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Mr. David Stawick Office of the Secretariat Commodity Futures Trading Commission Three Lafayette Centre 1155 21st Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20581

Re:

Section 5c(c)(1), Regulation 40.6(a) Submission. Exchange Certification for Rule Amendments pertaining to Termination of Trading and Final Settlement Price for All CME Weather Contracts. CME Submission No.11-255

Dear Mr. Stawick:

Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. ("CME" or "Exchange") hereby notifies the Commodity Futures Trading Commission regarding changes to CME weather rule language which currently calls for the Termination of Trading and Final Settlement to occur either on the "first Exchange business day that is at least two calendar days after the futures contract month" for US and Pacific Rim locations or the "first Exchange business day that is at least five calendar days after the futures contract month" for European, Australian and Canadian locations.

Changing the language to the "second Exchange business day after the futures contract month" and "fifth Exchange business day after the futures contract month," respectively, will simplify this language and allow additional time to communicate with official data centers before issuing final settlement values, ensuring that the final settlements are of the highest quality.

In addition, rule language pertaining to Termination of Trading for the Rainfall and Snowfall contracts is being amended to standardize the language across all weather contracts.

These changes will go into effect on Monday, July 25, 2011, for the beginning of the 2012 cooling, heating, rainfall, snowfall, and frost seasons.

There is currently no open interest in any of the affected contract months.

The Exchange certifies that these changes comply with the Commodity Exchange Act and regulations thereunder. There were no substantive opposing views to this proposal.

Changes to the rule language are as follows with additions underlined and deletions overstruck.

If you require any additional information regarding this action, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles Piszczor at 312-930-4536 or via e-mail at <u>charles.piszczor@cmegroup.comme</u>. Alternatively, you may contact me at (312) 930-8167 or via e-mail at Sean.Downey@cmegroup.com. We would be appreciative if you could reference CME Submission No. 11-255 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

/s/ Sean Downey Associate Director and Assistant General Counsel

Chapter 402 CME Seasonal Strip Snowfall Index Futures 40202. FUTURES CALL

40202.G. Termination of Trading

Futures trading shall terminate at 9:00 A.M. on the <u>second Exchange business day</u> [first Exchange business day that is at least two calendar days] after the last calendar day of the last month of the defined strip [after the futures contract month].

40203. SETTLEMENT PROCEDURES

40203.A. Final Settlement Price

All futures contracts remaining open at the termination of trading shall be settled using the respective CME Seasonal Strip Snowfall Index reported by MDA Information Systems, Inc. for that city for that contract period, using the methodology in effect on that date, on the <u>second Exchange business day</u> [first Exchange business day that is at least two calendar days] after the last calendar day of the last month of the defined strip. For example, on April <u>4</u> [3], 2006, the November 2005 – March 2006 futures contract on the Boston CME Seasonal Strip Snowfall Index would have been settled at 38.30.

Chapter 402B CME Seasonal Strip Snowfall Index Binary Contract 402B03. EXERCISE

402B02.I. Termination of Trading

Trading shall terminate at 9:00 a.m. on the second Exchange business day [first-Exchange business day that is at least two calendar days] after the last calendar day of the last month of the defined strip [following the end of the seasonal-strip].

Chapter 403 CME Degree Days Index Futures

40302. FUTURES CALL

40302.G. Termination of Trading

Futures trading shall terminate at 9:00 A.M. on the second Exchange business day [first-Exchange business day that is at least two-calendar days] after the futures contract month.

40303. SETTLEMENT PROCEDURES

40303.A. Final Settlement Price

All futures contracts remaining open at the termination of trading shall be settled using the respective CME Degree Days Index reported by MDA Information Systems, Inc. for that city for that contract month, using the methodology in effect on that date, on the <u>second Exchange business day</u> [first Exchange business day that is at least two calendar days] after the futures contract month. For example, on January <u>5</u> [4], 1999, the December 1998 futures contract on the CME Chicago HDD Index would have been settled at 940.5 Heating Degree Days.

Chapter 405 CME Seasonal Strip Degree Days Index Futures 40502. FUTURES CALL

40502.G. Termination of Trading

Futures trading shall terminate at 9:00 A.M. on the second Exchange business day [first Exchange business day that is at least two calendar days] after the last calendar day of the last month of the defined strip.

40503. SETTLEMENT PROCEDURES

40503.A. Final Settlement Price

All futures contracts remaining open at the termination of trading shall be settled using the respective CME Seasonal Strip Degree Days Index reported by MDA Information Systems, Inc. for that city for that contract period, using the

methodology in effect on that date, on the <u>second Exchange business day</u> [first Exchange business day that is at least two calendar days] after the last calendar day of the last month of the defined strip. For example, on April 3, 2001, the November 2000 - March 2001 futures contract on the CME Chicago Nov-Mar '01 SSHDD Index would have been settled at 5660.0 Heating Degree Days.

Chapter 406 CME European HDD Index Futures 40602. FUTURES CALL 40602.G. Termination of Trading²

Futures trading shall terminate at 9:00 A.M. Chicago time on the fifth Exchange business day [first Exchange business day that is at least five calendar days] after the futures contract month.

40603. SETTLEMENT PROCEDURES

40603.A. Final Settlement Price

All futures contracts remaining open at the termination of trading shall be settled using the respective CME European HDD Index reported by MDA Information Systems, Inc. for that city for that contract month, using the methodology in effect on that date, on the <u>fifth Exchange business day</u> [first Exchange business day that is at least five calendar days] after the futures contract month. For example, on January <u>8</u> [6], 2003, the December 2002 futures contract on the CME Amsterdam-Schiphol European HDD Index would have been settled at 468.60 Heating Degree Days.

Chapter 407 CME European Seasonal Strip HDD Index Futures 40702. FUTURES CALL

40702.G. Termination of Trading

Futures trading shall terminate at 9:00 A.M. Chicago time on the <u>fifth Exchange business day</u> [first Exchange business day that is at least five calendar days] after the last calendar day of the last month of the defined strip.

40703. SETTLEMENT PROCEDURES

40703.A. Final Settlement Price

All futures contracts remaining open at the termination of trading shall be settled using the respective CME European Seasonal Strip HDD Index reported by MDA Information Systems, Inc. for that city for that contract period, using the methodology in effect on that date, on the <u>fifth Exchange business day</u> [first Exchange business day that is at least five calendar days] after the last calendar day of the last month of the defined strip. For example, on April 7, 2003, the November 2002 - March 2003 futures contract on the CME Amsterdam-Schiphol Nov '02 – Mar '03 European Seasonal Strip HDD Index would have been settled at 1994.90 Heating Degree Days.

Chapter 408 CME European CAT Index Futures 40802. FUTURES CALL 40802.G. Termination of Trading

Futures trading shall terminate at 9:00 A.M. Chicago time on the <u>fifth Exchange business day</u> [first Exchange business day that is at least five calendar days] after the futures contract month.

40803. SETTLEMENT PROCEDURES

40803.A. Final Settlement Price

All futures contracts remaining open at the termination of trading shall be settled using the respective CME European CAT Index reported by MDA Information Systems, Inc. for that city for that contract month, using the methodology in effect on that date, on the <u>fifth Exchange business day</u> [first Exchange business day that is at least five calendar ease] after the futures contract month. For example, on July <u>8</u> [7], 2003, the June 2003 futures contract on the CME Amsterdam-Schiphol European CAT Index would have been settled at 507.65 Degrees.

Chapter 409 CME European Seasonal CAT Strip Index Futures 40902. FUTURES CALL 40902.G. Termination of Trading

Futures trading shall terminate at 9:00 A.M. Chicago time on the <u>fifth Exchange business day</u> [first Exchange business day that is at least five calendar days] after the last calendar day of the last month of the defined strip.

40903. SETTLEMENT PROCEDURES

40903.A. Final Settlement Price

All futures contracts remaining open at the termination of trading shall be settled using the respective CME European Seasonal Strip CAT Index reported by MDA Information Systems, Inc. for that city for that contract period, using the methodology in effect on that date, on the <u>fifth Exchange business day</u> [first Exchange business day that is at least five calendar days] after the last calendar day of the last month of the defined strip. For example, on October 7, 2002, the May 2002 - September 2002 futures contract on the CME Amsterdam-Schiphol May – September '02 European Seasonal Strip CAT Index would have been settled at 2481.10 Degrees.

Chapter 411 CME Pacific Rim Index Futures 41102. FUTURES CALL 41102.G. Termination of Trading

Futures trading shall terminate at 9:00 a.m. Chicago time on the second Exchange business day [first Exchange business day that is at least two calendar days] after the futures contract month.

41103. SETTLEMENT PROCEDURES

41103.A. Final Settlement Price

All futures contracts remaining open at the termination of trading shall be settled using the respective CME Pacific Rim Index reported by the MDA Information Systems, Inc. for that contract month, using the methodology in effect on that date, on the <u>second Exchange business day</u> [first Exchange business day that is at least two calendar days] after the futures contract month. For example, on June 4, 2007, the May 2007 futures contract on the Osaka Index would have been settled at 467.20 degrees.

Chapter 412 CME Pacific Rim Seasonal Index Futures 41202. FUTURES CALL 41202.G. Termination of Trading

Futures trading shall terminate at 9:00 A.M. Chicago time on the second Exchange business day [first Exchange

business day that is at least two calendar days] after the last calendar day of the last month of the defined strip.

41203. SETTLEMENT PROCEDURES

41203.A. Final Settlement Price

All futures contracts remaining open at the termination of trading shall be settled using the respective CME Pacific Rim Seasonal Index reported by MDA Information Systems, Inc. for that contract period, using the methodology in effect on that date, on the <u>second Exchange business day</u> [first Exchange business day that is at least two calendar days] after the last calendar day of the last month of the defined strip. For example, on October 2, 2007, the July 2007 - September 2007 Osaka Seasonal Index would have been settled at 2571.7 degrees.

Chapter 416 CME Frost Index Futures 41602. FUTURES CALL 41602.G. Termination of Trading For the November, December, January and February contract months, futures trading shall terminate at 9:00 A.M. on the <u>fifth Exchange business day</u> [first Exchange business day that is at least six calendar days] after the respective futures contract month. For the March contract month only, futures trading shall terminate at 9:00 A.M. on the <u>fifth</u> <u>Exchange business day</u> that is at least six calendar days] after the last Friday in March.

41603. SETTLEMENT PROCEDURES

41603.A. Final Settlement Price

All futures contracts remaining open at the termination of trading shall be settled using the respective CME Frost Index reported by MDA Information Systems, Inc. for that city for that contract period, using the methodology in effect on that date. For the November, December, January and February contract months, final settlement shall occur on the <u>fifth Exchange business day</u> [first Exchange business day that is at least six calendar days] after the respective futures contract month. For the March contract month only, final settlement shall occur on the <u>fifth Exchange business</u> day that is at least six calendar days] after the last Friday in March. For example, on March 7, 2005, the February 2005 futures contract on the CME Amsterdam-Schiphol Frost Index would have been settled at 2.00 Frost Index Points.

Chapter 417 CME Seasonal Frost Index Futures 41702. FUTURES CALL 41702.G. Termination of Trading

Futures trading shall terminate at 9:00 A.M. on the <u>fifth Exchange business day</u> [first Exchange business day that is at least six calendar days] after the last Friday in March.

41703. SETTLEMENT PROCEDURES

41703.A. Final Settlement Price

All futures contracts remaining open at the termination of trading shall be settled using the respective CME Seasonal Frost Index reported by MDA Information Systems, Inc. for that city for that contract period, using the methodology in effect on that date, on the <u>fifth Exchange business day</u> [first-Exchange business day that is at least six calendar days] after the last Friday in March. For example, on <u>April 1</u> [March 31], 2005, the March 2005 futures contract on the CME Amsterdam-Schiphol Seasonal Frost Index would have been settled at 10.00 Frost Index Points.

Chapter 418 CME Snowfall Index Futures

41802. FUTURES CALL

41802.G. Termination of Trading

Futures trading shall terminate at 9:00 A.M. on the <u>second Exchange business day</u> [first Exchange business day that is at least two calendar days] after the futures contract month.

41803. SETTLEMENT PROCEDURES

41803.A. Final Settlement Price

All futures contracts remaining open at the termination of trading shall be settled using the respective CME Snowfall Index reported by MDA Information Systems, Inc. for that city for that contract month, using the methodology in effect on that date, on the <u>second Exchange business day</u> [first Exchange business day that is at least two calendar days] after the futures contract month. For example, on January <u>4</u> [3], 2006, the December 2005 futures contract on the Boston CME Snowfall Index would have been settled at 10.70.

Chapter 418B CME Snowfall Index Binary Contract 418B02. CONTRACT CALL 418B02.I. Termination of Trading Trading shall terminate at 9:00 a.m. on the second Exchange business day [first Exchange business day that is at least two calendar days] after the futures contract month [following the end of the contract month].

Chapter 421 CME Canadian Degree Days Index Futures 42102. FUTURES CALL 42102.G. Termination of Trading

Futures trading shall terminate at 9:00 A.M. on the <u>fifth Exchange business day</u> [first Exchange business day that is at least five calendar days] after the futures contract month.

42103. SETTLEMENT PROCEDURES

42103.A. Final Settlement Price

All futures contracts remaining open at the termination of trading shall be settled using the respective CME Canadian Degree Days Index reported by MDA Information Systems, Inc. for that city for that contract month, using the methodology in effect on that date, on the <u>fifth Exchange business day</u> [first Exchange business day that is at least five calendar days] after the futures contract month. For example, on January <u>7</u> [5], 2005, the December 2004 futures contract on the CME Montreal HDD Index would have been settled at 737.90 Heating Degree Days.

Chapter 422 CME Canadian Seasonal Strip Degree Days Index Futures 42202. FUTURES CALL

42202.G. Termination of Trading

Futures trading shall terminate at 9:00 A.M. on the <u>fifth Exchange business day</u> [first Exchange business day that is at least five calendar days] after the last calendar day of the last month of the defined strip.

42203. SETTLEMENT PROCEDURES

42203.A. Final Settlement Price

All futures contracts remaining open at the termination of trading shall be settled using the respective CME Seasonal Strip Degree Days Index reported by MDA Information Systems, Inc. for that city for that contract period, using the methodology in effect on that date, on the <u>fifth Exchange business day</u> [first Exchange business day that is at least five calendar days] after the last calendar day of the last month of the defined strip. For example, on April <u>7</u> [6], 2006, the November 2005 – March 2006 futures contract on the CME Montreal Nov-Mar '06 SSHDD Index would have been settled at 3161.70 Heating Degree Days.

Chapter 424 CME Weekly Average Temperature Index Futures 42402. FUTURES CALL

42402.G. Termination of Trading

Futures trading shall terminate at 9:00 A.M. Chicago time on the second Exchange business day [first Exchange business day that is at least two calendar days] after the Friday of the defined week.

42403. SETTLEMENT PROCEDURES

42403.A. Final Settlement Price

All futures contracts remaining open at the termination of trading shall be settled using the respective CME Weekly Average Temperature Index reported by MDA Information Systems, Inc. for that city for that defined week, using the methodology in effect on that date, on the <u>second Exchange business day</u> [first-Exchange business day that is at least two calendar days] after the Friday of the defined week. For example, on August <u>15</u> [44], 2006, the August 11, 2006 futures contract on the Chicago CME Weekly Average Temperature Index would have been settled at 75.6 Degrees.

Chapter 425 CME Canadian CAT Index Futures 42502. FUTURES CALL 42502.G. Termination of Trading Futures trading shall terminate at 9:00 A.M. Chicago time on the <u>fifth Exchange business day</u> [first Exchange business day that is at least five calendar days] after the futures contract month.

42503. SETTLEMENT PROCEDURES

42503.A. Final Settlement Price

All futures contracts remaining open at the termination of trading shall be settled using the respective CME Canadian CAT Index reported by MDA Information Systems, Inc. for that city for that contract month, using the methodology in effect on that date, on the <u>fifth Exchange business day</u> [first Exchange business day that is at least five calendar days] after the futures contract month. For example, on July <u>10</u> [5], 2006, the June 2006 futures contract on the CME Montreal Canadian CAT Index would have been settled at 574.45 Degrees Celsius.

Chapter 426 CME Canadian Seasonal CAT Strip Index Futures 42602. FUTURES CALL

42602.G. Termination of Trading

Futures trading shall terminate at 9:00 A.M. Chicago time on the fifth Exchange business day [first Exchange business day that is at least five calendar days] after the last calendar day of the last month of the defined strip.

42603. SETTLEMENT PROCEDURES

42603.A. Final Settlement Price

All futures contracts remaining open at the termination of trading shall be settled using the respective CME Canadian Seasonal CAT Strip Index reported by MDA Information Systems, Inc. for that city for that contract period, using the methodology in effect on that date, on the <u>fifth Exchange business day</u> [first Exchange business day that is at least five calendar days] after the last calendar day of the last month of the defined strip. For example, on October <u>6</u> [6], 2006, the May 2006 – September 2006 futures contract on the CME Montreal May – September '06 Canadian Seasonal CAT Strip Index would have been settled at 2771.70 Degrees Celsius.

Chapter 439 CME Australian Degree Days Index Futures 43902. FUTURES CALL 43902.G. Termination of Trading

Futures trading shall terminate at 9:00 A.M. Chicago time on the <u>fifth Exchange business day</u> [first Exchange business day that is at least five calendar days] after the futures contract month.

43903. SETTLEMENT PROCEDURES

43903.A. Final Settlement Price

All futures contracts remaining open at the termination of trading shall be settled using the respective CME Australian Degree Days Index reported by Speedwell Weather Derivatives Limited for that city for that contract month, using the methodology in effect on that date, on the <u>fifth Exchange business day</u> [first Exchange business day that is at least five calendar days] after the futures contract month. For example, on July <u>8</u> [7], 2008, the June 2008 futures contract on the CME Sydney Bankstown Australian Degree Days Index would have been settled at 129.20 Degrees Celsius.

Chapter 440 CME Australian Seasonal Strip Degree Days Index Futures 44002. FUTURES CALL

44002.G. Termination of Trading

Futures trading shall terminate at 9:00 A.M. Chicago time on the fifth Exchange business day [first Exchange business day that is at least five calendar days] after the last calendar day of the last month of the defined strip.

44003. SETTLEMENT PROCEDURES

44003.A. Final Settlement Price

All futures contracts remaining open at the termination of trading shall be settled using the respective CME Australian Seasonal Strip Degree Days Index reported by Speedwell Weather Derivatives Limited for that city for that contract period, using the methodology in effect on that date, on the fifth Exchange business day [first Exchange business day that is at least five calendar days] after the last calendar day of the last month of the defined strip. For example, on October 7 [6], 2008, the May 2008 - September 2008 futures contract on the CME Sydney Bankstown May -September '08 Australian Seasonal Strip Degree Days Index would have been settled at 789.42 Degrees Celsius.

Chapter 441 **CME Rainfall Index Futures** 44102, FUTURES CALL 44102.G. Termination of Trading

Futures trading shall terminate at 9:00 A.M. on the second Exchange business day [first-Exchange business day that is at least two calendar days] after the futures contract month.

44103. SETTLEMENT PROCEDURES

44103.A. Final Settlement Price

All futures contracts remaining open at the termination of trading shall be settled using the respective CME Rainfall Index reported by MDA Information Systems, Inc. for that city for that contract month, using the methodology in effect on that date, on the second Exchange business day [first-Exchange business day that is at least two calendar days] after the futures contract month. For example, on May 4, 2009 the April 2009 futures contract on the Raleigh/Durham CME Rainfall Index would have been settled at 1.69.

Chapter 441B **CME Rainfall Index Binary Contract** 441B02. CONTRACT CALL

441B02.I. Termination of Trading

Trading shall terminate at 9:00 a.m. on the second Exchange business day after the futures contract month [on the same date and time as the underlying futures contract].

Chapter 442 **CME Seasonal Strip Rainfall Index Futures** 44202. FUTURES CALL

44202.G. Termination of Trading

Futures trading shall terminate at 9:00 A.M. on the second Exchange business day [first Exchange business day that is at least two calendar days] after the last calendar day of the last month of the defined strip [after the futures contract month].

44203. SETTLEMENT PROCEDURES

44203.A. Final Settlement Price

All futures contracts remaining open at the termination of trading shall be settled using the respective CME Seasonal Strip Rainfall Index reported by MDA Information Systems, Inc. for that city for that contract period, using the methodology in effect on that date, on the second Exchange business day [first Exchange business day that is at least two calendar days] after the last calendar day of the last month of the defined strip. For example, on October 2. 2009, the May 2009 - September 2009 futures contract on the Raleigh/Durham CME Seasonal Strip Rainfall Index would have been settled at 13.63.

Chapter 442B CME Seasonal Strip Rainfall Index Binary Contract 442B02. CONTRACT CALL 442B02.I. Termination of Trading Trading shall terminate <u>at 9:00 a.m. on the second Exchange business day after the last calendar day of the last</u> month of the defined strip [on the same date and time as the underlying futures contract].