

## **Regulatory Circular RG11-046**

To: Trading Permit Holders
From: Trading Operations
Date: March 30, 2011
Re: PAR Official Fees

Subject to SEC review, effective April 1, 2011, CBOE is modifying the PAR Official Fees for classes other than Volatility Index Options assessed to Trading Permit Holders that utilize CBOE PAR Officials for execution of their options orders. The Exchange will assess originating firms or, as applicable, executing firms for PAR Official usage based on the percentage of open outcry volume in classes where PAR Officials operate ("PAR Official Classes") that is executed by a PAR Official on behalf of a Trading Permit Holder or TPH organization (i.e. PAR Official Executed Contracts/Total Open Outcry Executed Contracts in PAR Official Classes, excluding Volatility Index Contracts), in accordance with the following schedule:

	Monthly Share of Floor Broker Agent Volume Executed by PAR Officials			
	0-24.99%	25%-49.99%	50%-74.99%	75%-100%
Cross Rate	\$0.00	\$0.01	\$0.015	\$0.02
Non-Cross	\$0.00	\$0.02	\$0.03	\$0.04

The thresholds set forth above will apply to all contracts executed by a PAR Official except for transactions in Volatility Index Options, which were set, effective March 1, 2011, for all parties at a flat \$.03/contract fee for non-cross orders, and \$.015/contract for cross orders (per side).

Example 1: Floor Broker ABC, Inc, executes a total of 100,000 open outcry contracts in April, with 76,000 contracts executed by Floor Broker ABC and 20,000 non-cross contracts and 4,000 cross-contracts (2,000 each side) executed by CBOE PAR Officials. 24% of Floor Broker ABC's total open outcry volume (in PAR Official Classes) was executed by a PAR Official. Therefore, Floor Broker ABC will not be assessed any PAR Official Fees for activity in April.

Example 2: Floor Broker XYZ executes a total of 100,000 open outcry contracts in April, with 40,000 contracts executed by Floor Broker XYZ and 50,000 non-cross contracts and 10,000 cross-contracts (5,000 each side) executed by CBOE PAR Officials. 60% of Floor Broker XYZ's total open outcry volume (in PAR Official Classes) was executed by a PAR Official. Therefore, Floor Broker XYZ will be assessed PAR Official Fees of \$.03/contract on 50,000 non-cross contracts and \$.015/contract on 10,000 cross contracts for activity in April.

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