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Via Electronic Mail

Ms. Jean A. Webb
Secretary
Commodity Futures Trading Commission
Three Lafayette Centre
1155 21st Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20581

Re: CBOE Futures Exchange, LLC Rule Certification
Submission Number CFE-2004-01

Dear Ms. Webb:

Pursuant to Section 5c(c)(1) of the Commodity Exchange Act, as amended ("Act"), and §40.6(a) of the regulations promulgated by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission under the Act, CBOE Futures Exchange, LLC ("CFE") hereby submits an amendment, as set forth below, to CFE Rule 415 ("Amendment").

The Amendment sets forth additional reporting procedures for participants in Block Trades. The Amendment will become effective on February 17, 2004. CFE is not aware of any substantive opposing views to the Amendment.

CFE hereby certifies that the Amendment complies with the Act and the regulations thereunder.

The Amendment, marked to show additions in underlined text and deletions in bracketed text, consists of the following:

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415. Block Trades

(a) Trading Privilege Holders may enter into transactions outside the CBOE System, at prices mutually agreed, with respect to Contracts that have been designated by the Exchange for such purpose, provided all of the following conditions are satisfied (such transactions, "Block Trades"):

(i) Each buy or sell order underlying a Block Trade must (A) state explicitly that it is to be, or may be, executed by means of a Block Trade and (B) be for at least such minimum number of Contracts as will from time to time be specified by the Exchange; *provided* that only (x) a commodity trading advisor registered under the CEA, (y) an investment adviser registered as such with the Securities and Exchange Commission that is exempt from regulation under the CEA and Commission Regulations thereunder and (z) any Person authorized to perform functions similar or equivalent to

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those of a commodity trading advisor in any jurisdiction outside the United States of America in which the Exchange may be permitted from time to time to operate CBOE Workstations, in each case with total assets under management exceeding US\$25 million, may satisfy this requirement by aggregating orders for different accounts. For purposes of this Rule, the total quantity of the legs of a spread or a combination must meet the designated minimum Block Trade size for the relevant Contract.

(ii) No change.

(b) – (d) No change.

(e) Each Trading Privilege Holder executing a side of a Block Trade must have at least one designated person pre-authorized to report Block Trades. Only designated persons of Trading Privilege Holders with a clearing relationship at the Clearing Corporation will be allowed to report a Block Trade.

(f) The seller is obligated to call the Help Desk without delay after a Block Trade is negotiated to notify the Exchange of the terms of the trade, including all the information that is required to be set forth in the prescribed Block Trade Reporting Form. If the transaction is a spread or combination, such as when one party is rolling a position into the next contract month, the seller of the month closest to expiration is responsible for reporting the entire transaction to the Help Desk. The Help Desk will provide the caller a Trade Identification ("Trade ID") for the Block Trade and report both sides of the trade to the CBOE System. After reporting the Block Trade to the Help Desk, the buyer and seller must each complete and transmit the prescribed Block Trade Reporting Form via facsimile or e-mail to the Help Desk. Both sides must include the Trade ID given by the Help Desk to the seller for the Block Trade. It is the responsibility of the buying and selling Trading Privilege Holders to effect any subsequent allocations or necessary updates to non-critical matching fields utilizing a post-trade processing system designated by the Exchange.

[(e)](g) Any Block Trade in violation of these requirements shall constitute conduct which is inconsistent with just and equitable principles of trade.

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Questions regarding this submission may be directed to David Doherty at (312) 786-7466. Please reference our submission number CFE-2004-01 in any related correspondence.

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