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Ms. Sauntia Warfield
Assistant Secretary
Commodity Futures Trading Commission
Three Lafayette Centre
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Re: RIN 3038-AD88
Enhancing Protections Afforded Customers and Customer Funds Held by Futures Commission
Merchants and Derivatives Clearing Organizations

Dear Ms. Warfield:

CME Group Inc. ("CME") respectfully requests the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("Commission") to extend the comment period for the above referenced notice of proposed rulemaking for an additional 30 days, from January 14, 2013 to February 13, 2013.

We support the Commission's efforts to ensure that the protections afforded under segregation, secured 30.7. and cleared swaps accounts are as strong as possible given that the customer protection regime is at the heart of the futures industry and in particular, market confidence in our markets. Based on our review of the Commission's proposal, the proposed regulatory changes are extensive and greatly impact every segment of futures industry -- including Futures Commission Merchants, Designated Contract Markets, Designated Clearing Organizations, Self-Regulatory Organizations, and most importantly, the end users of our markets. Accordingly, we believe that it would be prudent for the Commission to provide the industry more time analyze the proposed regulations and their impacts on the markets and market participants to ensure that comments consider the full range of impacts; including the potential costs and benefits of the regulations should they be adopted by the Commission.

We thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposal rulemakings and respectfully request that you consider granting an extension of an additional 30 days to February 13, 2013 to comment on the proposals.

Sincerely,

Christal Lint
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