

Informational CircularIC-2016-12TO:BOX Options ParticipantsFROM:BOX Market Operations CenterSUBJECT:Enhanced Price Protection - NBB/NBO Parameter ChangeDATE:April 19, 2016

Effective **Wednesday April 20, 2016**, the National Best Offer ("NBO") and National Best Bid ("NBB") price parameter set by BOX Options Exchange ("BOX" or "Exchange") for incoming Limit Orders will **increase from \$3.00 to \$5.05**.

The price parameters for all incoming Limit Orders will be set at the price 100% greater than the NBO (for incoming buy orders), and 100% less than the NBB (for incoming sell orders), when the NBB/NBO is priced at or below **\$5.05**; and the price parameters are set at the price 50% greater than the NBO (for incoming orders), and 50% less than the NBB (for incoming sell orders), when the NBB/NBO is priced above **\$5.05**.

While the Exchange sets these price parameters to enhance price protection during continuous trading, BOX strongly encourages its Participants to specify their own threshold values on an underlying security basis, for: (i) the cut-off price, (ii) the price parameters, and (iii) minimum price variation. By setting their own threshold values, Participants are able to apply more restrictive controls when needed.

For more information about Enhanced Price Protection during Continuous Trading, see <u>SR-BOX-</u>2015-05.

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