

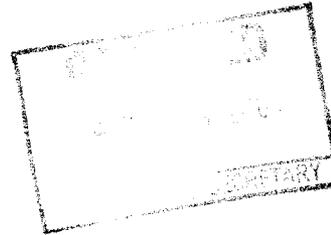
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Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission  
450 Fifth Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20549-0609



Subject: File No. SR-DTC-2003-09

Secretary,

Edward Jones would like to go on record supporting the rule change (File No. SR-DTC-2003-09) that would allow The Depository Trust Company ("DTC") to implement a New Service that would provide for the destruction of certificates for which transfer agent services have not been available for a period of time. The rule change also provides for the implementation of a fee relating to the custody of certificates in such issues that are not designated for destruction.

Edward Jones stands firmly behind any industry initiative, such as this one, that promotes efficiency, dematerializes certificates and ultimately reduces industry expenses which can be shared by industry participants. The reduction of risk and cost at DTC and the cost savings that will be realized are underlying goals of our firm and the entire financial services community.

Sincerely,

Kristin Johnson  
Edward Jones, Operations Division and Member of SIA Regulatory and Clearance Committee