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

(a) – (c) No change

(d) Priority of Cross Transactions

When a member has an order to buy and an order to sell an equivalent amount of the same security, and both orders are "block" orders and are not for the account of such member or member organization, an account of an associated person, or an account with respect to which the member, member organization or associated person thereof exercises investment discretion, the member may "cross" those orders at a price at or within the Exchange best bid or offer. The member's bid or offer shall be entitled to priority at such cross price, irrespective of pre-existing displayed bids or offers on the Exchange at that price. The member shall follow the crossing procedures of Rule 76, and another member may trade with either the bid or offer side of the cross transaction only to provide a price which is better than the cross price as to all or part of such bid or offer. A member who is providing a better price to one side of the cross transaction must trade with all other displayed market interest on the Exchange at that price before trading with any part of the cross transaction. Following a transaction at the improved price, the member with the agency cross transaction shall follow the crossing procedures of Rule 76 and complete the balance of the cross. No member may break up the proposed cross transaction, in whole or in part, at the cross price. No DMM may effect a proprietary transaction to provide price improvement to one side or the other of a cross transaction effected pursuant to this paragraph. A transaction effected at the cross price in reliance on this paragraph shall be printed as "stopped stock".

When a member effects a transaction under the provisions of this paragraph, the member shall, as soon as practicable after the trade is completed, complete such documentation of the trade as the Exchange may from time to time require.

Supplementary Material:

.10 Definition of a Block - For purposes of this rule, a "block" shall be at least 5,000 shares or a quantity of stock having a market value of $100,000 or more, whichever is less.
Rule 76. “Crossing” Orders

Supplementary Material: ------------------

.10 Cross Function —

(a) Floor brokers seeking to execute buy and sell orders pursuant to Rule 76 may enter such orders from their wireless hand-held devices ("HHD") into an Exchange-provided quote minder, which will monitor protected bids and offers to determine when the limit price assigned to the proposed crossed orders is such that the orders may be executed consistent with Rule 611 of Regulation NMS. When the trade can be effected at or between the protected bid and offer, the quote minder will: (i) deliver an alert message to the HHD indicating that the order may be crossed; (ii) capture a time-stamped quote at the time that the alert was sent, (iii) commence a 20-second timer from the moment a cross trade may be executed at or between the protected and offer; and (iv) enable a "print" key function in the HHD permitting the Floor broker to cross the orders and print the trade to the Tape within that 20-second time period. Upon receipt of an alert, Floor brokers using the cross function must first announce the bid and offer to the trading Crowd in compliance with this Rule and then cross the stock using the "print" key function in the HHD before the 20-second timer expires.

(b) To be eligible for the Cross Function, the proposed cross transaction must be for at least [10]5,000 shares or a quantity of stock having a market value of $[2]100,000 or more and may not be for the account of the member or member organization, an account of an associated person, or an account with respect to which the member, member organization or associated person thereof exercises investment discretion.