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SUBJECT: **FECPlus FIXML 5.0 Production Deployment Schedule**

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In order to comply with upcoming regulatory requirements, the Post-Trade Processing migration to FECPlus, using the FPL-compliant FIXML 5.0 API, has been delayed. Following is the new deployment schedule:

- Testing for ALL post-trade processing, including give-ups, average-priced give-ups, and cross-exchange allocations, using the FPL-compliant FIXML 5.0 API, is currently available in **New Release**.
This includes both outbound and inbound messaging capabilities. FECPlus in New Release is used to manage all post-trade processing transactions. **The existing FIXML 4.4 API is not used for any post-trade processing in New Release.**
- **End of September:** Testing for the migration of post-trade processing to FECPlus for **CMECE** will begin in the CMECE CERT test environment using the **FPL-compliant FIXML 5.0 API**. Another notice will be sent when a specific date is available.
- **Monday, January 14, 2013: Production** launch date for migration of post-trade processing to FECPlus for **CMECE using the FPL-compliant FIXML 5.0 API**.
- **Monday, February 25, 2013: Production** launch date for migration of ALL post-trade processing, including give-ups, average-priced give-ups, and cross-exchange allocations to FECPlus for CME/CBT/NYMEX/COMEX/DME **using the FPL-compliant FIXML 5.0 API**.

In order to help the clearing community prepare for the launch, the Clearing House will publish a test script for testing Post-Trade Processing on FECPlus by Mid-September. Firms should use this high-level test script, in addition to their own test scenarios, to verify their readiness for the Production Launch.

Beginning in November, the Clearing House will check in periodically with firms on their testing status and to offer assistance with testing. Please contact CME Clearing Customer Support (CCS) with any questions related to FECPlus testing or the overall FECPlus migration.

For questions or further information please contact CME Clearing Customer Support (CCS) at 312-207-2525 or ccs@cmegroup.com.