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CBOE Research Circular #RS13-079

Date: February 19, 2013

To: Permit Holders
From: Scott Speer
RE: Ellington Financial LLC ("EFC")
CONTRACT ADJUSTMENT FOR SPECIAL CASH DIVIDEND
Ex-Date: February 27, 2013

Ellington Financial LLC ("EFC") has declared a special cash dividend of **$0.75** per share on its outstanding Partnership Shares. The special cash dividend has a record date of March 1, 2013 and a payable date of March 15, 2013. **The ex-distribution date will be on Wednesday, February 27, 2013.**

THE FOREGOING DISCUSSION IS AN UNOFFICIAL SUMMARY OF THE TERMS OF THE SPECIAL DIVIDEND, PREPARED BY CBOE FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF ITS PERMIT HOLDERS. CBOE ACCEPTS NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ACCURACY OR COMPLETENESS OF THIS SUMMARY. PERMIT HOLDERS SHOULD REFER TO ELLINGTON FINANCIAL LLC NEWS RELEASE DATED FEBRUARY 13, 2013, FOR THE AUTHORITATIVE DESCRIPTION OF THE SPECIAL DIVIDEND AND ALL OF ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

Contract Adjustment for the Special Cash Dividend

Pursuant to Article VI, Section 11 and 11A of OCC's By-Laws, all outstanding EFC option series will be adjusted to reflect this special cash dividend as follows: **On Wednesday, February 27, 2013, each EFC series shall be adjusted by decreasing the strike price by $0.75, the amount of the cash dividend, rounded to the nearest 1/100th.** The option symbols for the adjusted contracts will remain the same. Premiums and strike-price amounts for the adjusted EFC options will continue to be calculated on the basis of a multiplier of 100, i.e., for premium and strike-price extensions, 1 point of premium or strike price will equal $100. [Any FLEX series that may exist will be adjusted in a similar manner to the standardized option.]

Adjusted Option Symbols

On Wednesday, February 27, 2013, trading in EFC series will be on an adjusted basis. At 8:30 A.M., Chicago time, an opening rotation will be effected with the following adjustments:

EXISTING SERIES					ADJUSTED SERIES*			
EFC	20.00	2013-03-16	C/P	=>	EFC	19.25	2013-03-16	C/P
EFC	22.50	2013-03-16	C/P	=>	EFC	21.75	2013-03-16	C/P
EFC	25.00	2013-03-16	C/P	=>	EFC	24.25	2013-03-16	C/P
EFC	30.00	2013-03-16	C/P	=>	EFC	29.25	2013-03-16	C/P
EFC	35.00	2013-03-16	C/P	=>	EFC	34.25	2013-03-16	C/P
EFC	20.00	2013-04-20	C/P	=>	EFC	19.25	2013-04-20	C/P
EFC	22.50	2013-04-20	C/P	=>	EFC	21.75	2013-04-20	C/P

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EFC	25.00	2013-04-20	C/P	=>	EFC	24.25	2013-04-20	C/P
EFC	30.00	2013-04-20	C/P	=>	EFC	29.25	2013-04-20	C/P
EFC	15.00	2013-07-20	C/P	=>	EFC	14.25	2013-07-20	C/P
EFC	17.50	2013-07-20	C/P	=>	EFC	16.75	2013-07-20	C/P
EFC	20.00	2013-07-20	C/P	=>	EFC	19.25	2013-07-20	C/P
EFC	22.50	2013-07-20	C/P	=>	EFC	21.75	2013-07-20	C/P
EFC	25.00	2013-07-20	C/P	=>	EFC	24.25	2013-07-20	C/P
EFC	30.00	2013-07-20	C/P	=>	EFC	29.25	2013-07-20	C/P
EFC	20.00	2013-10-19	C/P	=>	EFC	19.25	2013-10-19	C/P
EFC	22.50	2013-10-19	C/P	=>	EFC	21.75	2013-10-19	C/P
EFC	25.00	2013-10-19	C/P	=>	EFC	24.25	2013-10-19	C/P
EFC	30.00	2013-10-19	C/P	=>	EFC	29.25	2013-10-19	C/P
EFC	35.00	2013-10-19	C/P	=>	EFC	34.25	2013-10-19	C/P

*** Any additional EFC series that are added prior to the ex-date will also be adjusted in the manner described above.**

GTC Order Conversion

On Tuesday, February 26, 2013, immediately after the CBOE close, the system will convert or cancel all resting orders in the EFC order book. If your firm has requested, all booked orders (phone, wire, and electronic) and all ORS orders residing outside the book (booth or crowd routed) will be converted reflecting the adjustment. If your firm has requested, all booked orders and ORS orders residing outside of the book will be canceled. If your firm receives CXL drops, the CXL confirm will print at your booth at 3:15 p.m. ORS CXLs will also be transmitted electronically to your branches.

A report will be available at the Help Desk listing the orders that are converted or canceled. If converted, this list will also show how the new orders will be adjusted. This report will be available on request anytime during the day prior to the night of the adjustment.

Position and Exercise Limits

The CBOE Department of Market Regulation has determined that: "The position and exercise limits following this cash distribution will remain the same."

Questions regarding this memo can be addressed to Options Industry Services at 1-888-OPTIONS (1-888-678-4667). CBOE contract adjustment memos can also be accessed from CBOE.com at the following web address:

http://www.cboe.com/ContractAdjustments