



November 28, 2014

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

Re: CBOE Futures Exchange, LLC Rule Certification
Submission Number CFE-2014-029

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Pursuant to Section 5c(c)(1) of the Commodity Exchange Act, as amended (“Act”), and §40.6(a) of the regulations promulgated by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission under the Act, CBOE Futures Exchange, LLC (“CFE” or “Exchange”) hereby submits an amendment (“Amendment”) to CFE Policy and Procedure X, which sets forth CFE’s DPM Market Performance Benchmarks Program (“DPM Program”). The Amendment will become effective on December 12, 2014.

The Amendment extends the DPM Program for an additional year so that general and product specific market performance benchmarks will now expire on December 31, 2015. As was the case previously, CFE may subsequently determine to further extend the DPM Program, allow the DPM Program to expire, terminate the DPM Program at any time, or replace the DPM Program with a different program at any time. Additionally, the Amendment makes clear that the revenue pools for the DPMs under the DPM Program do not include a percentage of regulatory fees. CFE assesses a Regulatory Fee for each transaction on CFE per contract side to offset expenses associated with CFE’s regulatory functions, and these fees are not treated as transaction fees for purposes of DPM revenue pools.

CFE believes that the Amendment is consistent with Designated Contract Market (“DCM”) Core Principles 7 (Availability of General Information) and 9 (Execution of Transactions) under Section 5 of the Act. The Amendment sets forth in a clear and transparent way the provisions of its DPM Program. Additionally, the Exchange believes that the DPM Program has a positive impact on the price discovery process by fostering improved liquidity, market width and size, and volume in products traded on CFE’s centralized market for which there are DPMs appointed and incentivizes DPMs to devote their efforts to enhancing market quality.

CFE believes that the impact of the Amendment will be beneficial to the public and market participants. CFE is not aware of any substantive opposing views to the Amendment. CFE hereby certifies that the Amendment complies with the Act and the regulations thereunder. CFE further certifies that it has posted a notice of pending certification with the Commission and a copy of this submission on CFE’s Web site (<http://cfe.cboe.com/aboutcfe/rules.aspx>) concurrent

with the filing of this submission with the Commission.

The Amendment is attached and is marked to show additions in double underlined text and deletions in [bracketed] text.

Questions regarding this submission may be directed to Arthur Reinstein at (312) 786-7570 or Jenny Golding at (312) 786-7466. Please reference our submission number CFE-2014-029 in any related correspondence.

CBOE Futures Exchange, LLC

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By: James F. Lubin
Senior Managing Director

CBOE Futures Exchange, LLC Policies and Procedures

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Policy and Procedure X. DPM Market Performance Benchmarks Program

Each DPM that is allocated a Contract as a DPM shall comply with the general and product specific DPM market performance benchmarks set forth below and shall receive the DPM participation right set forth in the rules governing the relevant Contract. In addition, if product specific DPM benefits are set forth below with respect to a particular Contract, the DPM that is allocated that Contract shall receive those benefits.

The Exchange may terminate, place conditions upon or otherwise limit a Trading Privilege Holder's approval to act as a DPM or a DPM's allocation of Contracts in accordance with Rule 515 if the DPM fails to satisfy the market performance benchmarks under this Policy and Procedure. However, failure by a DPM to satisfy the market performance benchmarks under this Policy and Procedure shall not be deemed a violation of Exchange rules.

The DPM Market Performance Benchmarks Program under this Policy and Procedure will expire on December 31, [2014] 2015. The Exchange may determine to extend the term of the Program, allow the Program to expire, terminate the Program at any time, or replace the Program with a different program at any time.

General DPM Market Performance Benchmarks

- On each trading day between 8:30 a.m. and 3:15 p.m. ("Regular Trading Hours"), each DPM shall hold itself out as being willing to buy and sell each allocated Contract for the DPM's own account on a regular basis.
- Subject to regulatory obligations and requirements and best execution obligations to customers, the firm will work with the Exchange to develop a significant amount of order flow in its allocated Contracts.
- Each DPM shall maintain records sufficient to demonstrate compliance with the Market Performance Benchmarks set forth in this Policy and Procedure that are applicable to that DPM.

Product Specific DPM Market Performance Benchmarks

S&P 500 Variance Futures

- Throughout the trading day during Regular Trading Hours, the DPM shall use commercially reasonable efforts to provide continuous two-way quotes in S&P 500 Variance futures contract months as set forth in the table below.

Continuous Two-Way Quote	
Months to Maturity	Maximum Quote Width
0 - 1	300 basis points
2-3	150 basis points
4-9	100 basis points
10-18	125 basis points

Continuous Two-Way Quote	
Months to Maturity	Maximum Quote Width
Over 18	150 basis points

- The above maximum quote width market performance benchmarks shall not apply during the expiration week of an S&P 500 Variance futures contract.
- The above market performance benchmarks shall be subject to relief in the event of a fast market in S&P 500 Variance futures or SPX options traded on CBOE or other extenuating circumstances or unusual market conditions to be determined solely by the Exchange. Under conditions as specified in the foregoing sentence, the DPM shall use commercially reasonable efforts to provide a continuous quote and to respond to requests for a quote.

CBOE Russell 2000 Volatility Index ("RVX") Futures

- Throughout the trading day during Regular Trading Hours, the DPM shall provide at least 95% of the time in each RVX futures contract with 9 months or less until expiration three two-way minimum quotes with minimum quote sizes and maximum quote widths as set forth in the table below.

First Continuous Two-Way Quote	
Minimum Quote Size	Maximum Quote Width Calculated as a Percentage of Offer Price
5 x 5	2%
Second Continuous Two-Way Quote	
Minimum Quote Size	Maximum Quote Width Calculated as a Percentage of Offer Price
10 x 10	5%
Third Continuous Two-Way Quote	
Minimum Quote Size	Maximum Quote Width Calculated as a Percentage of Offer Price
20 x 20	10%

- The DPM shall provide a two-way quote during Regular Trading Hours in response to a request from the Exchange that the DPM post a market for an RVX future or futures.
- The above market performance benchmarks shall be subject to relief in the event of a fast market in RVX futures or Russell 2000 ("RUT") options traded on CBOE or other extenuating circumstances or unusual market conditions to be determined solely by the Exchange. Under conditions as specified in the foregoing sentence, the DPM shall use commercially reasonable efforts during Regular Trading Hours to provide a continuous quote and to respond to requests for a quote from the Exchange.
- The DPM may satisfy above market performance benchmarks relating to the provision of quotes through the equivalent provision of orders instead of quotes.

CBOE Short-Term Volatility Index (“VXST”) Futures

- Throughout the trading day during Regular Trading Hours, the DPM shall provide a competitive and continuous two-way market in each VXST futures contract.
- The DPM shall provide a competitive two-way market during Regular Trading Hours in response to a request from the Exchange that the DPM post a market for a VXST future or futures.
- The above market performance benchmarks shall be subject to relief in the event of a fast market in VXST futures or options on the S&P 500 Index traded on CBOE or other extenuating circumstances or unusual market conditions to be determined solely by the Exchange. Under conditions as specified in the foregoing sentence, the DPM shall use commercially reasonable efforts during Regular Trading Hours to provide a continuous market and to respond to requests for a market from the Exchange.

Product Specific DPM Benefits

S&P 500 Variance Futures

- For each calendar quarter (including any partial calendar quarter) during which a Trading Privilege Holder acts as the DPM for S&P 500 Variance futures, the Exchange will maintain a DPM Revenue Pool for the DPM for that quarter.
- The percentage of transaction fees (excluding regulatory fees) collected by the Exchange for transactions in S&P 500 Variance futures that will be included in the DPM Revenue Pool for a calendar quarter will be based upon the average daily contract volume in S&P 500 Variance futures, measured in “vega notional” amounts, traded on the Exchange during that quarter, as set forth in the table below. Each percentage in the table shall be applicable with respect to that portion of the average daily contract volume that is within the applicable volume range.

Average Daily “Vega Notional” Contract Volume During Calendar Quarter	Percentage of Transaction Fees Included in DPM Revenue Pool
0 – 5,000,000	30%
5,000,001 – 10,000,000	20%
10,000,001 – 20,000,000	15%
20,000,001 – 50,000,000	11.7%
50,000,001 or greater	8%

- For example, if the average daily contract volume during a calendar quarter is 15,000,000 vega notional, 30% of the transaction fees attributable to the volume between 0 vega notional and 5,000,000 vega notional would be included in the DPM Revenue Pool, 20% of the transaction fees attributable to the volume between 5,000,001 vega notional and 10,000,000 vega notional would be included in the DPM Revenue Pool, and 15% of the transaction fees attributable to the volume between 10,000,001 vega notional and 15,000,000 vega notional would be included in the DPM Revenue Pool.
- Payment to the DPM from the DPM Revenue Pool for a calendar quarter will be made following the end of the calendar quarter.

RVX Futures

- Beginning January 1, 2014, for each calendar quarter (including any partial calendar quarter) during which a Trading Privilege Holder acts as the DPM for RVX futures, the Exchange will maintain a DPM Revenue Pool for the DPM for that quarter equal to 15% of all transaction fees (excluding regulatory fees) collected by the Exchange for transactions in RVX futures.
- Payment to the DPM from the DPM Revenue Pool for a calendar quarter will be made following the end of the calendar quarter.

VXST Futures

- For each calendar quarter (including any partial calendar quarter) during which a Trading Privilege Holder acts as the DPM for VXST futures, the Exchange will maintain a DPM Revenue Pool for the DPM for that quarter equal to 15% of the difference between the total transaction fees (excluding regulatory fees) collected by the Exchange for transactions in VXST futures and any license fees paid by the Exchange or an Exchange affiliate with respect to those transactions.
- Payment to the DPM from the DPM Revenue Pool for a calendar quarter will be made following the end of the calendar quarter.

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