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Subject: Interest on Cash Margin Balances and Changes to Clearing Fund Interest Payments and Cash Management Fees

The Options Clearing Corporation ("OCC") is pleased to announce enhancements to its cash collateral program. This change is planned for October 1, 2026.

Summary of Changes planned for October 1, 2026:

- OCC will pay interest on eligible cash margin balances at the Interest on Reserve Balances ("IORB") rate.
- The cash management fee will increase from 0.05% (5 basis points) to 0.10% (10 basis points) on all eligible balances.
- Fee calculations will transition from a 365-day year to a 360-day year.
- Clearing Fund interest payments will be expanded to include all Clearing Fund cash balances.
- The frequency of Clearing Fund interest payments will change from bi-weekly to monthly.
- The first monthly interest payments will be made on November 6, 2026.

Interest on Cash Margin Balances

Beginning October 1, 2026, OCC will pay interest on eligible cash margin balances maintained by Clearing Members. Interest will accrue at the IORB rate and will be paid on a monthly basis.

Interest will accrue daily based on each Clearing Member's eligible cash margin balance and the applicable daily IORB rate. Daily interest amounts will be aggregated and paid monthly. Interest calculations will be based on a 360-day year.

Interest payments will be processed through OCC's miscellaneous billing process on the fifth business day of the following month. Details regarding the interest payment will be available through OCC's Universal Billing report.

The first interest payment will be made on November 6, 2026, representing interest accrued during October 2026.

All cash margin balances maintained at OCC are eligible to accrue interest under this program, except cash balances maintained in connection with the OCC/CME Cross-Margin Program.

Interest on Clearing Fund Balances

OCC will continue to pay interest earned on Clearing Fund cash balances maintained by Clearing Members. Interest will continue to accrue at the IORB rate.

Effective October 1, 2026, interest payments will be calculated on all Clearing Fund cash balances, rather than only those balances maintained on deposit at the Federal Reserve Bank.

To align the administration of Clearing Fund interest payments with OCC's new interest-on-margin program, Clearing Fund interest payments will transition from the current bi-weekly payment schedule to a monthly schedule.

Interest accrued during a calendar month will be paid through OCC's miscellaneous billing process on the fifth business day of the following month. Payment details will be available through OCC's Universal Billing report.

The first monthly Clearing Fund interest payment under the revised schedule will be made on November 6, 2026, representing interest accrued during October 2026.

Cash Management Fee

Effective October 1, 2026, the cash management fee will increase from 0.05% (5 basis points) to 0.10% (10 basis points).

The cash management fee will continue to be assessed separately from interest payments and will accrue daily based on eligible cash balances maintained at OCC. Daily fee amounts will be aggregated and collected monthly. Fee calculations will be based on a 360-day year.

The fee applies to eligible cash balances maintained at OCC, including cash margin balances and Clearing Fund cash balances. Cash margin balances maintained in connection with the OCC/CME Cross-Margin Program are excluded from the fee.

The fee will be collected through OCC's miscellaneous billing process on the fifth business day of each month. Details regarding the fee assessment will be available through OCC's Universal Billing report.

Transition Timing

The final interest payment under OCC's current interest payment methodology will be made on October 5, 2026, representing interest accrued on Clearing Fund cash from September 17, 2026 to September 30, 2026. The final cash management fee under OCC's current methodology will be collected on October 7, 2026, based on September 2026 balances.

Beginning October 1, 2026, interest and cash management fees will be calculated under the revised program described in this memorandum. The first monthly interest payment under the revised program will be made on November 6, 2026, representing interest accrued during October 2026.

Additional Information

Additional implementation details are available in the accompanying Frequently Asked Questions document.

For questions regarding this memo, Clearing Member Firms of OCC may contact Member Services at 1-800-621-6072 or, within Canada, at 1-800-424-7320, or email memberservices@theocc.com.

Interest on Cash Margin Balances and Changes to Clearing Fund Interest Payments and Cash Management Fees - Frequently Asked Questions

1. When does the new program become effective?

The Interest on Cash Margin Balances program and the changes to Clearing Fund interest payments and cash management fees become effective on October 1, 2026.

2. What rate will OCC pay on cash margin balances?

OCC will pay interest on eligible cash margin balances at the Interest on Reserve Balances (IORB) rate.

3. How is interest on cash margin balances calculated?

Interest is calculated daily using the applicable daily IORB rate and the Clearing Member's daily eligible cash margin balance. Daily interest amounts are aggregated and paid monthly.

Interest is calculated on the basis of a 360-day year using the following formula:

Daily Eligible Cash Margin Balance × Daily IORB Rate × (1 ÷ 360)

The total monthly interest payment equals the sum of the daily interest amounts accrued during the month.

4. Will changes to the IORB rate during the month affect my interest payment?

Yes. Interest is accrued daily using the applicable daily IORB rate in effect on each day. If the IORB rate changes during a month, the monthly interest payment will reflect the applicable daily rates during the accrual period.

5. How often will interest on cash margin balances be paid?

Interest will be paid monthly through OCC's Miscellaneous Billing process on the fifth business day of the following month.

6. When will the first interest payment be made?

The first interest payment will be made on November 6, 2026, representing interest accrued during October 2026.

7. How will the transition to the new interest and cash management fee program be handled?

The final interest payment under OCC's current interest payment methodology will be made on October 5, 2026, representing interest accrued from September 17, 2026 to September 30, 2026.

The final cash management fee under OCC's current methodology will be collected on October 7, 2026, based on September 2026 balances.

Beginning October 1, 2026, interest and cash management fees will be calculated under the revised program described in this document. The first monthly interest payment under the revised program will be made on November 6, 2026, representing interest accrued during October 2026.

8. Which cash margin balances are eligible to receive interest?

All cash margin balances maintained at OCC are eligible to receive interest under the program, except cash balances maintained in connection with the OCC/CME Cross-Margin Program.

9. What rate will OCC pay on Clearing Fund cash balances?

OCC will pay interest on all Clearing Fund cash balances at the Interest on Reserve Balances (IORB) rate.

10. How is Clearing Fund interest calculated?

Interest is calculated daily using the applicable daily IORB rate and each Clearing Member's Clearing Fund cash balance. Daily interest amounts are aggregated and paid monthly.

Interest is calculated on the basis of a 360-day year using the following formula:

Daily Clearing Fund Cash Balance × Daily IORB Rate × (1 ÷ 360)

11. What is changing with Clearing Fund interest payments?

Effective October 1, 2026:

- Interest will be paid on all Clearing Fund cash balances.
- The payment frequency will change from bi-weekly to monthly.

12. When will the first monthly Clearing Fund interest payment be made?

The first monthly Clearing Fund interest payment under the revised schedule will be made on November 6, 2026, representing interest accrued during October 2026.

13. What is changing with the cash management fee?

Effective October 1, 2026, the cash management fee will increase from 0.05% (5 basis points) to 0.10% (10 basis points).

14. How is the cash management fee calculated?

The cash management fee will be assessed at an annual rate of 0.10% (10 basis points) and is calculated daily based on applicable cash balances maintained at OCC.

The fee is calculated on the basis of a 360-day year using the following formula:

Daily Applicable Cash Balance × 0.10% × (1 ÷ 360)

Daily fee amounts are aggregated and collected monthly through OCC's miscellaneous billing process.

15. Which balances are subject to the cash management fee?

The cash management fee applies to:

- Cash margin balances
- Clearing Fund cash balances

Cash balances maintained in connection with the OCC/CME Cross-Margin Program are excluded from the fee.

16. How is the cash management fee collected?

The cash management fee is collected through OCC's miscellaneous billing process on the fifth business day of each month and is reflected in OCC's Universal Billing report.

17. Where can Clearing Members view interest payments and fee assessments?

Interest payments and fee assessments will be reflected as separate line items in OCC's Universal Billing report.

18. Can you provide an example of how interest on cash margin balances is calculated?

Assume a Clearing Member maintains a cash margin balance of $100 million and the applicable IORB rate is 3.65%.

The daily interest accrual would be:

$\$100,000,000 \times 3.65\% \times (1 \div 360) = \$10,138.89$

Daily interest accruals are aggregated and paid monthly through OCC's miscellaneous billing process.

19. Can you provide an example of how the cash management fee is calculated?

Assume a Clearing Member maintains a cash balance of $100 million that is subject to the cash management fee.

The daily fee accrual would be:

$\$100,000,000 \times 0.10\% \times (1 \div 360) = \$277.78$

Daily fee accruals are aggregated and collected monthly through OCC's miscellaneous billing process.

20. Who should Clearing Members contact with questions?

For questions regarding this Information Memo, Clearing Member Firms may contact Member Services at 1-800-544-6091 or, within Canada, at 1-800-424-7320, or email memberservices@theocc.com.