Rule 72. Priority of Bids and Offers and Allocation of Executions

(a) Priority of First Bid or Offer

(i) As used in this rule, the term "displayable" shall mean that portion of interest that could be published as, or as part of, the Exchange BBO, including pegging interest. Displayable odd-lot orders will be published as part of the Exchange BBO if, when aggregated with other interest available for execution at that price point, the sum of the odd-lot order and other interest available at that price point would be equal to or greater than a round lot. The term "displayed interest" includes that part of an order that is published as, or as part of, the Exchange BBO, which may include one or more odd-lot orders.

(ii) When a bid or offer, including pegging interest is established as the only displayable bid or offer made at a particular price and such bid or offer is the only displayable interest when such price is or becomes the Exchange BBO (the "setting interest"), such setting interest shall be entitled to priority for allocation of executions at that price as described in this rule, subject to the provisions below.

(A) Odd-lot orders, including aggregated odd-lot orders that are displayable, are not eligible to be setting interest.

(B) If at the time displayable interest of a round lot or greater becomes the Exchange BBO, there is other displayable interest of a round lot or greater, including aggregated odd-lot orders that are equal to or greater than a round lot, at the price that becomes the Exchange BBO, no interest is considered to be a setting interest, and, therefore, there is no priority established.

(C) If at the time displayable interest of a round lot or greater becomes the Exchange BBO, there is other displayable interest, the sum of which is less than a round lot, at the price that becomes the Exchange BBO, the displayable interest of a round lot or greater will be considered the only displayable bid or offer at that price point and is therefore established as the setting interest entitled to priority for allocation of executions at that price as described in this rule.

(D) If executions decrement the setting interest to an odd-lot size, a round lot or PRL order that joins such remaining odd-lot size order is not eligible to be the setting interest.
(E) If as a result of cancellation, interest is or becomes the single displayable interest of a round lot or greater at the Exchange BBO, it becomes the setting interest.

(F) Only the portion of setting interest that is or has been published in the Exchange BBO shall be entitled to priority allocation of an execution. That portion of setting interest that is designated as reserve interest and therefore not displayed at the Exchange BBO (or not displayable if it becomes the Exchange BBO) is not eligible for priority allocation of an execution irrespective of the price of such reserve interest or the time it is accepted into Exchange systems. However, if, following an execution of part or all of setting interest, such setting interest is replenished from any reserve interest, the replenished volume of such setting interest shall be entitled to priority if the setting interest is still the only interest at the Exchange BBO.

(G) If [non-pegging] interest becomes the Exchange BBO, it [shall] will be considered the setting interest even if pegging interest, Limit Orders designated ALO, or sell short orders during a Short Sale Period under Rule 440B(e) are re-priced and displayed at the same price as such interest [is pegging to such non-pegging interest], and it [shall] will retain its priority even if subsequently joined at that price by [a pegging] re-priced interest. [(See Rule 13 - Pegging Interest.)]