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Subject: Express, Inc. – Further Adjustment/Acceleration of Expirations
Option Symbol: EXPR1
Date: 01/02/2025

Adjusted Express, Inc. options were adjusted on August 31, 2023 (See OCC Information Memo #53113). The new deliverable became 5 Express, Inc. Common Shares.

On December 17, 2024, the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware confirmed the Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization ("Plan") for Express, Inc. (EXPRQ). The Plan became effective on January 2, 2025, and EXPRQ shares were canceled.

Adjusted EXPR1 options will be further adjusted to reflect the bankruptcy as described below.

Contract Adjustment

Effective January 2, 2025, existing EXPR1 options are adjusted to no longer call for the delivery of EXPRQ shares upon exercise.

The option symbol EXPR1 will not change.

In settlement of EXPR1 exercise/assignment activity, an EXPR1 put exerciser (or call assignee) will receive a cash payment of the full aggregate strike price amount on the exercise settlement date. An EXPR1 put assignee (or call exercise) will pay this amount on the exercise settlement date. Settlement will take place through OCC's cash settlement system on the business day after exercise.

Since EXPR1 options are American-style, they are exercisable at the election of the holder. Expiration processing for EXPR1 options will take place in the normal fashion, including automatic exercise thresholds.

Acceleration of Expirations

Pursuant to OCC Rule 807, equity stock option contracts whose deliverables are adjusted to call for cash-only delivery will be subject to an acceleration of the expiration dates for outstanding option series. (See OCC Information Memo 23707) Additionally, the exercise by exception (ex by ex) threshold for expiring series will be \$.01 in all account types.

All series of Express, Inc. options whose expiration dates are after 01-17-2025 will have their expiration dates advanced to 01-17-2025. Expiration dates occurring before 01-17-2025 (e.g., Flex options) will remain unchanged.

All Express, Inc. options will utilize a \$.01 exercise threshold.

Option Symbol: EXPR1

Existing Expiration: All months

New expiration date: 01-17-2025

Existing American-style Express, Inc. options remain exercisable at the option of the holder prior to their expiration. Exercised options will continue to settle in one business day.

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