



Regulatory Circular RG05-79

DATE: September 26, 2005

FROM: Market Operations Department

RE: Restrictions on Transactions in
Northwest Airlines (NWACQ)

On the Opening of business on September 26, 2005 the listing of Northwest Airlines Corporation (NWACQ) was transferred to the Nasdaq SmallCAP Market.

As of September 26, 2005 trading on CBOE in existing series of NAQ (VUW, WAW) options will be subject to the following restrictions. Only closing transactions may be effected in any series of NAQ (VUW, WAW) 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 NAQ (VUW, WAW) 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 NAQ (VUW, WAW) options. The provisions of this circular apply to any options on Northwest Airlines Corporation traded on CBOE.

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