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Re: Natural Gas Exchange, Inc. Application for Registration as a Foreign Board of Trade Under  
Part 48 of the Commission's Regulations – Attachment A-1b to Exhibit A

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Natural Gas Exchange, Inc., (the "Requestor") hereby requests that the document entitled "A1-b" to the above referenced Application for Registration as a Foreign Board of Trade submitted February 17, 2012, as covered by this letter, be afforded confidential treatment in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. 552, and CFTC Rules thereunder, 17 C.F.R. 145.9, for an indefinite period of time due to the trade secrets contained in such document and the sensitive commercial and proprietary nature of the information contained therein, public disclosure of which could be detrimental to the requestors. As prescribed by 17 C.F.R. 145.9(d)(4), each page of the document included in this request, bears the legend, "Confidential Treatment Requested by the Natural Gas Exchange, Inc."

In accordance with the foregoing regulations, kindly notify me at the above address or telephone number of any request under FOIA for access to the enclosed document to enable the requestors to substantiate the grounds for confidential treatment, or if you have any questions regarding this document.

Best regards,



Paul M. Architzel