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Washington, D.C. 20581

## COMMENT

RE: Access to Automated Boards of Trade

Dear Ms. Webb:

The Chicago Mercantile Exchange ("CME") is studying the proposed rules on this subject that were published by the Commission on March 24, 1999. We understand that comments on the proposed rules are currently due on or before April 23, 1999. We also understand that Chairperson Brooksley Born has invited a number of representatives from different segments of the futures industry to participate in a roundtable discussion of the issues raised by the proposed rules in Washington on April 20.

The CME believes that it would be very useful to hear the views of all participants at the roundtable discussion before formulating its written comments on the proposed rules. Accordingly, the CME joins in the request made by the Chicago Board of Trade that the comment period be extended for an additional 60 days beyond the current April 23 deadline.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Mr. I. Michael Greenberger

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