may request, (i) a record of all investments in Potential Co-Investment Transactions made by any of the other Regulated Funds or any Affiliated Funds during the preceding quarter that fell within the Regulated Fund's thencurrent Objectives and Strategies and Board-Established Criteria that were not made available to the Regulated Fund, and an explanation of why such investment opportunities were not made available to the Regulated Fund; (ii) a record of all Follow-On Investments in and Dispositions of investments in any issuer in which the Regulated Fund holds any investments by any Affiliated Fund or other Regulated Fund during the prior quarter; and (iii) all information concerning Potential Co-Investment Transactions and Co-Investment Transactions, including investments made by other Regulated Funds or any Affiliated Funds that the Regulated Fund considered but declined to participate in, so that the Independent Trustees, may determine whether all Potential Co-Investment Transactions and Co-Investment Transactions during the preceding quarter, including those investments that the Regulated Fund considered but declined to participate in, comply with the Conditions.

(b) All information presented to the Regulated Fund's Board pursuant to this Condition will be kept for the life of the Regulated Fund and at least two years thereafter, and will be subject to examination by the Commission and its staff.

(c) Each Regulated Fund's chief compliance officer, as defined in rule 38a–1(a)(4), will prepare an annual report for its Board each year that evaluates (and documents the basis of that evaluation) the Regulated Fund's compliance with the terms and Conditions of the application and the procedures established to achieve such compliance.

(d) The Independent Trustees will consider at least annually whether continued participation in new and existing Co-Investment Transactions is in the Regulated Fund's best interests.

11. Record Keeping. Each Regulated Fund will maintain the records required by section 57(f)(3) of the Act as if each of the Regulated Funds were a BDC and each of the investments permitted under these Conditions were approved by the Required Majority under section 57(f).

12. Trustee Independence. No Independent Trustee of a Regulated Fund will also be a director, general partner, managing member or principal, or otherwise be an "affiliated person" (as defined in the Act) of any Affiliated Fund.

13. Expenses. The expenses, if any, associated with acquiring, holding or disposing of any securities acquired in a Co-Investment Transaction (including, without limitation, the expenses of the distribution of any such securities registered for sale under the Securities Act) will, to the extent not payable by the Advisers under their respective advisory agreements with the Regulated Funds and the Affiliated Funds, be shared by the Regulated Funds and any participating Affiliated Funds in proportion to the relative amounts of the securities held or being acquired or disposed of, as the case may be.

14. Transaction Fees.<sup>27</sup> Any transaction fee (including break-up, structuring, monitoring or commitment fees but excluding brokerage or underwriting compensation permitted by section 17(e) or 57(k)) received in connection with any Co-Investment Transaction will be distributed to the participants on a pro rata basis based on the amounts they invested or committed, as the case may be, in such Co-Investment Transaction. If any transaction fee is to be held by an Adviser pending consummation of the transaction, the fee will be deposited into an account maintained by an Adviser at a bank or banks having the qualifications prescribed in section 26(a)(1), and the account will earn a competitive rate of interest that will also be divided pro rata among the participants. None of the Adviser, the Affiliated Funds, the other Regulated Funds or any affiliated person of the Affiliated Funds or the Regulated Funds will receive any additional compensation or remuneration of any kind as a result of or in connection with a Co-Investment Transaction other than (i) in the case of the Regulated Funds and the Affiliated Funds, the pro rata transaction fees described above and fees or other compensation described in Condition 2(c)(iii)(B)(z), (ii) brokerage or underwriting compensation permitted by section 17(e) or 57(k) or (iii) in the case of the Adviser, investment advisory compensation paid in accordance with investment advisory agreements between the applicable Regulated Fund(s) or Affiliated Fund(s) and its Adviser.

15. Independence. If the Holders own in the aggregate more than 25 percent of the Shares of a Regulated Fund, then the Holders will vote such Shares in the same percentages as the Regulated Fund's other shareholders (not

including the Holders) when voting on (1) the election of directors; (2) the removal of one or more directors; or (3) any other matter under either the Act or applicable State law affecting the Board's composition, size or manner of election.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, under delegated authority.

#### J. Matthew DeLesDernier,

Assistant Secretary.

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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34–93612; File No. SR–OCC–2021–012]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; The Options Clearing Corporation; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Correct an Inadvertent Omission in a Prior Proposed Rule Change Concerning OCC's Schedule of Fees

November 18, 2021.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act" or "Act"),1 and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,2 notice is hereby given that on November 8, 2021, The Options Clearing Corporation ("OCC") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II, and III below, which Items have been prepared primarily by OCC. OCC filed the proposed rule change pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) 3 of the Act and Rule 19b-4(f)(2) 4 thereunder so that the proposal was effective upon filing with the Commission. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

## I. Clearing Agency's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change

The proposed rule change by OCC would correct an inadvertent omission in OCC's schedule of fees that was the subject of a prior rule filing. OCC's schedule of fees is included as Exhibit 5 to File No. SR–OCC–2021–012. Material proposed to be added to OCC's schedule of fees as currently in effect is underlined and material proposed to be deleted is marked in strikethrough text.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Applicants are not requesting and the Commission is not providing any relief for transaction fees received in connection with any Co-Investment Transaction.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

<sup>4 17</sup> CFR 240.19b–4(f)(2).

All capitalized terms not defined herein have the same meaning as set forth in the OCC By-Laws and Rules.<sup>5</sup>

# II. Clearing Agency's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

In its filing with the Commission, OCC included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. OCC has prepared summaries, set forth in sections (A), (B),

and (C) below, of the most significant aspects of these statements.

(A) Clearing Agency's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change

### (1) Purpose

The purpose of this proposed rule change is to revise OCC's schedule of fees to correct an inadvertent omission in the prior rule filing that established a fee holiday for the period from November 1, 2021, and ending December 31, 2021.<sup>6</sup> Based on OCC's financial position as a result of historic contract volume, and consistent with

OCC's Capital Management Policy, that prior filing reduced its per contract and per trade clearing fees to \$0 for the last two months of 2021. However, through an inadvertent oversight, two line items in the schedule of fees related to clearing fees were not reduced accordingly: (1) The minimum monthly clearing fee of \$200 and (2) a fee of \$0.02 per side for linkage transactions, capped at \$55 per trade per side.7 OCC is now proposing to correct the schedule of fees set forth in Exhibit 5 to File No. SR-OCC-2021-012 to reflect that OCC will not collect these fees during the fee holiday.

Clearing fees effective June 1, 2021		Proposed fee holiday from November 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021	
Linkage per side Minimum Monthly Clearing Fee		Linkage per side	\$0.00 0.00

<sup>\*</sup>A Linkage transaction that includes more than 2,750 contracts will be charged a flat fee of \$55.00 per trade per side.

The listing of the fees in the schedule of fees would be reordered to group these two fees with the other clearing fees that are subject to the fee holiday. Like the changes to OCC's clearing fees set forth in File No. SR–OCC–2021–009, the linkage per side fee and the minimum monthly clearing fee will revert to the fee schedule in effect before November 1, 2021 and OCC will remove the fee holiday from its schedule of fees effective the first trading day of 2022.

No fees for transactions occurring within the fee holiday period have been collected because clearing fees are due to OCC the month after the fees are incurred. OCC will not collect fees for transactions that occurred between November 1, 2021 through the first date it may implement the corrected fee schedule after completing all regulatory actions necessary to make the proposed corrections.

# (2) Statutory Basis

Section 17A(b)(3)(D) of the Act <sup>8</sup> requires that the rules of a clearing agency provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable dues, fees, and other charges among its participants. OCC believes that the proposed correction of inadvertent omissions to OCC's schedule of fees would facilitate the equitable allocation of fees among

its participants because it would eliminate inadvertent discrepancies in the application of the fee holiday that might otherwise impact certain market participants differently depending on the business they conduct through OCC. The corrected fees would be equally applicable to all market participants. As a result, OCC believes that the proposed corrections would provide for the equitable allocation of reasonable fees in accordance with Section 17A(b)(3)(D) of the Act.<sup>9</sup>

In addition, SEC Rule 17Ad-22(e)(23)(ii) 10 provides that a covered clearing agency must establish, implement, maintain and enforce written policies and procedures reasonably designed to provide sufficient information to enable participants to identify and evaluate the risks, fees, and other material costs they incur by participating in the covered clearing agency. By correcting OCC's schedule of fees consistent with the intent of the fee holiday, OCC would eliminate ambiguity that might otherwise persist about whether OCC intends to charge the minimum monthly clearing fee and the fee for linkage transactions while the fee holiday is in effect, which it does not. Accordingly, OCC believes that the proposed

of charging a clearing fee, treat routing trades executed in accordance with the Options Order Protection and Locked/Crossed Market Plan the same as market maker/specialist scratch trades, which were subject to a reduced "scratch fee." See Exchange Act Release No. 68025 (Oct. 10, 2012), 77 FR 63398 (Oct. 16, 2012) (File No. SR–OCC–2012–18). In 2016, OCC simplified its schedule of fees by, among other things, eliminating the scratch fee but

corrections are reasonably designed to provide participants sufficient information to evaluate OCC's fees, in accordance with SEC Rule 17Ad– 22(e)(23)(ii).<sup>11</sup>

The proposed rule change is not inconsistent with the existing rules of OCC, including any other rules proposed to be amended.

(B) Clearing Agency's Statement on Burden on Competition

Section 17A(b)(3)(I) of the Act 12 requires that the rules of a clearing agency not impose any burden on competition not necessary or appropriate in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. OCC does not believe that the proposed rule change would have any impact or impose a burden on competition. Although this proposed rule change affects clearing members, their customers, and the markets that OCC serves, OCC believes that the proposed rule change would not disadvantage or favor any particular user of OCC's services in relationship to another user because the proposed fee holiday with respect to these fees applies equally to all users of OCC. Accordingly, OCC does not believe that the proposed rule change would have

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> OCC's By-Laws and Rules can be found on OCC's public website: https://www.theocc.com/Company-Information/Documents-and-Archives/By-Laws-and-Rules.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> See Exchange Act Release No. 93195 (Sept. 29, 2021), 86 FR 55039 (Oct. 5, 2021) (File No. SR–OCC–2021–009).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> The linkage fee was added to OCC's schedule of fees in 2012 so that OCC could, for the purposes

retained the linkage per side fee. See Exchange Act Release No. 77336 (Mar. 10, 2016), 81 FR 14153 (Mar. 16, 2016) (File No. SR–OCC–2016–005).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78q-1(b)(3)(D).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78q-1(b)(3)(D).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> 17 CFR 240.17AD-22(e)(23)(ii).

<sup>11 17</sup> CFR 240.17AD-22(e)(23)(ii).

<sup>12 15</sup> U.S.C. 78q-1(b)(3)(I).

any impact or impose a burden on competition.

(C) Clearing Agency's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants or Others

Written comments on the proposed rule change were not and are not intended to be solicited with respect to the proposed rule change and none have been received.

## III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for **Commission Action**

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) 13 of the Act, and Rule 19b-4(f)(2) thereunder, 14 the proposed rule change is filed for immediate effectiveness as it constitutes a change in fees charged to OCC's members. At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act. The proposal shall not take effect until all regulatory actions required with respect to the proposal are completed. 15

# IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

# Electronic Comments

- Use the Commission's internet comment form (http://www.sec.gov/ rules/sro.shtml); or
- Send an email to rule-comments@ sec.gov. Please include File Number SR-OCC-2021-012 on the subject line.

## Paper Comments

• Send paper comments in triplicate to Vanessa Countryman, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-OCC-2021-012. This file number should be included on the subject line if email is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use

only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's internet website (http://www.sec.gov/ rules/sro.shtml). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of OCC.

All comments received will be posted without change. Persons submitting comments are cautioned that we do not redact or edit personal identifying information from comment submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-OCC-2021-012 and should be submitted on or before December 15, 2021.

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority.16

## J. Matthew DeLesDernier,

Assistant Secretary.

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# SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[License No. 03/03-0283]

# Conflicts of Interest Exemption: Boathouse Capital III, L.P.

Notice is hereby given that Boathouse Capital III, L.P., 353 W Lancaster Avenue, Suite 200, Wayne, PA 19087, a Federal Licensee under the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, as amended ("the Act"), in connection with the financing of a small business concern, has sought an exemption under Section 312 of the Act and Section 107.730, Financings which Constitute Conflicts of Interest of the Small Business Administration ("SBA") Rules and Regulations (13 CFR 107.730). Boathouse Capital III, L.P. is seeking a written exemption from SBA for a proposed financing to Splashlight

Holding, LLC, 75 Varick Street, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10013.

The financing is brought within the purview of § 107.730(a) of the Regulations because Splashlight Holding, LLC. is an Associate of Boathouse Capital III, L.P. because Associate Boathouse Capital II, L.P. owns a greater than ten percent interest in Splashlight Holding, LLC, therefore this transaction is considered Financing which constitute conflicts of interest requiring SBA's prior written exemption.

Notice is hereby given that any interested person may submit written comments on this transaction within fifteen days of the date of this publication to the Associate Administrator, Office of Investment and Innovation, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 Third Street SW, Washington, DC 20416.

United States Small Business Administration.

#### Bailey G. DeVries,

Associate Administrator, Office of Investment and Innovation.

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## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[License No. 04/04-0333]

# **Notice Seeking Exemption Under** Section 312 of the Small Business **Investment Act, Conflicts of Interest;** Five Points Mezzanine Fund III, L.P.

Notice is hereby given that Five Points Mezzanine Fund III, L.P., 101 N. Cherry Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101, a Federal Licensee under the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, as amended ("the Act"), in connection with the financing of a small concern, has sought an exemption under Section 312 of the Act and Section 107.730, Financings which Constitute Conflicts of Interest of the U.S. Small Business Administration ("SBA") Rules and Regulations (13 CFR 107.730). Five Points Mezzanine Fund III, L.P. proposes to purchase its pro rata share of a recent debt financing from BMO Harris Bank, N.A. in Welcome Dairy Holdings, LLC, 225567 Silver Maple Lane, Colby, WI.

The financing is brought within the purview of § 107.730(a) and (d) of the Regulations because RCP Advisors, an Associate of Five Points Mezzanine Fund III, L.P., indirectly owns more than ten percent of Welcome Dairy Holdings, LLC, and therefore this transaction is considered a financing of an Associate requiring prior SBA

approval.

<sup>13 15</sup> U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

<sup>14 17</sup> CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Notwithstanding its immediate effectiveness, implementation of this rule change will be delayed until this change is deemed certified under CFTC Regulation 40.6.

<sup>16 17</sup> CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).