

## Regulatory Circular RG13-004

**Date:** January 2, 2013

**To:** Trading Permit Holders

**From:** Finance and Administration

**RE:** Liquidity Provider Transaction Fees Sliding Scale Prepayment Incentive Reminder

### 2013 Liquidity Provider ("LP") Sliding Scale For All Products Except SPX, SPXW, SRO, OEX, XEO, VIX or other volatility indexes

As noted in Regulatory Circular RG12-172 dated December 11, 2012, CBOE is offering a modified LP transaction fee prepayment incentive program for 2013.

Effective January 1, 2013, a LP's rate per contract is reduced if certain volume thresholds are reached in a month. Contracts traded in all products except SPX, SPXW, SRO, OEX, XEO, VIX or other volatility indexes are eligible for the plan.

Tiers	Contracts per Month	Rate
First	Contracts 1 – 100,000	25 cents
Second	Contracts 100,001 – 2,000,000	17 cents
Third	Contracts 2,000,001 – 4,000,000	10 cents
Fourth	Contracts 4,000,001 – 6,000,000	5 cents
Fifth	Contracts 6,000,001 and above	3 cents

The Exchange amended each of the tiers (for contract quantity and transaction fee per contract) of the 2012 LP Sliding Scale and reduced the number of tiers from six to five. Additionally, CBOE eliminated the prepayment option for four tiers of the LP Sliding Scale and instead requires only a prepayment of the first two tiers in order for an LP to proceed further down the LP Sliding Scale.

**Prepayment Incentive:** To be eligible to participate in the sliding scale above 2,000,000 contracts per month, a LP must prepay their entire fees for the first two tiers of the sliding scale for the entire year (\$4,176,000). Pro-rated prepayments are accepted later in the year, as long as the payment is received at least five business days prior to the month in which the application of the discount is to begin.

LP's interested in participating in the sliding scale for all of 2013 must wire payment during the period January 2 through January 8, 2013. Wire instructions can be obtained by contacting Don Patton at (312) 786-7026 or [patton@cboe.com](mailto:patton@cboe.com) or John Mavindidze at (312) 786-7689 or [mavindidze@cboe.com](mailto:mavindidze@cboe.com).