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

# RE: Certification of Amendments to S&P GSCI ER<sup>™</sup> Swap Contracts Pursuant to Regulation 40.6 CME Submission No. 09-135

Dear Mr. Stawick,

Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. ("CME"), pursuant to Commission Regulation 40.6, informs the Commodity Futures Trading Commission that the rules for S&P GSCI ER Swap Contracts will be renumbered and that current rule 415x07-Payment of Daily Interest Rate Pass Through, will be amended, both to be effective August 2, 2009. The amended rules are attached, with additions underlined and deletions bracketed.

CME certifies that this action complies with the Commodity Exchange Act and regulations thereunder.

If you require any additional information regarding this action, please contact Jack Cook at 312-930-3295 or via e-mail at <u>jack.cook@cmegroup.com</u> or me at 312-648-5422. Please reference CME Submission No. 09-135 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

/s/ Stephen M. Szarmack Director and Associate General Counsel

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## Chapter 415<u>A</u>x S&P GSCI™ ER Index Swaps (Clearing Only)

## 415Ax00. SCOPE OF CHAPTER

This chapter is limited in application to the clearing of S&P GSCI<sup>™</sup> ER Index Swaps (hereafter also referred to as "S&P GSCI<sup>™</sup> ER Swaps") where the parties to the transaction are "eligible contract participants" as defined in Section 1a(12) of the Commodity Exchange Act and have obtained the licenses required by Standard & Poor's with respect to such transactions. The identities of all parties to transactions in S&P GSCI<sup>™</sup> ER Swaps shall be disclosed on an annual basis by CME to Standard & Poor's for the sole purpose of enabling Standard and Poor's to confirm that the parties have obtained the licenses required by Standard and Poor's. Transactions in S&P GSCI<sup>™</sup> ER Swaps shall also be subject to the general rules of the Exchange insofar as applicable. The clearing and settlement of transactions in S&P GSCI<sup>™</sup> ER Swaps shall also be subject to the provisions of Chapter 8-F of the CME Rulebook.

## 415Ax01. CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS

## 415<u>A</u>x01.A. Unit of Clearing

The unit of clearing shall be \$100.00 times the S&P GSCI<sup>™</sup> ER Index. The S&P GSCI<sup>™</sup> ER Index is a world-production-weighted, arithmetic average of the prices of liquid exchange-traded physical commodity futures contracts which satisfy specified criteria. The S&P GSCI<sup>™</sup> ER Index calculation procedures are defined in the GSCI<sup>™</sup> Policy Manual.

## 415Ax01.B. Hours for Clearing Entry

The Exchange shall determine the hours during which S&P GSCI<sup>™</sup> ER Swaps may be submitted to the Clearing House.

Positions shall be initiated or closed out using off-exchange transactions.

### 415Ax01.C. Minimum Price Increments

Prices shall be quoted in terms of the S&P GSCI<sup>™</sup> ER Index. The minimum fluctuation shall be 0.001 index points, equivalent to \$0.10 per contract. Contracts shall not be cleared on any other price basis.

### 415Ax01.D. Months Cleared

Clearing of S&P GSCI™ ER Swaps shall be conducted in such months as may be determined by the Exchange.

#### 415Ax01.E. Position Accountability

Position accountability, as defined in Rule 560, will apply to cleared transactions in S&P GSCI<sup>TM</sup> ER Swaps.

#### 415Ax01.F. Last Day of Clearing

The last day of clearing of S&P GSCI<sup>™</sup> ER Swaps shall be the final settlement day as prescribed in Rule 415<u>A</u>×05.

#### 415Ax01.G. Reserved

## 415Ax02. SETTLEMENT

Settlement against S&P GSCI<sup>m</sup> ER Swaps must be made through the Clearing House. Settlement under these rules shall be on the final settlement day (as described in Rule 415 <u>A</u>x05.) and shall be accomplished by cash settlement as hereinafter provided.

Clearing members holding open positions in an S&P GSCI<sup>™</sup> ER Swaps contract at the time of termination of clearing shall make payment to and receive payment through the Clearing

House in accordance with normal variation settlement procedures based on a settlement price equal to the final settlement price (as described in Rule 415**A**×03.).

#### 415Ax03. FINAL SETTLEMENT PRICE

Final settlement shall be based on the official settlement of the S&P GSCI™ ER Index, subject to adjustment in accordance with the Market Disruption Event provisions as described below. Payment will be on the second business day following the date on which the official settlement of the Index is determined, unless postponed due to a Market Disruption Event.

#### Market Disruption Event

"Market Disruption Event" ("MDE") shall mean (a) a contract included in the Index remains at a "limit price", which means that the price for such contract for a day has increased or decreased from the previous day's settlement price by the maximum amount permitted under applicable trading facility rules, during the entire closing range, irrespective of whether that contract is settled by the applicable trading facility at the "limit price" or another price, (b) failure by the applicable trading facility or other price source to announce or publish the settlement price for any contract included in the Index, or (c) trading in any contract included in the Index is suspended or interrupted subsequent to the opening of trading and trading in such contract does not recommence at least ten (10) minutes prior to, and such suspension or interruption continues until, the regular scheduled close of trading in such contract on the relevant trading facility.

If a Market Disruption Event relating to one or more of the contracts underlying the Index (each an "index contract") occurs on any day relevant to calculating the settlement of the contract, the settlement of the contract will be calculated by using a price (i) for each index contract that is not affected by a Market Disruption Event on such date, the settlement price of such index contract on such date and (ii) for each index contract that is affected by a Market Disruption Event on such date, the settlement price of such index contract on such date, the settlement price of such index contract on the first succeeding trading day on which no Market Disruption Event is existing with respect to such index contract; provided that, if a Market Disruption Event occurs with respect to such index contract for eight trading days, the settlement price for such index contract shall be determined by the Exchange notwithstanding that a Market Disruption Event does or does not exist on such following Trading Day for such affected index contract.

Trading Day means a day when:

- 1) The Index Sponsor is open for business and the Index is calculated and published by the Index Sponsor;
- 2) All trading facilities on which contracts are traded for the commodities included in the Index are open for trading, provided however that upon a calculation pursuant to subclause (ii) of the second paragraph of the section headed "Market Disruption Event" above, only the trading facility on which the relevant index contract that is affected by a Market Disruption Event is traded is required to be open for trading.

## Business Day means:

Any day, other than a Saturday or Sunday, that is neither a legal holiday nor a day on which banking institutions are authorized or required by law or regulation to close in the City of New York or London.

#### 415Ax04. RESERVED

## 415Ax05. FINAL SETTLEMENT DAY

The final settlement day shall be defined as the last business day of the contract month, or if the S&P GSCI<sup>™</sup> ER Index is not published for that day, the first preceding business day for which the S&P GSCI<sup>™</sup> ER Index was published.

### 415Ax06. DISPUTES

All disputes between interested parties may be settled by arbitration as provided in the Rules.

### 415Ax07. PAYMENT OF DAILY INTEREST RATE PASS THROUGH

The Daily Interest Rate Pass Through for a cleared S&P GSCI<sup>™</sup> ER Swaps contract must be paid on a daily basis in full to the Clearing House by each long and each short Clearing Member. On every business day, the holder of each long and short position in S&P GSCI<sup>™</sup> ER Swaps will be charged one day's worth of an annual fee of 7.5 5 basis points. For every calendar day, each long and short position holder will be charged an embedded fee calculated using the following formula:

[Number of Contracts] x \$100 x [S&P GSCI™ ER Swaps Settlement Price] x [.00075 .0005]/365] x Days

where "Days" is calculated as the number of calendar days from the current S&P GSCI™ ER Swaps clearing date to the next S&P GSCI™ ER Swaps clearing date.

(End of Chapter 415 Ax)

### INTERPRETATIONS & SPECIAL NOTICES RELATING TO CHAPTER 415<u>A</u>\*

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