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Registered Entity Identifier Code (optional): 23-532

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

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Filing Date (mm/dd/yy): December 19, 2023 Filing Description: Modifications to the CME Short-Term Interest Rate ("STIR") Options Pit Liquidity Provider Program

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**Organization Rules and Rule Amendments**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Certification                       | § 40.6(a)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Approval                            | § 40.5(a)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Notification                        | § 40.6(d)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Advance Notice of SIDCO Rule Change | § 40.10(a) |
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Rule Numbers: **Not Applicable**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Certification                         | § 40.2(a)  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Certification Swap Class              | § 40.2(d)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Approval                              | § 40.3(a)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Approval Security Futures             | § 41.23(b) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Novel Derivative Product Notification | § 40.12(a) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Swap Submission                       | § 39.5     |

Official Product Name:

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

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

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

Rule Numbers:



Timothy Elliott  
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December 19, 2023

**VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL**

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**RE: Modifications to the CME STIR Options Pit Liquidity Provider Program  
CME Submission No. 23-532**

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. ("CME" or "Exchange") hereby notifies the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") of plans to modify the CME STIR Options Pit Liquidity Provider Program ("Program"). The modifications to the Program will become effective on February 1, 2024.

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

CME reviewed the designated contract market core principles ("Core Principles") as set forth in the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA"). During the review, CME 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 under 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 CME 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 CME rules. The Program is subject to the Exchange's record retention policies which comply with the CEA.

CME 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 <http://www.cmegroup.com/market-regulation/rule-filings.html>.

If you require any additional information regarding this submission, please e-mail [CMEGSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com](mailto:CMEGSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com) or contact Rachel Johnson at 312-466-4393 or via e-mail at [Rachel.Johnson@cmegroup.com](mailto:Rachel.Johnson@cmegroup.com). Please reference our CME Submission No. 23-532 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

/s/ Timothy Elliott  
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachment: Exhibit 1

# EXHIBIT 1

## CME STIR Options Pit Liquidity Provider Program

### Program Purpose

The purpose of the Program is to incentivize participants to enhance liquidity in the products listed below for our global client base. A more liquid contract benefits all participants in the market.

### Product Scope

All CME STIR Options ("Products").

### Eligible Participants\*

There is no limit to the number of participants that may participate in the Program. The Program is available to individual members and CME Rule 106.J equity member market makers who meet at least one (1) of the below three (3) criteria:

- Member was enrolled in the STIR Options Pit Liquidity Provider Program in the prior year,
- Firm employee trading a firm account and collectively has had at least one (1) firm employee in the pit during ~~2021 or 2022~~ the prior calendar year with volume greater than 5,000 sides per month for at least three (3) consecutive months, or
- Individual member who self-executed in the pit through sequential trading cards and has been in the pit during ~~2021 or 2022~~ the prior calendar year with volume greater than 5,000 sides per month for at least three (3) consecutive months.

\*Participants may not have been previously enrolled in the STIR Options Market Maker Program in the prior year or prior to applying for this Program.

### Program Term

Start date is December 1, 2017. End date ~~January 31, 2024~~ January 31, 2025.

### Hours

Regular and Extended Trading Hours ("RTH & ETH").

### Incentives

#### *Transaction Fee Adjustments:*

- Program participants receive a ~~\$0.13~~ \$0.11 discount off Globex® all-in fees.
- Program participants receive a ~~\$0.08~~ \$0.06 discount off pit all-in fees.

*Mass Quote Message:* All market makers shall receive use of the Mass Quote Message function.

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

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