DATE: **March 23, 2015**

TO: **MIAX Members**

FROM: **MIAX Regulatory Department**

RE: **MIAX Risk Protection Monitor (MIAX RPM™)**

MIAX recently gained approval for the MIAX Risk Protection Monitor (MIAX RPM™) (see SR-MIAX-2015-03 and SR-MIAX-2015-03 – Amendment No. 1). RPM provides new risk protections for orders entered by Members on the Exchange for those Members who elect to use the RPM.

Pursuant to Rule 519A, the MIAX System will count the number of orders entered and the number of contracts traded via an order entered by a Member on the Exchange within a specified time period established by the Member not to exceed a maximum duration of one trading day. The MIAX System will trigger the RPM if the number of entered orders or if the number of traded contracts exceeds the allowable order or allowable contract execution rates established by the Member within the specified time period. When triggered, the RPM will either, as designated by the Member: (1) prevent the MIAX System from receiving any new orders in all series in all classes from the Member, (2) prevent the MIAX System from receiving any new orders in all series in all classes from the Member and cancel all existing Day orders from the Member, or (3) send a notification of RPM trigger without any further preventative or cancellation action by the MIAX System.

Members may elect to receive warning notifications indicating that a specific percentage of an Allowable Order Rate or an Allowable Contract Execution Rate has been met.

Pursuant to Rule 519A and Interpretation and Policy .01, Members may elect to group with other Members or with the Member's clearing firm, or a clearing firm may group several Members, for collective application of the RPM under certain enumerated circumstances. Pursuant to Rule 519A and Interpretation and Policy .02, PRIME Orders, PRIME Solicitation Orders and GTC Orders do not participate in the RPM and will not be cancelled when the RPM is engaged, but will be counted in the allowable order rate count with PRIME, PRIME Solicitation and Customer-to-Customer Orders counted as two orders for such purpose.

Members electing to use the RPM are reminded to be mindful of their obligations to seek best execution of orders handled on an agency basis; decisions to utilize the RPM and parameters set must be consistent with this duty.

For a complete description of the MIAX RPM including examples, please see MIAX Rule 519A and SR-MIAX-2015-03 and SR-MIAX-2015-03 – Amendment No. 1.

For further information on the configuration and operation of, or to elect to participate in, the Risk Protection Monitor, please contact MIAX Trading Operations: TradingOperations@MIAXOptions.com.

Please direct any questions to Shelly Brown at sbrown@miaxoptions.com or at (609) 897-7317.

Regulatory inquiries should be directed to Regulatory@miaxoptions.com or (609) 897-7309.

At the request of a Member or in order to maintain a fair and orderly market, the Help Desk may pause and restart the specified time period used by the counting program or clear and reset any calculated Allowable Order Rate or Allowable Contract Execution Rate.

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