

**Meeting Name: Symbology Committee**

**Date: Wednesday March 19, 2008**

Attendees:

Cindy Cortell, Peter Fetiak (AMEX), Christine Campanelli, Tim Donohue (Bank of America Securities), Mark Rayman (Barclays Capital), Carolle LeCouffe, Carl Miedaner, Todd Treworgy, Denis Vallee (BOX), Steve Chodash, Charlie Hulihan (CBOE), Michele Claman-Garza, Kent Hunter, Deb Lucas, Alison White (Charles Schwab), Antone Granada, Lydia Kim, David Samardin (Credit-Suisse), Louis Lepore (DTCC), George Fischer (eTrade), Manisha Kimmell (FIF), Stephen Barnitz, Debbie Geary, Eleanor Hung, Frank Pirihi, Keara Williams, Kumiko Yokokawa (Goldman Sachs), Brian Sussman (Interactive Brokers), Mark Grinbaum (ISE), Vincent Mattera (JP Morgan), Ted deWit (Legent), Iyer Shantharam, Loren Taylor (Lehman), Wesley Bugaj, Patricia Mayo, Eric Ryner (Merrill Lynch), Mike West (NASDAQ), Sharon Basso, Mark Baumgardner, Bill Erickson, Karen Glad, Dave Harrison, Mike Hemmerling, Mary Kay Kulinski, Geri Love, Joe Pellegrini, Doreen Scheulin (OCC), Joe Corrigan (OPRA), Michael Altabef, Randy Foster, Madhu Narula, John Shelton (PHLX), Marie Hughes, Ken Jones, Jim Knight, Denise Siebert (Raymond James), Jose Varughese (RBC Capital Markets), Margaret Hopkins (RBS Global), Ann Boncimino (Reuters), Brian Connor (Scottrade), Mike Collazo, Brian Faughnan, Laura Guzzy (SIAC), Rich Bommer (SIFMA), Michael McAllister (Southwest Securities), Denise Margin (Stephens, Inc.), Frank Williams, Susan Crozier (Sungard), Lisa Cardwell (Sungard/GMI), Matthew Trigali (Swiss American Securities), Michael Goltl (TD Ameritrade), William D'Anna, John Kaminsky, Tomasz Pawelko (TD Securities), Ada Cheung, Vanita Gupta, Richard Motola, Ned Schoenfeld, John Scott (UBS), John Coverly (West Water).

## **Key Discussion Points:**

### Agenda

#### Approval of the milestone updates as submitted by the Steering Committee

Mark Baumgardner from OCC opened up the meeting by stating that at the February OCC Board of Director's meeting, concern from some of the board's broker dealer representatives regarding the budgetary constraints of the current OSI milestones. They expressed a desire to lighten up the budget burden by potentially spreading the development expenses over 2008 and 2009. The OCC Board recommended this committee to review the milestones and suggest an alternative. . The OSI Steering committee met Friday, 03/14/2008 to discuss a potential delay, and the recommendation out of that meeting was to delay the 07/31/2009 OSI Implementation date until 02/12/2010.

Mark noted that approximately 70 – 80 members were currently on the call today and his intent was to gain consensus either on the Steering committee's recommendation of 02/12/2010 or to keep to the original milestone date of

07/31/2009. Mark first wanted to state that the 2008 milestone date is not changing with the new proposal. OCC will continue to implement its changes to outbound data distribution service (DDS), external ENCORE screens, and reports to display the full series contract and expiration date, whether the OSI Implementation date is 07/31/09 or 02/12/10.

The first change in the new proposed alternative was Scripted Industry Testing, which will begin 09/12/09 instead of 02/14/09. All market constituents will now have an additional eight months, thru 09/09, to prepare for scripted industry testing. Mark walked thru the new timeline of scripted industry testing. Round 1 – will begin 10/10/09 and test for the 02/12/10 hard cutover date with validation of expiration day, decimal formats, and no OPRA codes. Round 2 – will begin 01/09/10 and will test consolidation.

Frank Pirih from Goldman Sachs commented that by pushing the date out, it would give everyone a cushion if problems occurred with Phase I testing, and a possible December, 2009 testing date could be added to the plan.

A question was raised as to if the committee would consider pushing back the 2008 milestone dates? Mark Baumgardner responded that OCC is going to implement the inclusion of the day tag in the MMY (tag 200) for FIX messages on June 27, 2008 and that everyone should work to their own schedule to use the new data in their systems. He also stated that OCC was sticking to their 2008 milestone date in order to keep up the momentum of this project. Frank Pirih remarked that the advantage of having all of the development work completed by year end 2008, would enable you to have all of 2009 for downstream testing and testing of consolidation of the symbols. A question was raised as to if the expiration strike price of converting fraction to decimals, a 2009 milestone, was moving to 02/12/10. Mark Baumgardner stated that all 07/31/09 milestones will be moving to 02/12/10.

Mark Baumgardner asked if anyone was opposed to this new proposal and a comment was made from a committee member that it was a concern of theirs that if we push the date out this year, and we have a bad year next year, will we again push the date out further? Mark from OCC stated that there was no lack of commitment from OCC's Board of Directors regarding this initiative. Frank Pirih from Goldman stated that OCC Board recommended that this committee choose a drop dead date which would now be 02/12/10.

An overwhelming number of committee members agreed to the new OSI Implementation date of 02/12/10, few were opposed.

Mark Baumgardner from OCC stated that he would like to initiate a sub-committee of early adopters who would be in a position to have their environment/systems be OSI compliant well in advance of 02/12/10. OCC will add this topic to the next meeting agenda.

Approval of the OSI Plan v1.5

Did not discuss at this meeting, will add this topic to the next meeting agenda.

Scripted Industry Testing Sub-Committee Status

Karen Glad from OCC stated that the Scripted Industry Testing sub-committee was currently working on completing their detailed testing scripts and should be ready for publication to this committee soon. Karen walked thru the Proposed OSI Test Symbol Structure document. The first round of testing will consist of a hand full of test cases, both consolidation classes and non-consolidation classes. Karen stated that OCC tried to account for all different types of expiration, in addition to 12 different test classes, and 50 different symbols. The second page, which was missing from the attachments on the meeting email, consisted of Index products. The second page will be posted to the optionsclearing.com website under the symbology initiative section under scripted industry testing sub-committee, meeting minutes.

Karen also stated that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month was reserved for testing dates, which has worked well for the industry in the past. There currently are no testing date scheduled for December of 2009, however if issues occur, it is possible to add a December, 2009 test date. Karen also stated that a corporate action will be included in the scripted industry testing. If anyone has any questions or comments regarding this document, please email Karen Glad @ kglad@theocc.com.

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**Next Meeting:** Conference Call – April 2, 2008 – 9:00 AM, CST (10:00 AM, EST)

**Call in:** Phone: 800.582.9056 Room: \*8818637\*