

COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Agricultural Advisory Committee; Eighth Renewal

The Commodity Futures Trading Commission has determined to renew again for a period of two years its advisory committee designated as the "Commodity Futures Trading Commission Agricultural Advisory Committee." The Commission certifies that the renewal of the advisory committee is in the public interest in connection with duties imposed on the Commission by the Commodity Exchange Act, 7 U.S.C. 1, *et seq.*, as amended.

The objectives and scope of activities of the Agricultural Advisory Committee are to conduct public meetings and submit reports and recommendations on issues affecting agricultural producers, processors, lenders and others interested in or affected by agricultural commodities markets, and to facilitate communications between the Commission and the diverse agricultural and agriculture-related organizations represented on the Committee.

Commissioner David D. Spears serves as Chairman and Designated Federal Official of the Agricultural Advisory Committee. The Committee's membership represents a cross-section of interested and affected groups including representatives of producers, processors, lenders and other interested agricultural groups.

Interested persons may obtain information or make comments by writing to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW, Washington, DC 20581.

Issued in Washington, DC on April 29, 1999, by the Commission.

Jean A. Webb,

Secretary of the Commission.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Chicago Mercantile Exchange Petition for Exemption From the Statutory Dual Trading Prohibition in Affected Contract Markets

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice of petition for exemption from the prohibition on dual trading in an affected contract market.

SUMMARY: The Chicago Mercantile Exchange ("CME" or "Exchange") has

submitted to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("Commission") a petition for exemption from the statutory prohibition against dual trading in two contract markets. The petition requests an exemption for two newly affected contract markets that trade electronically on CME's Globex₂ system. Copies of the entire file, including any future submissions, will be available to the public upon request, except to the extent the Exchange has requested confidential treatment.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the file are available from the Office of the Secretariat, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW, Washington, DC 20581. Reference should be made to the CME Globex₂ dual trading exemption petition file.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Adam E. Wernow, Attorney-Advisor, Division of Trading and Markets, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW, Washington, DC 20581; telephone: (202) 418-5042; electronic mail: awernow@cftc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Sections 4j(a)(1) and (3) of the Commodity Exchange Act ("Act") and Commission Regulation 155.5 thereunder, a board of trade may submit a petition to the Commission to exempt any of its affected contract markets (markets with an average daily trading volume equal to or in excess of 8,000 contracts for four consecutive quarters) from the prohibition against dual trading. Regulation 155.5(d)(6) authorizes the Director of the Division of Trading and Markets to publish notice of each exemption petition deemed complete under Regulation 155.5(d) and to make the petition available to the public as required by Section 4j(a)(5) of the Act.

CME submitted a petition for a dual trading exemption dated November 17, 1998, and received by the Commission on November 20, 1998, for all of its contracts that electronically trade on the Exchange's Globex₂ system. Presently, only CME's E-Mini S&P 500 and Eurodollar futures contracts qualify as affected contract markets for purposes of the dual trading prohibition. Consequently, the Commission only will consider these markets for an exemption.

Copies of the file containing this petition and supporting materials, as well as any future submissions, except to the extent the Exchange has requested confidential treatment in accordance with 17 CFR 145.9, are available for inspection at the Commission's Office of

the Secretariat, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW, Washington, DC 20581, and may be obtained by mail at that address or by telephone at (202) 418-5100.

Petition materials subject to CME's request for confidential treatment may be available upon request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") (5 U.S.C. § 552) and the Commission's regulations thereunder (17 CFR Part 145), except to the extent they are entitled to confidential treatment as set forth in 17 CFR 145.5 and 145.9. Requests for copies of such materials should be made to FOIA, Privacy and Sunshine Act Compliance Staff of the Office of the Secretariat at the above address in accordance with 17 CFR 145.7 and 145.8.

Application of the prohibition in the contract markets covered by the petition has been suspended in accordance with Commission Regulation 155.5(d)(5) and will remain suspended until the petition is acted upon.

Issued in Washington, DC, on April 29, 1999.

Alan L. Seifert,

Deputy Director, Division of Trading and Markets.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Application of the KCBT for Designation as a Contract Market in Western Natural Gas Index Futures Contracts

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the terms and conditions of proposed commodity futures contract.

SUMMARY: The Kansas City Board of Trade (KCBT or Exchange) has applied for designation as a contract market in western natural gas index futures contracts. The proposal was submitted under the Commission's 45-day Fast Track procedures. The Acting Director of the Division of Economic Analysis (Division) of the Commission, acting pursuant to the authority delegated by Commission Regulation 140.96, has determined that publication of the proposal for comment is in the public interest, will assist the Commission in considering the views of interested persons, and is consistent with the purpose of the Commodity Exchange Act.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 21, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons should submit their views and comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW Washington, DC 20581. In addition, comments may be sent by facsimile transmission to facsimile number (202) 418-5521, or by electronic mail to secretary@cftc.gov. Reference should be made to the KCBT western natural gas index futures contract.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please contact Joseph Storer of the Division of Economic Analysis, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581, telephone (202) 418-5282. Facsimile number: (202) 418-5527. Electronic mail: jstorer@cftc.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed designation application was submitted pursuant to the Commission's Fast Track procedures for streamlining the review of futures contract rule amendments and new contract approvals (62 FR 10434). Under those procedures, the proposal, absent any contrary action by the Commission, may be deemed approved at the close of business on June 7, 1999, 45 days after receipt of the proposal. In view of the limited review period under the Fast Track procedures, the Commission has determined to publish for public comment notice of the availability of the terms and conditions for 15 days, rather than 30 days as provided for proposals submitted under the regular review procedures.

Copies of the proposed contract terms will be available for inspection at the Office of the Secretariat, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581. Copies can be obtained through the Office of the Secretariat by mail at the above address, by phone at (202) 418-5100, or via the internet on the CFTC website at www.cftc.gov under "What's New & Pending".

Other materials submitted by the KCBT in support of the proposal may be available upon request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and the Commission's regulations thereunder (17 CFR Part 145 (1997)), except to the extent they are entitled to confidential treatment as set forth in 17 CFR 145.5 and 145.9. Requests for copies of such materials should be made to the FOI, Privacy and Sunshine Act Compliance Staff of the Office of Secretariat at the Commission's headquarters in accordance with 17 CFR 145.7 and 145.8.

Any person interested in submitting written data, views, or arguments on the proposal, or with respect to other materials submitted by the KCBT, should send such comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581 by the specified date.

Issued in Washington, DC, on April 28, 1999.

John R. Mielke,

Acting Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel (DAPE-ZXI-RM), DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Department of the Army announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by July 6, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the United States Total Army Personnel Command, ATTN: TAPC-OPD-C (Annette Bush), 200 Stovall Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22332-0413. Consideration will be given to all comments received within 60 days of the date of publication of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address, or call

Department of the Army Reports clearance officer at (703) 614-0454.

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Application and Contract for Establishment of a Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps Unit, DA Form 3126, OMB Number 0702-0021.

Needs and Uses: The DA Form 3126 will be initiated by the school desiring to host a unit and countersigned by a representative of the Secretary of the Army. The contract (DA Form 3126) is necessary to establish a mutual agreement between the secondary institution and the U.S. Government while keeping within the parameters of the law. The data provided on the application is used to determine which school will be selected.

Affected Public: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Annual Burden Hours: 70.

Number of Respondents: 70.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 1 hour.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Educational institutions desiring to host a Junior ROTC unit may apply by using a DA Form 3126. The DA Form 3126 documents the agreement and becomes a contract signed by both the institution and the U.S. Government. The DA Form 3126 provides information on the school's facilities and states specific conditions if a JROTC unit is placed at the institution. The data provided on the application is used to determine which school will be selected.

Gregory D. Showalter,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Corps of Engineers

Department of the Army

Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Dade County Beach Erosion Control and Hurricane Protection Project, for a Test Beach Fill Using a Domestic Upland Sand Source Based on a Generic Sand Specification

AGENCY: Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Jacksonville District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers intends to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Dade County Beach Erosion Control and Hurricane Protection Project, for a Test Beach Fill using a domestic upland sand source.