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VIA E-MAIL

Mr. David Stawick
Office of the Secretariat
Commodity Futures Trading Commission
Three Lafayette Centre
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Washington, D.C. 20581

RE: Implementation of CME OTC FX Fee Waiver Program

CME Submission No. 12-027

Dear Mr. Stawick:

Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc ("CME" or the "Clearing House") hereby notifies the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("Commission") that it plans to implement a fee waiver program in support of certain cleared-only over-the-counter ("OTC") foreign exchange ("FX") products. ("Program"). The proposed Program will become effective on February 1, 2012.

Exhibit 1 sets forth the terms of the proposed Program.

CME business staff responsible for this temporary fee waiver and the CME legal department collectively reviewed the derivatives clearing organization core principles ("Core Principles") as set forth in the Commodities Exchange Act ("CEA"). During the review, CME staff concluded that the following Core Principle applies to this submission:

<u>Financial Resources:</u> This temporary reduction in clearing fees will have a non-material impact on the financial resources of the CME Clearing House. As such, it will not prevent the Clearing House from demonstrating that it has adequate financial, operational, and managerial resources to discharge its responsibilities as a DCO;

Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Commodity Exchange Act ("Act") and CFTC Regulations 40.6(a), the Exchange hereby certifies that this fee reduction complies with the Act, including regulations under the Act.

CME certifies that this submission has been concurrently posted on CME's website at http://www.cmegroup.com/market-regulation/rule-filings.html.

If you require any additional information regarding this submission, please contact Robert Lev at 312-930-3019 or via e-mail at robert.lev@cmegroup.com, or contact me at 212-299-2200. Please reference our CME Submission No. 12-027 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Bowen
Managing Director, Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachments

EXHIBIT 1

CME OTC FX Fee Waiver Program

Program Purpose

The purpose of this Program is to incentivize market participants to submit transaction in the OTC FX products listed below to the Clearing House for clearing. The resulting increase in volume benefits all participant segments in the market.

Product Scope

The following cleared only OTC FX products ("Products"):

- 1. <u>CME Cleared OTC FX Emerging Markets</u>
 - a. USDBRL, USDCLP, USDCNY, USDCOP, USDIDR, USDINR, USDKRW, USDMYR, USDPEN, USDPHP, USDRUB, USDTWD Non-Deliverable Forwards
 - b. USDCZK, USDHUF, USDHKD, USDILS, USDMXN, USDPLN, USDSGD, USDTHB, USDTRY, USDZAR Cash-Settled Forwards

2. <u>CME Cleared OTC FX – Majors</u>

a. AUDJPY, AUDUSD, CADJPY, EURAUD, EURCHF, EURGBP, EURJPY, EURUSD, GBPUSD, NZDUSD, USDCAD, USDCHF, USDDKK, USDJPY, USDNOK, USDSEK Cash-Settled Forwards.

Eligible Participants

The temporary reduction in fees will be open to all market participants and will automatically be applied to any transaction in the Products submitted to the Clearing House for clearing.

Program Term

Start date is February 1, 2012. End date is June 30, 2012.

Hours

The Program will be applicable regardless of the transaction time.

Program Incentives:

Fee Waivers. All market participants that clear the Products will have their clearing fees waived.