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August 7, 2023

### VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL

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

> Re: CFTC Regulation 40.2(a) Certification. Initial Listing of Twelve (12) Options on Cooling Degree Day (CDD) Index Futures and Seasonal Strip CDD Index Futures Contracts and Six (6) Options on Cumulative Average Temperature (CAT) Index Futures and Seasonal Strip CAT Contracts. CME Submission No. 23-260 (10 of 18)

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. ("CME" or "Exchange") certifies to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") the initial listing of Options on Cooling Degree Day (CDD) Index Futures and Seasonal Strip CDD Index Futures contracts for Boston, Burbank, Houston, and Philadelphia, and Options on Cumulative Average Temperature (CAT) Index Futures and Seasonal Strip CAT contracts for Essen, and Paris (collectively, the "Contracts") for trading on the CME Globex electronic platform ("CME Globex") and for submission for clearing via CME ClearPort as more specifically described below effective on Sunday, August 27, 2023 for trade date Monday, August 28, 2023.

Contract Title/Commodity		Commodity Code	CME Rulebook Chapter
Code/Rulebook Chapter	Options on CME Degree Days Index Futures - BOSTON CDD	403A	KW
	Options on CME Seasonal Strip Degree Days Index Futures - BOSTON CDD MAY	405A	KWK
	Options on CME Seasonal Strip Degree Days Index Futures - BOSTON CDD JUL	405A	KWN
	Options on CME Degree Days Index Futures - BURBANK CDD	403A	KP
	Options on CME Seasonal Strip Degree Days Index Futures - BURBANK CDD MAY	405A	КРК
	Options on CME Seasonal Strip Degree Days Index Futures - BURBANK CDD JUL	405A	KPN
	Options on CME Degree Days Index Futures - HOUSTON CDD	403A	KR
	Options on CME Seasonal Strip Degree Days Index Futures - HOUSTON CDD MAY	405A	KRK
	Options on CME Seasonal Strip Degree Days Index Futures - HOUSTON CDD JUL	405A	KRN
	Options on CME Degree Days Index Futures - PHILADELPHIA CDD	403A	K6

Options on CME Seasonal Strip Degree Days Index Futures - PHILADELPHIA CDD MAY	405A	К6К
Options on CME Seasonal Strip Degree Days Index Futures - PHILADELPHIA CDD JUL	405A	K6N
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Options on CME European Seasonal CAT Strip Index Futures PARIS CAT MAY	409A	G1K
Options on CME European Seasonal CAT Strip Index Futures PARIS CAT JUL	409A	G1N

Exhibits A and B provide amendments to the CME Rulebook chapters 408A and 409A to include the Contracts. Exhibit C addresses the Exchange fees. Exhibit D addresses the applicable position limits and reportable position levels pursuant to Chapter 5 of the CME Rulebook. Exhibit E sets forth the applicable CME Globex non-reviewable trading ranges as prescribed in CME Rule 588.H. Exhibit F provides the market overview in support of the related position limits.

In a separate but related matter, the Exchange certified the initial listing of eighteen (18) Options on Heating Degree Day (HDD) Index Futures and Seasonal Strip HDD Index futures contracts effective on August 14, 2023 (see CME Submission No. <u>23-259</u> dated July 27, 2023). Amendments to CME Chapters 403A and 405A (which include both HDD and CDD) were provided therein.

## **Section 1: Contract Terms and Conditions**

### **Contract Specifications**

Contract Title/Rulebook		Rulebook Chapter	Commodity Code
Chapter/Commodity Code	Options on CME Degree Days Index Futures - BOSTON CDD	403Å	KW
	Options on CME Seasonal Strip Degree Days Index Futures - BOSTON CDD MAY	405A	КШК
	Options on CME Seasonal Strip Degree Days Index Futures - BOSTON CDD JUL	405A	KWN
	Options on CME Degree Days Index Futures - BURBANK CDD	403A	KP
	Options on CME Seasonal Strip Degree Days Index Futures - BURBANK CDD MAY	405A	КРК
	Options on CME Seasonal Strip Degree Days Index Futures - BURBANK CDD JUL	405A	KPN
	Options on CME Degree Days Index Futures - HOUSTON CDD	403A	KR
	Options on CME Seasonal Strip Degree Days Index Futures - HOUSTON CDD MAY	405A	KRK

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	Options on CME Seasonal S Days Index Futures - HOUS JUL		405A	KRN
	Options on CME Degree Da Futures - PHILADELPHIA C		403A	K6
	Options on CME Seasonal S Days Index Futures - PHILA CDD MAY	Strip Degree	405A	К6К
	Options on CME Seasonal S Days Index Futures - PHILA CDD JUL		405A	K6N
	Options on CME European Futures ESSEN	CAT Index	408A	G4
	Options on CME European CAT Strip Index Futures ES MAY		409A	G4K
	Options on CME European CAT Strip Index Futures ES JUL		409A	G4N
	Options on CME European Futures PARIS	CAT Index	408A	G1
	Options on CME European CAT Strip Index Futures PA MAY		409A	G1K
	Options on CME European CAT Strip Index Futures PA		409A	G1N
Trading Unit	US Cities:	\$20 (US Degree [	Dollars) times Day Index	the respective CME
	European Cities:	€20 (Eur HDD/CA		espective CME European
Listing Schedule (U.S. Cities and European Cities)	Options on CDD Index Futures Options on CDD May	21 monthl	y contracts of	Apr, May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct
	Seasonal Strip Futures Options on CDD Jul Seasona		contract of Se	р
	Strip Futures		contract of Au	9
	Options on CAT Index Futures	21 monthl	y contracts of	Apr, May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct
	Options on CAT May Seasonal Strip Futures	1 monthly	contract Sep	
	Options on CAT Jul Seasona Strip Futures	1 monthly	contract of Au	
Initial Listing Trading and Clearing	CME Globex Pre-Open	Sunday		5:00 p.m. Central Time/CT
Hours	CME Globex	Sunday		:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. CT p.m 3:15 p.m. CT with daily trading p.m.
	CME ClearPort			iday 5:45 p.m. CT with no reporting om 5:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. CT
Minimum Price	US Cities:	es: 1 index point (= \$20 per contract)		nt (= \$20 per contract)
	European Cities:			at (= €20 per contract)
ncrements	Trading shall terminate for U.S. cities at 9:00 a.m. CT on the second Exchange Business Day afte the futures contract month. Trading shall terminate for European cities at 9:00 a.m. CT on the fifth Exchange Business Day after the futures contract month.			
Increments Termination of Trading	the futures contract month. Tra	ading shall terr	ninate for Euro	

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CME Globex Matching Algorithm	F-FIFO (First-In, First Out)			
Exercise Style	European			
Strike Price Listing	Dynamically listed at intervals of 1 index point			
Position Limits and	Single Month Accountability Level Reportable Levels			
Reportable Levels	Boston CDD Options	10,000	25	
	Burbank CDD Options	10,000	25	
	Houston CDD Options	10,000	25	
	Philadelphia CDD Options	10,000	25	
	Essen CAT Options	10,000	25	
	Paris CAT Options	10,000	25	
Block Trade Minimum Threshold and Reporting Window	20 contra	acts subject to a 15-minute reporting window		

## **Section 2: Price Reporting Agency**

The official weather data that is used to settle our contracts is published by government weather agencies and then supplied to us from Speedwell Settlement Services Ltd. (SSS). In the case of the United States, the National Weather Service (NWS), Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), the Department of Defense (DoD), and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) are responsible for the measurement, recording and issuance of the data. Weather stations used for CME weather contracts are located at major airports or government owned properties having 24 hour/365 day security measures in place to insure the accuracy of the data being reported. Similar to the US, European and Asian governments have implemented similar systems and collect the data in the same way, with the same authority and oversight.

These weather stations serve a vital function to air traffic safety around the world. Data readings from these stations are used to determine such things as flying and de-icing conditions. Therefore, the accuracy and security of these instruments are a high priority for these government agencies. Instrument placement is usually out on the property in remote secure locations, so as not to be affected by jet engine or tarmac heat radiation and most importantly human tampering.

### Settlement Data

Raw Data Weather Elements that have been processed to produce Certified Data, and when needed, Calculated Data.

### **Data Certification**

Data Certification involves the process of detecting data problems (Gross Errors and Missing Data) and then correcting those problems by removing and replacing problem values with Estimated Values.

As weather data is being released, a number of weather data suppliers are monitoring the data for any unusual readings. If a reading were to be an outlier or missing it would be reported to the issuing agency to verify for accuracy and/or correction. Weather data suppliers, such as Speedwell, not only monitor the specific CME weather locations, but also surrounding weather stations. They use surrounding weather stations as one means to verify for the accuracy of data being issued by the reporting agency. Speedwell is an industry leader in weather-related data to the futures and OTC markets.

## **Section 3: Compliance with Core Principles**

The Exchange reviewed the designated contract market core principles ("Core Principles") as set forth in the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA" or "Act") and identified that the following Core Principles may be impacted by this initiative as follows:

- Compliance with Rules: Trading in the Contracts will be subject to all CME Rules, including prohibitions against fraudulent, noncompetitive, unfair and abusive practices as outlined in CME Rule Chapter 4, the Exchange's trade practice rules, the majority of which are contained in Chapter 5 and Chapter 8 of the CME Rulebook, and the dispute resolution and arbitration procedures of CME Rule Chapter 6. As with all products listed for trading on one of CME Group's designated contract markets, trading activity in the Contract will be subject to monitoring and surveillance by CME Group's Market Regulation Department. The Market Regulation Department has the authority to exercise its investigatory and enforcement power where potential rule violations are identified.
- Contracts not Readily Subject to Manipulation: The Contracts are not readily subject to manipulation because of their structural attributes and reliance on government supplied data. Final settlements are based on official weather data that is published by government weather agencies and supplied to the Exchange by a single PRA, Speedwell Settlement Services Ltd. In the case of the United States, the National Weather Service (NWS), Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), the Department of Defense (DoD), and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) are responsible for the measurement, recording and issuance of the data. Weather stations used for CME weather contracts are located at major airports or government owned properties having 24 hour/365 day security measures in place to insure the accuracy of the data being reported. Similar to the U.S., European and Asian governments have implemented similar systems and collect the data in the same way, with the same authority and oversight.
- Prevention of Market Disruption: Trading in the Contracts will be subject to the rules of the Exchange, which include prohibitions on manipulation, price distortion, and disruption to the cash settlement process. As with any new product listed for trading on a CME Group designated contract market, trading activity in the option contract proposed herein will be subject to monitoring and surveillance by CME Group's Market Regulation Department.
- **<u>Position Limitations or Accountability</u>**: The speculative position limits for the Contracts as demonstrated in this submission are consistent with the Commission's guidance.
- <u>Emergency Authority</u>: As with all CME Group futures and options product, the Exchange shall have full authority to act appropriately and as necessary in emergency situations.
- <u>Availability of General Information</u>: The Exchange will publish on its website information in regard to contract specifications, terms, and conditions, as well as daily trading volume, open interest, and price information for the Contracts. The Exchange will issue a Special Executive Report ("SER") regarding the launch of the Contracts. The SER will also be posted on the CME Group website.
- <u>Daily Publication of Trading Information</u>: The Exchange will publish contract trading volumes, open interest levels, and price information daily on its website and through quote vendors for the Contracts.
- <u>Execution of Transactions</u>: The Contracts will be listed for trading on the CME Globex and for submission of clearing through the CME ClearPort platform. The CME Globex trading venue provides for competitive and open execution of transactions and affords the benefits of reliability and global connectivity.
- <u>Trade Information</u>: All requisite trade information for the Contracts will be included in the audit trail and is sufficient for the Market Regulation Department to monitor for market abuse.
- <u>Financial Integrity of Contracts</u>: The Contracts will be cleared by the CME Clearing, a derivatives clearing organization registered with the CFTC and subject to all CFTC Regulations related thereto.

- <u>Protection of Market Participants</u>: CME Rulebook Chapters 4 and 5 set forth multiple prohibitions that preclude intermediaries from disadvantaging their customers. These rules apply to trading in all of the Exchange's competitive trading venues.
- <u>Disciplinary Procedures</u>: Chapter 4 of the Rulebook contains provisions that allow the Exchange to discipline, suspend or expel members or market participants that violate the Rulebook. Trading in the Contracts will be subject to Chapter 4, and the Market Regulation Department has the authority to exercise its enforcement power in the event rule violations in these products are identified.
- **Dispute Resolution:** Disputes with respect to trading in the Contract will be subject to the arbitration provisions set forth in Chapter 6 of the Rulebook. Chapter 6 allows all non-members to submit a claim for financial losses resulting from transactions on the Exchange to arbitration. A member named as a respondent in a claim submitted by a non-member is required to participate in the arbitration pursuant to Chapter 6. Additionally, the Exchange requires that members resolve all disputes concerning transactions on the Exchange via arbitration.

Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Act and CFTC Regulation 40.2(a), the Exchange hereby certifies that the listing of the Contracts complies with the Act, including regulations under the Act. There were no substantive opposing views to this proposal.

The Exchange certifies that this submission has been concurrently posted on the Exchange's website at <a href="http://www.cmegroup.com/market-regulation/rule-filings.html">http://www.cmegroup.com/market-regulation/rule-filings.html</a>.

Should you have any questions concerning the above, please contact the undersigned at 212-299-2200 or via e-mail at <u>CMEGSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com</u>.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Bowen Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachments: Exhibit A – CME Rulebook Chapter 408A Exhibit B – CME Rulebook Chapter 409A Exhibit C – Exchange Fees Exhibit D – Position Limit, Position Accountability, and Reportable Level Table in Chapter 5 of the CME Rulebook (attached under separate cover) Exhibit E – CME Rule 588.H. – ("Globex Non-Reviewable Trading Ranges") Table Exhibit F – Cash Market Overview and Deliverable Supply Analysis

## Exhibit A

## **CME** Rulebook

(additions underscored)

## Chapter 408A

## **Options on CME European CAT Index Futures**

### 408A00. SCOPE OF CHAPTER

This chapter is limited in application to options on CME European CAT Index futures. In addition to this chapter, options on CME European CAT Index futures shall be subject to the general rules and regulations of the Exchange insofar as applicable.

For purposes of this chapter, unless otherwise specified, times referred herein shall refer to and indicate Chicago time.

#### 408A01. OPTIONS CHARACTERISTICS

#### 408A01. A. Contract Months and Trading Hours

Options contracts shall be listed for such contract months and scheduled for trading during such hours as may be determined by the Exchange.

#### 408A01. B. Trading Unit

The trading unit shall be an option to buy, in the case of the call, or to sell, in the case of the put, one respective CME European CAT Index futures contract as specified in Chapter 408. <u>The table below</u> lists the cities and their corresponding weather stations for which options on CME European CAT Index Futures are available:

Listing Cities and Corresponding Automated Weather Stations

Amsterdam-Schiphol, Netherlands (WMO 06240)

London-Heathrow, United Kingdom (WMO 03772)

ESSEN, Germany (WMO 10410)

#### PARIS ORLY, France (WMO 07149)

#### 408A01.C. Minimum Fluctuations

The price of an option shall be quoted in terms of the respective CME European CAT Index. Each index point represents 20 British pounds (pounds sterling) for London-Heathrow, or 20 Euros ( $\in$ ) for all other locations. For example, a quote of 2 index points represents 40 British pounds (pounds sterling) for London-Heathrow, or 40 Euros ( $\in$ ) for all other locations. The minimum fluctuation shall be 1.0 index point (also known as one tick), equal to 20 British pounds (pounds sterling) for London-Heathrow, or 20 Euros ( $\in$ ) for all other locations.

408A01.D. [Reserved]

#### 408A01.E. Exercise Prices

Exercise prices shall be stated in terms of the respective CME European CAT Index futures contract. Eligible exercise prices shall also be at intervals of 1 index point (e.g., 710, 711, 712,etc.). At the commencement of option trading in a contract month, the eligible put and call options are dynamically listed at intervals of 1 index point in a range of 0 to 1300 index points for CAT months. New options may be listed for trading up to and including the termination of trading. The Exchange may modify the provisions governing the establishment of exercise prices as it deems appropriate.

#### 408A01.F. Position Limits, Exemptions, Position Accountability and Reportable Levels

The applicable position limits and/or accountability levels, in addition to the reportable levels, are set forth in the Position Limit, Position Accountability and Reportable Level Table in the Interpretations & Special Notices Section of Chapter 5.

A Person seeking an exemption from position limits for bona fide commercial purposes shall apply

to the Market Regulation Department on forms provided by the Exchange, and the Market Regulation Department may grant qualified exemptions in its sole discretion.

Refer to Rule 559 for requirements concerning the aggregation of positions and allowable exemptions from the specified position limits.

408A01.G. [Reserved]

408A01.H. [Reserved]

408A01.I. Termination of Trading

Options trading shall terminate on the same date and time as the underlying futures contract. **408A01.J.** [Reserved]

#### 408A02. EXERCISE AND ASSIGNMENT

In addition to the applicable procedures and requirements of Chapter 7, the following shall apply to the exercise of the CME European CAT options.

#### 408A02.A. Exercise of Option by Buyer

An option may be exercised by the buyer only on the termination of Trading Day. To exercise an option the clearing member representing the buyer shall present an exercise notice to the Clearing House by 5:30 p.m. on the day of exercise.

An option that is in the money and has not been liquidated prior to the termination of trading shall, in the absence of contrary instructions delivered to the Clearing House by 5:30 p.m. on the day of expiration by the clearing member representing the option buyer, be exercised automatically.

#### 408A02.B. Assignment

Exercise notices accepted by the Clearing House shall be assigned through a process of random selection to clearing members with open short positions in the same series. A clearing member to which an exercise notice is assigned shall be notified thereof as soon as practicable after such notice is assigned by the Clearing House, but not later than 45 minutes before the opening of Regular Trading Hours in the underlying futures contract on the following Business Day.

The clearing member assigned an exercise notice shall be assigned a short position in the underlying futures contract if a call is exercised or a long position if a put is exercised. The clearing member representing the option buyer shall be assigned a long position in the underlying futures contract if a call is exercised and a short position if a put is exercised.

All such futures positions shall be assigned at a price equal to the exercise price of the option and shall be marked to market in accordance with Rule 814 on the Trading Day of acceptance by the Clearing House of the exercise notice.

### 408A03. [RESERVED]

(End Chapter 408A)

### INTERPRETATIONS & SPECIAL NOTICES RELATING TO CHAPTER 408A

#### LIMITATION OF LIABILITY AND DISCLAIMER

Speedwell Settlement Services Ltd. ("SSS") grants the Exchange the rights to use various data ("Data") in connection with the trading of futures contracts and options on futures contracts based upon such Data. SSS makes no warranty, express or implied, as to the results to be obtained by any person or any entity from the use of the Data in connection with the trading of futures contracts, options on futures contracts or any other use. SSS makes no express or implied warranties, and expressly disclaims all warranties of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose or use with respect to the Data. Without limiting any of the foregoing, in no event shall SSS have any liability for any special, punitive, indirect, or consequential damages (including lost profits), even if notified of the possibility of such damages.

## Exhibit B

## **CME Rulebook**

#### (additions <u>underscored</u>)

## Chapter 409A Options on CME European Seasonal Strip CAT Index Futures

### 409A00. SCOPE OF CHAPTER

This chapter is limited in application to options on CME European Seasonal Strip CAT Index futures. In addition to this chapter, options on CME European Seasonal Strip CAT Index futures shall be subject to the general rules and regulations of the Exchange insofar as applicable.

For purposes of this chapter, unless otherwise specified, times referred herein shall refer to and indicate Chicago time.

### 409A01. OPTIONS CHARACTERISTICS

#### 409A01. A. Contract Months and Trading Hours

Options contracts shall be listed for such contract months and scheduled for trading during such hours as may be determined by the Exchange.

### 409A01. B. Trading Unit

The trading unit shall be an option to buy, in the case of the call, or to sell, in the case of the put, one respective CME European Seasonal Strip CAT Index futures contract as specified in Chapter 409. <u>The table below lists the cities and their corresponding weather stations for which options on CME European Seasonal Strip CAT Index Futures are available:</u>

Listing Cities and Corresponding Automated Weather Stations

Amsterdam-Schiphol, Netherlands (WMO 06240)

London-Heathrow, United Kingdom (WMO 03772)

ESSEN, Germany (WMO 10410)

PARIS ORLY, France (WMO 07149)

#### 409A01.C. Minimum Fluctuations

The price of an option shall be quoted in terms of the respective CME European Seasonal Strip CAT Index. Each index point represents 20 British pounds (pounds sterling) for London-Heathrow, or 20 Euros ( $\in$ ) for all other locations. For example, a quote of 2 index points represents 40 British pounds (pounds sterling) for London-Heathrow, or 40 Euros ( $\in$ ) for all other locations. The minimum fluctuation shall be 1.0 index point (also known as one tick), equal to 20 British pounds (pounds sterling) for London-Heathrow, or 20 Euros ( $\in$ ) for all other locations.

409A01.D. [Reserved]

#### 409A01.E. Exercise Prices

Exercise prices shall be stated in terms of the respective CME European Seasonal Strip CAT Index futures contract. Eligible exercise prices shall be at intervals of 1 CME Seasonal Degree Days Index point (e.g., 4510, 4511, 4512, etc.). At the commencement of options trading in a contract month, the eligible put and call options are dynamically listed at intervals of 1 index point in a range of 0 to 6500 index points for a seasonal Strip CAT. New options may be listed for trading up to and including the termination of trading. The Exchange may modify the provisions governing the establishment of exercise prices as it deems appropriate.

409A01.F. Position Limits, Exemptions, Position Accountability and Reportable Levels

The applicable position limits and/or accountability levels, in addition to the reportable levels, are set forth in the Position Limit, Position Accountability and Reportable Level Table in the Interpretations & Special Notices Section of Chapter 5.

A Person seeking an exemption from position limits for bona fide commercial purposes shall apply to the Market Regulation Department on forms provided by the Exchange, and the Market Regulation Department may grant qualified exemptions in its sole discretion.

Refer to Rule 559 for requirements concerning the aggregation of positions and allowable exemptions from the specified position limits.

409A01.G. [Reserved]

409A01.H. [Reserved]

409A01.I. Termination of Trading

Options trading shall terminate on the same date and time as the underlying futures contract.

409A01.J. [Reserved]

#### 409A02. EXERCISE AND ASSIGNMENT

In addition to the applicable procedures and requirements of Chapter 7, the following shall apply to the exercise of the CME European Seasonal Strip CAT options.

#### 409A02.A. Exercise of Option by Buyer

An option may be exercised by the buyer only on the termination of Trading Day. To exercise an option the clearing member representing the buyer shall present an exercise notice to the Clearing House by 5:30 p.m. on the day of exercise.

An option that is in the money and has not been liquidated prior to the termination of trading shall, in the absence of contrary instructions delivered to the Clearing House by 5:30 p.m. on the day of expiration by the clearing member representing the option buyer, be exercised automatically.

#### 409A02.B. Assignment

Exercise notices accepted by the Clearing House shall be assigned through a process of random selection to clearing members with open short positions in the same series. A clearing member to which an exercise notice is assigned shall be notified thereof as soon as practicable after such notice is assigned by the Clearing House, but not later than 45 minutes before the opening of Regular Trading Hours in the underlying futures contract on the following Business Day.

The clearing member assigned an exercise notice shall be assigned a short position in the underlying futures contract if a call is exercised or a long position if a put is exercised. The clearing member representing the option buyer shall be assigned a long position in the underlying futures contract if a call is exercised and a short position if a put is exercised.

All such futures positions shall be assigned at a price equal to the exercise price of the option and shall be marked to market in accordance with Rule 814 on the Trading Day of acceptance by the Clearing House of the exercise notice.

### 409A03. [RESERVED]

(End Chapter 409A)

### INTERPRETATIONS & SPECIAL NOTICES RELATING TO CHAPTER 409A

### LIMITATION OF LIABILITY AND DISCLAIMER

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# <u>Exhibit C</u> Exchange Fees

	Venue/Transaction	
Membership Type	Туре	Fee
	CME Globex	\$0.15
Individual Members	EFP	\$0.46
Clearing Members	EFR	\$0.46
Rule 106.J Equity Member Firms & Rule 106.J Qualified Subsidiaries	Block	\$0.46
Rule 106.I Members & Rule 106.I Qualified Affiliates	Delivery	\$0.02
Rule 106.S Member Approved Funds	Exe Asn Future From	\$0.07
	CME Globex	\$0.20
	EFP	\$0.51
	EFR	\$0.51
Rule 106.D Lessees	Block	\$0.51
Rule 106.F Employees	Delivery	\$0.07
	Exe Asn Future From	\$0.12
Rule 106.R Electronic Corporate Members (For other than CME Globex - Non-Member rates apply)	CME Globex	\$0.44
	CME Globex	\$0.25
	EFP	\$0.56
	EFR	\$0.56
Rule 106.H and 106.N Firms	Block	\$0.56
	Delivery	\$0.12
	Exe Asn Future From	\$0.17
International Incentive Program (IIP) Participants International Volume Incentive Program (IVIP) Participants (For other than CME Globex - Non-Member rates apply)	CME Globex	\$0.26
Members Trading Outside of Division (For other than CME Globex During ETH - Non-Member rates apply)	CME Globex During ETH Only	\$0.29
	CME Globex	\$0.54
	EFP	\$0.60
	EFR	\$0.60
Non-Members	Block	\$0.60
	Delivery	\$0.16
	Exe Asn Future From	\$0.21

Processing Fees	Fee
Position Adjustment/Position Transfer	\$0.10
Give-Up Surcharge	\$0.05
Facilitation Fee	\$0.40

# <u>Exhibit D</u>

## CME Rulebook Chapter 5 ("Trading Qualifications and Practices")

## Position Limits, Position Accountability and Reportable Level Table

(attached under separate cover)

## <u>Exhibit E</u>

## CME Rulebook Chapter 5 ("Trading Qualifications and Practices")

# Rule 588.H. – ("Globex Non-Reviewable Trading Ranges") Table

Instrument	Globex	Globex Non-Reviewable Ranges (NRR)
	Symbol	
Boston CDD Options	KW	
Boston CDD Seasonal Strip Options	KWK	
Boston CDD Seasonal Strip Options	KWN	
Burbank CDD Options	<u>KP</u>	
Burbank CDD Seasonal Strip Options	<u>KPK</u>	
Burbank CDD Seasonal Strip Options	<u>KPN</u>	
Houston CDD Options	<u>KR</u>	The greater of the following:
Houston CDD Seasonal Strip Options	KRK	<ul> <li>Delta multiplied by the underlying futures non-reviewable range</li> </ul>
Houston CDD Seasonal Strip Options	KRN	• 20% of premium up to 1/4 of the
Philadelphia CDD Options	<u>K6</u>	underlying futures non-reviewable range
Philadelphia CDD Seasonal Strip Options	<u>K6K</u>	<u>• 5 ticks</u>
Philadelphia CDD Seasonal Strip Options	<u>K6N</u>	
Paris CAT Options	<u>G1</u>	
Paris CAT Seasonal Strip Options	<u>G1K</u>	
Paris CAT Seasonal Strip Options	<u>G1N</u>	
Essen CAT Options	<u>G4</u>	
Essen CAT Seasonal Strip Options	<u>G4K</u>	
Essen CAT Seasonal Strip Options	<u>G4N</u>	

## Exhibit F

## Cash Market Overview and Deliverable Supply Analysis

## Position Limit/Accountability Levels

The Contracts will mirror the currently listed weather futures and options contracts with single month accountability levels of 10,000 contracts. These changes will be reflected in the position accountability table in Chapter 5.

The 10,000 per month contract accountability level for similar weather products has been previously vetted with the CFTC. Note that Section 151 of the Act was vacated and reverted back to Section 150, which does not have an interpretation for position accountability for Alternative products. The CFTC previously acknowledged that weather is unique and that it is an excluded commodity and has no deliverable supply. At that time, CME noted the following: 1) due to the secured locations of the recording instruments, major airports, the index is not easily susceptible to manipulation and 2) a number of weather data suppliers are monitoring the data being released by these governmental agencies and any errors would most likely be reported and corrected promptly by the reporting agencies.

### **Cash Market Overview**

Heating Degree Days (HDD)/Cooling Degree Days (CDD) and Cumulative Average Temperature (CAT) contracts are employed by a wide variety of enterprises, largely operating in the context of the energy industry, to manage their temperature related risks.

Energy companies, for example, have been known to sell HDD or CDD contracts to manage the risk of diminished revenues under mild weather conditions, noting that the quantity of energy sold is heavily contingent upon consumer demand driven by temperatures. Large scale energy consumers including automobile manufacturers and large residential building operators may buy HDD or CDD contracts to hedge against the risk of rising utility costs under extreme weather conditions.

Retailers whose sales are sensitive to weather conditions might control inventory costs more effectively through the use of HDD or CDD contracts. Beer consumption reaches a seasonal peak in the summer and cool weather can put a dent in beer sales. "the 2000 Preliminary Report for SABMiller, "History shows that on a summer day with the temperature over 25 degrees Celsius, sales can be more than 50% greater than on a day where the temperature is under 20 degrees..."

Utility companies may utilize HDD or CDD contracts to guard against "volumetric risks." These volumetric risks are based upon the quantity of energy that might be expected to be marketed throughout the course of a heating or cooling season. These transactions rely upon the intuitive and well-documented relationship between power consumption and temperature extremes.

Thus, if the daily average temperatures during the course of a winter season were abnormally high, utility firms might face depressed demand for heating. Utilities have traditionally increased consumer prices to offset lower retail consumption volume. However, intensifying competition caused by ongoing deregulation has made it increasingly difficult for utilities to raise prices arbitrarily. Therefore, it becomes necessary for utility firms to address volumetric risks using other means such as HDD or CDD contracts.

Proper use of temperature related contracts not only enables utility firms to stabilize revenue streams but may also be used to provide at least a partial hedge to the cost side of the equation. Note that most utility firms operate under inherent capacity limitations. Electricity represents a non-storable commodity. If temperature suddenly rises or declines dramatically, utility firms may need to deploy less efficient generators to meet the sudden jump in demand or may be compelled to purchase electricity from the power grid in the face of soaring demands and rising prices. This implies that energy prices may increase, and transmission costs may grow simultaneously. In this case, utility firms may find both weather derivatives

and energy contracts useful to stabilize their economic outcomes, i.e., to hedge both volumetric and costbased risks.

### Weather Market Overview

It has been estimated that over 2/3 of the global economy is impacted either directly or indirectly by weather conditions. The impact that weather has on businesses such as energy and agriculture is particularly acute. However, not only energy and agriculture observe the weather conditions. The lists of other economic sectors that are affected by the weather include construction and transportation sectors that have to contend with delays and budget overruns. The retail and entertainment sectors face similar challenges when weather turns unfavorable. A retailer may have stocked up on winter clothing only to have the season be unseasonably warm, causing markdowns at the end of the season to move merchandise, and incurring a loss. Entertainment such as concerts, municipal parades, ski resorts, amusement parks etc. can be impacted by rain, cold and heat translating into lost revenue.

In addition to the commercial market participants like utility companies, some of the most active participants in the existing weather markets are insurance and reinsurance companies. Reinsurance companies, for example, offer clients a path to transfer their weather-related risk, and are then able to lay off a portion of that risk by participating in our weather futures and options markets. Hedge funds, pension funds, and asset managers that are looking for assets that are uncorrelated to their current portfolio holdings are also active participants in weather futures and options markets.