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Subject: Section 31 Transaction Fee Update

The SEC announced that the transaction fee rate under Section 31 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 applicable to covered sales will be set at \$0.00 per \$1,000,000 effective on trade date May 13th, 2025 (settling on the “charge date” of May 14, 2025, as described below).

Under Section 31, the charge date for covered sales in options is the settlement date and the charge date for a covered sale resulting from the exercise of an option settled by physical delivery (i.e., equity options) is the exercise date.

This change is effective on trade date May 13th, 2025, and for exercise and assignment activity beginning on May 14th, 2025.

Additional information on the Section 31 fee rate can be found on the SEC website at <http://www.sec.gov>.

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