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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: Rule Amendments pertaining to Commodity Specification, Termination of Trading and Final Settlement for CME Hurricane Index Futures and Cat-In-A-Box Futures Contracts. CME Submission #07-109

Dear Mr. Stawick:

Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. ("CME") hereby notifies the Commission regarding the changes to the CME Hurricane Index Futures and Cat-In-A-Box Futures contracts. Changing the contracts to "named storms" instead of "location based" should provide market participants with greater opportunities to hedge their hurricane risk.

The two amended contracts along with the other delayed but unchanged hurricane contracts noted in CFTC Submission #07-100 will be listed on December 28, 2007.

The Exchange certifies that these changes comply with the Act and rules thereunder. Changes to the rule language are as follows with additions underlined and deletions overstruck.

If you require any additional information regarding this action, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles Piszczor at 312-930-4536 or via e-mail at <u>charles.piszczor@cmegroup.com</u> or me. We would be appreciative if you could reference our CME Submission #07-109 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

Stephen M. Szarmack Director and Associate General Counsel

Attachments

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# Chapter 423 CME-Carvill Hurricane Index Futures

## 42301. COMMODITY SPECIFICATIONS

CHI values will be calculated by Carvill America, using the methods described in the "Carvill Hurricane Index: Scope and Definitions" document, for <u>named</u> hurricanes making landfall <u>in the United States Atlantic basin</u>. [in the following locations:

Gulf Coast (Brownsville, TX to AL/FL Border)

Florida (AL/FL Border to Fernandina Beach, FL)

Southern Atlantic Coast (Fernandina Beach, FL to NC/VA Border)

Northern Atlantic Coast (NC/VA-Border to Eastport, ME)

Eastern US (Brownsville, TX to Eastport, ME)]

[Separate] Futures contracts will be listed for trading on <u>named</u> [individual] hurricanes occurring from June 1 through November 30 of a calendar year. At the beginning of each season storm names are used from a list, starting with A and ending with Z, maintained by the World Meteorological Organization. In the event that more than 21 named events occur in a season, additional storms will take names from the Greek alphabet: Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Delta, and so on. [and specific locations in terms of numbered events (e.g., first hurricane of the season to make landfall in the Gulf Coast, second hurricane of the season to make landfall in the Gulf Coast, etc.) An individual hurricane may be used in contracts for multiple locations (e.g., both Florida and Gulf Coast), depending on its path.]

## 42302. FUTURES CALL

## 42302.G. Termination of Trading

Futures trading shall terminate at 9:00 A.M. on the first Exchange business day that is at least two calendar days following <u>the last forecast/advisory issued by the NHC</u> for the named event [landfall of an individual hurricane at a specific-location], but in no event shall trading terminate prior to the first Exchange business day that is at least two calendar days following the beginning of the hurricane season on June 1. If a particular <u>named [numbered]</u> event is unused (i.e. that storm has not formed) [occur (e.g., there is no third hurricane of the season that makes landfall in the Gulf Coast)], trading shall terminate at 9:00 A.M. on the first Exchange business day that is at least two calendar days following the end of the hurricane season on November 30.

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### **42303. SETTLEMENT PROCEDURES**

### 42303.A. Final Settlement Price

All futures contracts remaining open at the termination of trading shall be settled using the respective CHI final value reported by Carvill America for that <u>named</u> [numbered] event, using the methodology in effect on that date and the NHC data <u>published through the life of the named storm</u> [Public Advisory immediately preceding landfall.] For example, <u>on August 30, 2005, the last NHC Advisory on</u> <u>Hurricane Katrina was issued; therefore</u> on September 2, 2005, the US landfall contract [on the first] for Hurricane Katrina [to make landfall in the Gulf Coast] would have been settled at 20.4 CHI index points, using data from <u>the NHC's</u> Hurricane Katrina Advisor[y]ies Number 9 (Florida landfall, CHI = 1.4) and Number 26A (Louisiana landfall, CHI = 19.0).

# Chapter 430 CME-Carvill Hurricane Index<sup>TM</sup> Cat-In-A-Box Futures

## **43001. COMMODITY SPECIFICATIONS**

CHI Cat-In-A-Box values will be calculated by Carvill America, using the methods described in the "Carvill Hurricane Index: Scope and Definitions" document, for hurricanes entering the following geographic areas:

• Galveston-Mobile (area bounded by 95°30'0"W on the west, 87°30'0"W on the east, 27°30'0"N on the south, and the corresponding segment of the US coastline on the north)

[Separate] <u>F</u>utures contracts will be listed for trading on <u>named</u> [individual] hurricanes and specific geographic areas in terms of [numbered] <u>named</u>\_events [(e.g., first hurricane of the season to enter the Galveston Mobile area, second hurricane of the season to enter the Galveston Mobile area, etc.)] occurring from June 1 through November 30 of a calendar year. [An individual hurricane may be used in contracts for multiple areas, depending on its path.]

## 43002. FUTURES CALL

### 43002.G. Termination of Trading

Futures trading shall terminate at 9:00 A.M. on the first Exchange business day that is at least two calendar days following the dissipation or exit from the designated area of a[n] <u>named [individual]</u> hurricane, but in no event shall trading terminate prior to the first Exchange business day that is at least two calendar days following

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the beginning of the hurricane season on June 1. If a particular <u>named [numbered]</u> event <u>is unused (i.e. that storm has not formed)[fails to occur (e.g., there is no third hurricane of the season that enters the Galveston Mobile area)]</u>, trading shall terminate at 9:00 A.M. on the first Exchange business day that is at least two calendar days following the end of the hurricane season on November 30.

### **43003. SETTLEMENT PROCEDURES**

### 43003.A. Final Settlement Price

All futures contracts remaining open at the termination of trading shall be settled using the respective CHI Cat-In-A-Box final value reported by Carvill America for that <u>named</u> [numbered] event, using the methodology in effect on that date and the NHC data from the Public Advisory that results in the maximum calculated CHI Cat-In-A-Box value while the hurricane is within the designated area. For example, [on August 31, 2005, the contract on the first <u>named</u> hurricane to occur within the Galveston Mobile area would have been settled at 22.4 index points, using data from NHC's Hurricane Katrina Advisory Number 25]. on August 28, 2005, Hurricane Katrina has a maximum CHI value in the Galveston-Mobile area of 22.4 using data from NHC's Hurricane Katrina Advisory Number 25; The Cat-In-A-Box Katrina contract would therefore have settled at 22.4 index points with a final settlement value reported by Carvill America once a final Public Advisory for Katrina had been published by the NHC.

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