

Advisory Notice

Clearing House

TO: Clearing Member Firms, etc
FROM: Clearing House Department
ADVISORY #: 06-204
DATE: August 17, 2006
SUBJECT: CME eBlock Launch – Effective Sunday, August 20, 2006

Effective **Sunday, August 20, 2006** (trade date Monday, August 21, 2006), CME will launch CME eBlock.

CME is streamlining and automating the block trading process with the introduction of CME eBlock, a Web-based price reporting system. This new interface is another way to report block trades, in addition to users to phone block trades into the CME Globex® Control Center (GCC) and provides online access to important trade and record-keeping information.

CME Weather and CME Real Estate customers will be the first users to be able access the system. In phase one; CME eBlock will feed trade information directly into the CME price reporting system via a browser screen. There are no trading engine, CME iLink® or clearing implications, and no downstream impact or changes to the current block trade submission process. The major change in phase one is the elimination of the need to report trades via the telephone.

Upon receipt of a valid block trade entry, the CME eBlock application will distribute emails reporting the trade to each trading party and their clearing firm, the reporting broker and CME.

The email will be addressed from cme_eblock@cme.com and will contain the details of the block trade transaction.

When CME eBlock launches, the buyer and seller's clearing firm will still be required to enter block trade information into the CME Front End Clearing (FEC) system, just as they currently do for phoned-in block trades, based on the transaction details found within the emails they receive.

Below is a sample e-mail that will be sent from the CME eBlock application:

From: cme_eblock@cme.com [mailto:cme_eblock@cme.com]
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2006 9:30 AM
To: CME eBlock User XYZ
Subject: eBlock Trade Report ID 1234

CME eBlock Trade Report ID 1234 has been submitted.

Broker Information:

Name: Trader1
E-mail: Trader1@emailprovider.com

User 1 Trading Firm ID: 123

User 1 Trade Report Details:

Sell 1111 (K9 QV06 P 233) US CDD Des Moines Aug 06-Oct 06 Put 233 @ 3

Counterparty Trading Firm ID: 456
Counterparty Trade Report Details:
Buy 1111 (K9 QV06 P 233) US CDD Des Moines Aug 06-Oct 06 Put 233 @ 3

Block Trade Date & Time Information
Block Trade Execution Date:08/10
Block Trade Execution Time:0800
Block Trade Submission Time:930

For Clearing inquiries, please call 312.207.2525.

For Market Regulation issues, call Kathleen Zaino at 312.930.2341 or Fran Petro 312.648.3768 between the hours 8am to 5pm. Outside of these hours, please call the Globex Control Center at 312.456.2391.

For general CME Weather and CME Real Estate questions, or how to start submitting block trades via CME eBlock, contact Dave Smith at 312.634.8921 or dsmith@cme.com

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Thank You.