(a) Removal of Days for Purposes of Volume Pricing Tiers:

(1) (A) Any day that the Exchange announces in advance that it will not be open for trading will be excluded from the options tier calculations set forth in its Pricing Schedule; and (B) any day with a scheduled early market close (“Scheduled Early Close”) may be excluded from the options volume tier calculations only pursuant to paragraph (3) below.

(2) The Exchange may exclude the following days (“Unanticipated Events”) from the options volume tier calculations only pursuant to paragraph (3) below, specifically [A]any day that: (A) the market is not open for the entire trading day, [or] (B) the Exchange instructs members in writing to route their orders to other markets, (C) the Exchange is inaccessible to members during the 30-minute period before the opening of trade due to an Exchange system disruption, or (D) the Exchange’s system experiences a disruption that lasts for more than 60 minutes during regular trading hours.

(3) If a day is to be excluded as a result of paragraph (1)(B) or (2) above, the Exchange will exclude the day from any member’s monthly options volume tier calculations as follows:[may be excluded from the ADV calculation;]

(A) the Exchange may exclude from the ADV calculation any Scheduled Early Close or Unanticipated Event; and

(B) the Exchange may exclude from any other applicable options volume tier calculation provided for in its Pricing Schedule (together with (3)(A), “Volume Tier Calculations”) any Scheduled Early Close or Unanticipated Event.

provided, in each case, that the Exchange will only remove the day for members that would have a lower [ADV]Volume Tier Calculation with the day included.

(b) All fee disputes concerning fees which are billed by the Exchange must be submitted to the Exchange in writing and must be accompanied by supporting documentation. All fee disputes must be submitted no later than sixty (60) calendar days after receipt of a billing invoice.
Section 3. Regular Order Fees and Rebates

5. Market Makers that qualify for Market Maker Plus will not pay this fee if they meet the applicable tier thresholds set forth in the table below, and will instead receive the below rebates based on the applicable tier for which they qualify.

Market Makers are evaluated each trading day for the percentage of time spent on the National Best Bid or National Best Offer ("NBBO") for qualifying series that expire in two successive thirty calendar day periods beginning on that trading day. A Market Maker Plus is a Market Maker who is on the NBBO a specified percentage of the time on average for the month based on daily performance in the qualifying series for each of the two successive periods described above. Qualifying series are series trading between $0.03 and $3.00 (for options whose underlying stock's previous trading day's last sale price was less than or equal to $100) and between $0.10 and $3.00 (for options whose underlying stock's previous trading day's last sale price was greater than $100) in premium. If a Market Maker would qualify for a different Market Maker Plus tier in each of the two successive periods described above, then the lower of the two Market Maker Plus tier rebates shall apply to all contracts.

Market Makers may enter quotes in a symbol using one or more unique, exchange assigned identifiers - i.e., badge/suffix combinations. Market Maker Plus status is calculated independently based on quotes entered in a symbol for each of the Market Maker's badge/suffix combinations, and the highest tier achieved for any badge/suffix combination quoting that symbol applies to executions across all badge/suffix combinations that the member uses to trade in that symbol.

A Market Maker's worst quoting day each month for each of the two successive periods described above, on a per symbol basis, will be excluded in calculating whether a Market Maker qualifies for this rebate.

[Other than days where the Exchange closes early for holiday observance, any day that the market is not open for the entire trading day or the Exchange instructs members in writing to route their orders to other markets may be excluded] The Exchange may exclude from [the] any member's monthly Market Maker Plus tier calculation any Unanticipated Event; provided that the Exchange will only remove the day for members that would have a lower time at the NBBO for the specified series with the day included.