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VIA E-MAIL

Ms. Melissa Jurgens Office of the Secretariat Commodity Futures Trading Commission Three Lafayette Centre 1155 21st Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20581

#### RE: Extension of the CME Eurodollar Futures and Options Market Maker Tier Incentive Program CME Futures and Options Tier Aggregation CME Submission No. 13-426

Dear Ms. Jurgens:

Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. ("CME" or "Exchange") hereby notifies the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") of plans to extend the <u>CME Eurodollar Futures and Options</u> Market Maker Tier Incentive Program <u>CME Futures and Options Tier Aggregation</u> ("Program") through December 31, 2014. The Program was set to expire on December 31, 2013. The extension will become effective on January 2, 2014.

Please note, we are changing the name of the Program from "CME Eurodollar Futures and Options Market Maker Tier Incentive Program" to "CME Futures and Options Tier Aggregation." All other Program terms remain unchanged.

Exhibit 1 sets forth the terms of the Program. The modification appear below with additions <u>underscored</u> and deletions <del>overstruck</del>.

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; Prevention of Market Disruption, Execution of Transactions, Protection of Market Participants, Compliance with Rules, and Record Keeping.

The Program does not incentivize manipulative trading or market abuse and does not impact the Exchange's ability to perform its trade practice and market surveillance obligations under the CEA. The Exchange's market regulation staff will monitor trading in the Program's products to prevent manipulative trading and market abuse. The incentives in the Program do not impact the Exchange's order execution. Participants in the Program will be selected by the Exchange's staff using criteria as further stated in Exhibit 1. Chapter 4 of the Exchange's rules includes prohibitions against fraudulent, non-competitive, unfair or abusive practices. The Program is subject to these 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 <a href="http://www.cmegroup.com/market-regulation/rule-filings.html">http://www.cmegroup.com/market-regulation/rule-filings.html</a>.

If you require any additional information regarding this submission, please contact Tim Elliott at 312-466-7478 or via e-mail at <u>tim.elliott@cmegroup.com</u>, or contact me at 212-299-2200. Please reference our CME Submission No. 13-426 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher K. Bowen Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

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Exhibit 1

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## **EXHIBIT 1**

### CME Eurodollar Futures and Options Market Maker Tier Incentive Program CME Futures and Options Tier Aggregation

#### Program Purpose

The purpose of this Program is to incentivize Program participants to trade certain Interest Rate futures and options products on the CME Globex® Platform and open outcry trading venues. The resulting increase in liquidity benefits all participant segments in the market.

#### Product Scope

All CME Eurodollar futures and options products available for trading on the Globex® Platform and via open outcry ("Products").

#### **Eligible Participants**

All market makers that are simultaneously participating in both the Eurodollar Options Market Maker Program and the Eurodollar Pack and Bundle Market Maker Program are eligible to participate.

#### Program Term

Start date is January 1, 2012. End date is December 31, 2013 December 31, 2014.

#### Hours

The incentives will apply to all trades made in the Products regardless of the execution time.

#### Obligations

Participants will be required to meet all obligations set forth under the Eurodollar Pack and Bundle Market Maker Program and the Eurodollar Option Market Maker Program.

#### **Program Incentives**

<u>Fee Discounts</u>: Upon satisfying all Program obligations, as determined by the Exchange, Program participants may qualify for predetermined fee discounts based on the amount of volume traded in the Products on Globex® and via open outcry during a given calendar month.

#### Monitoring and Termination of Status

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