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April 22, 1999

Brooksley Born, Chairperson
Commodity Futures Trading Commission
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Dear Chairperson Born:

On behalf of the Chicago Board of Trade, the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, the New York Mercantile Exchange, and the Futures Industry Association, we hereby withdraw our previously filed requests for a sixty day extension of the comment period in the Commission's proposed rulemaking regarding access to automated boards of trade and instead request an extension until April 30, 1999. We believe that this seven day extension of the comment period affords interested parties an adequate opportunity to formulate their views while promoting an early resolution of this vitally important matter.

Sincerely,

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David P. Brennan, Chairman
Chicago Board of Trade

M. Scott Gordon / s.p.
M. Scott Gordon, Chairman
Chicago Mercantile Exchange

Daniel Rappaport / s.p.
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