SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-68093; File No. SR-CME-2012-42)

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc.; Notice of Filing of Proposed Rule Change Regarding the Valuation of Securities on Deposit

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"), ¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder, ² notice is hereby given that on October 10, 2012, Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. ("CME") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I, II and III below, which Items have been prepared primarily by CME. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

I. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed</u> <u>Rule Change</u>

CME is proposing to make certain changes to the way CME values securities on deposit.

The text of the proposed changes is available on the CME's website at

http://www.cmegroup.com, at the principal office of CME, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

II. <u>Self-Regulatory Organizations Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change</u>

In its filing with the Commission, CME included statements concerning the purpose of, and basis for, the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

below. CME has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.³

A. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis</u> for, the Proposed Rule Change

CME is proposing to issue an Advisory Notice that announces certain changes to the way CME will value securities on deposit. Under the proposed changes, CME will begin using the current market value, plus accrued interest, to value securities on deposit. CME currently excludes accrued interest from the value of securities on deposit. Therefore, with this adjustment, accrued interest will now be included in the market value of the security. The purpose of the adjustment is to harmonize valuations with existing industry conventions. CME intends to implement these changes beginning on December 3, 2012, subject to securing required regulatory approvals.

The proposed changes that will take effect are described in the CME Advisory Notice, available on the CME's website at http://www.cmegroup.com, at the principal office of CME, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room; additions are underlined and deletions are bracketed. CME will also make a filing with its primary regulator, the CFTC, with respect to the proposed changes.

CME believes the proposed changes are consistent with the requirements of the Exchange Act. The proposed rules are designed to promote the prompt and accurate clearance and settlement of derivative agreements, contracts, and transactions, and to assure the safeguarding of securities and funds which are in the custody or control of the clearing agency. These changes would use the current market value, plus accrued interest, for securities on deposit at CME, which will better align CME's practices with the marketplace and expectations of its participants.

The Commission has modified the text of the summaries prepared by CME.

The changes will therefore enhance CME's ability to manage the risks associated with discharging its responsibilities as a derivatives clearing organization and clearing agency.

Because these changes will enhance CME's ability to manage its risks they are also designed to protect investors and the public interest and will help further safeguard customer funds held at the FCM level.

B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

CME does not believe that the proposed rule change will have any impact, or impose any burden, on competition.

C. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received from Members, Participants, or Others</u>

CME has not solicited, and does not intend to solicit, comments regarding this proposed rule change. CME has not received any unsolicited written comments from interested parties.

- III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action
 Within 45 days of the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register or within such longer period up to 90 days (i) as the Commission may designate if it finds such longer period to be appropriate and publishes its reasons for so finding or (ii) as to which the self-regulatory organization consents, the Commission will:
 - (A) by order approve or disapprove the proposed rule change or
 - (B) institute proceedings to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Electronic Comments

- Use the Commission's Internet comment form (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml); or
- Send an e-mail to <u>rule-comments@sec.gov</u>. Please include File Number SR-CME-2012-42 on the subject line.

Paper Comments

 Send paper comments in triplicate to Elizabeth M. Murphy, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-CME-2012-42. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, please use only one method. The Commission will post all comments on the Commission's Internet website (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml). Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for website viewing and printing in the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549, on official business days between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of CME and on the CME's website at http://www.cmegroup.com.

All comments received will be posted without change; the Commission does not edit personal identifying information from submissions. You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. All submissions should refer to File Number SR-CME-2012-42 and should be submitted on or before [insert date 21 days from publication in the Federal Register].

For the Commission, by the Division of Trading and Markets, pursuant to delegated authority. 4

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⁴ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).