



**Boston Options Exchange Regulation LLC
Regulatory Circular 2011-17**

TO: BOX Participants
FROM: BOX Regulation LLC
DATE: December 12, 2011
SUBJECT: Protection Mechanism on Opening of BOX Market

BOX applies a protection mechanism that delays the opening of trading in the event of unusual quoting activity in a particular series or class of options. The BOX Market Regulation Center (“MRC”) has recently reviewed the parameters of the mechanism and has set the parameters as shown below. For a more detailed description of the protection mechanism, please refer to Chapter V, Section 9 of the BOX Rules.

SERIES LEVEL

Bucket	Constant (x)	% (P)
ETF	1.50	7.50%
High Volatility and Price ¹	0.75	1.00%
Bid/Ask Differentials ²	0.75	1.00%
Indexes	0.75	1.00%
Others	1.50	7.50%

CLASS LEVEL

Bucket	Contracts (z)	Series (y)
ETF	9,999	29
High Volatility and Price	249	29
Bid/Ask Differentials	249	29
Indexes	249	29
Others	1,499	44

The MRC periodically evaluates and reviews these parameters and, if appropriate, will adjust them and notify Participants accordingly.

This circular is not intended to be a comprehensive description of the rules regarding the opening of the BOX Market. The BOX Trading Rules are available on the BOX website at www.bostonoptions.com.

Please review the information provided herein. If you have any questions regarding this information please contact Joe Dalton at (617) 235-2317 or Bruce Goodhue at (617) 235-2022.

¹ The following classes are included within this bucket: Amazon.com Inc (AMZN), Blackrock, Inc (BLK), CNOOC Limited (CEO), CF Industries (CF), CME Group Inc (CME), Mastercard Inc (MA), Newmarket Corp (NEU), Priceline.com Inc (PCLN). These classes will remain fixed until the next review period.

² Classes specifically referenced in Regulatory Circular 2011-16 regarding Bid/Ask Differentials in Certain High Priced Securities are included in this bucket.