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### VIA E-MAIL

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

RE: CME Eurodollar Futures and Options Market Maker Tier Incentive Program

**CME Submission No. 11-505** 

Dear Mr. Stawick:

Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. ("CME" or the "Exchange") hereby notifies the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("Commission") that it plans to implement a volume incentive program in support of certain Interest Rate futures and options products traded on the CME Globex® platform and via open outcry ("Program"). The proposed Program will become effective on January 1, 2012.

Exhibit 1 sets forth the terms of the proposed Program.

CME business staff responsible for the Program and the CME Legal Department collectively reviewed the designated contract market core principles ("Core Principles") as set forth in the Commodities 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 proposed Program's incentive structure 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 nevertheless continue to monitor all market participants that trade under the Program to prevent manipulative trading and market abuse. The incentives in the proposed 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 proposed Program is subject to these rules. The proposed Program will be subject to the Exchange's record retention policies which comply with the CEA.

CME certifies that the Program complies with the Commodity Exchange Act 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 http://www.cmegroup.com/market-regulation/rule-filings.html

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If you require any additional information regarding this submission, please contact Robert Lev at 312-930-3019 or via e-mail at <a href="mailto:robert.lev@cmegroup.com">robert.lev@cmegroup.com</a>, or contact me at 212-299-2200. Please reference our CME Submission No. 11-505 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Bowen
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**Attachments** 

## **EXHIBIT 1**

# CME Eurodollar Futures and Options Market Maker Tier Incentive Program

#### **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 <u>both</u> 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, 2012.

## **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 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.