

CAT Fee Alert 2024-3

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1. Revisions Summary

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1.0	11/22/2024	Initial publication.

2. Summary

This CAT Alert provides notice to Industry Members of the proposed implementation of CAT Fee 2025-1, including the effective dates and the fee rate of \$0.000022 per executed equivalent share. Upon its implementation, CAT Fee 2025-1 would replace CAT Fee 2024-1 (which has a fee rate of \$0.000035). In addition, CAT Fee 2025-1 is separate from and will be in addition to any Historical CAT Assessment to Industry Members.

3. CAT Fee 2025-1

On November 19, 2024, the Operating Committee for the CAT NMS Plan voted to establish a Prospective CAT Fee, referred to as CAT Fee 2025-1. Accordingly, the Participants to the CAT NMS Plan will file fee filings to implement CAT Fee 2025-1 for immediate effectiveness. Such fee filings will describe CAT Fee 2025-1 in detail. Subject to the regulatory requirements related to such fee filings, CAT Fee 2025-1 would operate as follows:

- Each CAT Executing Broker will receive its first invoice for CAT Fee 2025-1 in February 2025, which will set forth the fees calculated based on transactions in January 2025, and will receive an invoice for CAT Fee 2025-1 for each month thereafter until July 2025.
- Each month, invoices for CAT Fee 2025-1 will set forth a fee for each transaction in Eligible Securities executed by the CAT Executing Broker in its capacity as a CAT Executing Broker for the Buyer (“CEBB”)

and/or the CAT Executing Broker for the Seller (“CEBS”) (as applicable) from the prior month as set forth in CAT Data. The fee for each such transaction will be calculated by multiplying the number of executed equivalent shares in the transaction by the fee rate of \$0.000022 per executed equivalent share.

- In accordance with the requirements of Section 11.3(a)(i)(A)(III) of the CAT NMS Plan, notwithstanding the last contemplated invoice date of July 2025 for CAT Fee 2025-1, CAT Fee 2025-1 will continue in effect after July 2025, with each CAT Executing Broker receiving an invoice for CAT Fee 2025-1 each month, until a new subsequent CAT Fee is in effect with regard to Industry Members in accordance with Section 19(b) of the Exchange Act. Consolidated Audit Trail, LLC will provide notice when CAT Fee 2025-1 will no longer be in effect.

4. Invoicing of CAT Fee 2025-1

Subject to the regulatory requirements related to the fee filings for CAT Fee 2025-1, Industry Members would be required to pay CAT Fee 2025-1 to CAT LLC beginning with the February 2025 invoice, which would be due in March 2025.

Each CAT Executing Broker will receive one invoice for all CAT Fees in effect each month. Beginning with the February 2025 invoice for CAT fees, CAT Fee 2025-1 will be set forth as a separate line item. To the extent that any other CAT fee(s) is or becomes effective while CAT Fee 2025-1 is in effect, the invoices will list each such additional CAT fee as a separate line item on the invoice.

More details about CAT billing are available in CAT Alert 2023-2.

5. CAT Fee 2024-1

The last contemplated invoice date for CAT Fee 2024-1 is January 2025, provided CAT Fee 2025-1 is in effect at that time. Accordingly, if CAT Fee 2025-1 is in effect by January 2025, CAT Fee 2025-1 would replace CAT Fee 2024-1, and beginning in February 2025, CAT Reporters would receive invoices for CAT Fee 2025-1, not CAT Fee 2024-1.

6. Resources

- CAT Funding Model Approval Order [<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2023-09-12/pdf/2023-19525.pdf>]
- CAT Alert 2023-2 [<https://www.catnmsplan.com/sites/default/files/2023-10/10.12.23-CAT-Alert-2023-02.pdf>]
- CAT Fee Alert 2024-1 [https://www.catnmsplan.com/sites/default/files/2024-08/08.01.24-CAT-Fee-Alert_2024-1.pdf]