participants and the amount of the minimum Required Participants Fund Deposit shall be fixed by the Corporation and specified in the Procedures so as to assure that the aggregate amount of Required Participants Fund Deposits of Participants will be increased to provide for costs and expenses incurred by it incidental to the voluntary liquidation or wind-down of the Corporation, if any.

The Corporation may from time to time change the formulas for determining the Required Participants Fund Deposits of Participants and the amount of the minimum Required Participants Fund Deposit; provided, however, that notice of such change shall be given to each Participant at least ten Business Days in advance of the effective date thereof.

The Corporation may require a Participant to Deposit an additional amount to the Participants Fund pursuant to Section 2 of Rule 9(A). Any such additional amount shall be part of the Required Participants Fund Deposit of such Participant.

(b) The Corporation shall determine on a daily basis for each Participant the amount of its Required Participants Fund Deposit, and the Corporation shall notify each Participant of any change in the amount of its Required Participants Fund Deposit. If the Actual Participants Fund Deposit of a Participant is less than the amount of its Required Participants Fund Deposit, the Participant shall Deposit to the Participants Fund, in the manner specified in the Procedures, the amount needed to eliminate the deficiency. If the Actual Participants Fund Deposit of a Participant is more than the amount of its Required Participants Fund Deposit, the Corporation shall pay to the Participant from the Participants Fund, in the manner specified in the Procedures, the amount of the excess, or such lesser amount as the Participant may request; provided, however, that the Corporation may determine, in its sole discretion, not to return such excess deposit (i) if the Collateral Monitor with respect to any Account Family of the Participant is negative.
or will be negative as a consequence thereof, (ii) if any Account Family of the Participant will, immediately after the return of such excess deposit, have a negative balance which exceeds the Net Debit Cap for that Account Family, (iii) until any amount which is required to be charged or levied against the Participant or its Required Participants Fund Deposit is paid by the Participant to the Corporation, (iv) if the Corporation determines that the recent use of any service of the Corporation by the Participant is materially different from its prior use of such service and that a higher Required Participants Fund Deposit is thereby justified and (v) until after the amounts, if any, to be charged or levied against the Participant or its Required Participants Fund Deposit on account of transactions which occurred previously have been satisfied. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Corporation may withhold all or part of any excess deposit of a Participant if the Corporation determines, in its sole discretion, that such action is necessary for the protection of the Corporation, other Participants or Pledgees.

(b) Additional Participants Fund Deposits

The Corporation may require a Participant to Deposit, on demand, an additional amount to the Participants Fund pursuant to Section 2 of Rule 9(A) (an “Additional Participants Fund Deposit”). Any such Additional Participants Fund Deposit shall be part of the Required Participants Fund Deposit of such Participant.

(c) Voluntary Participants Fund Deposits

A Participant may make a Voluntary Participants Fund Deposit to the Participants Fund, as in the manner specified in the Procedures. A Voluntary Participants Fund Deposit shall not be part of the Required Participants Fund Deposit of the Participant but shall be part of its Actual Participants Fund Deposit.

(d) Cash Participants Fund

The Required Participants Fund Deposit, (including any Additional Participants Fund Deposit) and any Voluntary Participants Fund Deposit of a Participant shall be in cash. All amounts due to or from a Participant in connection with increases and decreases in its Required Participants Fund Deposit (including pursuant to this Section or Section 2 of Rule 9(A)) and any Additional Participants Fund Deposit, any Voluntary Participants Fund Deposit, and any charge pursuant to Section 5 of this Rule, may be credited to or debited from its Settlement Account.

(e) Allocation of Participants Fund Deposits Among Account Families

A Participant with more than one Account Family may, in the manner specified in the Procedures, designate the portion of its Actual Participants Fund Deposit to be allocated to each Account Family at the opening of business each Business Day. The Corporation shall not be obligated to make any allocations in accordance with such instructions if the Corporation determines, in its sole discretion, that such action might result in financial loss to the Corporation, other Participants or Pledgees. The Corporation may allocate among Account Families, in the manner specified in the
Procedures, any portion of the Actual Participants Fund Deposit of a Participant which is not allocated by the Participant.

(f) Maintenance, Permitted Use and Investment of Participants Fund

The Actual Participants Fund Deposits of Participants to the Participants Fund shall be held by the Corporation and may be applied or invested as provided in these Rules and as specified in the Procedures.

The Actual Participants Fund shall be limited to the satisfaction of losses or Deposits of Participants may be used (i) to satisfy the obligations of Participants to the Corporation, as provided in Section 3 of this Rule, (ii) to fund settlement among non-defaulting Participants, as provided in Section 4 of this Rule and (iii) to satisfy losses and liabilities of the Corporation incident to the business of the Corporation, as provided in Section 5 of this Rule. For purposes of this Section Rule, the term “business” with respect to the Corporation shall mean the doing of all things in connection with or relating to the Corporation's performance of the services specified in the first and second paragraphs of Rule 6 or the cessation of such services. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Rule, the Participants Fund may be used as provided in any Clearing Agency Agreement.

(g) The cash in the Participants Fund may be partially or wholly invested by the Corporation, in its sole discretion, for its account in securities issued or guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States or agencies or instrumentalities of the United States or repurchase agreements relating to securities issued or guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States or agencies or instrumentalities of the United States and to the extent not so invested shall be deposited by the Corporation in its name in a depository or depositories selected by the Corporation. Any securities, repurchase agreements or deposits in accordance with the Clearing Agency Investment Policy adopted by the Corporation. Any financial assets in which cash in the Participants Fund is invested may be sold by the Corporation or Pledged as security for loans made to the Corporation, as provided in Rule 4(A). The Corporation shall pay interest to a Participant on the cash such Participant has Deposited to the Participants Fund at the rate the Corporation earns or as specified in the Procedures.

(h) Return of Participants Fund Deposits to Participants

After three months from when a Person has ceased to be a Participant, the Corporation shall return to such Person (or its successor in interest or legal representative) the amount of the Actual Participants Fund Deposit of the former Participant plus accrued and unpaid interest to the date of such payment (including any amount added to the Actual Participants Fund Deposit of the former Participant pursuant to Section 2(b) of this Rule), provided that the Corporation receives such indemnities and guarantees as the Corporation deems satisfactory with respect to the matured and contingent obligations of the former Participant to the Corporation. Otherwise, within
fourtwo years after a Person has ceased to be a Participant, the Corporation shall return to such Person (or its successor in interest or legal representative) the amount of the Actual Participants Fund Deposit of the former Participant plus accrued and unpaid interest to the date of such payment, except that the Corporation may offset against such payment the amount of any known loss or liability to the Corporation arising out of related to the obligations of the former Participant to the Corporation.

Section 2. Participants Investment

The Participants Investment shall comprise the Required Preferred Stock Investments of all Participants, as provided in these Rules and as specified in the Procedures.

(a) Required Preferred Stock Investments

Each Participant shall be required to make a Required Preferred Stock Investment in accordance with one or more formulas based upon the Participant's use of the facilities of the Corporation; provided, however, that (i) each Participant other than a Limited Participant shall be required to make at least a minimum Required Preferred Stock Investment and (ii) depending upon the services it utilizes, a Limited Participant may or may not be required to make a Required Preferred Stock Investment. The formulas for determining the Required Preferred Stock Investments of Participants and the amount of the minimum Required Preferred Stock Investment shall be fixed by the Corporation and specified in the Procedures. The Corporation may from time to time change the formulas for determining the Required Preferred Stock Investments of Participants and the amount of the minimum Required Preferred Stock Investment; provided, however, that notice of such change shall be given to each Participant at least ten Business Days in advance of the effective date thereof.

(b) The Corporation shall determine on a quarterly basis for each Participant the amount of its Required Preferred Stock Investment, and the Corporation shall notify each Participant of any change in the amount of its Required Preferred Stock Investment. If the Actual Preferred Stock Investment of a Participant is less than the amount of its Required Preferred Stock Investment, such Participant shall purchase, in the manner specified in the Procedures, the number of outstanding shares of Preferred Stock needed to eliminate the deficiency. If the Actual Preferred Stock Investment of a Participant is more than the amount of its Required Preferred Stock Investment, such Participant shall sell, in the manner specified in the Procedures, the number of its shares of Preferred Stock needed to eliminate the excess. The Corporation, acting as agent and attorney-in-fact for its Participants, shall effect the foregoing purchases and sales of shares of Preferred Stock on their behalf, so that each Participant shall own the amount of its Required Preferred Stock Investment, as adjusted from time to time in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph (a) of this Section 2 and this Paragraph (b).

(c) A Participant may not purchase from the Corporation or any other Participant any shares of Preferred Stock in excess of the amount of its Required Preferred Stock Investment.
(d) — Except as otherwise provided in this Paragraph or Paragraph (f) of this Section, all purchases and sales of Preferred Stock pursuant to these Rules shall be made in cash at a price equal to the aggregate Preferred Stock Par Value of the shares plus accrued and unpaid dividends thereon to the date of such purchase or sale; provided, however, that (i) the portion of the price equal to the aggregate Preferred Stock Par Value of the shares shall be paid on the date of such purchase and sale and (ii) the portion of the price equal to the accrued and unpaid dividends thereon shall be paid on the first Preferred Stock Dividend Date following the date of such purchase and sale if dividends are paid on the Preferred Stock on such Preferred Stock Dividend Date.

All amounts due to or from Participants in connection with purchases and sales of Preferred Stock shall be credited to or debited from their Settlement Accounts, except that any amounts due to a Person which has ceased to be a Participant shall be paid to such account as the former Participant shall designate for this purpose. The Corporation, acting as agent and attorney-in-fact for its Participants, shall effect all payments on their behalf, at the times and in the amounts provided in these Rules and as specified in the Procedures, without any further action or consent required on the part of such Participants, and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Corporation may apply all dividends paid on the Preferred Stock to the payments required to be made to all past and present holders of Preferred Stock pursuant to this Section.

Any determination by the Corporation of a number of shares of Preferred Stock to be purchased or sold pursuant to these Rules shall be made by converting any fraction into a decimal rounded to the nearest one-hundred-thousandth and by rounding to the nearest one-hundred-thousandth the product of any such decimal and any number of shares of Preferred Stock. In order to make the products of all such determinations by the Corporation pursuant to any one provision of these Rules consistent with the total number of shares of Preferred Stock being purchased and sold, the Corporation shall randomly assign to or deduct from the number of shares of Preferred Stock being purchased from or sold to any Participant the difference between such total number of shares of Preferred Stock and the sum of such products.

(b) Allocation of Preferred Stock Investments Among Account Families

(e) — A Participant with more than one Account Family may, in the manner specified in the Procedures, designate the portion of its Actual Preferred Stock Investment to be allocated to each Account Family at the opening of business each Business Day. The Corporation shall not be obligated to make any allocations in accordance with such instructions if the Corporation determines, in its sole discretion, that such action might result in financial loss to the Corporation, other Participants or Pledgees. The Corporation may allocate among Account Families, in the manner specified in the Procedures, any portion of the Actual Preferred Stock Investment of a Participant which is not allocated by the Participant.

(c) Security Interest in Preferred Stock Investments of Participants
(f) To secure the obligations of Participants to the Corporation, the Corporation, acting as agent and attorney-in-fact for its Participants, may (i) pledge the entire right, title and interest of any Participant in and to some or all of its shares of Preferred Stock, together with all distributions thereon, proceeds thereof and replacements or substitutions therefor (a “Preferred Stock Security Interest”), as collateral security for the obligations of the Corporation to its Lenders under any credit facility maintained by the Corporation for the purpose of funding the end-of-day settlement of transactions processed through the facilities of the Corporation (an “End-of-Day Credit Facility”) or (ii) sell some or all of the shares of Preferred Stock of any Participant to other Participants (who shall be obligated to purchase such shares pro rata their Required Preferred Stock Investments at the time of such purchase), and apply the proceeds of such sale to the obligations of such Participant to the Corporation. Any such Pledge of a Preferred Stock Security Interest pursuant to this Paragraph (f), shall be made by appropriate entries on the books of the Corporation (and such entries, together with these Rules, shall be deemed to be a security agreement for purposes of the NYUCC) or by any other means provided in the NYUCC, and each Participant hereby grants to the Corporation an irrevocable power of attorney (coupled with an interest) to execute and deliver, in the name and on behalf of such Participant, any and all additional documents, instruments, agreements and financing statements necessary or desirable as determined by the Corporation, in its sole discretion, to create and perfect the Pledge of the Preferred Stock Security Interest by the Corporation to its Lenders under the End-of-Day Credit Facility. Any such sale of shares of Preferred Stock pursuant to this Paragraph (f), and any application of the proceeds thereof as provided herein, shall be effected by the Corporation without any further action or consent required on the part of the Participant whose shares of Preferred Stock are sold, and the Settlement Account of such Participant shall be credited with the full amount of such proceeds.

(d) Dividends on Preferred Stock Investments of Participants

The Corporation shall pay dividends on the Preferred Stock at a rate fixed by the Board of Directors in accordance with the Organization Certificate of the Corporation.

(e) Sale of Preferred Stock Investments of Participants

Promptly after a Person has ceased to be a Participant, the Corporation, acting as agent and attorney-in-fact for such Person (or its successor in interest or legal representative), shall sell all of the shares of Preferred Stock of the former Participant to current Participants (who shall be required to purchase such shares pro rata their Required Preferred Stock Investments at the time of such purchase), and add the proceeds thereof to the Actual Participants Fund Deposit of the former Participant for disposition in accordance with Section 1(hg) of this Rule.

(f) Permitted Transfers of Preferred Stock Investments of Participants

Shares of Preferred Stock may be transferred from a Participant to another Person, subject to the provisions of this Paragraph (f) of this Section 2:
(1) if (1A) such Participant gives the Corporation at least twenty Business Days prior written notice of the proposed transfer and (2B) such transfer is effected in the course of or pursuant to (x) a merger or consolidation of such Participant into or with such Person or (y) a sale of all or substantially all of the business and assets of such Participant to such Person and (3C) such Person is also a Participant; or

(2) if (1A) such Participant gives the Corporation and all other Participants at least twenty Business Days prior written notice of the proposed transfer and (xii) offers to sell the shares to such other Participants (pro rata their Required Preferred Stock Investments at the time of such offer) at the lower of (i) the aggregate purchase price that such Person has agreed to pay for the shares or (ii) the aggregate Preferred Stock Par Value of the shares and (2B) the Corporation, acting as agent and attorney-in-fact for such other Participants, declines on their behalf to purchase the shares on such terms.

No shares of Preferred Stock may be purchased, sold or transferred except in accordance with this Paragraph (i) or in connection with the quarterly reallocation of shares of Preferred Stock pursuant to Paragraph (ba) of this Section.

Section 3. Application of Participants Fund Deposits and Preferred Stock Investments to Participant Default

If a Participant is a Participant that is a Defaulting Participant pursuant to Rule 9(B) or is otherwise obligated to the Corporation, other than for a pro rata charge pursuant to Section 5 of these Rules and the Procedures, and fails to satisfy any such obligation (a “Participant Default”), including, without limitation, the obligation of the Participant to reimburse the Corporation for the amount of any payment with respect to such Participant paid by or owing from the Corporation to any other clearing agency pursuant to a Clearing Agency Agreement, the Corporation shall, to the extent necessary to eliminate such obligation, apply some or all of the Actual Participants Fund Deposit of such Participant to such obligation to satisfy the Participant Default.

If any such application of the Actual Participants Fund Deposit of a Participant is insufficient to satisfy such obligation, the Corporation may, in such order and in such amounts as the Corporation shall determine, in its sole discretion, to the extent necessary to eliminate such obligation:

(a) apply some or all of the Actual Participants Fund Deposit of such Participant to such obligation;

(ba) Pledge some or all of the shares of Preferred Stock of such Participant to its Lenders as collateral security for a loan under the End-of-Day Credit Facility, and apply the proceeds of such loan to satisfy such obligation; and/or
sell some or all of the shares of Preferred Stock of such Participant to other Participants (who shall be required to purchase such shares pro rata their Required Preferred Stock Investments at the time of such purchase), and apply the proceeds of such sale to such obligation.

If the Corporation takes any of the foregoing actions, the Participant shall, upon the demand of the Corporation, within such time as the Corporation shall require:

(a) Deposit to the Participants Fund the amount in cash needed to eliminate any resulting deficiency in its Required Participants Fund Deposit;

(b) wire to the Corporation an amount in cash sufficient to discharge any loan secured by its shares of Preferred Stock; and/or

(c) repurchase any of its shares of Preferred Stock sold to other Participants.

If the Participant shall fail to take any action demanded by the Corporation, the Corporation may take disciplinary action against the Participant pursuant to these Rules. Any disciplinary action which the Corporation takes pursuant to these Rules, or the voluntary or involuntary cessation of participation by the Participant, shall not affect the obligation of the Participant to the Corporation or any remedy to which the Corporation may be entitled under applicable law.

Section 4. Application of Participants Fund Deposits of Non-Defaulting Participants

If the Corporation incurs a loss or liability which is not satisfied by charging the Participant or Participants responsible for causing the loss or liability pursuant to Section 3 of this Rule, the Corporation shall, in such order and in such amounts as the Corporation shall determine, in its sole discretion, to the extent necessary to satisfy such loss or liability:

(a) apply some or all of the Actual Participants Fund Deposits of all other Participants to such loss or liability, in which case:

(1) with respect to any loss or liability incurred by the Corporation in connection with any payment required to be made by the Corporation to any other clearing agency pursuant to a Clearing Agency Agreement, the Actual Participants Fund Deposit of each Participant that is concurrently a member of such other clearing agency, excluding the Participant or Participants responsible for causing the loss or liability, shall be applied pro rata (A) its Required Participants Fund Deposit (as such Required Participants Fund Deposit was fixed at the time the loss or liability was discovered) less (B) any portion of such Required Participants Fund Deposit attributable to any additional amount that such Participant was required to Deposit to the Participants Fund pursuant to Section 2 of Rule 9(A); or
(2) with respect to any other loss or liability incurred by the Corporation, the Actual Participants Fund Deposit of each Participant, excluding the Participant or Participants responsible for causing the loss or liability, shall be applied pro rata (A) its Required Participants Fund Deposit (as such Required Participants Fund Deposit was fixed at the time the loss or liability was discovered) less (B) any portion of such Required Participants Fund Deposit attributable to any additional amount that such Participant was required to Deposit to the Participants Fund pursuant to Section 2 of Rule 9(A); and/or

(b) charge the existing retained earnings and undivided profits of the Corporation.

The Participants Fund shall constitute a liquidity resource which may be applied by the Corporation in such amounts as the Corporation shall determine, in its sole discretion, to fund settlement if there is a Defaulting Participant and the amount charged to the Actual Participants Fund Deposit of the Defaulting Participant pursuant to Section 3 of this Rule is not sufficient to complete settlement. In that case, the Corporation may apply the Actual Participants Fund Deposits of Participants other than the Defaulting Participant (each, a “non-defaulting Participant”) as provided in this Section and/or apply such other liquidity resources as may be available to the Corporation from time to time, including the End-of-Day Credit Facility.

If the Participants Fund is applied to a loss or liability complete settlement, the Corporation shall promptly after the event notify each Participant and the SEC of the amount applied and the reasons therefor (“Settlement Charge Notice”).

Each non-defaulting Participant’s pro rata share of such application of the Participants Fund (each, a “pro rata settlement charge”) shall be equal to (i) its Required Participants Fund Deposit, as such Required Participants Fund Deposit was fixed on the Business Day of such application less its Additional Participants Fund Deposit, if any, on that day, divided by (ii) the sum of the Required Participants Fund Deposits of all non-defaulting Participants, as such Required Participants Fund Deposits were fixed on that day, less the sum of the Additional Participants Fund Deposits, if any, of such non-defaulting Participants on that day.

A Participant shall have a period of five Business Days following issuance of a Settlement Charge Notice (such period, a “Settlement Charge Termination Notification Period”) to notify the Corporation of its election to terminate its business with the Corporation pursuant to Section 8(a) of this Rule.

If a Participant notifies the Corporation of its election to terminate its business with the Corporation pursuant to Section 8(a) of this Rule, it shall comply with the provisions of Section 6(b) of this Rule. If a Participant so complies, its maximum obligation with respect to its pro rata settlement charges shall be equal to the amount set forth in Section 8(a) of
this Rule (“Settlement Charge Cap”). If, after notifying the Corporation of its election to terminate its business with the Corporation pursuant to Section 8(a) of this Rule, the Participant fails to comply with the provisions of Section 6(b) of this Rule, its election to terminate its business with the Corporation shall be deemed void and it will remain subject to further pro rata settlement charges as may be charged against it as if it had not given such notice.

The Corporation may retain the entire amount of the Actual Participants Fund Deposit of a Participant subject to a pro rata settlement charge, up to the amount of the Participant’s Settlement Charge Cap.

Section 5. Except as provided in Subject to Section 8 of this Rule, if a pro rata charge is made pursuant to Section 4 of this Rule against the Required the Actual Participants Fund Deposit of a Participant, is applied as provided in this Section and, as a consequence, the Actual Participants Fund Deposit of such Participant is less than its Required Participants Fund Deposit, the Participant shall, upon the demand of the Corporation, within such time as the Corporation shall require, Deposit to the Participants Fund the amount in cash needed to eliminate any resulting deficiency in its Required Participants Fund Deposit. If the Participant shall fail to make such deposit to the Participants Fund, the Corporation may take disciplinary action against the Participant pursuant to these Rules. Any disciplinary action which the Corporation takes pursuant to these Rules, or the voluntary or involuntary cessation of participation by the Participant, shall not affect the obligations of the Participant to the Corporation or any remedy to which the Corporation may be entitled under applicable law.

Section 5. Loss Allocation Waterfall

For the purposes of this Rule, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

“CTA Participant” shall mean a Participant for which the Corporation has ceased to act pursuant to Rule 10, Rule 11 or Rule 12.

“Default Loss Event” shall mean the determination by the Corporation to cease to act for a Participant pursuant to Rule 10, Rule 11, or Rule 12.

“Declared Non-Default Loss Event” shall mean the determination by the Board of Directors that a loss or liability incident to the clearance and settlement business of the Corporation may be a significant and substantial loss or liability that may materially impair the ability of the Corporation to provide clearance and settlement services in an orderly manner and will potentially generate losses to be mutualized among Participants in order to ensure that the Corporation may continue to offer clearance and settlement services in an orderly manner.

If the Corporation incurs a loss or liability relating to or arising out of a Default Loss Event or a Declared Non-Default Loss Event, the Corporation shall address the loss or liability as follows:

Default Loss Events and/or Declared Non-Default Loss Events that occur within a period of ten Business Days (an “Event Period”) shall be grouped together for purposes of
applying the limits on loss allocations set forth in this Rule. In the case of a Default Loss Event, an Event Period begins on the day that the Corporation notifies Participants that it has ceased to act for a Participant (or the next Business Day, if such day is not a Business Day).

In the case of a Declared Non-Default Loss Event, an Event Period begins on the day that the Corporation notifies Participants of the Declared Non-Default Loss Event (or the next Business Day, if such day is not a Business Day), which notification shall be issued promptly following any such determination.

If a subsequent Default Loss Event or Declared Non-Default Loss Event occurs during an Event Period, any losses or liabilities relating to or arising out of any such subsequent event shall be resolved as losses or liabilities that are part of the same Event Period, without extending the duration of such Event Period.

Each CTA Participant shall be obligated to the Corporation for the entire amount of any loss or liability incurred by the Corporation arising out of or relating to any Default Loss Event with respect to such CTA Participant. To the extent that such loss or liability is not satisfied pursuant to Section 3 of this Rule, the Corporation shall apply a Corporate Contribution thereto and charge the remaining amount of such liability or loss ratably to other Participants, as further provided below.

The Corporation shall apply the Corporate Contribution to losses and liabilities that arise out of or relate to one or more Default Loss Events and/or Declared Non-Default Loss Events that occur within an Event Period. If losses and liabilities with respect to such Event Period remain unsatisfied following application of the Corporate Contribution, the Corporation shall allocate such losses and liabilities to Participants, subject to the requirements and limitations below.

Each Participant that is a Participant on the first day of an Event Period shall be obligated to pay its pro rata share of losses and liabilities arising out of or relating to each Default Loss Event (other than a Default Loss Event with respect to which it is the CTA Participant) and each Declared Non-Default Loss Event occurring during the Event Period. Any Participant for which the Corporation ceases to act on a non-Business Day, triggering an Event Period that commences on the next Business Day, shall be deemed to be a Participant on the first day of that Event Period. A loss allocation “round” means a series of loss allocations relating to an Event Period, the aggregate amount of which is limited by the sum of the Loss Allocation Caps of affected Participants (a “round cap”). When the aggregate amount of losses allocated in a round equals the round cap, any additional losses relating to the applicable Event Period shall be allocated in one or more subsequent rounds, in each case subject to a round cap for that round. The Corporation may continue the loss allocation process in successive rounds until all losses from the Event Period are allocated among Participants that have not submitted a Termination Notice in accordance with Section 6(b) of this Rule.

Each loss allocation shall be communicated to Participants by the issuance of a notice that advises each Participant of the amount being allocated to it (each, a “Loss
Each Participant’s pro rata share of losses and liabilities to be allocated in any round shall be equal to (i) its Required Participants Fund Deposit, as such Required Participants Fund Deposit was fixed on the first day of the applicable Event Period, less its Additional Participants Fund Deposit, if any, on such day, divided by (ii) the sum of the Required Participants Fund Deposits of all Participants subject to loss allocation in such round, as such Required Participants Fund Deposits were fixed on such day, less the sum of any Additional Participants Fund Deposits, if any, of all Participants subject to loss allocation in such round on such day.

Each Loss Allocation Notice shall specify the relevant Event Period and the round to which it relates. The first Loss Allocation Notice in any first, second, or subsequent round shall expressly state that such Loss Allocation Notice reflects the beginning of the first, second, or subsequent round, as the case may be, and that each Participant in such round has five Business Days from the issuance of such first Loss Allocation Notice for the round (such period, a “Loss Allocation Termination Notification Period”) to notify the Corporation of its election to terminate its business with the Corporation pursuant to Section 8(b) of this Rule, and thereby benefit from its Loss Allocation Cap. If a Participant so complies, its maximum obligation with respect to its loss allocation charges shall be equal to the amount set forth in Section 8(b) of this Rule (“Loss Allocation Cap”).

Participants shall pay to the Corporation the amount specified in any first round Loss Allocation Notice on the second Business Day after the Corporation issues any such notice. Participants shall pay to the Corporation the amount specified in any subsequent round Loss Allocation Notice on the second Business Day after the Corporation issues such notice, unless the Participant has timely notified (or will timely notify) the Corporation of its election to terminate its business with the Corporation with respect to a prior loss allocation round pursuant to Section 8(b) of this Rule.

The Corporation may retain the entire Actual Participants Fund Deposit of a Participant subject to loss allocation, up to the Participant’s Loss Allocation Cap in accordance with Section 8(b) of this Rule.

If a Participant fails to make payment to the Corporation in respect of a Loss Allocation Notice by the time such payment is due, the Corporation shall have the right to proceed against such Participant as a Participant that has failed to satisfy an obligation in accordance with Section 3 of this Rule.

All amounts due from a Participant pursuant to this Section may be debited from its Settlement Account when due.

If a Participant notifies the Corporation of its election to terminate its business with the Corporation pursuant to Section 8(b) of this Rule, the Participant shall comply with the provisions of Section 6(b) of this Rule. If, after notifying the Corporation of its election to terminate its business with the Corporation pursuant to Section 8(b) of this Rule, the Participant fails to comply with the provisions of Section 6(b) of this Rule, its election to terminate its business with the Corporation shall be deemed void and any further losses
resulting from the applicable Event Period may be allocated against it as if it had not given such notice.

For any loss allocation pursuant to this Section 5, whether arising out of or relating to a Default Loss Event or a Declared Non-Default Loss Event, the Corporation’s corporate contribution to losses or liabilities that are incurred by the Corporation with respect to an Event Period (“Corporate Contribution”) shall be an amount that is equal to fifty percent (50%) of the amount calculated by the Corporation in respect of its General Business Risk Capital Requirement as of the end of the calendar quarter immediately preceding the Event Period. The Corporation’s General Business Risk Capital Requirement, as defined in its Clearing Agency Policy on Capital Requirements, is, at a minimum, equal to the regulatory capital that the Corporation is required to maintain in compliance with Rule 17Ad-22(e)(15) under the Exchange Act. If the Corporate Contribution is applied by the Corporation against a loss or liability relating to an Event Period, the Corporate Contribution for any subsequent Event Periods occurring during the two hundred fifty (250) Business Days thereafter shall be reduced to the remaining unused portion of the Corporate Contribution amount that applied for the first Event Period. The Corporation shall notify Participants of any such reduction to the Corporate Contribution.

Nothing in these Rules shall prevent the Corporation from voluntarily applying amounts greater than the Corporate Contribution against any loss or liability of the Corporation, whether a Default Loss Event or a Declared Non-Default Loss Event, if the Board of Directors, in its sole discretion, believes such to be appropriate under the factual situation existing at the time.

Section 6. Obligations of Participant Upon Termination

Whenever a Participant ceases to be such, it shall continue to be obligated (a) to satisfy any deficiency in the amount of its Required Participants Fund Deposit and/or Required Preferred Stock Investment that it did not satisfy prior to such time, including (i) any deficiency resulting from a pro rata charge with respect to which the Participant has given notice to the Corporation of its election to terminate its business with the Corporation pursuant to Section 8 of this Rule (a “Section 8 Pro Rata Charge”) and (ii) any deficiency the Participant is required to satisfy pursuant to Section 3 or 5 of this Rule (other than any deficiency referred to in the preceding clause (i) or, subject to Section 8 of this Rule, any pro rata charge under Section 5 of this Rule arising after the Section 8 Pro Rata Charge) and (b) to discharge any liability of the Participant to the Corporation resulting from the transactions of the Participant open at the time it ceases to be a Participant or on account of transactions occurring while it was a Participant, provided, however, that, subject to Section 8 of this Rule, the aggregate liability of the Participant for any Section 8 Pro Rata Charge shall not exceed the amount of its Aggregate Required Deposit and Investment, as fixed immediately prior to the time of such charge, plus 100% of the amount thereof.

(a) Upon Any Voluntary Retirement
If a Participant elects to terminate its business with the Corporation pursuant to Section 1 of Rule 2 for reasons other than those specified in Section 8 of this Rule (a “Voluntary Retirement”), the Participant shall:

(1) provide a written notice of such termination to the Corporation (“Voluntary Retirement Notice”), as provided for in Section 1 of Rule 2;

(2) specify in the Voluntary Retirement Notice a desired date for the termination of its business with the Corporation (“Voluntary Retirement Date”);

(3) cease all activities and use of Corporation’s services other than activities and services necessary to terminate the business of the Participant with the Corporation; and

(4) ensure that all activities and use of Corporation’s services by the Participant cease on or prior to the Voluntary Retirement Date.

If the Participant fails to comply with the requirements of this Paragraph (a), its Voluntary Retirement Notice shall be deemed void.

If a Participant submits a Voluntary Retirement Notice and subsequently receives a Settlement Charge Notice or the first Loss Allocation Notice in a round on or prior to the Voluntary Retirement Date, such Participant must timely submit a Termination Notice in order to benefit from its Settlement Charge Cap or Loss Allocation Cap, respectively. In such a case, the Termination Notice shall supersede and void the pending Voluntary Retirement Notice submitted by the Participant.

(b) Upon Termination Following Settlement Charge or Loss Allocation

If a Participant timely notifies the Corporation of its election to terminate its business with the Corporation in respect of a settlement charge as set forth in Section 4 of this Rule or a loss allocation as set forth in Section 5 of this Rule (“Termination Notice”), the Participant shall:

(1) specify in the Termination Notice an effective date of termination (“Participant Termination Date”), which date shall be no later than ten Business Days following the last day of the applicable Settlement Charge Termination Notification Period or Loss Allocation Termination Notification Period;

(2) cease all activities and use of the Corporation’s services other than activities and services necessary to terminate the business of the Participant with the Corporation; and

(3) ensure that all activities and use of Corporation’s services by such Participant cease on or prior to the Participant Termination Date.
A Participant that terminates its business with the Corporation in compliance with this Paragraph (b) shall nevertheless remain obligated for its pro rata share of losses and liabilities with respect to any Event Period for which it is otherwise obligated hereunder; however, its aggregate obligation shall be limited to the amount of its Loss Allocation Cap (as fixed in the round for which it withdrew).

If the Participant fails to comply with the requirements of this Paragraph (b), its Termination Notice will be deemed void, and the Participant will remain subject to further pro rata settlement charges pursuant to Section 4 of this Rule or loss allocations pursuant to Section 5 of this Rule as if it had not given such Termination Notice.

(c) After Any Termination

Whenever a Participant ceases to be such, it shall continue to be obligated (i) to satisfy any deficiency in the amounts of its Required Participants Fund Deposit and/or Required Preferred Stock Investment that it did not satisfy prior to such time, including any deficiency the Participant is required to satisfy pursuant to Sections 3 or 4 of this Rule, (ii) subject to Section 8 of this Rule, to satisfy any loss allocation pursuant to Section 5 of this Rule, and (iii) to discharge any liability of the Participant to the Corporation resulting from the transactions of the Participant open at the time it ceases to be a Participant or on account of transactions occurring while it was a Participant.

Section 7. Increased Participants Fund Deposits and Preferred Stock Investments

Except for any increase in the amount of the Required Additional Participants Fund Deposits of a Participant pursuant to Section 2, which shall be Deposited on demand as provided in Section 1(b) of this Rule, the Corporation shall give a Participant at least ten Business Days prior notice of any proposed increase in its Required Participants Fund Deposit or Required Preferred Stock Investment.

(a) Required Participants Fund Deposits

If a Participant does not, within the time allowed, give the Corporation notice (in the manner specified in Section 4 of Rule 2) of its election to terminate its business with the Corporation, the Participant shall be required to Deposit the amount needed to satisfy any such increase in its Required Participants Fund Deposit, and the obligation of the Participant to make such deposit shall not be affected by any subsequent voluntary or involuntary cessation of participation of the Participant. From and after the time such increase becomes effective, the obligations of the Participant to the Corporation shall be determined in accordance with such increased Required Participants Fund Deposit of the Participant whether or not the appropriate amount has been Deposited in the Participants Fund. For purposes of this Section, an increase in the Required Participants Fund Deposit of a Participant shall include an increase resulting from the application of the formulas provided for in Section 1(a) of this Rule and shall also include an increase resulting from a change in such formulas.
(b) **Required Preferred Stock Investments**

If a Participant does not, within the time allowed, give the Corporation notice (in the manner specified in Section 4 of Rule 2) of its election to terminate its business with the Corporation, the Participant shall be required to purchase the number of shares of Preferred Stock needed to satisfy any such increase in its Required Preferred Stock Investment, and the obligation of the Participant to make such purchase shall not be affected by any subsequent voluntary or involuntary cessation of participation of the Participant. From and after the time such increase becomes effective, the obligations of the Participant to the Corporation shall be determined in accordance with such increased Required Preferred Stock Investment of the Participant whether or not the appropriate number of shares of Preferred Stock have been purchased. For purposes of this Section, an increase in the Required Preferred Stock Investment of a Participant shall include an increase resulting from the application of the formulas provided for in Section 2(a) of this Rule and shall also include any increase resulting from a change in such formulas.

Section 8. **Termination; Obligation for Pro Rata Settlement Charges and Loss Allocations**

(a) **Settlement Charges**

If a Participant, within ten Business Days after receipt of notice of a pro rata charge for a loss or liability incurred by the Corporation, pursuant to Section 4 of this Rule, gives notice to the Corporation of its election to terminate its business with the Corporation, the Participant shall nevertheless remain obligated for such pro rata charge. The Corporation may also make additional pro rata charges (i) its pro rata settlement charge related to such Settlement Charge Notice and (ii) all other pro rata settlement charges through the Participant Termination Date attributable to the same loss or liability. In that event, notwithstanding the limitation set forth in Section 6 of this Rule, the obligation of a Participant which elects to terminate its business with the Corporation pursuant to this Section shall be limited to the greater of (a) the amount of its Aggregate Required Deposit and Investment, as fixed immediately prior to the first pro rata settlement charge that was the subject of the Settlement Charge Notice, plus 100% of the amount thereof, or (b) the amount of all prior pro rata charges attributable to the same loss or liability with respect to which the Participant has not timely exercised its right to limit its obligation as provided above.

(b) **Loss Allocations**

If a Participant, within five Business Days after the issuance of a first Loss Allocation Notice for any round pursuant to Section 5 of this Rule gives notice to the Corporation of its election to terminate its business with the Corporation, the Participant shall nevertheless remain liable for (i) the loss allocation that was the subject of such Loss Allocation Notice and (ii) all other loss allocations made by the Corporation with respect to the same Event Period. Subject to 8(c), the obligation
of a Participant which elects to terminate its business with the Corporation pursuant to this Paragraph shall be limited to the amount of its Aggregate Required Deposit and Investment, as fixed on the first day of the Event Period, plus 100% of the amount thereof.

(c) Maximum Obligation

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, under no circumstances shall the aggregate obligation of a Participant to the Corporation pursuant to both Paragraph (a) and Paragraph (b) of this Section 8 exceed the amount of its Aggregate Required Deposit and Investment, as fixed on the earlier of the day specified in the last sentence of Paragraph (a) or the day specified in the last sentence of Paragraph (b), plus 100% of the amount thereof.

(d) Obligation to Replenish Deposit

If the amount of the Actual Participants Fund Deposit of a Participant is insufficient to satisfy a pro rata settlement charge, as limited by Section 64 of this Rule and Paragraph (a) of this Section or a loss allocation pursuant to Section 5 of this Rule and Paragraph (b) of this Section, the Participant shall be obligated to Deposit the amount of any such deficiency to the Participants Fund notwithstanding the fact that the Participant subsequently ceases to be a Participant.

Section 9. No Waiver; Recovery and Repayment

No loss allocation under this Rule shall constitute a waiver of any claim the Corporation may have against a Participant for any losses or liabilities to which the Participant is subject under these Rules and Procedures, including, without limitation, any loss or liability to which it may be subject under this Rule. If a loss amount is charged pro rata pursuant to Section 4 of this Rule or pursuant to Section 5 of this Rule and such amount is afterward recovered by the Corporation, in whole or in part, the net amount of the recovery shall be credited ratably (on the same basis that it was originally charged or allocated) to the Persons against whom the loss amount was originally charged in proportion to the amounts charged against them by (a) crediting the appropriate amounts to the Actual Participants Fund Deposits of Persons which are still Participants and (b) paying the appropriate amounts in cash to Persons which are not still Participants.

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