



DATE: December 22, 2016

TO: MIAX Options Members

FROM: MIAX Options Regulatory Department

**RE: MIAX Options Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery Plans Testing
Member Designation Standards**

In coordination with other market centers and in support of Regulation Systems Compliance and Integrity ("Regulation SCI") and MIAX Options Rule 321, Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery Plans Testing Requirements for Designated Members, certain MIAX Options Members ("Members") will have mandatory participation requirements in the annual SIFMA Business Continuity Planning Disaster Recovery ("BC/DR") test.

Within fifteen (15) calendar days following the end of the measurement quarter MIAX Options will provide notice to qualifying Members that will have a mandatory BC/DR testing participation requirement. Members that qualify for mandatory participation will be expected to participate in the BC/DR test. Required participants will be expected to submit a meaningful amount of quotes and/or orders to the MIAX Options CH4 Disaster Recovery ("MIAX Options DR") site during the test and the expected level of order activity will be coordinated between the MIAX Options Exchange and the Member. While Non-qualifying Members are also encouraged to participate, they are not obligated to do so and will have no registration or volume requirements if they participate.

MIAX Options will notify Designated Members of the date of MIAX Option's next scheduled BC/DR plans testing and BC/DR Plans Testing Requirements no later than four (4) months in advance of such testing date.

Designation Standards

Electronic Exchange Members (EEMs):

- MIAX Options EEMs providing the largest order flow executed volume on the MIAX Options Exchange which, when combined with order flow volume of all other MIAX Options EEMs providing the largest order flow volume, equals or exceeds 70% of total order flow executed volume on the MIAX Options Exchange.

Market Makers (MMs):

- MIAX Options MMs providing the largest MM executed volume on the MIAX Options Exchange which, when combined with MM volume of all other MIAX Options MMs providing the largest MM executed volume, equals or exceeds 70% of total MM executed volume on the MIAX Options Exchange.

Measurement Quarter:

- Volume shall be measured over the measurement quarter defined as January 1st through March 31st each year.

Notice to Designated Members

MIAX Options will individually notify Designated Members of their designation as such (including the MIAX Options Exchange volume percentage(s) such designation is based upon) promptly following completion of the applicable measurement quarter. Members designated for the first time will become subject to the requirements of MIAX Options Rule 321 in the next calendar quarter following their receipt of notice of designation from MIAX Options. For example, Members meeting the Designation Standards in the January 1, 2017 through March 31, 2017 measurement quarter will be notified by MIAX Options that they are Designated Members in early April 2017 and will be required to connect to the MIAX Options DR systems in the calendar quarter commencing July 1, 2017 and participate in BC/DR plans testing occurring in or after that calendar quarter.

Any changes to the Designation Standards will be published by MIAX Options in a Regulatory Circular in advance of the start of any measurement quarter and will not be applied retroactively to any measurement quarter then completed or in progress.

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

Please direct any requests for further information regarding MIAX Option's BC/DR testing to TradingOperations@MIAXOptions.com or (609) 897-7302.