SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (Release No. 34-73371; File No. SR-CME-2014-14)

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc.; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change to Amend Rule 850 Regarding Fees

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder² notice is hereby given that, on October 3, 2014, 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. CME filed the proposal pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act,³ and Rule 19b-4(f)(1)⁴ thereunder, so that the proposal was effective upon filing with the Commission. 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> Rule Change

CME is proposing to make certain amendments to CME Rule 850. The text of the proposed rule change is available on 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 Organization's 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

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(1).

rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. CME has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of these statements.

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

CME is registered as a derivatives clearing organization with the Commodity Futures

Trading Commission and currently offers clearing services for many different futures and swaps

products. With this filing, CME proposes to make certain amendments to CME Rule 850. The

amendments relate to fees assessed against clearing members. The revisions would streamline

Rule 850 by deleting current text and including new language that specifies that current

information concerning applicable fees and transaction surcharges would be set forth in the CME

fee schedule and/or CME Fee Policy Bulletins available on CME's website. Fee schedules and

Fee Policy Bulletins are updated on CME's website as a regular practice, as applicable, when fee

changes become effective.

The proposed changes will become effective immediately, however, CME plans operationalize the proposed changes on October 9, 2014. CME has also certified the proposed rule change that is the subject of this filing to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC") in CFTC Submission 14-102.

CME believes the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of the Exchange Act including Section 17A of the Exchange Act.⁵ The proposed changes would streamline Rule 850 by deleting current text and specifying that current information concerning applicable fees and transaction surcharges would be set forth in the CME fee schedule and/or CME Fee Policy Bulletins available on CME's website, which are updated as a regular practice,

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⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78q-1.

as applicable, when fee changes become effective. As such, the proposed rule change would not add new membership or fee requirements but rather would streamline existing rule text to refer to the already existing CME fee schedule and/or CME Fee Policy Bulletins, as applicable. Because the proposed rule change would remove content that is separately covered by existing CME Fee Schedule and applicable Fee Policy Bulletins currently available on CME's website, the proposed administrative changes would simply streamline the language in CME Rule 850 without having the effect of making any substantive changes to existing rules. The proposed changes should therefore be seen to promote the prompt and accurate clearance and settlement of securities transactions and, to the extent applicable, derivatives agreements, contracts, and transactions, to assure the safeguarding of securities and funds which are in the custody or control of CME or for which it is responsible, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest in a way that is consistent with Section 17A(b)(3)(F) of the Exchange Act. ⁶ Because these proposed changes simply streamline the language in CME Rule 850 without making any substantive changes to existing requirements, the proposed changes are consistent with the requirements of Section 17A of the Exchange Act⁷ and are properly filed under Section $19(b)(3)(A)^{8}$ and Rule $19b-4(f)(1)^{9}$ thereunder.

B. <u>Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition</u>

CME does not believe that the proposed rule change will have any impact, or impose any burden, on competition. The revisions do not impact current fee levels but rather simply streamline current CME Rule 850 by deleting text and replacing it with new language that makes

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78q-1(b)(3)(F).

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78q-1.

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(1).

clear applicable fees and transaction surcharges will be set forth in the CME fee schedule and/or CME Fee Policy Bulletins available on CME's website.

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

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

The foregoing rule change has become effective upon filing pursuant to Section $19(b)(3)(A)^{10}$ of the Act and Rule $19b-4(f)(1)^{11}$ thereunder. At any time within 60 days of the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission summarily may temporarily suspend such rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

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-2014-14 on the subject line.

¹⁰ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

¹¹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(1).

Paper Comments:

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

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-CME-2014-14. 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 filings will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of CME and on CME's website at http://www.cmegroup.com/market-regulation/rule-filings.html.

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-2014-14 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. 12

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¹² 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).