

Title: Question about Broker registered share ownership. What happens to Broker's stock on the books when we DRS?

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For instance, let's pick a broker that is long on GME, such as Fidelity. We know Fidelity and Vanguard are long on GME, and have direct registered a number of shares in their institution's name.

So if I have an account at Vanguard or Fidelity and I DRS my shares in my name, where do those shares come from? Do they come from a separate pool that is registered as actually "Street name", or do they come out of the pool of shares registered to Fidelity or Vanguard on the books?

I ask this question because it seems the brokers that are long on GME are not putting up a fight for DRS, whereas other brokers like TD are making up excuses to not find the shares. Does registering shares from a long brokerage just transfer the name on the books from Fidelity to BillyBob McGee, or does Fidelity actually purchase the shares from the DTCC and have them registered at CS?

I'm curious, because if DRS from brokers like Fidelity and Vanguard are just transferring their institutional ownership to retail, then it doesn't actually change the number of shares DRS'd at CS. Obviously purchases should be made directly through CS to lock down more of the float, but does transferring shares from these long brokers actually increase the fraction of the float DRS's at CS? And is this why brokers like Fidelity and Vanguard are not putting up much of a fight when apes ask to direct register? Or is it that they are actually decent and operate in the way they advertise?

Are there regulations which require disclosure of transferring on-book ownership between parties? Or is there any information which might track Fidelity and Vanguard's ownership over the past few weeks as DRSing has caught on with apes?