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## Submitted via email and the Portal

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U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission
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Re: <u>Bloomberg SEF LLC – Rule Amendment and Related Request for Freedom of Information Act Confidential Treatment</u>

Dear Ms. Knauff,

Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Commodity Exchange Act (the "<u>Act</u>") and Section 40.6(a) of the regulations of the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the "<u>CFTC</u>", or the "<u>Commission</u>"), Bloomberg SEF LLC ("<u>BSEF</u>"), as the operator of a swap execution facility, hereby submits to the Commission a rule amendment (the "Amendment").

We have submitted to the CFTC Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") Compliance Office a request that for reasons of business confidentiality, the Commission not disclose the Confidential Information (as defined below) or its contents in response to any FOIA request or otherwise for an indefinite period. We wish to inform you that the Confidential Information constitutes, *inter alia*, privileged and confidential trade secrets and commercial or financial information within the meaning of FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4) and Part 145.9(d)(1)(ii) of the Commission's regulations as well as confidential information covered by 18 U.S.C. § 1905.

For your reference, the Amendment set out on <u>Annex A</u> hereto is referred to herein as the "Confidential Information."

Please promptly inform the following of any request for the Confidential Information or its contents made pursuant to FOIA or the Commission's rules so that we may substantiate the foregoing request for confidential treatment in accordance with Part 145.9 of the Commission's regulations.

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David Levine General Counsel Bloomberg L.P. 731 Lexington Avenue New York, NY 10022

Pursuant to Part 145.9(d)(4) of the Commission's regulations, we have marked each page of the Confidential Information with the words "Confidential Treatment Requested by Bloomberg SEF LLC" and have numbered each page of the Confidential Information with an identifying number and code, beginning with "BSEF-0318-0001" and ending with "BSEF-0318-0007."

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Please contact the undersigned at (212) 617-8302 with any questions regarding this matter.

Very truly yours,

Gregory Dumark

**Chief Compliance Officer** 

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Enclosures

## Annex A Confidential Information

Name of Confidential Information	Identifying Number and Code
Rule Amendment Self-Certification	BSEF-0318-0001- BSEF-0318-
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