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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-2004-03

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 418 ("Amendment").

The Amendment adds disclaimer provisions to CFE Rule 418 with respect to index licensors for indexes underlying Contracts that are traded on CFE. 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, consists of the following:

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418. Limitation of Liability; Legal Proceedings

EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED, AND EXCEPT IN INSTANCES WHERE THERE HAS BEEN A FINDING OF FRAUD OR WANTON OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT, IN WHICH CASE THE PARTY FOUND TO HAVE ENGAGED IN SUCH CONDUCT CANNOT AVAIL ITSELF OF THE PROTECTIONS IN THIS RULE 418, NEITHER THE EXCHANGE (INCLUDING ITS AFFILIATES) NOR ANY OF ITS DIRECTORS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS OR CONTRACTORS SHALL BE LIABLE TO ANY OTHER PERSON, INCLUDING ANY TRADING PRIVILEGE HOLDER, AUTHORIZED TRADER OR CUSTOMER, FOR ANY LOSSES, DAMAGES, COSTS, EXPENSES OR CLAIMS (INCLUDING LOSS OF PROFITS, LOSS OF USE, DIRECT, INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES) (COLLECTIVELY, "LOSSES"), ARISING FROM (A) ANY FAILURE OR MALFUNCTION OF, INCLUDING ANY INABILITY TO ENTER OR CANCEL ORDERS INTO, THE CBOE

SYSTEM OR ANY EXCHANGE SERVICES OR FACILITIES USED TO SUPPORT THE CBOE SYSTEM, (B) ANY FAULT IN DELIVERY, DELAY, OMISSION, SUSPENSION, INACCURACY OR TERMINATION, OR ANY OTHER CAUSE, IN CONNECTION WITH THE FURNISHING, PERFORMANCE, MAINTENANCE, USE OF OR INABILITY TO USE ALL OR ANY PART OF THE CBOE SYSTEM OR ANY EXCHANGE SERVICES OR FACILITIES USED TO SUPPORT THE CBOE SYSTEM OR (C) ANY ACTION TAKEN OR OMITTED TO BE TAKEN IN RESPECT TO THE BUSINESS OF THE EXCHANGE, EXCEPT, IN EACH CASE, TO THE EXTENT THAT SUCH LOSSES ARE ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE WILLFUL MISCONDUCT, GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR CRIMINAL ACTS OF THE EXCHANGE (INCLUDING ITS AFFILIATES) OR ITS DIRECTORS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS OR CONTRACTORS ACTING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THEIR RESPECTIVE AUTHORITY. WITHOUT LIMITING THE GENERALITY OF THE FOREGOING, AND SUBJECT TO THE SAME EXCEPTION, THE EXCHANGE SHALL HAVE NO LIABILITY TO ANY PERSON FOR ANY LOSSES THAT RESULT FROM ANY ERROR, OMISSION OR DELAY IN CALCULATING OR DISSEMINATING ANY CURRENT OR CLOSING VALUE OR ANY REPORTS OF TRANSACTIONS IN OR QUOTATIONS FOR CONTRACTS, INCLUDING UNDERLYING SECURITIES. THE FOREGOING SHALL APPLY REGARDLESS OF WHETHER A CLAIM ARISES IN CONTRACT, TORT, NEGLIGENCE, STRICT LIABILITY OR OTHERWISE.

THERE ARE NO EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTIES OR REPRESENTATIONS PROVIDED BY THE EXCHANGE (INCLUDING ITS AFFILIATES) RELATING TO THE CBOE SYSTEM OR ANY EXCHANGE SERVICES OR FACILITIES USED TO SUPPORT THE CBOE SYSTEM, INCLUDING WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND WARRANTIES OF FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE OR USE. THE SERVICES OF THE EXCHANGE ARE BEING PROVIDED ON AN "AS IS" BASIS AT EACH TRADING PRIVILEGE HOLDER'S SOLE RISK. NEITHER THE EXCHANGE (INCLUDING ITS AFFILIATES) NOR ITS DIRECTORS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS OR CONTRACTORS MAKE ANY WARRANTY WITH RESPECT TO, AND NO SUCH PARTY SHALL HAVE ANY LIABILITY TO ANY TRADING PRIVILEGE HOLDER FOR, THE ACCURACY, TIMELINESS, COMPLETENESS, RELIABILITY, PERFORMANCE OR CONTINUED AVAILABILITY OF THE CBOE SYSTEM OR THE EXCHANGE, FOR DELAYS, OMISSIONS OR INTERRUPTIONS THEREIN OR THE CREDITWORTHINESS OF ANY OTHER TRADING PRIVILEGE HOLDER. THE EXCHANGE (INCLUDING ITS AFFILIATES) SHALL HAVE NO DUTY OR OBLIGATION TO VERIFY ANY INFORMATION DISPLAYED ON THE CBOE SYSTEM OR OTHERWISE. EACH TRADING PRIVILEGE HOLDER ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT THE EXCHANGE (INCLUDING ITS AFFILIATES) DOES NOT AND SHALL NOT SERVE AS THE PRIMARY BASIS FOR ANY DECISIONS MADE BY ANY TRADING PRIVILEGE HOLDER AND THAT THE EXCHANGE (INCLUDING ITS AFFILIATES) IS NOT AN ADVISOR OR FIDUCIARY OF ANY TRADING PRIVILEGE HOLDER.

ANY DISPUTE ARISING OUT OF THE USE OF THE CBOE SYSTEM OR EXCHANGE SERVICES OR FACILITIES USED TO SUPPORT THE CBOE SYSTEM IN WHICH THE EXCHANGE (INCLUDING ITS AFFILIATES) OR ANY OF ITS DIRECTORS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS OR CONTRACTORS IS A PARTY SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS. ANY ACTIONS, SUITS OR PROCEEDINGS AGAINST ANY OF THE ABOVE MUST BE BROUGHT, WITHIN TWO YEARS FROM THE TIME THEY FIRST ARISE, IN A FEDERAL COURT LOCATED IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, OR IF THE

REQUIREMENTS FOR FEDERAL SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION ARE NOT MET, IN A STATE COURT LOCATED IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. THIS PROVISION SHALL IN NO WAY CREATE A CAUSE OF ACTION AND SHALL NOT AUTHORIZE AN ACTION THAT WOULD OTHERWISE BE PROHIBITED BY THE RULES OF THE EXCHANGE.

NO TRADING PRIVILEGE HOLDER OR PERSON ASSOCIATED WITH A TRADING PRIVILEGE HOLDER SHALL INSTITUTE A LAWSUIT OR OTHER LEGAL PROCEEDING AGAINST THE EXCHANGE OR ANY DIRECTOR, COMMITTEE MEMBER, OFFICER, EMPLOYEE, AGENT OR CONTRACTOR OF THE EXCHANGE (INCLUDING ITS AFFILIATES), FOR ACTIONS TAKEN OR OMITTED TO BE TAKEN IN CONNECTION WITH THE OFFICIAL BUSINESS OF THE EXCHANGE (INCLUDING ITS AFFILIATES). THIS PROVISION SHALL NOT APPLY TO APPEALS OF DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS OR OTHER ACTIONS BY THE EXCHANGE AS PROVIDED FOR IN THESE RULES.

ANY TRADING PRIVILEGE HOLDER OR PERSON ASSOCIATED WITH A TRADING PRIVILEGE HOLDER WHO FAILS TO PREVAIL IN A LAWSUIT OR OTHER LEGAL PROCEEDING INSTITUTED BY SUCH PERSON AGAINST THE EXCHANGE (INCLUDING ITS AFFILIATES) OR ANY OF ITS DIRECTORS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS OR CONTRACTORS, AND RELATED TO THE BUSINESS OF THE EXCHANGE, SHALL PAY TO THE EXCHANGE ALL REASONABLE EXPENSES, INCLUDING ATTORNEYS' FEES, INCURRED BY THE EXCHANGE IN THE DEFENSE OF SUCH PROCEEDING TO THE EXTENT THAT SUCH EXPENSES EXCEED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000.00). THIS PROVISION SHALL NOT APPLY TO DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS BY THE EXCHANGE, ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS OF EXCHANGE ACTIONS OR IN ANY SPECIFIC INSTANCE WHERE THE BOARD HAS GRANTED A WAIVER OF THIS PROVISION.

NO INDEX LICENSOR WITH RESPECT TO ANY INDEX UNDERLYING A CONTRACT TRADED ON THE EXCHANGE AND NO AFFILIATE OF SUCH INDEX LICENSOR MAKES ANY WARRANTY, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, AS TO THE RESULTS TO BE OBTAINED BY ANY PERSON FROM THE USE OF SUCH INDEX, ANY OPENING, INTRA-DAY OR CLOSING VALUE THEREFOR, OR ANY DATA INCLUDED THEREIN OR RELATING THERETO, IN CONNECTION WITH THE TRADING OF ANY CONTRACT BASED THEREON OR FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE. THE INDEX LICENSOR AND ITS AFFILIATES SHALL OBTAIN INFORMATION FOR INCLUSION IN, OR FOR USE IN THE CALCULATION OF, SUCH INDEX FROM SOURCES THEY BELIEVE TO BE RELIABLE, BUT THE INDEX LICENSOR AND ITS AFFILIATES DO NOT GUARANTEE THE ACCURACY OR COMPLETENESS OF SUCH INDEX, ANY OPENING, INTRA-DAY OR CLOSING VALUE THEREFOR, OR ANY DATE INCLUDED THEREIN OR RELATED THERETO. THE INDEX LICENSOR AND ITS AFFILIATES HEREBY DISCLAIM ALL WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE OR USE WITH RESPECT TO SUCH INDEX, ANY OPENING, INTRA-DAY, OR CLOSING VALUE THEREFOR, ANY DATA INCLUDED THEREIN OR RELATING THERETO, OR ANY CONTRACT BASED THEREON. THE INDEX LICENSOR AND ITS AFFILIATES SHALL HAVE NO LIABILITY FOR ANY DAMAGES, CLAIMS, LOSSES (INCLUDING ANY INDIRECT OR CONSEQUENTIAL LOSSES), EXPENSES, OR DELAYS, WHETHER DIRECT OR INDIRECT, FORESEEN OR UNFORESEEN, SUFFERED BY ANY PERSON ARISING OUT OF ANY CIRCUMSTANCE OR OCCURRENCE RELATING TO THE PERSON'S USE OF SUCH INDEX, ANY OPENING, INTRA-DAY OR CLOSING VALUE

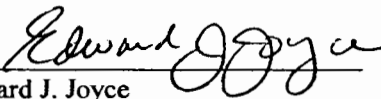
THEREFOR, ANY DATA INCLUDED THEREIN OR RELATING THERETO, OR ANY CONTRACT BASED THEREON, OR ARISING OUT OF ANY ERRORS OR DELAYS IN CALCULATING OR DISSEMINATING SUCH INDEX, FOR PURPOSES OF THIS RULE 418, THE TERM "INDEX LICENSOR" INCLUDES ANY PERSON THAT GRANTS THE EXCHANGE A LICENSE TO USE AN INDEX IN CONNECTION WITH THE TRADING ON THE EXCHANGE OF A CONTRACT BASED ON THE INDEX AND ANY PERSON DESIGNATED BY THE EXCHANGE AS THE SOURCE FOR CALCULATING AND/OR REPORTING THE LEVEL OF AN INDEX UNDERLYING A CONTRACT TRADED ON THE EXCHANGE, AND ALSO INCLUDES, WITH RESPECT TO ANY INDEX OF WHICH THE EXCHANGE OR AN AFFILIATE OF THE EXCHANGE IS THE PROPRIETOR OR FOR WHICH THE EXCHANGE OR AN AFFILIATE OF THE EXCHANGE CALCULATES AND/OR REPORTS LEVELS OF THE INDEX, THE EXCHANGE ITSELF AND ITS AFFILIATES.

NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OF THE FOREGOING PROVISIONS, THIS RULE 418 SHALL IN NO WAY LIMIT THE LIABILITY OF ANY PERSON ARISING FROM ANY VIOLATION BY SUCH PERSON OF THE CEA OR THE COMMISSION REGULATIONS THEREUNDER.

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Questions regarding this submission may be directed to Arthur Reinstein at (312) 786-7570. Please reference our submission number CFE-2004-03 in any related correspondence.

CBOE Futures Exchange, LLC

By: 
Edward J. Joyce
President

cc: Mark Baumgardner (OCC)