

IMPORTANT NOTICE

National Securities Clearing Corporation



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P&S#5711

DATE: November 3, 2005

TO: All Participants

ATTENTION: Managing Partner/Officer, P&S Manager, Cashier Manager,
Data Processing Manager, Fund/SERV Participants

FROM: Enterprise Service Center

SUBJECT: THANKSGIVING DAY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

National Securities Clearing Corporation, the New York and American Stock Exchanges, the Nasdaq Stock Market and all New York Banks will be closed on Thursday, November 24, 2005 in observance of Thanksgiving Day. The following changes in NSCC's operations and schedules will be in effect:

COMPARISON SYSTEMS:

Trade input for OTC equities for trade date Wednesday, November 23, 2005 will be accepted no later than 12:00 Midnight on Wednesday, November 23, 2005. Trade input for the Real Time Transaction System (RTTM) for Corporates, Municipals and UITs (CMU) for trade date Wednesday, November 23, 2005 will be accepted no later than 8:00 pm on November 23, 2005.

CNS CONTINUOUS NET SETTLEMENT:

Seg. Exemptions and Priority Requests for settlement Friday, November 25, 2005 will be accepted on Wednesday evening, November 23, 2005.

CENTRAL DELIVERY AND SETTLEMENT:

No Delivery or Settlement Operations will be provided on Thursday, November 24, 2005.

INTER-CITY DELIVERIES:

Inter-City Deliveries will be accepted on Wednesday evening, November 23, 2005 for settlement Friday, November 25, 2005.

STOCK BORROW PROGRAM:

Stock Borrow availability information for the Night Cycle will be accepted on Wednesday, November 23, 2005 for settlement Friday, November 25, 2005. The Daytime Stock Borrow for settlement Friday, November 25, 2005 will be accepted on Friday, November 25, 2005.

ACAT- AUTOMATED CUSTOMER ACCOUNT TRANSFER:

No ACAT activity will be accepted on Thursday, November 24, 2004.

ACAT-FUND/SERV:

No ACAT-FUND/SERV Interface activity will be accepted on Thursday, November 24, 2005.

ACATS/IPS

NO ACATS/IPS Interface activity will be accepted on Thursday, November 24, 2005.

COST BASIS

No COST BASIS activity will be accepted on Thursday, November 24, 2005.

MUTUAL FUND COMMISSION SETTLEMENT:

No Mutual Fund Commission Settlement activity will be accepted on Thursday, November 24, 2005.

FUND/SERV AND NETWORKING:

No Fund/SERV or Networking activity will be accepted on Thursday, November 24, 2005.

INSURANCE PROCESSING:

IPS files received on Thursday, November 24, 2005 will be processed. Subsequent output regarding these files will be produced and distributed on Friday, November 25, 2005.

Questions regarding this Important Notice should be directed to Participant Services at (800) 422-0582 or the undersigned at (212) 855-5947

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