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COMMENT

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Ms. Jean A. Webb
Office of the Secretariat
COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION
1155 21st Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20581

RE: Elimination of Fees for Contract Market
Designation Applications

Dear Ms. Webb:

The Chicago Mercantile Exchange ("CME") is pleased to submit these comments on the above proposal. The Commission recently adopted new Rule 5.3 to permit U.S. futures exchanges to list contracts for trading without Commission approval. If no further action were taken, an exchange would have an economic incentive to use the new Rule 5.3 procedure in order to avoid the Commission's fee for contract market designation applications. In order to avoid having the contract market designation process be more costly than the procedure under Rule 5.3, the Commission is proposing to eliminate the fees for contract market designation applications.

The CME agrees with the Commission's reasoning and supports the elimination of fees for contract market designation applications.

Respectfully submitted,



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