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Via E-mail

March 11, 2016

Assistant Secretary of the Commission for FOI Matters,
Privacy and Sunshine Acts Compliance,
Commodity Futures Trading Commission,
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Re: FOIA Confidential Treatment Request: Petition Pursuant to Regulation 145.9(d)

To Whom It May Concern:

On this date, AQUA-INDEX EXCHANGE, LLC ("AIX") submitted by e-mail to Christopher J. Kirkpatrick, Secretary of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the "Commission"), the pdf file listed below, which constitutes an amendment to AIX's application to be designated as a contract market pursuant to Section 5 of the Commodity Exchange Act, as amended (the "CEA"), and Part 38 of the regulations promulgated by the Commission:

1. DCM_Application_Amendment_Privileged_and_Confidential.pdf.

By this petition, AIX requests confidential treatment of the following materials contained in the above-mentioned pdf file, a copy of which is attached to the e-mail by which this petition is being submitted. Each page of following materials is marked with the statement "Confidential Treatment Requested by AQUA-INDEX EXCHANGE, LLC" pursuant to Section 145.9(d) of the Commission's regulations promulgated under the CEA.

1. Exhibit B (officer and director information), including appended Exhibits B-1 through B-2;
2. Exhibit C (fitness standards; composition of board);
3. Exhibit E (personnel qualifications);
4. Exhibit F (staffing requirements);

Pursuant to Sections 8(a) of the CEA, and Commission Regulation § 145.9(d), AIX requests confidential treatment of the Confidential Materials under the Freedom of Information Act on the grounds that disclosure of such materials would reveal trade secrets and/or confidential commercial information of AIX. The Confidential Materials are proprietary to AIX and contain highly sensitive and confidential business and technology information. In addition to violating AIX's proprietary rights, the disclosure of the Confidential Materials would grant competitors an unfair competitive

advantage and/or compromise the competitive advantages possessed by AIX. Accordingly, we ask that you take appropriate steps to keep the Confidential Materials confidential and that you restrict the re-distribution of the Confidential Materials.

Pursuant to Commission Regulation § 145.9(d)(5), AIX hereby requests that the Confidential Materials be afforded confidential treatment in perpetuity.

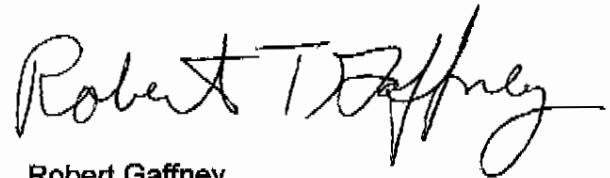
AIX requests that the Commission notify the undersigned immediately after receiving any Freedom of Information Act request, any court order, subpoena, or summons seeking to access the Confidential Materials in whole or in part. AIX further requests notification (through the undersigned) in the event that the Commission intends to disclose the Confidential Materials in whole or in part. AIX does not waive its notification rights under Section 8(f) of the CEA with respect to any subpoena or summons with respect to the Confidential Materials in whole or in part.

Please contact Bob Gaffney or Kenneth M. Raisler using the information below if you have any questions regarding this request for confidential treatment.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert T. Gaffney". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Robert Gaffney
Chief Executive Officer
AQUA-INDEX EXCHANGE, LLC

(Enclosures)

cc: Christopher J. Kirkpatrick
(Commodity Futures Trading Commission)

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