



Regulatory Circular RG11-034

To: Trading Permit Holders
From: Trading Operations
Date: February 25, 2011
Re: Linkage Fees

Effective March 1, 2011, CBOE will modify its fee schedule in connection with the routing of orders via intermarket linkage. Public customer orders of an original size of 99 contracts or less will continue to not be assessed routing or linkage fees. For each public customer order of an original size of 100 contracts or greater, which CBOE executes via intermarket linkage in whole or in part, the Exchange will assess to the order flow provider the specific away exchange transaction fees for that order less \$.05/contract.

For example, if CBOE receives an electronic customer order to buy 125 contracts of a certain series in equity option class ABC, and executes 50 at an away exchange which charges a \$.30/contract customer transaction fee for removing liquidity, with the remaining 75 executed at CBOE, CBOE will bill the order flow provider \$.25/contract for 50 contracts for the linkage execution. These charges are in addition to any transaction fees CBOE may assess.

Please note CBOE will continue to assess a \$.50/contract charge for any size non-public customer order which CBOE executes via intermarket linkage in whole or in part. Additionally, CBOE will not assess any linkage charges, regardless of origin or size, which CBOE executes via intermarket linkage in whole or in part, that was sent from an on-floor Floor Broker Workstation (FBW) or on-floor Pulse Terminal.

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