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Organization: Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. ("CME")

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Organization Rules and Rule Amendments

- Certification § 40.6(a)
- Approval § 40.5(a)
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- Advance Notice of SIDCO Rule Change § 40.10(a)
- SIDCO Emergency Rule Change § 40.10(h)

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New Product

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- Certification § 40.2(a)
- Certification Security Futures § 41.23(a)
- Certification Swap Class § 40.2(d)
- Approval § 40.3(a)
- Approval Security Futures § 41.23(b)
- Novel Derivative Product Notification § 40.12(a)
- Swap Submission § 39.5

Official Product Name:

Product Terms and Conditions (product related Rules and Rule Amendments)

- Certification § 40.6(a)
- Certification Made Available to Trade Determination § 40.6(a)
- Certification Security Futures § 41.24(a)
- Delisting (No Open Interest) § 40.6(a)
- Approval § 40.5(a)
- Approval Made Available to Trade Determination § 40.5(a)
- Approval Security Futures § 41.24(c)
- Approval Amendments to enumerated agricultural products § 40.4(a), § 40.5(a)
- "Non-Material Agricultural Rule Change" § 40.4(b)(5)
- Notification § 40.6(d)

Official Name(s) of Product(s) Affected:

Rule Numbers:

December 4, 2018

VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL

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**RE: Modifications to the CME/CBOT Interest Rate Options Give Up Incentive Program
CME Submission No. 18-486 (1 of 2)**

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. ("CME") and The Board of Trade of the City of Chicago, Inc. ("CBOT") (collectively, the "Exchanges") hereby notify the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") of plans to modify the Interest Rate Options Give Up Incentive Program ("Program"). The modifications to the Program will become effective on February 1, 2019.

Exhibit 1 sets forth the terms of this Program. Modifications appear below, with additions underscored and deletions ~~overstruck~~.

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

The Program does not impact the Exchanges' ability to perform its trade practice and market surveillance obligations under the CEA and the Exchanges' have implemented systems to track Program participants' volume to ensure proper distribution of earned incentives. The tiered incentives in the Program do not impact the Exchanges' order execution. Participants in the program will be selected by Exchanges' staff using criteria as further stated in Exhibit 1. Chapter 4 of the Exchanges rules includes prohibitions against fraudulent, non-competitive, unfair or abusive practices. The Program is subject to these rules.

The Exchanges certify that the Program complies with the CEA and the regulations thereunder. There were no substantive opposing views to this Program.

The Exchanges certify that this submission has been concurrently posted on the Exchanges' website at <http://www.cmegroup.com/market-regulation/rule-filings.html>.

If you require any additional information regarding this submission, please e-mail CMEGSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com or contact Rachel Johnson at 312-466-4393 or via e-mail at Rachel.Johnson@cmegroup.com. Please reference our CME Submission No. 18-486 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Bowen
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachment: Exhibit 1

EXHIBIT 1

CME/CBOT INTEREST RATE OPTIONS GIVE UP INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Program Purpose

The purpose of this Program is to encourage executing brokers to increase their volume in the products listed below, enhancing market liquidity. A more liquid contract benefits all participants in the market.

Product Scope

The following CME/CBOT Interest Rate ("IR") options products ("Products"):

Eurodollar options
Treasury options
Fed Funds options

Eligible Participants

There is no limit to the number of executing brokers who may participate under the Program. Participants may be CME or CBOT members or non-members. In order to qualify for the Program, potential participants must ~~(i) have maintained executed~~ at least 750,000 interest rate option give ups in three (3) consecutive calendar months ~~and (ii) during that time, maintained at least a forty percent (40%) of the total give up volume from CME/CBOT interest rate options and at least sixty-five (65%) of the total interest rate (futures and options) give up volume must be from interest rate options.~~

Program Term

Start date is January 6, 2012. End date is ~~January 31, 2019~~ January 31, 2020.

Hours

N/A

Tiered Volume Incentives

Once accepted into the Program, participants will be eligible to participate in tiered volume incentives whereby participants may be charged reduced give up surcharges for the Products. The tiered volume levels are predetermined by CME/CBOT and are based on a participant's monthly give up volume in the Products during an applicable calendar month.

Monitoring and Termination of Status

The Exchanges shall monitor trading activity and participants' performance and shall retain the right to revoke Program participant status if they conclude from review that a Program participant no longer meets the eligibility requirements of the Program.