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David A. Stawick
Office of the Secretariat
Commodity Futures Trading Commission
Three Lafayette Centre
1155 21<sup>st</sup> Street, N.W.
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Re: Rule Filings SR-OCC-2010-03, SR-OCC-2010-07 and SR-OCC-2010-09:

**Consent to Extension of Time** 

Dear Mr. Stawick:

The Options Clearing Corporation ("OCC") submitted Rule Filings SR-OCC-2010-03, SR-OCC-2010-07 and SR-OCC-2010-09 by correspondence dated March 1, 2010, April 26, 2010 and June 7, 2010, respectively, for prior approval under Section 5c(c)(2) of the Commodity Exchange Act (the "CEA"). These filings pertain to the clearance and settlement of transactions in options and security futures on ETFS Palladium Shares and ETFS Platinum Shares, the CBOE Gold ETF Volatility Index and Sprott Physical Gold Shares, respectively. Pursuant to Section 40.5(b) of the Commission's regulations, the Commission initially had forty-five days to review each rule filing.

Pursuant to Section 40.5(c)(1) of the regulations, the Commission extended the review period for Rule Filing SR-OCC-2010-03 for an additional forty-five days—the maximum period permitted under Section 5c(c)(2)(C) of the CEA and Section 40.5(c)(2) of the regulations absent consent of the submitting party. On May 28, 2010, the Commission staff requested and OCC consented to an additional four month extension for Rule Filings SR-OCC-2010-03 and SR-OCC-2010-07 through September 30, 2010.

Pursuant to Section 40.5(c)(1) of the regulations, the Commission extended the review period for Rule Filing SR-OCC-2010-09 for an additional forty-five days. On September 7, 2010, the Commission staff requested and OCC consented to an additional extension through September 10, 2010. On September 10, 2010, the Commission staff requested and OCC consented to an additional extension through September 17, 2010. On September 17, 2010, the Commission staff requested and OCC consented to an additional extension through September 24, 2010. On September 24, 2010, the Commission staff requested and OCC consented to an additional extension through September 30, 2010.



On September 30, 2010, the Commission requested and OCC consented to a further extension of all three above-captioned rule filings through October 15, 2010.

OCC hereby consents to an additional extension of the review periods of all three above-captioned rule filings through Tuesday, December 14, 2010.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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