EXHIBIT 5

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Rules of Cboe Exchange, Inc.

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Rule 17.2. Complaint and Investigation

(a)-(b) No Change.

- (c) Report. Regulatory staff shall have the sole discretion to determine whether to request that the Chief Regulatory Officer ("CRO")[Business Conduct Committee] authorize the issuance of a statement of charges pursuant to Rule 17.4. In every instance where an investigation has been instituted as a result of a complaint, and in every other instance where an investigation results in the Regulatory staff finding that there are reasonable grounds to believe that a violation has been committed and a formal regulatory action (i.e., a Statement of Charges) is warranted, the Regulatory staff shall submit a written report of its investigation to the CRO[Business Conduct Committee]. In those instances where an investigation results in the Regulatory staff finding that there are reasonable grounds to believe that a violation has been committed but non-formal regulatory action (i.e., a Letter of Information, a Letter of Caution or a Staff Interview) is warranted in lieu of the issuance of a statement of charges, the Regulatory staff may in its sole discretion determine to impose such non-formal regulatory action without the submission of a written report of its investigation to the CRO[Business Conduct Committee]. In the event the Regulatory staff finds that there are not reasonable grounds to believe that a violation has been committed, the Regulatory staff may in its sole discretion determine to close the investigation (i.e., File Without Action) without the submission of a written report of its investigation to the CRO[Business Conduct Committee].
- (d) Notice, Statement and Access. Prior to submitting its report, the Regulatory staff shall notify the person(s) who is the subject of the report (hereinafter Subject) of the general nature of the allegations and of the specific provisions of the Exchange Act, rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, [or] Bylaws or R[r]ules of the Exchange or any interpretation thereof or any resolution of the Board regulating the conduct of business on the Exchange, that appear to have been violated. Except when the CRO[Committee] determines that expeditious action is required, a Subject shall have 25[15] days from the date of the notification described above to submit a written statement to the CRO[Committee] concerning why no disciplinary action should be taken. To assist a Subject in preparing such a written statement, [he]the Subject shall have access to any documents and other materials in the investigative file of the Exchange that were furnished by the Subject or the Subject's[him or his] agents. The 25-day period to submit

a written statement shall toll while any request for access to the investigative file pursuant to this section is pending.

... Interpretations and Policies:

.01 No Change.

.02 In lieu of, or in addition to, submitting a written statement concerning why no disciplinary action should be taken as permitted by paragraph (d) of this Rule, the Subject may submit a statement in the form of a videotaped response. Except when the CRO[Committee] determines that expeditious action is required, the Subject shall have 25[15] days from the date of the notification described in paragraph (d) to submit the videotaped response. [The Exchange will establish standards concerning the length and format of such videotaped responses]Videotaped responses shall not exceed 12 minutes and must be accompanied by a written transcript of the response.

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Rule 17.3. Expedited Proceeding

Upon receipt of the notification required by Rule 17.2(d), a Subject may seek to dispose of the matter through a letter of consent signed by the Subject. If a Subject desires to attempt to dispose of the matter through a letter of consent, the Subject must submit to the Regulatory staff within [15]25 days from the date of the notification required by Rule 17.2(d) a written notice electing to proceed in an expedited manner pursuant to this Rule 17.3. The Subject must then endeavor to reach agreement with the Regulatory staff upon a letter of consent which is acceptable to the Regulatory staff and which sets forth a stipulation of facts and findings concerning the Subject's conduct, the violation(s) committed by the Subject and the sanction(s) therefor. The matter can only be disposed of through a letter of consent if the Regulatory staff and the Subject are able to agree upon terms of a letter of consent which are acceptable to the staff and the letter is signed by the Subject. At any point in the negotiations regarding a letter of consent, either the Regulatory staff may deliver to the Subject or the Subject may deliver to the staff a written declaration of an end to the negotiations. On delivery of such a declaration the Subject will then have [15]25 days to submit a written statement pursuant to Rule 17.2(d) and thereafter the Regulatory staff may bring the matter to the CRO[Business Conduct Committee] for appropriate action. In the event that the Subject and the Regulatory staff are able to agree upon a letter of consent which is acceptable to the Regulatory staff, the Regulatory staff shall submit the letter of consent to the CRO[Business Conduct Committee]. If the letter of consent is accepted by the CRO[Business Conduct Committee], [it may]the Exchange shall adopt the letter of consent as its decision and [shall take] no further action shall be taken against the Subject respecting the matters that are the subject of the letter of consent. If the letter of consent is rejected by the CRO[Business Conduct Committee], the matter shall proceed as though the letter of consent had not been submitted. The CRO's[Business Conduct Committee's] decision to accept or reject a letter of consent shall be final, and a Subject may not seek review thereof.

Rule 17.4. Charges

- (a) Determination Not to Initiate Charges. In those cases where notice has been provided pursuant to Rule 17.2(d) and [W]whenever it shall appear to the CRO[Business Conduct Committee] from the report of the Regulatory staff that no probable cause exists for finding a violation within the disciplinary jurisdiction of the Exchange, or [whenever]if the CRO[Committee] otherwise determines that no further action is warranted, the CRO[it] shall direct the Regulatory staff to prepare and issue a written statement to that effect setting forth the CRO's[its] reasons for such finding, which shall be sent to the Subject and the Complainant, if any.
- (b) Initiation of Charges. Whenever it shall appear to the <u>CRO</u>[Business Conduct Committee] from the report of the Regulatory staff that there is probable cause for finding a violation within the disciplinary jurisdiction of the Exchange and that further proceedings are warranted, the <u>CRO</u>[Business Conduct Committee] shall direct the Regulatory staff to prepare <u>and issue</u> a statement of charges against the person or organization alleged to have committed a violation (the "Respondent") specifying the acts in which the Respondent is charged to have engaged and setting forth the specific provisions of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, Bylaws, rules, interpretations or resolutions of which such acts are in violation. A copy of the charges shall be served upon the Respondent in accordance with Rule 17.12. The Complainant, if any, shall be notified if further proceedings are warranted.
- (c) Access to Documents. Provided that a Respondent has made a written request for access to documents [described hereunder] within [60 calendar]25 days after a statement of charges has been served upon the Respondent in accordance with Rule 17.12, the Respondent shall have access to all documents concerning the case that are in the investigative file of the Exchange except for Regulatory staff investigation and examination reports and materials prepared by the Regulatory staff in connection with such reports or in anticipation of a disciplinary hearing. In providing such documents, the Regulatory staff may protect the identity of a Complainant.
- [(d) No Trading Permit Holder or person associated with a Trading Permit Holder shall make or knowingly cause to be made an ex parte communication with any member of the Business Conduct Committee or Board concerning the merits of any matter pending under Chapter XVII of the Rules. No member of the Business Conduct Committee or Board shall make or knowingly cause to be made an ex parte communication with any Trading Permit Holder or any person associated with a Trading Permit Holder concerning the merits of any matter pending under Chapter XVII of the Rules.

... Interpretations and Policies:

.01 "Ex parte communication" means an oral or written communication made without notice to all parties, that is, Regulatory staff and Subjects of investigations or Respondents in proceedings. A written communication is ex parte unless a copy has been previously or simultaneously delivered to all interested parties. An oral communication is

ex parte unless it is made in the presence of all interested parties except those who, on adequate prior notice, declined to be present.

- .02 No violation of Rule 17.4(d) shall be deemed to occur if the ex parte communication deals solely with procedural matters rather than the merits of the investigation or proceeding.
- .03 No person shall be deemed to violate Rule 17.4(d) if they refuse an attempted communication concerning the merits of an investigation or proceeding as soon as it becomes apparent that the communication concerns the merits. In order for this Interpretation .03 to apply, the person refusing the attempted communication must promptly notify the Regulatory staff about the attempted communication and how the person responded to it. The Regulatory staff shall memorialize this information in the regulatory record of the investigation or disciplinary proceeding.]

Rule 17.5. Answer

The Respondent shall have [15]25 days after service of the charges to file a written answer thereto. The answer shall specifically admit or deny each allegation contained in the charges, and the Respondent shall be deemed to have admitted any allegation not specifically denied. The answer may also contain any defense which the Respondent wishes to submit and may be accompanied by documents in support of [his]the Respondent's answer or defense. In the event the Respondent fails to file an answer, the charges shall be considered to be admitted. The 25-day period to submit a written answer shall toll while any request for access to the investigative file pursuant to Rule 17.4(c) is pending.

Rule 17.6. Hearing

- (a) Participants. Subject to Rule 17.7 of this Chapter concerning summary proceedings, a hearing on the charges shall be held before a panel of either three or five[one or more] members of the Business Conduct Committee ("BCC") selected by the Chairperson of the BCC. [The person or persons conducting the hearing] The selected members of the BCC shall exercise the authority of the BCC[Business Conduct Committee] in respect of matters pertaining to the hearing and for purposes of this Chapter shall be referred to as the "Hearing Panel." The Exchange and the Respondent shall be the parties to the hearing. Where a TPH organization is a party, it shall be represented by one of [its Trading Permit Holders (including nominees)]the TPH organization's nominees at the hearing. BCC Counsel may assist the Hearing Panel in preparing its written recommendations or judgments.
- (1) Impartiality of Hearing Panel Members. When any member of the Hearing Panel considers a disciplinary matter they are expected to function impartially and independently of the staff members who prepared and prosecuted the charges. If at any time a member of the Hearing Panel determines that they have a conflict of interest or bias or circumstances otherwise exist where their fairness might reasonably be questioned, the applicable member of the Hearing Panel shall notify the Chairperson of the BCC who shall issue and serve on the Parties a notice stating that the Hearing Panel member has withdrawn from the matter. In the event that a member of a Hearing Panel

withdraws, is incapacitated, or otherwise is unable to continue service after being appointed, the Chairperson of the BCC shall appoint a replacement to serve on the Hearing Panel.

- (2) Motions for Disqualification. Within 15 days of the appointment of the Hearing Panel, the Respondent may move for disqualification of any member of the Hearing Panel sitting on such Panel based upon bias or conflict of interest. Such motions shall be made in writing and state with specificity the facts and circumstances giving rise to the alleged bias or conflict of interest. The motion papers shall be filed with the Chairperson of the BCC. The Exchange may file a brief in opposition to the Respondent's motion within 15 days of service thereof.
- (3) Rulings on Motions for Disqualification. The Hearing Panel, excluding the applicable member of the Hearing Panel at issue, shall rule upon such motion no later than 30 days from filing by the Respondent. Prior adverse rulings against the Respondent or Respondent's attorney in other matters shall not, in and of themselves, constitute grounds for disqualification. If the Hearing Panel believes the Respondent has provided satisfactory evidence in support of the motion to disqualify, the applicable member of the Hearing Panel shall remove themselves and request the Chairperson of the BCC to reassign the hearing to another member of the BCC. If the Hearing Panel determines that the Respondent's grounds for disqualification are insufficient, it shall deny the Respondent's motion for disqualification by setting forth the reasons for the denial in writing and the Hearing Panel will precede with the hearing. The ruling by the Hearing Panel on such motions shall not be subject to interlocutory review.
- (b) Prehearing Procedures. Parties shall be given at least 15 business days' notice of the time and place of the hearing. Hearings are typically held in Chicago, but, the Hearing Panel may decide to hold a hearing outside of Chicago to accommodate the parties, witnesses, Exchange staff, or the Hearing Panel members. Not less than ten (10)[five] business days in advance of the scheduled hearing date, each party shall furnish to the Hearing Panel and to the other parties copies of all documentary evidence such party intends to present at the hearing and a list containing the names of all witnesses the party intends to present at a hearing. Where time and the nature of the proceeding permit, the parties shall meet in a prehearing conference for the purpose of clarifying and simplifying issues and otherwise expediting the proceeding. At such pre-hearing conference, the parties shall attempt to reach agreement respecting authenticity of documents, facts not in dispute, and any other items which will serve to expedite the hearing of the matter. At the request of any party, the Hearing Panel or Hearing Panel Chairperson shall hear and decide all pre-hearing issues not resolved among the parties. Interlocutory Board review of any decision made by the Hearing Panel prior to completion of the hearing is generally prohibited. Such interlocutory review shall be permitted only if the Hearing Panel agrees to such review after determining that the issue is a controlling issue of rule or policy and that immediate Board review would materially advance the ultimate resolution of the case.
- (c) Conduct of Hearing. The <u>Hearing Panel</u> shall determine all questions concerning the admissibility of evidence and shall otherwise regulate the conduct of the hearing. Formal rules of evidence shall not apply. The charges shall be presented by a representative of the

Exchange who, along with Respondent and any other party, may present evidence and produce witnesses who shall testify under oath and are subject to being questioned by the <u>Hearing Panel</u> and the other parties. The Respondent and intervening parties are entitled to be represented by counsel who may participate fully in the hearing. A transcript of the hearing shall be made and shall become part of the record.

(d) Documents and Witnesses. The Hearing Panel may request the production of documentary evidence and witnesses. If the Exchange, a Trading Permit Holder, or a person associated with a Trading Permit Holder will not voluntarily produce non-privileged documents or hearing witnesses the Respondent has requested, the Respondent may submit a written request to the Hearing Panel asking the Hearing Panel to enter an order compelling the production of non-privileged documents by the Exchange, the Trading Permit Holder, or associated person or compelling the testimony of the Trading Permit Holder, associated person, or a person within the Exchange's control. Before entering such order, the Hearing Panel must hear any objections raised by Exchange staff to the issuance of such an order. When deciding whether to issue the requested order, the Hearing Panel shall weigh the probative value of the documents or testimony against considerations such as undue delay. waste of time, confusion, unfair prejudice or needless presentation of cumulative evidence. As a condition to issuing such an order, the Hearing Panel may require the Respondent to pay the costs of complying with the requested order including a witness's travel expenses. No Trading Permit Holder or person associated with a Trading Permit Holder shall refuse to furnish relevant testimony, documentary materials or other information requested or ordered by the Hearing Panel.

... Interpretations and Policies:

- **.02** The <u>Hearing Panel</u>, in exercising its discretion concerning intervention shall take into consideration whether the intervention will unduly delay or prejudice the adjudication of the rights of the original parties.
- .03 Subject to Rule 17.7, the CRO shall have the authority to direct that a hearing be scheduled at any time, after the period to answer pursuant to Rule 17.5 has elapsed.

Rule 17.7. Summary Proceedings

Notwithstanding the provision of Rule 17.6 of this Chapter, the <u>CRO</u>[Business Conduct Committee] may make a determination without a hearing and may impose a penalty as to

violations which the Respondent has admitted or has failed to answer or which otherwise do not appear to be in dispute. Notice of such summary determination, specifying the violations and penalty, shall be served upon the Respondent, who shall have ten (10) business days from the date of service to notify the CRO[Business Conduct Committee] that the Respondent[he] desires a hearing upon all or a portion of any charges not previously admitted or upon the penalty. Failure to so notify the CRO[Business Conduct Committee] shall constitute admission of the violations and acceptance of the penalty as determined by the CRO[Business Conduct Committee] and a waiver of all rights of review. If the Respondent requests a hearing, the matters which are the subject of the hearing shall be handled as if the summary determination had not been made.

Rule 17.8. Offers of Settlement

- (a) Submission of Offer. At any time [during a period not to exceed one hundred and twenty calendar days immediately] following the date of service of a statement of charges upon the Respondent in accordance with Rule 17.12, the Respondent may submit to the CRO[Business Conduct Committee] a written offer of settlement, signed by [him]the Respondent, which shall contain a proposed stipulation of facts and shall consent to a specified sanction. Where the CRO[Business Conduct Committee] accepts an offer of settlement, [it]the CRO shall issue a decision, including findings and conclusions and imposing a sanction, consistent with the terms of such offer. Where the CRO[Business Conduct Committee] rejects an offer of settlement, it shall notify the Respondent and the matter shall proceed as if such offer had not been made, and the offer and all documents relating thereto shall not become part of the record. A decision [of the Business Conduct Committee]of the CRO issued upon acceptance of an offer of settlement as well as the determination of the CRO[Committee] whether to accept or reject such an offer shall be final, and the Respondent may not seek review thereof.
- (b) Submission of Statement. A Respondent may submit with an offer of settlement a written statement in support of the offer. In addition, if the Regulatory staff will not recommend acceptance of an offer of settlement to the CRO[before the Business Conduct Committee], a Respondent shall be notified and may appear before the CRO[Committee] to make an oral statement in support of the[his] offer. Finally, if the CRO[Business Conduct Committee] rejects an offer that the Regulatory staff supports, a Respondent may appear before the CRO[that Committee] to make an oral statement concerning why [he]the Respondent believes the CRO[Committee] should change [its]the CRO's decision and accept [his]the Respondent's offer. A Respondent must make a request for such an appearance within five (5) days of [his] being notified that [his]the Respondent's offer was rejected or that Regulatory staff will not recommend acceptance.

... Interpretations and Policies:

.01 [(a) Except as provided otherwise in this Interpretation and Policy,]<u>Unless the CRO shall otherwise order</u>, a Respondent shall be entitled to submit to the <u>CRO</u>[Business Conduct Committee] a maximum of two written offers of settlement in connection with the statement of charges issued to that Respondent pursuant to Rule 17.4(b).

- [(b) In the event that prior to the issuance of a statement of charges against a Respondent the Respondent timely submits a written notice to the Regulatory staff in accordance with Rule 17.3 electing to proceed in an expedited manner pursuant to Rule 17.3 and subsequently the Respondent is unable to reach agreement with the Regulatory staff upon a letter of consent which is acceptable to the Regulatory staff, any number of days in excess of thirty between the date upon which the Regulatory staff receives the Respondent's notice of election to proceed in an expedited manner pursuant to Rule 17.3 and the date either the Respondent delivers to the Regulatory staff or the Regulatory staff delivers to the Respondent the written declaration of an end to the consent negotiations shall be deducted from the one hundred and twenty day period specified in Rule 17.8(a); provided, however, that in no event shall the time period in which the Respondent may properly submit offers of settlement to the Business Conduct Committee pursuant to Rule 17.8(a) be less than fourteen days commencing on the date immediately following the date of service of the statement of charges upon the Respondent.
- (c) Notwithstanding the limitation of the number of offers of settlement set forth in Interpretation and Policy .01 (a) above, the Business Conduct Committee, in its discretion, at any time after a statement of charges has been issued during the one hundred and twenty day period referred to in Rule 17.8(a) (or, when applicable, during such shorter period mandated by Interpretation and Policy .01(b) above), may permit a Respondent to submit an offer of settlement provided that the stipulation of facts and specified sanction contained in that offer of settlement are consistent with the parameters and criteria deemed acceptable by the Business Conduct Committee.
- (d) The one hundred and twenty day period specified in Rule 17.8(a) (or, when applicable, such shorter period mandated by Interpretation and Policy .01(b) above) shall be tolled during the number of days in excess of thirty calendar days that it takes Regulatory staff to provide access in response to a Respondent's request for access to documents provided that the request for access is made pursuant to the provisions and within the time frame provided in Rule 17.4(c); provided that in the event the settlement period is shortened pursuant to paragraph (b) of this Interpretation and Policy, the settlement period shall be tolled following a request for documents to the extent necessary in order to allow the Respondent to have at least seven days after being provided with access to documents within which to submit an offer of settlement.
- .02 Subject to Rule 17.7, following the end of the one hundred and twenty day period specified in Rule 17.8(a) (or, when applicable, following the end of such shorter period mandated by Interpretation and Policy .01(b) above) or after the Business Conduct Committee's rejection of a Respondent's second offer of settlement, a hearing will be scheduled and the hearing will proceed in accordance with the provisions of Rule 17.6.]
- .02 Subject to Interpretation and Policy .01, a Respondent may propose a written offer of settlement during the course of any proceeding under this Chapter. If the Respondent wants to submit an offer of settlement subsequent to a hearing being scheduled pursuant to Rule 17.6, the Hearing Panel shall grant the parties leave from the hearing for the offer of settlement to be presented to the CRO for consideration under paragraph (a) of this rule.

Rule 17.9. Decision

Following a hearing conducted pursuant to Rule 17.6 of this Chapter, the Hearing Panel shall issue a decision in writing, based solely on the record, determining whether the Respondent has committed a violation and imposing the sanction, if any, therefor. [Where the Panel is not composed of at least a majority of the members of the Business Conduct Committee, its determination shall be automatically reviewed by a majority of the Committee, which may affirm, reverse or modify in whole or in part or may remand the matter for additional findings or supplemental proceedings. Such modification may include an increase or decrease of the sanction.] The decision shall include a statement of findings and conclusions, with the reasons therefor, upon all material issues presented on the record. Where a sanction is imposed under Rule 17.11, the decision shall include a statement specifying the acts or practices in which the Respondent has been found to have engaged, [and setting forth] the specific provisions of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, Bylaws, rules, interpretations or resolutions of the Exchange of which the acts are deemed to be in violation, and a statement of the sanctions imposed and the reasons therefor. The Respondent and the Regulatory Division shall be promptly sent a copy of the decision. After Board review pursuant to Rule 17.10, or the time for such review has expired, the decision will be considered final, and the Exchange shall post the complete decision on the Cboe Options website.

Rule 17.10. Review

(a)(1) Petition. Both the Respondent and the Regulatory Division shall have 15 days after service of notice of the[any] decision made pursuant to Rule 17.9 of this Chapter to petition for review of the decision by filing a copy of the petition with the Secretary of the Exchange ("Secretary") and with all other parties to the hearing. Such petition shall be in writing and shall specify the findings and conclusions to which exceptions are taken together with reasons for such exceptions. Any objections to a decision not specified by written exception shall be considered to have been abandoned.

(2) No Change.

(b) Conduct of Review. The review shall be conducted by the Board or a committee of the Board composed of at least three Directors whose decision must be ratified by the Board. Any Director who participated in a matter before the Hearing Panel[Business Conduct] or other Committee may not participate in any review of that matter by the Board. Unless the Board shall decide to open the record for the introduction of evidence or to hear argument, such review shall be based solely upon the record and the written exceptions filed by the parties. New issues may be raised by the Board; the parties to the hearing shall be given notice of and an opportunity to address any such new issues. The Board may affirm, reverse or modify, in whole or in part, the decision of the Hearing Panel[Business Conduct Committee]. Such modification may include an increase or decrease of the sanction. The decision of the Board shall be in writing, shall be promptly served on the Respondent and the Regulatory Division, and shall be final.

(c) No Change.

[(d) Review of Decision Not to Initiate Charges. Upon application made by the Regulatory Oversight and Compliance Committee within 45 days from the date the Exchange serves the Subject with notice of a decision by the Business Conduct Committee pursuant to Rule 17.4(a) not to initiate charges that have been recommended by Regulatory staff, the Board may order review of such decision. Such review shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures set forth in paragraph (b) as applicable.]

Rule 17.11. Judgment and Sanction

- (a) Sanctions. Trading Permit Holders and persons associated with Trading Permit Holders shall (subject to any rule or order of the Securities and Exchange Commission) be appropriately disciplined by the <u>Hearing Panel or the CRO</u>, as applicable, [Business Conduct Committee] for violations under these Rules by expulsion, suspension, limitation of activities, functions and operations, fine, censure, being suspended or barred from being associated with a Trading Permit Holder, suspension or revocation of one or more Trading Permits, or any other fitting sanction.
- (b) Effective Date of Judgment. Sanctions imposed under this Chapter shall not become effective until the Exchange review process is completed or the decision otherwise becomes final. Pending effectiveness of a decision imposing a sanction on the Respondent, the Hearing Panel or the CRO, as applicable, [Business Conduct Committee] may impose such conditions and restrictions on the activities of the Respondent as the Hearing Panel or the CRO, as applicable, [Committee] considers reasonably necessary for the protection of investors and the Exchange.

. . . Interpretations and Policies:

.01 To promote consistency and uniformity in the imposition of penalties, the following Principal Considerations in Determining Sanctions should be considered in connection with the imposition of sanctions in all cases in determining appropriate remedial sanctions through the resolution of disciplinary matters through offers of settlement or after formal disciplinary hearings.

Principal Considerations In Determining Sanctions

- (1) Disciplinary sanctions are remedial in nature. The <u>Hearing Panel or the CRO</u>, as <u>applicable</u>, [Business Conduct Committee ("BCC")] should design sanctions to prevent and deter future misconduct by wrongdoers, to discourage others from engaging in similar misconduct, and to improve overall business standards of Cboe Options Trading Permit Holders. Pursuant to Exchange Rule 17.11, the <u>Hearing Panel or the CRO</u>, as <u>applicable</u>,[BCC] may impose sanctions including expulsion, suspension, limitation of activities, fine, censure, suspension or revocation of one or more Trading Permits, or any other fitting sanction.
- (2) An important objective of the disciplinary process is to deter future misconduct by imposing progressively escalating sanctions on recidivists. The <u>Hearing Panel or the CRO</u>,

as applicable, [BCC] should consider a party's relevant disciplinary history in determining sanctions.

- (3) Relevant Precedent. The <u>Hearing Panel or the CRO</u>, as applicable, [BCC] should consider prior similar disciplinary decisions (relevant precedent) in determining an appropriate sanction and may consider relevant precedent from other self-regulatory organizations.
- (4) The <u>Hearing Panel or the CRO</u>, as applicable, [BCC] should tailor sanctions to address the misconduct at issue. The <u>Hearing Panel or the CRO</u>, as applicable, [BCC] should impose sanctions tailored to the misconduct at issue. For example, the <u>Hearing Panel or the CRO</u>, as applicable, [BCC] may require a Trading Permit Holder or TPH organization to, among other things: retain a qualified independent consultant to improve future compliance with regulatory requirements; disclose disciplinary history to new and/or existing clients; implement heightened supervision of certain employees; or requalify by examination in any or all registered capacities.
- (5) Aggregation of violations may be appropriate in certain instances for purposes of determining sanctions. The Hearing Panel or the CRO, as applicable, [BCC] may aggregate individual violations of particular rules and treat such violations as a single offense for purposes of determining sanctions. Aggregation may be appropriate when the Exchange utilizes a comprehensive surveillance program in the detection of potential rules violations. Aggregation may also be appropriate where the Exchange has reviewed activity over an extensive time period during the course of an investigation of matters disclosed either through a routine examination of the Trading Permit Holder or as the result of a complaint. Similarly, where no exceptional circumstances are present, the Exchange may impose a fine based upon a determination that there exists a pattern or practice of violative conduct. The Exchange also may aggregate similar violations generally if the conduct was unintentional, there was no injury to public investors, or the violations resulted from a single systemic problem or cause that has been corrected.
- (6) The <u>Hearing Panel or the CRO</u>, as applicable, [BCC] should evaluate appropriateness of disgorgement and/or restitution. The <u>Hearing Panel or the CRO</u>, as applicable, [BCC] should evaluate the appropriateness of disgorgement and/or restitution in those cases where the amount of harm is quantifiable and the harmed party is identifiable.
- (7) The <u>Hearing Panel or the CRO</u>, as <u>applicable</u>,[BCC] should consider contributions or settlements by a respondent or any related Trading Permit Holder or TPH organization to the harmed party as it relates to the conduct that is the subject of the disciplinary matter.
- (8) The <u>Hearing Panel or the CRO</u>, as applicable,[BCC] may consider a party's inability to pay in connection with the imposition of monetary sanctions.

Rule 17.12. Service of Notice

Any charges, notices or other documents may be served upon the Respondent either personally or by leaving the same at [his]the Respondent's place of business or by deposit in

the United States post office, postage prepaid via registered or certified mail addressed to the Respondent at [his]the Respondent's address as it appears on the books and records of the Exchange. If service is made by registered or certified mail, three days shall be added to the prescribed period for response.

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Rule 17.14. Reporting to the Central Registration Depository

The Exchange shall report to the Central Registration Depository [operated by the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.] ("CRD") the following information concerning formal Exchange disciplinary proceedings: (i) the issuance of a statement of charges pursuant to Exchange Rule 17.4(b) and (ii) all significant changes in the status of such proceedings while such proceedings are pending.

. . . Interpretations and Policies:

.01 For the purposes of this Rule:

- (i) A formal Exchange disciplinary proceeding shall be considered to be pending from the time that a statement of charges is issued in such proceeding pursuant to Exchange Rule 17.4(b) until the outcome of the proceeding becomes final.
- (ii) An Exchange disciplinary proceeding shall be considered to be a formal disciplinary proceeding if it is initiated by the Exchange pursuant to Exchange Rule 17.2 et seq.
- (iii) Significant changes in the status of a formal Exchange disciplinary proceeding shall include, but not be limited to, the scheduling of a disciplinary hearing, the issuance of a decision by the [Business Conduct Committee] Hearing Panel or CRO, as applicable, the filing of an appeal to the Board of Directors of the Exchange, and the issuance of a decision by the Board of Directors of the Exchange.

Rule 17.15. Ex Parte Communications

(a) Unless on notice and opportunity for all parties to participate:

- (1) No Trading Permit Holder, person associated with a Trading Permit Holder or Exchange staff member shall make or knowingly cause to be made an ex parte communication relevant to the merits of a proceeding with any member of the Hearing Panel, Business Conduct Committee, Board or committee of the Board who is participating in a decision with respect to that proceeding (an "Adjudicator"); and
- (2) No Adjudicator shall make or knowingly cause to be made an ex parte communication with any Trading Permit Holder, person associated with a Trading Permit Holder or Exchange staff member relevant to the merits of that proceeding.

- (b) An Adjudicator who receives, makes, or knowingly causes to be made a communication prohibited by this Rule shall place in the record of the proceeding:
 - (1) all such written communications;
 - (2) memoranda stating the substance of all such oral communications; and
- (3) all written responses and memoranda stating the substance of all oral responses to all such communications.
- (c) If a prohibited ex parte communication has occurred, the Board or a committee of the Board may take whatever action it deems appropriate in the interests of justice, the policies underlying the Act, and the Exchange By-Laws and Rules, including dismissal or denial of the offending party's interest or claim. All participants to a proceeding may respond to any allegations or contentions contained in a prohibited ex parte communication placed in the record. Such responses shall be placed in the record.
- (d) The prohibitions of this Rule shall apply beginning with the initiation of an investigation as provided in Rule 17.2(a), unless the person responsible for the communication has knowledge that the investigation shall be initiated, in which case the prohibitions shall apply beginning at the time of his or her acquisition of such knowledge.
- (e) "Ex parte communication" means an oral or written communication made without notice to all parties, that is, Regulatory staff and Subjects of investigations or Respondents in proceedings. A written communication is ex parte unless a copy has been previously or simultaneously delivered to all interested parties. An oral communication is ex parte unless it is made in the presence of all interested parties except those who, on adequate prior notice, declined to be present.
- (f) No violation of Rule 17.6(e) shall be deemed to occur if the ex parte communication deals solely with procedural matters rather than the merits of the investigation or proceeding.
- (g) No person shall be deemed to violate this Rule if they refuse an attempted communication concerning the merits of an investigation or proceeding as soon as it becomes apparent that the communication concerns the merits. In order for this paragraph (g) to apply, the person refusing the attempted communication must promptly notify the Regulatory staff about the attempted communication and how the person responded to it. The Regulatory staff shall memorialize this information in the regulatory record of the investigation or disciplinary proceeding.

Rule 17.50. Imposition of Fines for Minor Rule Violations

(a)-(b) No Change.

- (1) Any person against whom a fine is imposed pursuant to section (g) of this Rule may contest the Exchange's determination by filing with the Office of the Secretary of the Exchange, on or before the date specified pursuant to subsection (b)(iv) of this Rule, a written answer as provided in Exchange Rule 17.5, at which point the matter shall become subject to review by a Hearing Panel[the Business Conduct Committee]. The filing must include a request for a hearing, if a hearing is desired. Hearings will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Exchange Rule 17.6. If a hearing is not requested, the review will be based on written submissions and will be conducted in a manner to be determined by a Hearing Panel[the Business Conduct Committee].
- (2) If after a hearing or review based on written submissions pursuant to subsection (c)(1) of this Rule the <u>Hearing Panel</u>[Business Conduct Committee] determines that the conduct serving as the basis for the action under review is in violation of the rule charged, the <u>Hearing Panel</u>[Committee] (i) may impose any one or more of the disciplinary sanctions authorized by the Exchange's Bylaws and Rules and (ii) shall impose a forum fee against the person charged in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100) if the determination was reached without a hearing, or in the amount of three hundred dollars (\$300) if a hearing was conducted. However, notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that the <u>Hearing Panel</u>[Business Conduct Committee] determines that the person charged [is guilty of] <u>has been found to have committed</u> one or more rule violations and the sole disciplinary sanction imposed by the <u>Hearing Panel</u>[Committee] for such rule violation(s) is a fine which is less than the total fine initially imposed by the Exchange pursuant to this Rule, the <u>Hearing Panel</u>[Committee] shall have the discretion to waive the imposition of a forum fee.
- (3) The committee or department of the Exchange that commenced the action under this Rule, the person charged, and the Board of Directors of the Exchange may require a review by the Board of any determination by a Hearing Panel[the Business Conduct Committee] under this Rule by proceeding in the manner described in Exchange Rule 17.10. For the purposes of such an appeal by the committee or department of the Exchange that commenced the action under this Rule, such committee or department of the Exchange shall have the same rights a Respondent under Exchange Rule 17.10.
- (4) In the event that a fine imposed pursuant to this Rule is subsequently upheld by a Hearing Panel[the Business Conduct Committee] or, if applicable, on appeal, such fine, plus all interest that has accrued thereon since the date specified pursuant to subsection (b)(iv) of this Rule, and any forum fee imposed hereunder, shall be immediately due and payable.
- (d)-(f) No Change.
- (g) The following is a list of the rule violations subject to, and the applicable fines that may be imposed by the Exchange pursuant to, this Rule:
 - (1) No Change.

(2) Failure to file Focus reports in a timely manner. (Rule 15.5)

Each Trading Permit Holder shall file with the Exchange a report of financial condition on SEC Form X-17A-5 as required by Exchange Act Rules 17a-5 and 17a-10. Any Trading Permit Holder who fails to file in a timely manner such report of financial condition pursuant to Exchange Act Rules 17a-5 or 17a-10 shall be subject to the following fines:

Days Late	Sanction
1-30	\$200
31-60	\$400
61 <u>+</u> [-90]	\$800
[91+	Referral to Business Conduct Committee]

(3) Failure to respond in a timely manner to a request for automated submission of trading data ("Blue Sheets"). (Rule 15.7)

Any Trading Permit Holder who fails to respond within ten (10) days to a request by the Exchange for submission of Blue Sheets shall be subject to the following fines:

Number of Violations in Any Twenty-Four Month Period	Fine Amount
1st Offense	\$2,500
Subsequent Offenses	\$5,000 [or Referral to Business Conduct Committee]

(4) Failure to Submit Trade Information on Time and Failure to Submit Trade Information to the Price Reporter. (Rule 6.51)

A fine shall be imposed upon a Market-Maker or Floor Broker who fails to submit trade information in accordance with Rule 6.51. Such fines shall be imposed on the basis of the following schedule:

* For purposes of this Rule 17.50(g)(4), an "offense" is defined as an instance in which a pattern or practice of late reporting or failure to report without exceptional circumstances has been determined.

Number of Offenses *		
in Any Rolling Twenty-Four Month Period	Fine Amount	
1st Offense	\$1,000 - \$2,500	

2nd Offense \$2,000 - \$5,000

\$5,000 [or Referral to BCC]

Subsequent Offenses

- * A violation that consists of (i) a 1 trade date overage, (ii) a consecutive string of trade date overage violations where the position does not change or where a steady reduction in the overage occurs, or (iii) a consecutive string of trade date overage violations resulting from other mitigating circumstances, may be deemed to constitute one offense, provided that the violations are inadvertent.
 - (5) A fine shall be imposed upon a Market-Maker or Floor Broker in accordance with the fine schedule set forth below for the following conduct¹:
 - Failure to honor the firm quote requirements of Rule 8.51;
 - Failure to honor the priority of marketable priority customer orders pursuant to Rule 6.45; and
 - Failure to use due diligence in the execution of orders for which the floor Trading Permit Holder maintains an agency obligation pursuant to Rule 6.73.

Number of Offenses In Any Rolling Twenty-Four Month "Look-Back" Period	Fine Amount
1st Offense	\$500 - \$1,500
2nd Offense	\$1,000 - \$3,000
3rd Offense	\$2,000 - \$5,000
Subsequent[4th] Offenses	\$3,500 - \$5,000
[Subsequent Offenses	Referral to Business Conduct Committee]

- (6) No Change.
- (7) Failure to Submit Trade Data on Trade Date ("As of Adds"). (Rule 6.51)
- (a) Any individual Trading Permit Holder who fails for more than 5% of the Trading Permit Holder's transactions in any month to submit on the date that a transaction is executed the trade information required by Rule 6.51 shall be subject to the following fines:

Number of [Infractions]<u>Violations</u> Fine Amount In Any Twenty-Four Month Period

1st Offense Letter of Information

2nd Offense Letter of Caution

3rd Offense \$ 500

Subsequent[4th] Offenses \$1,000

[Subsequent Offenses Referral to the Business

Conduct Committee]

(b) Under unusual circumstances affecting the ability of a significant number of Trading Permit Holders to submit trade information to the Exchange on a timely basis, the Exchange may suspend application of subsection (g)(7)(a) of this Rule for a period not to exceed seven (7) calendar days at any one time (which may be extended by subsequent suspensions implemented in each case in accordance with the procedures required by this subsection). Such a suspension order, which may be retroactive, shall be in writing and state the reasons therefor. It shall be communicated to the Trading Permit Holders by Exchange publication, which may be issued after the effective date and shall be kept on record by the Secretary of the Exchange.

- (8) No Change.
- (9) Violations of Exercise and Exercise Advice Rules for American-Style, Cash-Settled Index Options (Rule 11.1, Interpretation and Policy .03)

A Trading Permit Holder shall be subject to the fines listed below if [he]the Trading Permit Holder commits any of the following violations of Rule 11.1, Interpretation and Policy .03 with respect to an American-style, cash-settled index option: failure to submit an Exercise Advice; the submission of an advice and no subsequent exercise; the submission of an Exercise Advice after the designated cut-off time; the submission of an Exercise Advice for an amount different than the amount exercised; and the time-stamping of an advice or exercise instruction memorandum prior to purchasing contracts.

Number of [Infractions]<u>Violations</u> in Any Fine Amount Twenty-Four Month Period

1st Offense	\$500
2nd Offense	\$1,000
3rd Offense	\$2,500
Subsequent Offenses	\$5,000 [or Referral to Business Conduct Committee]

(10) Communications to the Exchange or the Clearing Corporation (Rule 4.22)

A fine shall be imposed upon a Trading Permit Holder, person associated with a Trading Permit Holder or applicant for Trading Permit Holder, as applicable, who violates Rule 4.22. Such fines shall be imposed on the basis of the following schedule:

Number of Offenses in any Rolling Twenty-Four Month Period	Fine Amount
1st Offense	\$500
2nd Offense	\$1,000
Subsequent[3 rd] Offenses	\$2,500
[Subsequent Offenses	Referral to Business Conduct Committee]

(11) Trading in Restricted Classes (Rule 5.4)

A fine shall be imposed upon a Trading Permit Holder and/or person associated with a Trading Permit Holder, as applicable, who enters into an opening transaction in a restricted class in violation of Exchange Rule 5.4: Such fines shall be imposed on the basis of the following schedule:

Number of Offenses in any Rolling Twenty-Four Month Period	Fine Amount
1st Offense	\$500
2nd Offense	\$2,500
Subsequent[3 rd] Offenses	\$5,000
[Subsequent Offenses	Referral to Business Conduct Committee]

(12) Order Protection Violations (Rule 6.81)

A fine shall be imposed upon a Trading Permit Holder and/or person associated with a Trading Permit Holder, as applicable, who engages in a pattern or practice of trading through better prices available on other exchanges, unless one or more of the exceptions set forth in Rule 6.81(b) apply. Such fines shall be imposed on the basis of the following schedule:

Number of Offenses in any Rolling Twenty-Four Month Period	Fine Amount
1st Offense	\$500 to \$1,000
2nd Offense	\$1,000 to \$2,000
Subsequent[3 rd] Offenses	\$2,500 to \$5,000 and a Staff

Interview

[Subsequent Offenses \$5,000 or Referral to

Business Conduct

Committee]

(13) Locked or Crossed Market Violations (Rule 6.82)

A fine shall be imposed upon a Trading Permit Holder and/or person associated with a Trading Permit Holder, as applicable, who engages in a pattern or practice of locking or crossing a market in violation of Rule 6.82. Such fines shall be imposed on the basis of the following schedule:

Twenty-Four Month Period	Fine Amount
1st Offense	\$500 to \$1,000
2nd Offense	\$1,000 to \$2,000
<u>Subsequent</u> [3 rd] Offense <u>s</u>	\$2,500 to \$5,000 and a Staff Interview
[Subsequent Offenses	\$5,000 or Referral to Business Conduct Committee]

(14) Failure to Meet Exchange Quoting Obligations

A fine shall be imposed upon a Market-Maker, Designated Primary Market-Maker or Lead Market Maker (as applicable) in accordance with the fine schedule set forth below for the following conduct:

- Failure to meet the continuous quoting obligation (Rule 8.7, 8.15, and 8.85);
- Failure to meet the applicable quote width requirements (Rule 8.7);
- Failure to meet the initial quote volume requirements (Rule 8.7); and
- Failure of a Lead Market-Maker or Designated Primary Market-Maker to enter opening quotes within one minute following the initiation of an opening rotation (e.g. 8:31 a.m. (CT)) in a series in its appointed or allocated class, respectively, that is not open due to the lack of a quote (see Rule 6.2(d)(i)(A) or (ii)(A), as applicable) (Rules 8.15 and 8.85), respectively.

Number of Offenses in any Rolling	
Twenty-Four Month Period	Fine Amount
1st Offense	\$2,000 - \$4,000

<u>Subsequent[2nd] Offenses</u> \$4,000 - \$5,000

[Subsequent Offenses Referral to Business Conduct

Committee]

(15) Failure to Accurately Report Position and Account Information (Rule 4.13)

A fine shall be imposed upon a Trading Permit Holder who violates Rule 4.13. Such fines shall be imposed on the basis of the following schedule:

Number of Offenses in any Rolling Twenty-Four Month Period	Fine Amount
1st Offense	\$500
2nd Offense	\$1,000
3rd Offense	\$2,500
Subsequent Offenses	\$5,000[or Referral to Business Conduct Committee]

(16) Failure to Provide Prior Capital Withdrawal Notice (Rule 15c3-1(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934)

A fine shall be imposed upon a Trading Permit Holder who fails to provide prior notification of capital withdrawal in accordance with Rule 15c3-1(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such fines shall be imposed on the basis of the following schedule:

Number of Offenses in any Rolling Twenty-Four Month Period	Fine Amount
1st Offense	\$2,500
Subsequent[2nd] Offenses	\$5,000
[Subsequent Offenses	Referral to Business Conduct Committee]

(17) Failure to Provide Post Capital Withdrawal Notice (Rule 15c3-1(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934)

A fine shall be imposed upon a Trading Permit Holder who fails to provide notification following a capital withdrawal in accordance with Rule 15c3-1(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such fines shall be imposed on the basis of the following schedule:

Number of Offenses in any Rolling Twenty-Four Month Period	Fine Amount
1st Offense	\$1,000
<u>Subsequent[2nd]</u> Offenses	\$2,500
[Subsequent Offenses	Referral to Business Conduct Committee]

(18) Failure to Designate a Person or Persons Responsible for Implementing and Monitoring a Trading Permit Holder's Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Program (Rule 4.20)

A fine shall be imposed upon a Trading Permit Holder who fails to designate and identify to the Exchange a person or persons responsible for implementing and monitoring the day-to-day operations and internal controls of the [member's]Trading Permit Holder's Anti-Money Laundering Compliance Program and/or who fails to provide prompt notification to the Exchange regarding any change in such designation in violation of Rule 4.20:

Number of Offenses in any Rolling Twenty-Four Month Period	Fine Amount
1st Offense	\$1,000
Subsequent[2nd] Offenses	\$2,500
[Subsequent Offenses	Referral to Business Conduct Committee]

(19) Failure to Conduct or Participate in Mandatory Systems Testing (Rule 6.23A(e)) A fine shall be imposed upon a Trading Permit Holder who fails to conduct or participate in the testing of computer systems or fails to provide required reports or maintain required documentation in violation of Rule 6.23A(e). Such fines shall be imposed on the basis of the following schedule:

Number of Offenses in One Calendar

Year	Fine Amount
1st Offense	\$250
2nd Offense	\$500
3rd Offense	\$1,000
Subsequent[4 th] Offenses	\$2,000
[Subsequent Offenses	Referral to Business Conduct

Committee]

... Interpretations and Policies:

.01 Any Trading Permit Holder who is issued a summary fine notice for the same conduct covered in sub-paragraph (g)(5) that meets one of the levels below shall have the opportunity to submit one written offer of settlement to the CRO[Business Conduct Committee] in accordance with the provisions of Rule 17.8(a)—Submission of Offer, provided, however, that the Interpretation and Policies to Rule 17.8 shall not apply to an offer made hereunder and the Trading Permit Holder must submit the offer within 30 days of the date of service of the written notice informing the Trading Permit Holder of the fine(s) imposed. The Trading Permit Holder may also appear once before the CRO[Business Conduct Committee] to make an oral statement in support of the offer. In considering an offer of settlement, the CRO[Business Conduct Committee] shall consider the Principal Considerations in Determining Sanctions as set forth in Interpretation and Policy .01 of Rule 17.11. A Trading Permit Holder may make one offer:

- 1) When the summary fine amount would be greater than[t] \$2,500 but not more than \$5,000 for a single offense, regardless of whether the single offense is the result of one violation or multiple violations aggregated [together]; or
- 2) When the total fine for multiple offenses, would be greater than \$10,000 in the aggregate and not more than \$5,000 for any single offense, again regardless of whether any single offense is the result of one violation or multiple violations aggregated [together].

A decision of the <u>CRO</u>[Business Conduct Committee] accepting an offer of settlement hereunder shall be reported on a current basis pursuant to Rule 19d-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The Trading Permit Holder shall report a decision accepting an offer of settlement on the Trading Permit Holder's broker-dealer and Form U-4 (uniform application for securities industry registration or transfer) forms as a decision in a contested Exchange disciplinary proceeding.
