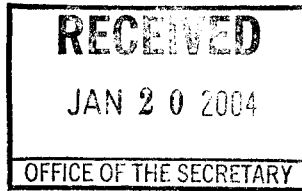




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Jonathan G. Katz
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Re: File No. SR-NYSE- 2003-29; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change to Amend Rule 412 and its Interpretation Relating to Partial Customer Account Transfers.

Dear Mr. Katz:

Bear, Stearns Securities Corp. welcomes the opportunity to comment on the above referenced rule change. Bear, Stearns Securities Corp. has a commitment to our clients, to the global clearing business and to the industry. We provide services which include the transferring of customer accounts via the Automated Customer Account Transfer System ("ACATS") as designed by the National Securities Clearing Corporation (NSCC)

We would like to take this opportunity to comment on the proposed rule filing by the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) which will apply the same procedural standards regarding use of the ACAT System to both standard and non-standard customer account transfers. This non-standard functionality will include: Partial transfers, Fail Reversals, Reclaims and Mutual Fund Fail Clean ups. We note that the register only mentioned Partial Transfers as non-standard functionality, but the NYSE Rule will encompass all non-standard transfers as we stated above.

We would also like to lend our support to the Interpretation of Rule 412(a) clarifying the client authorization to include electronic signature "in a format recognized as valid under federal law to conduct interstate commerce". Our firm feels this change will bring a standard acceptable to all firms and clients to coincide with the way each individual client and firm does business.

We urge the Securities and Exchange Commission to accept the NYSE proposed rule change concerning the use of the non-standard transfer functionality. The proposed rule change is consistent with the objectives of the industry and Bear, Stearns Securities Corp. supports the proposal.

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