

pursue arbitration claims against bank dealers in connection with their municipal securities activities by ensuring that there is an arbitration forum available (*i.e.*, the NASD arbitration program) for such claims.

II. Summary of Comments

The Commission did not receive any comment letters addressing the MSRB's proposed rule change.

III. Discussion

The Commission must approve a proposed MSRB rule change if the Commission finds that the proposal is consistent with the requirements set forth under the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder, which govern the MSRB.⁹ The language of Section 15B(b)(2)(C) of the Act requires that the MSRB's rules must be designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principals of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in regulating, settling, processing information with respect to, and facilitating transactions in securities, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market in municipal securities, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest.¹⁰

The MSRB does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act since it would continue to subject bank dealers to the NASD's Code of Arbitration Procedure in connection with their municipal securities activities. Non-bank dealers already are subject to the NASD's Code by virtue of being NASD members.

After careful review, the Commission finds that the MSRB's proposed rule change relating to Rule G-35, on arbitration, meets the requisite statutory standard. The Commission believes that this proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of the Act, and the rules and regulations thereunder. In addition, the Commission finds that the proposed rule is consistent with the requirements of section 15B(b)(2)(C) of the Act, as set forth above.

IV. Conclusion

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to section 19(b)(2) of the Exchange Act,¹¹ that the proposed rule change (File No.

SR-MSRB-2002-09) be and hereby is, approved.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹²

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Deputy Secretary.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

The Ticket To Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel Meeting

AGENCY: Social Security Administration (SSA).

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

DATES: November 12, 2002, 10 a.m.-4:20 p.m.; November 13, 2002, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; November 14, 2002, 9 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Hyatt Regency Albuquerque, at Albuquerque Convention Center, 330 Tijeras NW., Albuquerque, NM 87102, (505) 842-1234, Fax: (505) 842-1184.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Type of meeting: This is a quarterly meeting open to the public. The public is invited to participate by coming to the address listed above. Public comment will be taken during the quarterly meeting. The public is also invited to submit comments in writing on the implementation of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act (TWWIIA) of 1999 at any time.

Purpose: In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Social Security Administration (SSA) announces a meeting of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel (the Panel). Section 101(f) of Public Law 106-170 establishes the Panel to advise the President, the Congress and the Commissioner of the Social Security Administration on issues related to work incentives programs, planning and assistance for individuals with disabilities as provided under section 101(f)(2)(A) of the TWWIIA. The Panel is also to advise the Commissioner on matters specified in section 101(f)(2)(B) of that Act, including certain issues related to the Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program established under section 101(a) of that Act.

Interested parties are invited to attend the meeting. The Panel will use the meeting time to receive briefings, hear presentations, conduct full Panel deliberations on the implementation of TWWIIA and receive public testimony.

The focus of this meeting will be on marketing, public education, training and technical assistance activities in support of implementation of TWWIIA.

The Panel will meet in person commencing on Tuesday, November 12, 2002 from 10 a.m. to 4:20 p.m.; Wednesday, November 13, 2002 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Thursday, November 14, 2002 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Agenda: The Panel will hold a quarterly meeting. Briefings, presentations, full Panel deliberations and other Panel business will be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, November 12, 13, and 14, 2002. Public testimony will be heard in person Tuesday, November 12, 2002 from 3:50 p.m. to 4:20 p.m. and on Thursday, November 14, 2002 from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. The Panel is particularly interested in hearing public comment regarding marketing, public education, training and technical assistance activities in support of implementation of TWWIIA.

Members of the public must schedule a timeslot in order to comment. In the event that the public comments do not take up the scheduled time period for public comment, the Panel will use that time to deliberate and conduct other Panel business.

Individuals interested in providing testimony in person should contact the Panel staff as outlined below to schedule time slots. Each presenter will be called on by the Chairperson in the order in which they are scheduled to testify and is limited to a maximum five-minute verbal presentation. Full written testimony on TWWIIA Implementation, no longer than 5 pages, may be submitted in person or by mail, fax or email on an on-going basis to the Panel for consideration.

Since seating may be limited, persons interested in providing testimony at the meeting should contact the Panel staff by e-mailing Kristen M. Breland, at kristen.m.breland@ssa.gov or calling (202) 358-6423.

The full agenda for the meeting will be posted on the Internet at <http://www.ssa.gov/work/panel> at least one week before the meeting or can be received in advance electronically or by fax upon request.

Contact Information: Anyone requiring information regarding the Panel should contact the TWWIIA Panel staff. Records are being kept of all Panel proceedings and will be available for public inspection by appointment at the Panel office. Anyone requiring information regarding the Panel should contact the Panel staff by:

- Mail addressed to Social Security Administration, Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel Staff,

⁹ Additionally, in approving this rule, the Commission notes that it has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition and capital formation. 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78o-4(b)(2)(C).

¹¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(2).

¹² 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

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Dated: October 15, 2002.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Statement of Organization, Functions and Delegations of Authority

This statement amends Part S of the Statement of the Organization, Functions and Delegations of Authority that covers the Social Security Administration (SSA). Notice is hereby given that Subchapter S4E, which covers the Office of Telecommunications and Systems Operations, is being amended to reflect a realignment of functions and renaming of one subordinate organization. The new material and changes are as follows:

Section S4E.10 The Office of Telecommunications and Systems Operations—(Organization)

Delete: K. The Division of Telecommunications Systems (S4EN)

Establish: K. The Division of Monitoring and Online Systems (S4EN)

Section S4E.10 The Office of Telecommunications and Systems Operations—(Functions)

Replace in its entirety:

D. Division of Systems User Services and Facilities (S4EE)

1. Provides all data center computer hardware implementation support for OTSO and coordinates the installation of all major hardware and software. Provides technical evaluation support for the procurement, acceptance, testing, installation and implementation of equipment and software.

2. Plans and coordinates computer facility environmental systems requirements. Provides computer facilities support for all Agency computer processing centers.

3. Provides a centralized contact for the management of all online storage media resources in the National Computer Center (NCC) and the Program Service Centers (PSC). Manages enterprise-level data storage resources in both mainframe and open systems environments to maintain the integrity, reliability, and performance of state-of-

the-art storage technology. Responsible for all business critical data backup and recovery planning and operation. Advises Agency management on all aspects of data and storage media management.

4. Provides technical oversight for the Agency on high volume, enterprise-class printing technology and hardware. Responsible for reengineering SSA print workloads to take advantage of new print technology and automated mail insertion technology.

5. Provides all electronic scanning and imaging computer hardware and software implementation support for SSA. Coordinates the installation of all major scanning and imaging hardware and software. Provides technical evaluation support for the procurement, acceptance, testing, installation and implementation of scanning and imaging equipment and software.

6. Responsible for the design, development, acquisition, implementation and management of automated data center operations management hardware and software tools for OTSO.

G. The Division of Operational Capacity Performance Management (S4EI)

1. Evaluates computer performance and monitors resource utilization to ensure that OTSO's operational computer systems capacity is utilized effectively and efficiently. Ensures that OTSO's systems performance objectives are being met and that databases are efficiently implemented. Prepares recommendations to OTSO management and as directed, performs similar functions for other SSA components.

2. Ensures that sufficient IT capacity is available to process present and future workloads, coordinating decisions on target systems for new/modified workloads and systems configuration changes.

3. Serves as the Office of Systems resource and repository for Enterprise Capacity Planning data and reporting.

4. Provides recommendations and services to other OTSO components in the interpretation of reports and data resulting from evaluation and utilization studies.

5. Uses operational research tools to investigate operational efficiency problems and develop workload and utilization relationships.

6. Responsible for analysis of configuration, topology, connectivity, automation and availability of SSA's national network in support of performance management, resource utilization and capacity planning. Responsible for long-term network management resource utilization

reporting and problem management reporting.

7. Performs modeling and analysis of new applications and designs to determine performance impacts. Projects future capacity requirements for Enterprise Systems components and continually monitors performance to validate projections.

8. Collects data necessary to measure operations performance in providing timely output services as delineated in the Service Level Agreements (SLA). Prepares periodic reports on SLA compliance.

9. Identifies the cause of Enterprise performance problems and reports the findings.

10. Directs the design, development and implementation of software to gather and report statistical information on the functioning of SSA Enterprise Systems. Evaluates and implements COTS performance management software, and designs, develops and implements custom capacity performance data collection and reporting system. Distributes the information to other SSA components to report on performance and utilization.

11. Responsible for 800 number voice utilization data collection and reporting.

H. The Division of Telecommunications Security and Standards (S4EK)

1. Develops, publishes and implements standards and operating procedures within OTSO. Develops and controls enforcement mechanisms to ensure adherence to operational standards. Administers the Federal systems standards program within OTSO.

2. Directs the planning, implementation and evaluation of the systems security program in OTSO and SSA privacy and security policies.

3. Serves as OTSO liaison with other SSA components in matters of privacy and security. Provides for the security of all OTSO resources in the centralized OTSO computer boundaries established by the Deputy Commissioner for Finance, Assessment and Management.

4. Provides planning, evaluation and oversight on disaster recovery capabilities in order to maintain continuity of data center operations. Develops, implements and evaluates systems and procedures for the security and protection of data. Directs the continuity of operations program for OTSO.

I. The Division of Resource Management and Acquisition (S4EL)

1. Directs OTSO's participation in the Information Technology Systems (ITS) procurement process. Manages, plans,