



Regulatory Circular RG05-16

DATE: February 3, 2005

TO: Members and Member Firms

FROM: Market Operations Department

RE: Restrictions on Transactions in
Tower Automotive (TWR)

Tower Automotive, (TWR), said its shares would be delisted from the NYSE as of February 3, 2005. The Company filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection on February 1, 2005 in order to address liquidity concerns and to get some breathing room while it restructures its debt.

As of February 3, 2005 trading on CBOE in existing series of TWR options will be subject to the following restrictions. Only closing transactions maybe effected in any series of TWR options except for (i) opening transactions by market-makers executed to accommodate closing transactions of other market participants and (ii) opening transactions by CBOE member organizations to facilitate the closing transactions of public customers executed as crosses pursuant to and in accordance with CBOE Rule 6.74(b) or (d).

The execution of opening transactions in TWR options, except as permitted above, and/or the misrepresentation as to whether an order is opening or closing, will constitute a violation of CBOE rules, and may result in disciplinary action. Member organizations should ensure that they have appropriate procedures in place to prevent their customers from entering opening orders in this restricted option class.

There are no restrictions in place with respect to the exercise of TWR options. The provisions of this circular apply to any options on Tower Automotive traded on CBOE.

Any questions regarding this circular may directed to Kerry Winters at (312) 786-7312 or Joanne Heenan-Hustad at (312) 786-7786.