



Regulatory Circular 07-019

Date: November 21, 2007

To: ETP Holders

From: James C. Yong
Chief Regulatory Officer

Re: SEC's Section 31 Transaction Fee Rate
NSX Regulatory Transaction Fee

As background, the Investor and Capital Markets Relief Act (the "Fee Relief Act") amended Section 31 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to change the fee rates applicable under subparagraphs (b) and (c) of Section 31. The Fee Relief Act requires the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") to make annual adjustments to the fee rates applicable under Section 31(b) and (c) for each of the fiscal years 2003 through 2011, and one final adjustment to fix the fee rates for fiscal 2012 and beyond.

As previously announced by the Commission, thirty days after the date of enactment of the Commission's regular fiscal year 2008 appropriation, "the Section 31 fee rate applicable to securities transactions on the exchanges and certain over-the-counter markets will decrease to \$11.00 per million from the current rate of \$15.30 per million." See, *Fee Rate Advisory #1 for Fiscal Year 2008*, Rel. 2007-89; *NSX Regulatory Circular 07-007*. The Commission has been operating under a continuing resolution for fiscal year 2008 since October 1, 2007, and, thus, the Section 31 fee has remained at its current rate. See, *Fee Rate Advisory #2 for Fiscal Year 2008*, Rel. 2007-207; *NSX Regulatory Circular 07-014*.

On November 15, 2007, the Commission announced that the continuing resolution funding the Commission for fiscal year 2008 has been extended through December 14, 2007. See, *Fee Rate Advisory #3 for Fiscal Year 2008*, Rel. 2007-232 (which is attached to this circular). **As a result, the fees paid under Section 31 will remain at their current rate of \$15.30 per million until thirty (30) days after the Commission receives its fiscal year 2008 regular appropriation.** We will keep you advised of any future announcements from the Commission regarding this fee reduction.

Once the Commission's Section 31 fee is reduced, the National Stock Exchange, Inc. (the "Exchange" or "NSX") will accordingly adjust its regulatory transaction fee assessed to ETP Holders under NSX Rules that the Exchange uses to help fund the Exchange's Section 31 fee obligations to the Commission. We will update you when the regulatory transaction fee assessed to ETP Holders is adjusted.

Any further questions can be directed to me at 312.786.8893.

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U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission

Fee Rate Advisory #3 for Fiscal Year 2008

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Washington, D.C., Nov. 15, 2007 - The continuing resolution funding the Securities and Exchange Commission for fiscal year 2008 since Oct. 1, 2007, has been extended further through Dec. 14, 2007. Therefore, fees paid under Section 6(b) of the Securities Act of 1933 and Sections 13(e), 14(g) and 31 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 will remain at their current rates.

As previously announced, thirty days after the date of enactment of the Commission's regular fiscal year 2008 appropriation, the Section 31 fee rate applicable to securities transactions on the exchanges and in the over-the-counter markets will decrease to \$11.00 per million dollars from the current rate of \$15.30 per million dollars. The assessment on security futures transactions under Section 31(d) will remain unchanged at \$0.0042 for each round turn transaction.

In addition, five days after the date of enactment of the Commission's regular appropriation, the Section 6(b) fee rate applicable to the registration of securities, the Section 13(e) fee rate applicable to the repurchase of securities, and the Section 14(g) fee rate applicable to proxy solicitations and statements in corporate control transactions will increase to \$39.30 per million dollars from the current rate of \$30.70 per million dollars.

The Division of Trading and Markets' Office of Interpretation and Guidance is available to answer questions relating to Section 31. That office may be reached by phone at 202-551-5777 or by email at tradingandmarkets@sec.gov.

A copy of the Commission's April 30, 2007, order regarding fee rates for fiscal year 2008 is available at <http://www.sec.gov/rules/other/2007/33-8794.pdf>.

The Commission will issue further notices as appropriate to keep the public informed of developments relating to enactment of the Commission's regular appropriation and the effective dates for the above fee rate changes. These notices will be posted at the SEC's Internet web site at <http://www.sec.gov>.

<http://www.sec.gov/news/press/2007/2007-232.htm>