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Mr. Christopher J. Kirkpatrick
Office of the Secretariat
Commodity Futures Trading Commission
Three Lafayette Centre
1155 21st Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20581

Re: FOIA Confidential Treatment Request

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

By electronic portal dated today, August 8, 2018, Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. ("CME" or "Exchange") submitted a supplemental submission (Submission No. 18-339S) to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission"), which included appendices containing additional information regarding proposed plans to remove the High Pay Threshold from the Concentration Margin Program (the information in the appendices, the "Confidential Information").

Pursuant to Sections 8 and 8(a) of the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA"), as amended, and Commission Regulation 145.9(d), the Exchanges request confidential treatment of the Confidential Information on the grounds that the Confidential Information contains confidential commercial information of the submitter (the Exchange). The Confidential Information includes additional information regarding proposed plans to remove the High Pay Threshold from the Concentration Margin. As such, the Confidential Information constitutes "trade secrets or confidential commercial or financial information" within the meaning of Section 145.9(d)(1)(ii) of the Commission's regulations. The Confidential Information contains confidential and proprietary commercial information that could, if disclosed to the public, cause substantial harm to the competitive position of the Exchange. At this time, the Confidential Information has not been publicly disclosed and is not required to be publicly disclosed. Disclosure of this information would reveal to competitors commercially sensitive material of the Exchange and would place the Exchange at a competitive disadvantage with respect to its competitors who do not publicly reveal such information. For these reasons, the Exchange believes that the Confidential Information is privileged or confidential within the meaning of Commission Regulation 145.9(d)(1)(ii).

Pursuant to Commission Regulation 145.9(d)(5), the Exchange requests that confidential treatment be maintained for the Confidential Information until further notice from the Exchange. We also request that the Commission notify the undersigned immediately after receiving any FOIA request for said Confidential Information or any other court order, subpoena or summons for same. We request that any memoranda, notes or other writings of any kind whatsoever made by an employee, agent or any person under the control of the Commission (or any other governmental agency) that incorporate, include or relate to any of the matters referred to in the Confidential Information (1) furnished by the Exchange or its respective employees or agents to the Commission (or any other governmental agency) or (2) referred to in any conference, meeting, telephone conversation or interview between (a) employees, former employees, representatives, agents or counsel of the Exchange or its subsidiaries and (b) employees, agents or any persons under the control of the Commission, be maintained in confidence, not be made part of any public record, and not be disclosed to any person. Finally, we request that we be notified in the event the Commission intends to disclose the Confidential Information to Congress or to any other governmental agency or unit pursuant to Section 8 of the CEA. The Exchange does not waive its notification rights

under Section 8(f) of the CEA with respect to any subpoena or summons for such Confidential Information.

Please contact the undersigned at (212) 299-2200 should you have any questions concerning this letter.

Sincerely,

/s/Christopher Bowen
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel