

December 6, 2016

## **VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL**

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:

Through the portal today, December 6, 2016, Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. ("CME") submitted to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") answers in response to questions asked by the CFTC and the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System regarding proposed changes to CME Rulebooks 802 and 818 and the definitions in Chapter iii (such answers, the "Confidential Information").

Pursuant to Sections 8 and 8(a) of the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA"), as amended, and Commission Regulation 145.9(d), CME requests confidential treatment of the Confidential Information on the grounds that the Confidential Information contains confidential commercial information of the submitter (the CME). The Confidential Information includes additional information regarding proposed changes to CME Rulebooks 802 and 818 and the definitions in Chapter iii. 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 CME. 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 CME and would place CME at a competitive disadvantage with respect to its competitors who do not publicly reveal such information. For these reasons, CME 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), CME requests that confidential treatment be maintained for the Confidential Information until further notice from CME. 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 CME 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 CME 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. CME does not waive their 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