



Regulatory Circular RG11-158

To: Trading Permit Holders and Trading Permit Holder Organizations
From: Registration Services Department
Date: December 8, 2011
Re: Trading Permit Sliding Scale Programs

A Trading Permit Holder (TPH) that wishes to participate in either the **Market-Maker Trading Permit Sliding Scale** program or the **Floor Broker Trading Permit Sliding Scale** program as discussed below must complete the attached Market-Maker Election to Participate for 2012 form or the Floor Broker Election to Participate for 2012 form (Election Form), as applicable. The Election Form must be signed by an authorized signatory for the Trading Permit Holder and may be e-mailed to registration@cboe.com or faxed to (312) 786-8140.

Questions can be directed to Regina Millison at (312) 786-7452 or millison@cboe.com or to Stan Leimer at (312) 786-7299 or leimer@cboe.com.

Market-Maker Trading Permit Sliding Scale -

The following sliding scale will be available for all Market-Maker Trading Permits held by affiliated Trading Permit Holders and TPH organizations that are used for appointments in any options classes other than SPX, VIX, OEX and XEO. Any Market-Maker Trading Permits used for these four classes, whether in whole or in part, are excluded from this sliding scale and will be at \$5,500 per month. To qualify for the rates set forth in Tiers 1 and 2 in the sliding scale for 2012, the applicable Trading Permit Holder(s) and/or TPH organization must commit in advance to a specific tier that includes a minimum number of eligible Market-Maker Trading Permits (either eleven permits or twenty-one permits). To do so, a Market-Maker Trading Permit Holder must notify the Registration Services Department of the tier of eligible Market-Maker Trading Permits committed to by that Market-Maker Trading Permit Holder. Market-Makers may commit at any time during the year and will be responsible for the minimum number of permits in the commitment tier for the remainder of the year. For Market-Makers interested in participating in the Market-Maker Trading Permit Sliding Scale for all of 2012, tier commitments must be completed by December 23, 2011. Market-Makers are not obligated to commit to either tier. However, the discounts will apply only to those that do commit to Tier 1 or Tier 2 for the calendar year.

Market-Maker Permit Sliding Scale	From	To	Amount per Month per Permit
	1 permit	10 permits	\$5,500
Tier 1	11 permits	20 permits	\$4,000
Tier 2	21 or more permits		\$2,500

Floor Broker Trading Permit Sliding Scale -

The Exchange is implementing a sliding scale for Floor Broker Trading Permits effective January 3, 2012 for all Floor Broker Trading Permits held by affiliated Trading Permit Holders and TPH organizations. To qualify for the rates set forth in Tiers 1 and 2 in the sliding scale for 2012, the applicable Trading Permit Holder(s) and/or TPH organization must commit in advance to a specific tier that includes a minimum number of eligible Floor Broker Trading Permits for the calendar year (either two permits or eight permits). To do so, a Floor Broker Trading Permit Holder must notify the Registration Services Department of the tier of Floor Broker Trading Permits committed to by that Floor Broker Trading Permit Holder. Floor Broker Trading Permit Holders may commit at any time during the year and will be responsible for the minimum number of permits in the commitment tier for the remainder of the year. Floor Broker Trading Permit Holders interested in participating in the Floor Broker Trading Permit Sliding Scale for all of 2012, tier commitments must be completed by December 23, 2011. Floor Brokers are not obligated to commit to either tier. However, the discounts will apply only to those that do commit to Tier 1 or Tier 2 for the calendar year.

Floor Broker Trading Permit Sliding Scale	From	To	Amount per Month Per Permit
	1 permit	1 permit	\$12,000
Tier 1	2 permits	7 permits	\$ 6,000
Tier 2	8 or more permits		\$ 3,000

Market-Maker Trading Permit and Floor Broker Trading Permit Sliding Scale Programs -

If a Trading Permit Holder chooses to commit to either Tier 1 or Tier 2, that Trading Permit Holder will be responsible for the minimum number of permits in the commitment tier for the remainder of the calendar year. Even if a Trading Permit Holder does not maintain the minimum level of eligible Trading Permits in the tier, the Trading Permit Holder is still responsible for the minimum payment for that commitment tier for the remainder of the calendar year.

Trading Permit Holders will be able to commit to a higher tier of the sliding scale for the remainder of a calendar year, during the commitment year, if the Trading Permit Holder obtains enough eligible Market-Maker Trading Permits or Floor Broker Trading Permits, as applicable, and provides the Election Form to the Registration Services Department by the 25th day of the month preceding the month in which the higher tier will become effective (or the preceding business day if the 25th is not a business day).

**MARKET-MAKER SLIDING SCALE
ELECTION TO PARTICIPATE FOR 2012
E-MAIL TO registration@cboe.com OR FAX TO 312-786-8140**

Trading Permit Holder Information

Firm Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____
Street Address Suite/Unit #

Contact Name: _____
Last First M.I.

Phone: () E-mail Address: _____

Market-Maker Sliding Scale Trading Permit Tier Election for 2012

Tier 1 Tier 2

Please Indicate by check mark the Tier Election ☐ ☐

Election and Signature

The Trading Permit Holder elects to participate in the Market-Maker Trading Permit Sliding Scale at the Tier level noted above. We understand that upon election we are responsible for the minimum number of permits in the commitment tier for the remainder of the calendar year, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the CBOE Fees Schedule.

Authorized Signature: _____ Date: _____

**FLOOR BROKER TRADING PERMIT SLIDING SCALE
ELECTION TO PARTICIPATE FOR 2012
E-MAIL TO registration@cboe.com OR FAX TO 312-786-8140**

Trading Permit Holder Information

Firm Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____
Street Address Suite/Unit #

Contact Name: _____
Last First M.I.

Phone: () E-mail Address: _____

Floor Broker Trading Permit Tier Election for 2012

Tier 1 Tier 2

Please Indicate by check mark the Tier Election ☐ ☐

Election and Signature

The Trading Permit Holder elects to participate in the Floor Broker Trading Permit Sliding Scale at the Tier level noted above. We understand that upon election we are responsible for the minimum number of permits in the commitment tier for the remainder of the calendar year, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the CBOE Fees Schedule.

Authorized Signature: _____ Date: _____