

January 13, 2023

#### VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL

Christopher J. Kirkpatrick Office of the Secretariat Commodity Futures Trading Commission Three Lafayette Centre 1155 21st Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20581

RE: Modifications to the CBOT Ultra Bond Futures Market Maker Program for Long-

Term U.S. Treasury Bond Futures CBOT Submission No. 23-048

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

The Board of Trade of the City of Chicago, Inc. ("CBOT" or "Exchange") hereby notifies the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") of plans to modify the Ultra Bond Futures Market Maker Program ("Program"). The modifications to the Program will become effective on February 1, 2023.

Exhibit 1 sets forth the terms of this Program. Modifications appear below, with additions <u>underscored</u> and deletions <del>overstruck</del>.

CBOT reviewed the designated contract market core principles ("Core Principles") as set forth in the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA"). During the review, CBOT staff identified the following Core Principles as potentially being impacted: Monitoring of Trading, Execution of Transactions, Protection of Market Participants, Compliance with Rules, Availability of General Information, and Recordkeeping.

The Program does not impact the Exchange's ability to perform its trade practice and market surveillance obligations under the CEA and the Exchange's market regulation staff will monitor trading in the Program's products to prevent manipulative trading and market abuse. Additionally, the Exchange has implemented systems to track Program participants' obligations to ensure proper distribution of earned incentives. The incentives in the Program do not impact the Exchange's order execution. Participants in the Program will be selected by Exchange staff using criteria as further stated in Exhibit 1. Chapter 4 of the CBOT rules includes prohibitions against fraudulent, non-competitive, unfair or abusive practices. All participants must execute a contractual agreement with the Exchange in which each participant will expressly agree to comply with and be subject to, applicable regulations and CBOT rules. The Program is subject to the Exchange's record retention policies which comply with the CEA.

CBOT certifies that the Program complies with the CEA and the regulations thereunder. There were no substantive opposing views to this Program.

The Exchange certifies that this submission has been concurrently posted on the Exchange's website at <a href="http://www.cmegroup.com/market-regulation/rule-fillings.html">http://www.cmegroup.com/market-regulation/rule-fillings.html</a>.

If you require any additional information regarding this submission, please e-mail <a href="mailto:CMEGSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com">CMEGSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com</a> or contact Rachel Johnson at 312-466-4393 or via e-mail at <a href="mailto:Rachel.Johnson@cmegroup.com">Rachel.Johnson@cmegroup.com</a>. Please reference our CBOT Submission No. 23-048 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Bowen
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachment: Exhibit 1

# **EXHIBIT 1**

# <u>Ultra Bond Futures</u> Market Maker Program <del>for CBOT Long-Term</del> <del>U.S. Treasury Bond Futures</del>

#### **Program Purpose**

The purpose of the Program is to incent market makers to enhance liquidity in the product listed below. A more liquid contract benefits all participants in the market.

# **Product Scope**

CBOT Long-Term U.S. Treasury Bond futures <u>Ultra U.S. Treasury Bond Futures ("UBE")</u> traded on Globex® ("Product").

# **Eligible Participants**

There is no limit to the number of participants that may participate in the Program. Participants must be CBOT members. The Program is available to members. Up to seven (7) participants shall be admitted to the Program. Participants are not eligible to participate in other programs that include the Product Long-Term U.S. Treasury Bond futures contract. New participants are required to submit a Bid Sheet to the Exchange which is used to determine eligibility. Exchange staff will use a variety of factors in determining whether or not a prospective market maker is selected to participate in the Program, including past performance in Long-Term U.S. Treasury Bond futures the Product and similar contracts, the ability to commit to and maintain at least the required quoting obligations, and the ability to meet certain average daily volume requirements in the Product. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Exchange may, from time to time, add to or subtract from the factors listed above as it deems necessary.

#### **Program Term**

Start date is January 10, 2010. End date is January 31, 2023 January 31, 2024.

#### **Hours**

RTH (7:00AM – 4:00PM).

#### **Obligations**

<u>Quoting Requirements</u>: In order to be eligible to receive incentives, participants must quote in the Product during at least sixty-five percent (65%) of the time from 7:00AM-4:00PM Chicago Time, continuous two-sided markets for the front month outright contract in the Product in accordance with the table below.

| Tier   | Spread               | Width (Ticks) | Size (2-Sided) |
|--------|----------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Tier 1 | 3.0/32 <sup>nd</sup> | 3             | 6              |
| Tier 2 | 2.0/32 <sup>nd</sup> | 2             | 10             |
| Tier 3 | 2.0/32 <sup>nd</sup> | 2             | 18             |

<u>Extreme Events Clause</u>: If 10-Year CME Group Volatility Index (CVOL) is 105 or greater for at least three (3) days in a given calendar month, the obligations below may be implemented. Participants will be given notice that the Extreme Events Clause has taken effect.

- (i) Bid/Ask Spread: Increased by 2X 1 tick
- (ii) Size: Decreased by 0.5X (rounded up)

<u>Holiday Quoting Schedule</u>: There will be no quoting obligations on the dates listed below. The Holiday Quoting Schedule may be adjusted by the Exchange. Participants will be given notice of any adjustments to the Holiday Quoting Schedule.

| Holiday                                 | Date                  |
|---|-----------------------|
| Presidents' Day                         | <del>2/21/2022</del>  |
| Good Friday                             | <del>4/15/2022</del>  |
| Memorial Day                            | <del>5/30/2022</del>  |
| Juneteenth (Observed)                   | 6/20/2022             |
| Independence Day                        | <del>7/4/2022</del>   |
| <del>Labor Day</del>                    | <del>9/5/2022</del>   |
| Columbus Day                            | <del>10/10/2022</del> |
| <del>Veteran's Day</del>                | <del>11/11/2022</del> |
| <del>Thanksgiving</del>                 | <del>11/24/2022</del> |
| Post-Thanksgiving                       | <del>11/25/2022</del> |
| Christmas (Observed)                    | <del>12/26/2022</del> |
| New Year's (Observed)                   | <del>1/2/2023</del>   |
| Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.     | <del>1/16/2023</del>  |
| Presidents' Day                         | <u>2/20/2023</u>      |
| Good Friday                             | <u>4/7/2023</u>       |
| Memorial Day                            | <u>5/29/2023</u>      |
| <u>Juneteenth</u>                       | <u>6/19/2023</u>      |
| Independence Day                        | <u>7/4/2023</u>       |
| <u>Labor Day</u>                        | 9/4/2023              |
| Columbus Day                            | <u>10/9/2023</u>      |
| Veterans Day (Observed)                 | <u>11/10/2023</u>     |
| <u>Thanksgiving</u>                     | <u>11/23/2023</u>     |
| Post-Thanksgiving                       | <u>11/24/2023</u>     |
| <u>Christmas</u>                        | <u>12/25/2023</u>     |
| New Year's                              | <u>1/1/2024</u>       |
| Birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. | <u>1/15/2024</u>      |

# **Incentives**

# Tier 1

Fee Discounts: Upon meeting all Program obligations, as determined by the Exchange, participants will be eligible to receive fee discounts of \$0.07 for all volume traded in the Product on Globex®.

#### Tier 2

Fee Waivers <u>Discounts</u>: Upon meeting all Program obligations, as determined by the Exchange, participants will be eligible to receive <u>a</u> fee waivers <u>discount of \$0.14</u> for all volume traded in the Product on Globex®.

Fee Credits: Upon meeting all Program obligations, as determined by the Exchange, participants will be eligible to receive a \$0.15 fee credit per contract traded in the Product subject to a monthly cap of \$30,000.

# Tier 3

Fee <u>Waivers</u> <u>Discounts</u>: Upon meeting all Program obligations, as determined by the Exchange, participants will be eligible to receive <u>a</u> fee <u>waivers</u> <u>discount of \$0.14</u> for all volume traded in the Product on Globex®.

Fee Credits: Upon meeting all Program obligations, as determined by the Exchange, participants will be eligible to receive a \$0.15 fee credit per contract traded in the Product subject to a monthly cap of \$50,000.

### **Monitoring and Termination of Status**

The Exchange shall retain the right to revoke participant status if it concludes from review that a participant no longer meets the eligibility requirements or fails to meet the obligations of the Program.

If the Exchange determines that a participant has not met its quoting obligations during two (2) calendar months over the course of the Program but is within twenty percent (20%) of the time-in-market obligations, the participant will be eligible to receive the incentives for each applicable month.

If the Exchange determines that a participant has not met its quoting obligations during one (1) additional calendar month, the participant will be eligible to receive incentives for that applicable month. Participants must meet quoting obligations for all subsequent months in order to continue to receive the incentives.

Upon utilizing the exceptions set forth above, participants that fail to meet quoting obligations in any additional month may be removed from the Program.