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TO: BOX Participants and Participant Organizations

FROM: BOX Market Operations Center

SUBJECT: Amended BOX Fee Schedule

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The Boston Options Exchange (BOX) is pleased to announce Fee Schedule changes to the Non-Penny Pilot Classes, Penny Pilot Classes and transactions in the PIP (Price Improvement Period). The new pricing structure will be effective starting November 2nd, 2009 (pending SEC approval) whereby BOX will implement the following:

Non-PPP Classes

Remove Liquidity credit of 75¢ per contract & Provide Liquidity fee of 75¢ per contract PLUS non-Public Customers pay 20¢ per contract & Public Customers trade for free. ¹

For example:

- to remove liquidity Public Customer receives 75ϕ credit $(0\phi + 75\phi)$
- to remove liquidity BD (MM & Firm) net receives 55¢ credit (75¢ 20¢)
- to provide liquidity Public Customer pays 75¢ fee (0¢ 75¢)
- to provide liquidity BD (MM & Firm) net pays 95¢ fee (75¢ + 20¢)

Penny Pilot Classes (excluding QQQQ, IWM, and SPY)²

Remove Liquidity credit of 20¢ per contract & Provide Liquidity fee of 20¢ per contract PLUS non-Public Customers pay 20¢ per contract & Public Customers trade for free.¹

For example:

- to remove liquidity Public Customer receives 20¢ credit (0¢ + 20¢)
- to remove liquidity BD (MM & Firm) net trades free (20¢ 20¢)
- to provide liquidity Public Customer pays 20¢ fee (0¢ 20¢)
- to provide liquidity BD (MM & Firm) net pays 40¢ fee (20¢ + 20¢)

² QQQ, IWM & SPY are not subject to the Remove Liquidity credit/ Provide Liquidity fee and non-Public Customers pay a 20 ∉ fee per contract & Public Customers trade for free.



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¹ All trades matched during the opening rotation are not subject to the Remove Liquidity credit/Provide Liquidity fee.

Price Improvement Period (PIP)

Extend Remove Liquidity credits and Provide Liquidity fees to the PIP, where the Must-Be-Filled (MBF) side will receive a Remove Liquidity credit of 20¢ per contract.

The MBF side receives both potential price improvement **and** a remove liquidity credit for orders executed in the PIP.

The facilitation side of PIP order will pay a Provide Liquidity fee of 20ϕ per contract plus the normal execution fee of 20ϕ per contract (for a net of 40ϕ per contract). Competitors in the PIP (as price improvers opposite the MBF) will pay a Provide Liquidity fee of 20ϕ per contract plus the normal execution fee of 20ϕ per contract (for a net of 40ϕ per contract).

In addition, a rebate of 5¢ per contract will be earned by the initiating price improvement side (INITO) above 50,000 ADV executed better than NBBO in the PIP.

Once approved by the SEC, the updated BOX Fee Schedule will be available on the BOX website at http://www.bostonoptions.com.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact BOX Market Operations Center at (866) 768-8845 or boxmoc@bostonoptions.com.