

May 15, 2014

#### **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: Modifications to Globex Give Up Fee Waiver Program for CME Short-Term Interest Rate

(STIR) Options

**CME Submission No. 14-158** 

Dear Ms. Jurgens:

Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. ("CME" or "Exchange") hereby notifies the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") that it plans to modify its fee waiver program in support of CME Short-Term Interest Rate ("STIR") Options on Globex® ("Program"). The modifications to the Program will become effective on June 1, 2014.

Exhibit 1 sets forth the terms of the Program. The modifications 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 and Compliance with Rules.

The Program is a general fee waiver that applies to all market participants. A general fee waiver does not incentivize manipulative trading or market abuse. The Program 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 products that are included in the Program to prevent manipulative trading and market abuse. The general fee waiver in the Program does not impact the Exchange's order execution. All market participants that execute trades in CME STIR Options on Globex® shall be entitled to participate. Chapter 4 of the Exchange rules includes prohibitions against fraudulent, non-competitive, unfair or abusive practices. The Program is subject to these rules.

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 <a href="mailto:tim.elliott@cmegroup.com">tim.elliott@cmegroup.com</a>, or contact me at 212-299-2200. Please reference our CME Submission No. 14-158 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Bowen
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachment: Exhibit 1

# **EXHIBIT 1**

# Globex Give Up Fee Waiver Program for CME STIR Options

### **Program Purpose**

The purpose of this Program is to incentivize market participants to trade CME STIR options on the CME Globex® Platform. The resulting increase in liquidity on the CME Globex Platform benefits all participant segments in the market.

## **Product Scope**

All CME STIR options contracts that are traded on the CME Globex Platform ("Products").

### **Eligible Participants**

There is no limit to the number of participants that may participate in the Program. Participants may be any CME member or non-member. The fee incentives described below will be automatically applied to all executed trades in the Product made by market participants.

### **Program Term**

Start date is September 3, 2013. End date is May 31, 2014 December 31, 2014.

## **Hours**

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

#### **Incentives**

<u>Fee Waivers</u>: All market participants will have their Give Up Surcharge fees waived for trades executed in the Products on Globex.