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August 22, 2011

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

RE: Section 5c(c)(1), Part 40.6 - Rule Certification
For Options on Nikkei Stock Average Futures Minimum Fluctuations - Language Revised
CME Submission No. 11-323

Dear Mr. Stawick:

Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. ("CME" or "Exchange") hereby notifies the Commodity Futures Trading Commission of an amendment to CME Rule 351A01.C. ("Minimum Fluctuations") concerning S&P 500 Index Options Box Spread Tick.

In an effort to respond to market needs, CME recommends the extension of the index option variable tick policy to encompass the Box spread in S&P 500 index options. On Tuesday, September 6, 2011, all the box spreads for S&P 500 will be able to trade in half tick, or 0.05 increments.

Box spreads are essentially interest rate products, allowing customers to either borrow, or lend, funds via the box spread. This is a delta neutral spread involving long and short positions in two option strikes, such as the 500 and the 2500 strikes. In the current interest rate environment, CME box spreads are at a competitive disadvantage to the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Inc. S&P 500 spreads which trade in penny increments. In order to be more competitive, we need to provide additional pricing granularity to support effective pricing of the spreads.

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

If you require any additional information regarding this action, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Lucy Wang at 312-648-5478 or via e-mail at lucy.wang@cmegroup.com. Alternatively, you may contact me at 312-930-8167 or via e-mail at Sean.Downey@cmegroup.com. Please reference CME Submission No. 11-323 on all future correspondence regarding this notification.

Sincerely,

/s/ Sean Downey
Associate Counsel and Assistant General Counsel

cc: Mr. Thomas M. Leahy and Mr. Philip Colling
CFTC Division of Market Oversight, Product Review & Analysis Section

Text of Rule Amendments

(Additions are underlined, deletions are bracketed and overstruck)

Chapter 351A

Options on Standard and Poor's 500 Stock Price Index™ Futures

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[351A01.*A. and B. remain unchanged.*]

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