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Ms. Jean A. Webb
Office of the Secretariat
Commodity Futures Trading Commission
Three Lafayette Centre
1155 21st Street, NW
Washington, DC 20581

RE: Section 5c(c)(1), Part 40.6 – Amendment to the post settlement session
for Eurodollar and LIBOR futures, Rule 550.
CME Submission# 05-138.

Dear Ms. Webb:

Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. (“CME” or “Exchange”) hereby notifies the Commission of an amendment to the post settlement session for Eurodollar and LIBOR futures contracts.

The Exchange certifies that this amendment complies with the Act and rules thereunder.

The Trading Floor Operations Committee (“Committee”) and CME staff reviewed the process of determining the final settlement prices in the first eight Eurodollar quarterly contract months. Currently, the prices are derived by using the range of prices (including bids and offers) trading from 1:59 to 2:00 p.m. on CME Globex. As part of this process, Trading Floor Operations staff makes adjustments to the final settlement price so that consecutive month butterflies and three month calendar spreads are not violated.

In order for Trading Floor Operations staff to have sufficient time to determine final settlement prices in the first eight quarterly contract months such that the various spreads are not violated, it was determined that a change to CME Rule 550 (“Post Settlement Session”) decoupling the start of the post settlement session from the posting of the final settlement prices was necessary. The change creates a “post close” session for Eurodollar and Libor futures that will now begin at a fixed time each day, regardless of whether the final settlement prices have been posted. Additionally, the Committee determined that the range of prices that should be eligible to trade in the new post close session should be prices that traded in the pit during the closing range of pit trading in addition to prices that traded on

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CME Globex (including bids and offers) from 60 seconds prior to the close of pit trading through the end of the post close session in order to ensure that customer orders for pit execution were able to trade at the most advantageous price existing in the market at the time the order was filled.

These amendments to the post settlement session will become effective on January 9, 2006. Rule amendments follow below with additions underlined and deletions bracketed and struck out.

If you require any additional information regarding this action, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Maz Chadid, Managing Director, Operations at 312-930-8246 or Mr. Eric Wolff, Managing Director, Regulatory Affairs at 312-930-3255. Please reference our CME Submission #05-138 on all future correspondence regarding this notification.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John W. Labuszewski", with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

John W. Labuszewski, Director
Research & Product Development

cc: Mr. Thomas M. Leahy and Mr. Steven B. Benton
CFTC Division of Market Oversight, Product Review & Analysis Section

Text of Rule Amendments

(Additions are underlined, deletions are bracketed and overstruck.)

550. POST SETTLEMENT SESSION AND POST CLOSE SESSION

After the posting of the settlement price or two minutes after the close of Regular Trading Hours for pit-and board-traded futures and options contracts, whichever is later, trading may resume for a period of no longer than three minutes, subject to the following exception. In the case of Eurodollar and Libor futures, there will be a post close session that shall begin no earlier than two minutes after the close of pit trading. The post close session shall not be contingent upon the posting of Eurodollar and Libor futures final settlement prices ~~[trading during the post settlement session may take place only in the first eight contract months in the March quarterly cycle, the first four serial contract months, and in spreads and combinations involving Eurodollar futures].~~

During the post settlement or post close session, members are obligated to bid or offer any orders that: (1) were received prior to the close; (2) were executable in the closing range; and (3) are executable in the post settlement or post close session. In addition, members are obligated to bid or offer any orders, including customer orders, that were received after the close and are executable in the post settlement or post close session.

The range of prices eligible for trading outright futures or options contracts in the post settlement session shall be the closing range, with the following exceptions. Trades during the post settlement session may occur only at the settlement price and the next two ticks in the direction of the closing range for interest rate contracts excluding Eurodollar and Libor futures. In Eurodollar and Libor futures, trades during the post close session may occur at prices that traded during the closing range of pit trading or that traded on Globex (including bids and offers) from 60 seconds prior to the close of pit trading through the end of the post close session. For equity index and currency contracts, trades during the post settlement session may occur at the settlement price, prices within the closing range, or any valid intervening price between the settlement price and the closing range only. However, on those days when equity contracts are settled per their "Fair Value" as determined by the Exchange pursuant to Rule 813.D., trades in the post settlement session in those contracts shall be within their closing range of prices.

A simultaneous spread or combination transaction executed pursuant to Rule 542 may be transacted during the post settlement or post close session at a differential which is consistent with the spread differentials prevailing during the closing range. The price assignment conventions and conditions set forth in Rule 542 shall apply to any simultaneous spread or combination transaction executed in the post settlement or post close session.

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