25-034: Modifications to the CBOT Event Contract Cash Settlement Fee Waiver Program



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RE: Modifications to the CBOT Event Contract Cash Settlement Fee Waiver Program CBOT Submission No. 25-034

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 CBOT Event Contract Cash Settlement Fee Waiver Program ("Program"). The modifications to the Program will become effective on February 1, 2025.

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

The Exchange reviewed the designated contract market core principles ("Core Principles") as set forth in the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA" or "Act"). 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 is a general fee waiver that applies to all market participants. A general fee waiver does not incentivize manipulative trading or market abuse. The Program does not impact the Exchange's ability to perform its trade practice and market surveillance obligations under the CEA. The Exchange's market regulation staff will monitor trading in the product that is included in the Program to prevent manipulative trading and market abuse. The general fee waiver in the Program does not impact the Exchange's order execution. All market participants that execute trades in the product shall be entitled to participate. Chapter 4 of the Exchange rules includes prohibitions against fraudulent, non-competitive, unfair, or abusive practices. The Program is subject to these rules and CBOT records retention policies that 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 <u>http://www.cmegroup.com/market-regulation/rule-filings.html</u>.

If you require any additional information regarding this submission, please e-mail <u>CMEGSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com</u> or contact Rachel Johnson at 312-466-4393 or via e-mail at <u>Rachel.Johnson@cmegroup.com</u>.

Sincerely,

/s/ Timothy Elliott Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachment: Exhibit 1

EXHIBIT 1

CBOT Event Contract Cash Settlement Fee Waiver Program

Program Purpose

The purpose of this Program is to incentivize market participants to support the launch and development of the product below. The resulting increase in liquidity benefits all participant segments of the market.

Product Scope

All CBOT Event Contracts that are traded on the CME Globex Platform ("Product").

Eligible Participants

There is no limit to the number of participants in the Program. Participants may be members or nonmembers. The incentives described below will be automatically applied to all transactions in the Product made by market participants.

Program Term

Start date is September 19, 2022. End date is January 31, 2025 July 31, 2025, or the date on which the Exchange determines to modify, extend, or terminate the Program. Participants will be given notice of any changes to the Program Term.

<u>Hours</u>

N/A

Incentives

Fee Waivers: All market participants will receive cash settlement fee waivers for the Product.