Proposed Rule Change by Chicago Mercantile Exchange, Inc.

Pursuant to Rule 19b-4 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Has duly caused this filing to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized officer.

Date 06/07/2012

By Timothy Elliott

Executive Director and Associate General Counsel

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If the self-regulatory organization is amending only part of the text of a lengthy proposed rule change, it may, with the Commission's permission, file only those portions of the text of the proposed rule change in which changes are being made if the filing (i.e., partial amendment) is clearly understandable on its face. Such partial amendment shall be clearly identified and marked to show deletions and additions.
1. **Text of the Proposed Rule Change.**

   (a) Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. (“CME”) proposes to adopt revisions that would amend CME’s capital contribution to the financial safeguards package that includes its Base Guaranty Fund. The proposed changes are attached.

   (b) Not applicable.

   (c) Not applicable.

2. **Procedures of the Self-Regulatory Organization.**

   (a) CME’s Board via delegated authority approved the proposed rule change on May 30, 2012.

   (b) Please refer questions and comments on the proposed rule change to Tim Elliott, Associate General Counsel, CME Group, Inc., 20 S. Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL 60606, (312) 466-7478.

3. **Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change**

   (a) **Purpose**

   CME proposes to adopt revisions to CME Rule 802 that relate to CME’s capital contribution to the financial safeguards package that includes its Base Guaranty Fund (that is, for products other than credit default swaps and interest rate swaps). More specifically, CME proposes to amend CME Rule 802.B (Satisfaction of Clearing House Obligations) to make CME’s capital contribution $100 million to the Base Guaranty Fund financial safeguards package. CME is proposing to make these revisions effective as on June 19, 2012.
The text of the amendments to CME Rule 802 is attached, with additions underlined and deletions bracketed. CME notes that it has already certified the proposed changes that are the subject of this filing to its primary regulator, the CFTC, in Submission 12-184.

(b) Statutory Basis

The CME believes the proposed changes are consistent with the requirements of the Exchange Act including Section 17A of the Exchange Act because they involve clearing of futures and certain CFTC-regulated swaps and thus relate solely to the CME’s clearing activities pursuant to its registration as a derivatives clearing organization under the Commodity Exchange Act (“CEA”) and do not significantly affect any securities clearing operations of the clearing agency or any related rights or obligations of the clearing agency or persons using such service. CME notes that the policies of the CEA with respect to clearing are comparable to a number of the policies underlying the Exchange Act, such as promoting market transparency for over-the-counter derivatives markets, promoting the prompt and accurate clearance of transactions and protecting investors and the public interest. The proposed rule changes accomplish the objectives of the Exchange Act by offering enhancements to the financial safeguards package that applies to CME’s Base Guaranty Fund which should further protect investors and the public interest.


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

5. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule 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.
6. **Extension of Time Period for Commission Action.**

   CME does not consent to an extension of the time period specified in Section 19(b)(2) of the Act for Commission action.

7. **Basis for Summary Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(3) or for Accelerated Effectiveness Pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) or Section 19(b)(7)(D).**

   (a) Not applicable.

   (b) Not applicable.

   (c) Not applicable.

   (d) This filing is made pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Act and shall become effective upon approval by the Commission. There is good cause to grant this filing on an accelerated basis because of three reasons. One, the products covered by this filing, and the CME’s operations as a derivatives clearing organization for such products, are regulated by the CFTC under the CEA. Two, the proposed rule changes affect the futures and swaps that CME clears and therefore relate solely to its futures and swaps clearing activities and do not significantly relate to the CME’s functions as a clearing agency for security-based swaps. Three, not approving this request on an accelerated basis will have a significant impact on the futures and swaps clearing business of the CME as a designated clearing organization.

8. **Proposed Rule Change Based on Rules of Another Self-Regulatory Organization or of the Commission.**

   The proposed rule change is not based on the rules of another self-regulatory organization or the Commission.

9. **Exhibits**
List of exhibits to be filed, as specified in Instructions C and D:

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-_______; File No. SR-CME-2012-24]

SELF-REGULATORY ORGANIZATIONS

Proposed Rule Change By Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. to Amend CME Rule 802

Regarding CME’s Capital Contribution to the Base Guaranty Fund

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 _______, 2012, Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. (“CME”) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) the proposed rule change described in Items I, II and III, below, which items have been prepared by CME.

I.  Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Terms of Substance of the

Proposed Rule Change

CME proposes to amend CME Rule 802 regarding CME’s capital contribution to the financial safeguards package that includes its Base Guaranty Fund (that is, for products other than credit default swaps and interest rate swaps). The text of the proposed rule change is available at the CME’s Web site at http://www.cmegroup.com, at the principal office of CME, and at the Commission’s Public Reference Room.

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II.  **Self-Regulatory Organizations Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change**

In its filing with the Commission, the self-regulatory organization included statements concerning the purpose 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 below. The self-regulatory organization has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

A.  **Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change.**

CME proposes to adopt revisions to CME Rule 802 that relate to CME’s capital contribution to the financial safeguards package that includes its Base Guaranty Fund (that is, for products other than credit default swaps and interest rate swaps). More specifically, CME proposes to amend CME Rule 802.B (Satisfaction of Clearing House Obligations) to make CME’s capital contribution $100 million to the Base Guaranty Fund financial safeguards package. CME is proposing to make these revisions effective as on June 19, 2012.

The text of the amendments to CME Rule 802 is attached, with additions underlined and deletions bracketed. CME notes that it has already certified the proposed changes that are the subject of this filing to its primary regulator, the CFTC, in Submission 12-184.

The CME believes the proposed changes are consistent with the requirements of the Exchange Act including Section 17A of the Exchange Act because they involve clearing of futures and certain CFTC-regulated swaps and thus relate solely to the CME’s clearing activities pursuant to its registration as a derivatives clearing organization under the Commodity Exchange Act (“CEA”) and do not significantly affect any securities clearing operations of the clearing agency or any related rights or obligations of the clearing agency or persons using such service.
CME notes that the policies of the CEA with respect to clearing are comparable to a number of the policies underlying the Exchange Act, such as promoting market transparency for over-the-counter derivatives markets, promoting the prompt and accurate clearance of transactions and protecting investors and the public interest. The proposed rule changes accomplish the objectives of the Exchange Act by offering enhancements to the financial safeguards package that applies to CME’s Base Guaranty Fund which should further protect investors and the public interest.

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. Self-Regulatory Organization’s Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule 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 been filed pursuant to Section 19(b)(1)\(^3\) of the Act and will become effective upon approval by the Commission. CME has articulated three reasons for granting this request on an accelerated basis. One, the products covered by this filing, and the CME’s operations as a derivatives clearing organization for such products, are regulated by the CFTC under the CEA. Two, the proposed rule changes relate solely to FX swap products and therefore relate solely to its swaps clearing activities and do not significantly relate to the CME’s functions as a clearing agency for security-based swaps. Three, not approving this request on an

\(^3\) Supra note 1.
accelerated basis will have a significant impact on the swap clearing business of the CME as a designated clearing organization.

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 may be submitted by using the Commission’s Internet comment form (http://www.sec.gov/rules/sro.shtml), or send an e-mail to rule-comment@sec.gov. Please include File No. SR-CME-2012-24 on the subject line.

- Paper comments should be sent in triplicate to Elizabeth M. Murphy, Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, D.C., 20549-1090.

All submissions should refer to File Number SR-CME-2012-24. 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 Web site (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 inspection and copying in the Commission’s Public Reference Room, 450 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20549. Copies of such filing also will be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of CME. 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-2012-24 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

Elizabeth M. Murphy

Secretary

4 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12)
802.B. Satisfaction of Clearing House Obligations

If the Clearing House is unable, using the defaulting clearing member’s collateral as set forth in Rule 802.A, to satisfy all of the clearing member’s obligations to the Clearing House then such obligations shall be met and made good promptly by the Clearing House pursuant to this Rule 802.B. Such obligations include, but shall not be limited to, costs associated with the liquidation, transfer and managing of positions, arising out of: 1) its substitution (pursuant to Rule 804 or Rule 8F05) for a defaulting clearing member a defaulting Participating Exchange, or a defaulting Partner Clearinghouse; 2) a shortfall in a cross-margining program; 3) the failure of a depository, exchange or market apart from the Exchange but whose transactions are cleared pursuant to the provisions of Chapters 8B, 8C, 8D, 8E or 8F; or 4) any other cause. All of the foregoing shall be deemed Losses to the Clearing House, which shall be apportioned by the Clearing House to Loss categories associated with the Base Guaranty Fund Product Class producing the Loss. Losses that cannot readily be attributed to a specific Base Guaranty Fund Product Class shall be apportioned by the Clearing House across all Base Guaranty Fund Product Classes in proportion to relative size of the Tranches (excluding the Commingled Tranche). Losses shall be satisfied by the Clearing House in the order of priority hereafter listed. Non-defaulting clearing members shall take no actions, including but not limited to attempting to obtain a court order, that would interfere with the ability of the Clearing House to collect and apply assets and proceeds in accordance with this Rule 802.B. For purposes of this Rule 802.B, a default by a Participating Exchange or a Partner Clearinghouse shall be managed in the same manner as a default by a clearing member.

1. If Losses Are Limited to the Base Product Class
   i. [CME Surplus Funds (as defined below)]The corporate contribution of CME, which shall equal $100,000,000 (the “CME Contribution”).
   ii. The Base Tranche.
   iii. The Commingled Tranche.
   iv. The Alternate Tranche.
   v. The balance of any Losses remaining after the application of the above funds shall be assessed against all clearing members (excluding any insolvent or defaulting clearing members). Each clearing member (excluding any insolvent or defaulting clearing member) shall be subject to an
assessment up to an amount that does not exceed (A) a total of 275 per cent of such clearing member’s Base Guaranty Fund requirements attributable to all Base Guaranty Fund Product Classes at the time of the default with respect to Losses attributed to a single defaulted clearing member and (B) a total of 550 per cent of such clearing member’s Base Guaranty Fund requirements attributable to all Base Guaranty Fund Product Classes at the time of the default with respect to Losses attributed to all defaulted clearing members during a Base Cooling Off Period. Assessed amounts shall be divided among clearing members pro rata in proportion to the size of the Clearing House’s assessment authority with respect to each clearing member.

2. [Reserved]

3. If Losses Are Limited to an Alternate Product Class:
   i. The CME [Surplus Funds] Contribution.
   ii. The Alternate Tranche.
   iii. The Commingled Tranche.
   iv. The Base Tranche and any other Alternate Tranche, pro rata in accordance with the relative size of such Tranches.
   v. The balance of any Losses remaining after the application of the above funds shall be assessed against all clearing members (excluding any insolvent or defaulting clearing members). Each clearing member (excluding any insolvent or defaulting clearing member) shall be subject to an assessment up to an amount that does not exceed (A) a total of 275 per cent of such clearing member’s Base Guaranty Fund requirements attributable to all Base Guaranty Fund Product Classes at the time of the default with respect to Losses attributed to a single defaulted clearing member and (B) a total of 550 per cent of such clearing member’s Base Guaranty Fund requirements attributable to all Base Guaranty Fund Product Classes at the time of the default with respect to Losses attributed to all defaulted clearing members during a Base Cooling Off Period. Assessed amounts shall be divided among clearing members pro rata in proportion to the size of the Clearing House’s assessment authority with respect to each clearing member.

4. If Losses Are Apportioned Among Multiple Product Classes:
   Because of differences in the timeframes and processes associated with the liquidation of certain product types, the Clearing House may finalize Loss amounts associated with different Base Guaranty Fund Product Classes at different points in time. Notwithstanding this, the Clearing House will act with all possible speed to satisfy the Losses as they are finalized, in the order of priority and per the schedule set forth below.
   i. The CME [Surplus Funds] Contribution shall be applied. The CME [Surplus Funds] Contribution shall be divided by the Clearing House into separate segments in proportion to the size of each Tranche except for the Commingled Tranche. Each segment of the CME [Surplus Funds] Contribution shall be applied first to Losses associated with the applicable Base Guaranty Fund Product Class for such segment, and only at such time as one or more Losses associated with such Tranche are finalized. Subject to paragraph 802.C if any the CME [Surplus Funds] Contribution remaining after such initial application, such funds shall be reserved to be later applied to Losses associated with other Product Classes as set forth in paragraph 802.B.4.v.
   ii. The Base Tranche shall be applied to Losses associated with the Base Product Class and any Alternate Tranche shall be applied to Losses associated with the applicable Alternate Product Class, in each case when one or more Losses associated with such Tranche are finalized. Subject to paragraph 802.C, if the Tranche is not exhausted, any remaining funds shall be held in such Tranche and may later be applied to other Losses as set forth in paragraph 802.B.4.v.
iii. The Commingled Tranche funds shall be applied to remaining Losses associated with any Base Guaranty Fund Product Class immediately as such Losses are finally determined by the Clearing House, in the order that the amounts of such Losses are finalized. Consequently, the application of Commingled Tranche funds to Losses associated with one Base Guaranty Fund Product Class may occur prior to the finalization of Losses associated with other Base Guaranty Fund Product Classes (i.e., prior to the completion of the processes set forth in paragraphs 802.B.4.i and 802.B.4.ii with respect to Losses associated with another Base Guaranty Fund Product Class). If Losses associated with more than one Base Guaranty Fund Product Class are to be finalized pursuant to auction processes being conducted concurrently, then any remaining Commingled Tranche funds shall be divided and allocated to such auctions during the auction process, pro rata in proportion to the relative sizes of the mark-to-market losses for such Base Guaranty Fund Product Classes.

iv. Any Losses remaining after the application of the processes set forth above shall be assessed against all clearing members (excluding any insolvent or defaulting clearing members) up to an amount that does not exceed (A) a total of 275 per cent of the aggregate guaranty fund requirements across all clearing members (excluding any insolvent or defaulting clearing members) at the time of the default with respect to the Base Guaranty Fund Product Class with which the Loss is associated with respect to Losses attributed to a single defaulted clearing member and (B) a total of 550 per cent of the aggregate guaranty fund requirements across all clearing members (excluding any insolvent or defaulting clearing members) at the time of the default with respect to the Base Guaranty Fund Product Class with which the Loss is associated and all defaulted clearing members during a Base Cooling Off Period. Such assessments shall occur on a per- Base Guaranty Fund Product Class basis as Losses associated with each Base Guaranty Fund Product Class are finalized by the Clearing House. Consequently, the application of an assessment against clearing members with respect to Losses associated with one Base Guaranty Fund Product Class may occur prior to the finalization of Losses associated with other Base Guaranty Fund Product Classes. Assessed amounts shall be divided among clearing members pro rata in proportion to the size of the Clearing House’s assessment authority with respect to each clearing member, without regard to the Base Guaranty Fund Product Classes cleared by such clearing member or the proportion to which such Base Guaranty Fund Product Classes contribute to such clearing member’s maximum assessment exposure. (For example, a clearing member that clears only Alternate Tranche products and that is subject to a maximum $1 billion assessment because of that clearing activity will be subject to assessment of up to $500 million for a Loss associated with the Base Product Class if 50% of the Clearing House’s aggregate assessment powers are generated by Base Guaranty Fund requirements with respect to the Base Product Class.) Any remaining unused assessment authority associated with Base Guaranty Fund Product Classes as to which Losses are fully satisfied shall be reserved and later may be applied to Losses associated with other Product Classes as set forth in paragraph 802.B.4.v below.

v. (a) Collateral of the defaulting clearing member, (b) the CME [Surplus Funds] Contribution, (c) Base Tranche funds or Alternate Tranche funds, and (d) assessment powers shall be applied to remaining Losses as they are finalized with respect to each Base Guaranty Fund Product Class and in such order, provided that if at the time of any such application, Losses associated with another Base Guaranty Fund Product Class remain to be finalized, the Clearing House shall continue to reserve a portion of such remaining funds or assessment powers, pro rata in proportion to the size of the Tranches originally supporting such Base Guaranty Fund Product Classes, until such remaining Losses are finalized. When all Losses have been finalized by the Clearing House, any remaining reserved funds and assessment powers of any kind may be
applied to satisfy such Losses, pro rata relative to the size of the remaining losses for the Base Guaranty Fund Product Classes.

5. Fedwire and Satisfaction of Assessment
All amounts assessed by the Clearing House against a clearing member pursuant to this Rule, during the hours in which the Federal Reserve's wire transfer system (Fedwire) is in operation, shall be paid to the Exchange by such clearing member prior to the close of Fedwire on such day; provided, however, that all amounts assessed within one (1) hour prior to the close of Fedwire shall be paid to the Exchange within one (1) hour after Fedwire next opens.
Any clearing member that does not satisfy an assessment, made pursuant to this paragraph 802.B.5 or paragraphs 802.B.1.v, 802.B.2.v, 802.B.3.v, 802.B.4.iv or 802.B.4.v above, shall be in default. Any Loss that occurs as a result of such default shall itself be assessed by the Clearing House to non-defaulting clearing members pursuant to the applicable paragraph.
If a clearing member (i) has made payment of all amounts assessed against it pursuant to this Rule 802.B in connection with any single default and any related default by any other clearing member with respect to its own assessment, (ii) has replenished any deficiency in its Base Guaranty Fund contribution in accordance with Rule 802.D, and (iii) within five (5) business days after making such payments, has satisfied the other conditions for withdrawal set forth in Rule 913.A, it may provide written notice of its application to withdraw from clearing membership pursuant to Rule 913. Upon receipt of such notice, provided that the foregoing conditions have been satisfied, the withdrawing clearing member shall not be subject to any residual assessment to cover Losses for defaults occurring after the related Base Cooling Off Period. Further, the Base Guaranty Fund contribution that it has restored shall not be used or applied towards meeting any claim or obligation of the Clearing House pursuant to Rule 802.B that arises with respect to defaults occurring after the related Base Cooling Off Period, and the withdrawing clearing member’s Base Guaranty Fund contribution shall be released in accordance with Rule 913.
After payment of an assessment pursuant to Rule 802.B, a clearing member shall charge other clearing members for whom it clears contracts or carries positions on its books to recover their proportional share of the assessment. Such other clearing members shall promptly pay the charge.

6. Details of Implementation
While adherence to the provisions of this Rule 802.B shall be mandatory, the detailed implementation of the process of finalizing Losses with respect to a default, including the liquidation, auction or sale of positions or assets of the defaulting clearing member, shall be conducted by the Clearing House in consultation with the Clearing House Risk Committee, with the approval of the Board, and/or such other committee as the Board may designate.

[7. Surplus Funds
CME Surplus Funds for purposes of this Rule 802 shall be the amount by which funds held by the Exchange at the time of a default exceed (i) the amount of funds previously determined by the Exchange to be necessary for normal operations on an ongoing basis, (ii) any amount of such funds that is designated by the Exchange for satisfaction of the CME IRS Contribution requirement set forth in Rule 8G802.B and (iii) any amount of such funds that is designated by the Exchange for satisfaction of the CME CDS Contribution requirement set forth in Rule 8H802.B. ]

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Rule 802.C – End – No Change