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**Subject:** Settlement Obligation Reminder

To help ensure the ongoing stability of our markets, it is important that OCC and its Clearing Members maintain processes that are resilient to a variety of potential operational and financial disruptions, including an event relating to one or more settlement banks. It is important that Clearing Members remain diligent, ensuring their settlement processes consider robust contingency plans designed to effect timely settlement, within 60 minutes of notification of their obligations with OCC, despite a disruption by their settlement bank.

Clearing Members should maintain redundancy with their settlement infrastructure to reduce the likelihood that they are unable to satisfy their settlement obligations (pursuant to Rules 206, 502, 706 and 1105) due to an issue arising from a settlement bank failure.

Clearing Members must ensure they maintain procedures detailing their contingency plans related to critical processing, including the manner they intend to effect settlement during a disruption by their primary settlement bank. Examples of acceptable contingency plans may include maintaining ability to wire funds directly to OCC via Fedwire or by providing instructions to another bank to effect the movement of funds. OCC will continue to review and examine the existence of these contingency plans as part of its examination of Clearing Members' procedures on a periodic basis pursuant to Rule 301(d). Additionally, a Clearing Member is obligated to demonstrate that it is operationally capable of participating in default management related activities as instructed by OCC, in accordance with the process prescribed in Rule 304.

If you have any questions, please contact your Clearing Member representative or the Member Services Help Desk at the following numbers: 1-800-544-6091 or within Canada 1-800-424-7320. Clearing Members may also e-mail us at memberservices@theocc.com.