

Regulatory Information Circular					
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## **Subject: Bid/Ask Spreads - \$5 Maximum Pilot Program**

The ISE recently received SEC approval to implement a six-month pilot program to relax quotation spreads in up to 50 underlying securities (five per bin). Pursuant to the pilot, market makers may quote all pilot series with a \$5 maximum bid/ask spread. The pilot will commence on Tuesday, April 1, 2003, and will end on September 30, 2003, unless it is extended or is terminated early. During this six-month period, the ISE will be closely monitoring the quality of markets in the pilot options, and will make a determination as to the future of the program. During the pilot, all other ISE option classes are subject to the bid/ask spread requirements outlined in rule 803.

The participating option classes are as follows:

Bin 1	Bin 2	Bin 3	Bin 4	Bin 5
ANN COST DELL KMB GNSS	CMCSA MER NVDA QQQ SBUX	CHTR EXPE IWW JDSU XLB	EBAY GMSTE IWP RTH XLY	BBH HC IMMU INVN PCG
Bin 6	Bin 7	Bin 8	Bin 9	Bin 10

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