



Advisory Notice

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SUBJECT: **Change in Weather Contracts Holiday Trading Schedule**

At its recent meeting, the Board of Directors approved a proposal to change the holiday trading schedule for weather contracts. As a result, the closing time on **Friday, February 13** for **weather contracts** will be **12:00 noon, Central Standard Time (CST)**, rather than the previously announced 3:15 p.m. (CST) close.

This change comes at the request of market participants, so that the weather products' trading hours more closely resemble those of the NYMEX energy contracts (rather than equities), because they are often traded in conjunction with the energy products.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Lisa Amato at 312.338.2654, or email lamato@cme.com.

Thank you.