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Subject: FW: Market Manipulation Rulemaking Workshop--Request to Participate

To whom it may concern:

I hereby request to participate as a panelist in the FTC's Market Manipulation Rulemaking Workshop to be held on 6 November, 2008.

I am Professor of Finance, and Director of the Global Energy Management Institute, at the University of Houston. I am also a member of the Energy Markets Advisory Committee of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. Market manipulation is a particular area of my expertise. I have written 7 scholarly articles and a book on the subject of market manipulation—an output on the subject that almost certainly exceeds that of any other academic. I have also testified as an expert in numerous high-profile market manipulation cases. Furthermore, I have given a two-day workshop on market manipulation to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission enforcement staff. I have designed futures contracts in the US, Europe and Canada, where one of the primary objectives of the design was to reduce the contracts' susceptibility to manipulation. Moreover, I am a world-recognized expert on energy markets and energy trading.

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I will submit detailed written comments prior to the relevant deadline.

Please let me know if you require any additional information to evaluate my request.

I look forward to the opportunity to participate in this event. I believe that my expertise and experience can help the Commission to design rules that will enhance market efficiency and reduce the frequency and severity of manipulative conduct without demoralizing legitimate market activity.

Regards

Craig Pirrong