



Regulatory Circular RG04-118

To: Members, Member Firms, and Member Organizations

From: Equity Options Procedure Committee and Trading Operations

Re: PAR Auto-book Timer Change to 5 Seconds

Date: November 19, 2004

At its meeting on November 11, 2004, the Equity Options Procedure Committee approved a reduction in the PAR auto-book timer for all equity DPMs from 28 seconds to 5 seconds. This change becomes effective the morning of November 22, 2004.

Note that only the timer is changing. All other auto-book functionality will remain the same and is summarized below:

- 1) An order will not auto-book if the timer expires while the order is selected. If not executed, these orders must be displayed or booked by the agent.
- 2) An order will not auto-book if marketable against the CBOE market when initially received on PAR. This also includes NBBO rejects, which still require Linkage handling.
- 3) An order will not auto-book if marketable against the CBOE market or an away market at the point at which the timer expires. These orders must be executed or handled through Linkage, as applicable.
- 4) An order will not auto-book if it contains an "X" in the CORRESPondent field. At the direction of the client, member firm staff may enter the "X" in the CORRESPondent field on the BERS template to prevent the auto-booking.

Questions may be directed to the CBOE Help Desk at x7100.