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**Date:** February 01, 2024

**Subject:** Proposed Changes to the OCC/NSCC Accord

OCC is issuing this Memo to notify Clearing Members of OCC's amendments to its regulatory filings ([SR-OCC-2023-007](#) and [SR-OCC-2023-801](#)) to revise the Accord and make related changes to OCC By-Laws, Rules and related policies previously discussed in [Memo #53267](#). The Accord is an agreement between OCC and the National Securities Clearing Corporation ("NSCC") that allows OCC's physically settled exercise and assignment activity to enter NSCC's Continuous Net Settlement ("CNS") system, at which point, OCC's settlement guarantee transfers to NSCC and NSCC settles the underlying securities associated with option expirations. The Accord increases efficiency for equity settlement due to the netting benefits CNS provides.

NSCC and OCC have agreed to implement additional changes to the Accord to facilitate the transition to a T+1 standard securities settlement cycle. Information on implementation of the Accord changes can be found in the above-referenced regulatory filings, which are pending regulatory approval. Please reference [Memo #53901](#) for additional information on the transition to the T+1 settlement cycle.

Individual clearing member liquidity demands are dependent on the firm's risk profile. Clearing Members who would like to understand the impact to their firm, or have any questions pertaining to this memorandum, please email [stlrmgroup@theocc.com](mailto:stlrmgroup@theocc.com). OCC will publish further guidance once regulatory approval has been received and ahead of implementation.