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# By Electronic Mail

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Mr. David A. Stawick
Office of the Secretariat
Commodity Futures Trading Commission
Three Lafayette Centre
1155 21<sup>st</sup> Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20581

Re: NYSE Liffe US Submission—2013-111 Notice Announcing the Introduction of a Lead Market Maker Program for GCF Futures

Dear Mr. Stawick:

I am an Executive Vice-President of NYSE Liffe US LLC ("NYSE Liffe US" or the "Exchange"). Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Commodity Exchange Act, as amended (the "Act"), and U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the "Commission") Regulations (the "Regulations") Section 40.6(a), I enclose a Cover Sheet for NYSE Liffe US Submission and NYSE Liffe US Notice 14/2013 which announces the introduction of a Lead Market Maker Market Maker Program for Mortgage Backed GCF Futures (the "LMM Program") effective with the July25, 2013, trading session.

NYSE Liffe US hereby certifies that: (i) the LMM Program complies with the Act and the regulations thereunder and (ii) a notice and copy of this submission is being concurrently posted on the Exchange's web site. Additionally, a concise explanation and analysis of the LMM Program and its compliance with applicable provisions of the Act, including core principles and the Commission's regulations thereunder, is attached. No substantive opposing views were expressed by members or others with respect to the market maker program.

If you have any questions, please call me at (212) 656-4300.

Yours Truly,

Lynn Martin Enclosures

# Designated Contract Market Core Principles Implicated by NYSE Liffe US Submission 2013-111

CORE PRINCIPLE	ANALYSIS
Core Principle 2:	The Exchange solicited over fifteen market-leading trading
Compliance with Rules	firms expert in trading interest rate derivatives for the position
	of Lead Market Maker ("LMM") in Futures on the Mortgage-
	Backed Securities DTCC GCF Repo Index®. The LMM
	appointed as a result of this process is subject to a market
	making agreement by which the participant agrees to abide by
	the Act and all rules, regulations, orders and interpretations of
	the CFTC and any applicable self-regulatory organization. In
	addition, the Exchange has the right to terminate the agreement
	immediately if the membership or trading rights of the market
	maker are suspended or if, in the opinion of the Exchange's
	Market Regulation Department, the market maker's activity
	violates any applicable law or rule. Moreover, the participant
	agrees to not only comply with the requirements of the
	program, but also all existing rules of the Exchange including
	Chapter 3, governing access to the Exchange's Trading
	Platform, Chapter 6 governing the business conduct of
	Exchange members and prohibiting, among other things,
	fraudulent acts, fictitious and pre-arranged trades, market
	manipulation, disruptive trading and acts inconsistent with just
	and equitable principles of trade. The Exchange monitors its
	markets on a constant basis in real-time. In addition, through the operation of a regulatory services agreement, the National
	Futures Association provides to the Exchange comprehensive
	trade practice and market surveillance services designed to
	detect activities that are not in compliance with the Act, CFTC
	Regulations, or Exchange rules and policies. Additionally, the
	Exchange has the authority, through Chapter 7 of the
	Exchange's rulebook, and the capacity to investigate any
	possible rule violations and, where appropriate, bring
	disciplinary actions and impose sanctions for any violations.
	Finally, the Exchange has in place effective international
	information sharing arrangements and has entered into accords
	such as the International Information Sharing Memorandum of
	Understanding and Agreement and the Intermarket
	Surveillance Group Agreement.
Core Principle 3:	The program does not incentivize manipulative or other
Contracts not Readily	abusive practices. In the Exchange's experience, programs of
Subject to Manipulation	this type have not promoted abusive practices by participants.
	Further, the Exchange has policies and procedures to monitor
	the participant and all trading more generally in Futures on
	Mortgage-Backed Securities DTCC GCF Repo Index®and to
	detect and prevent manipulative or abusive trading and
	practices.

CORE PRINCIPLE	ANALYSIS
Core Principle 4: Prevention of Market Disruption  Core Principle 5:	Trading by the participant in the program, like all trading in GCF Futures, will be subject to the existing trade practice and market surveillance policies and procedures of the Exchange. As stated above, the Exchange has real-time surveillance capabilities involving both human interaction as well as technological tools. Furthermore, the Exchange staff, in coordination with National Futures Association, has the capacity to detect and respond to manipulation and price distortions in its market and the ability to provide accurate and complete trade reconstruction.  The participant in the program will be subject to all applicable
Position Limits or Accountability	position accountability levels.
Core Principle 9: Execution of Transactions	Market maker programs are designed to enhance the market, providing liquidity and requiring consistent, tighter markets that tend to promote more accurate price discovery. Furthermore, the Exchange will, as it does for all such programs, monitor the impact, if any, that this particular program has on trading on the centralized market and, in the event the Exchange identifies any deleterious effect to the centralized market, will take appropriate action. The LMM Program is designed to avoid incentivizing non-central order book activity by limiting the waiver of Exchange fees enjoyed by the MM to trades executed through the central order book and the revenue share provided to the MM is limited to Exchange fee revenue which does not include revenue generated by Block Trade surcharges.
Core Principle 10: Trade Information	The Exchange records and maintains an audit trail with all trade information regarding trading by all market participants, including the participants in the program, necessary to monitor for customer and market abuse.
Core Principle 12: Protection of Markets and Market Participants	The participant in the program remains subject to all of the Exchange's rules. Chapter 6 of the Exchange's rulebook governs the business conduct of Exchange members and prohibits, among other things, fraudulent acts, fictitious and pre-arranged trades and other activities that could disadvantage their customers, as well as disruptive trading and acts detrimental to the Exchange and inconsistent with just and equitable principles of trade. The Exchange monitors for and investigates any possible rule violations and where appropriate brings disciplinary actions and imposes sanctions for any violations by any participants in these programs.
Core Principle 19: Antitrust Considerations	The program will not result in any restraint of trade as it puts no restrictions on trading in other competing markets and venues.



# **NYSE LIFFE US NOTICE No. 14/2013**

ISSUE DATE: July 10, 2013 EFFECTIVE DATE: July 25, 2013

Introduction of Lead Market Maker Program in Futures on Mortgage-Backed Securities DTCC GCF Repo Index®

#### **Summary**

This Notice announces the establishment of a Lead Market Maker Program in Futures on the Mortgage-Backed Securities DTCC GCF Repo Index® and the appointment of a Lead Market Maker in Futures on the Mortgage-Backed Securities DTCC GCF Repo Index®.

#### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 NYSE Liffe US Notice No. 47/2012 announced the appointment of market makers ("MMs") to participate in the Exchange's General DMM Program in Futures on DTCC GCF Repo Index<sup>TM</sup> Products ("GCF Futures") commencing with the January 16, 2013 Trading Session and continuing through the June 30, 2013 Trading Session.
- 1.2 NYSE Liffe US Notice No. 13/2013 announced the extension of the Exchange's General DMM Program in Futures on DTCC GCF Repo Index<sup>TM</sup> Products ("GCF Futures") commencing with the July 1, 2013 Trading Session and continuing through the December 31, 2013 Trading Session.
- 2. Introduction of Lead Market Maker in Futures on the Mortgage-Backed Securities DTCC GCF Repo Index®
- 2.1 In addition to the General DMM Program, and based on the liquidity needs of the market, the Exchange has determined to introduce a Lead Market Maker ("LMM") Program in the Exchange's Mortgage-Backed Securities DTCC GCF Repo Index® Futures.
- 2.2 The Exchange will introduce the LMM Program in the Mortgage-Backed Securities DTCC GCF Repo Index® commencing with the July 25, 2013 Trading Session and continuing through the August 1, 2014 trading session.
- 2.3 This Notice informs Members of the appointment of a LMM in Futures on the Mortgage-Backed Securities DTCC GCF Repo Index®.

2.4 The LMM appointment is subject to the terms of a contractual agreement between the Exchange and the LMM. Under the terms of the agreements, the LMM represents that its market making activity will comply with all applicable provisions of the Commodity Exchange Act, the regulations of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and the Rules of the Exchange. The Exchange will monitor the LMM's performance of market making activity under the contract and may adjust benefits otherwise due under the agreement and/or terminate the agreement if it determines the LMM has failed to perform its obligations as a LMM under the agreement.

Members who have questions or seek additional information in respect of this Notice should contact:

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#### Attachment 1

# Introduction of a Lead Market Maker ("LMM") Program in Futures on the Mortgage-Backed Securities DTCC GCF Repo Index®

# **Participant Eligibility**

Any Market Participant

# **Program Hours**

• 8am-5pm ET

# **Program Term**

• July25, 2013-August 1, 2014

# **Obligations**

- The Market Participant that is registered as the LMM in this program must be in full compliance with Exchange rules
- Post bids and offers at contracted bid/ask spreads and sizes in Futures on the Mortgage-Backed Securities DTCC GCF Repo Index® during designated Program Hours set forth above under normal market conditions to be determined by contract with individual market maker

# **Incentives**

- Waiver of Exchange fees for trades executed in the central order book.
- Revenue share of exchange fees generated by trading in Futures on the Mortgage-Backed Securities DTCC GCF Repo Index® up to a cap.

# **Monitoring and Termination Status**

NYSE Liffe US will monitor LMM activity on an ongoing basis, and retains the right to revoke LMM status if NYSE Liffe US concludes, from its review that a program participant is not complying with the market-making obligations of the program.



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# FOIA CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT REQUEST BY NYSE LIFFE US LLC

#### By Electronic Mail

July 10, 2013

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**Re:** FOIA Confidential Treatment Request

Dear Ms. Mauldin:

By e-mail dated today, July 10, 2013, NYSE Liffe US LLC ("NYSE Liffe US" or the "Exchange") in connection with NYSE Liffe US Submission 2013-111, voluntarily provided the supplemental information attached.

Pursuant to Commission Rule 145.9(d), the Exchange requests confidential treatment of the information attached and this letter on the grounds that disclosure of this information would reveal confidential commercial or financial information of the Exchange. Pursuant to Commission Rule 145.9(d)(5) the Exchange requests that confidential treatment of the attached information be maintained until further notice from the Exchange. The Exchange requests that the Commission notify it immediately after receiving any request under the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") or any other court order, subpoena or summons for the attached information. The Exchange specifically notes that it does not waive in any manner its rights under Section 8(f) of the Commodity Exchange Act to receive a copy of any subpoena or summons for the attached information prior to the Commission's disclosure of such information pursuant to such subpoena or summons. Finally, the Exchange requests that the Commission notify it in the event that the Commission intends to disclose the attached information to Congress or any federal or state governmental agency or department.

In connection with this request for confidential treatment, and pursuant to Commission Rule 40.8, the Exchange is submitting the attached detailed written justification in support of the request for confidential treatment.

If you have any questions, please call me at (212) 656-4568.

Yours truly,

Karl Cooper Enclosure