

IMPORTANT NOTICE

National Securities Clearing Corporation



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P&S# 5744
DATE: December 23, 2005
TO: All Participants
ATTENTION: Managing Partner/Officer, P&S Manager, Cashier Manager,
Data Processing Manager, Fund/SERV Participants
FROM: Enterprise Service Center
SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

National Securities Clearing Corporation, the New York and American Stock Exchanges, the Nasdaq System and all New York Banks will be closed on Monday, January 16, 2006 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The following changes in NSCC's operations and schedules will be in effect:

COMPARISON SYSTEMS:

Trade input for OTC equities for trade date January 13, 2006 will be accepted no later than 12:00 Midnight on January 13, 2006. Trade input for the Real Time Transaction System (RTTM) for Corporates, Municipals and UITS (CMU) for trade date January 13, 2006 will be accepted no later than 8:00pm on January 13, 2006.

CNS CONTINUOUS NET SETTLEMENT:

Seg. Exemptions and Priority Requests for settlement Tuesday, January 17, 2006 will be accepted on Friday evening, January 13, 2006.

CENTRAL DELIVERY AND SETTLEMENT:

No Delivery or Settlement Operations will be provided on Monday, January 16, 2006.

INTER-CITY DELIVERIES:

Inter-City Deliveries will be accepted on Friday evening, January 13, 2006 for settlement Tuesday, January 17, 2006.

STOCK BORROW PROGRAM:

Stock Borrow availability information for the Night Cycle will be accepted on Friday evening, January 13, 2006 for settlement Tuesday, January 17, 2006. The Daytime Stock Borrow for settlement Tuesday, January 17, 2006 will be accepted on Tuesday, January 17, 2006.

ACAT - AUTOMATED CUSTOMER ACCOUNT TRANSFER:

No ACAT activity will be accepted on Monday, January 16, 2006.

ACAT - FUND/SERV INTERFACE:

No ACAT - FUND/SERV Interface activity will be accepted on Monday, January 16, 2006.

ACAT - COST BASIS

No COST BASIS activity will be accepted on Monday, January 16, 2006.

ACATS / IPS

No ACATS/IPS Interface activity will be accepted on Monday, January 16, 2006.

MUTUAL FUND COMMISSION SETTLEMENT:

No Mutual Fund Commission Settlement activity will be accepted on Monday, January 16, 2006.

FUND/SERV AND NETWORKING:

No Fund/SERV or Networking activity will be accepted on Monday, January 16, 2006.

INSURANCE PROCESSING:

IPS files received on Monday, January 16, 2006 will be processed. Subsequent output regarding these files will be produced and distributed on January 17, 2006.

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

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