

CME Group Announces Early Open on Sunday for Energy Products on CME Globex and ClearPort Related to Hurricane Ike

CHICAGO, Sept 10, 2008 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX News Network/ -- CME Group, the world's largest and most diverse derivatives exchange, has announced that it will extend trading hours for energy futures and options contracts on the CME Globex(R) and ClearPort(R) electronic trading and clearing platforms due to the potential impact of Hurricane Ike on the US Gulf Coast this weekend.

CME Globex and ClearPort trading sessions for energy products only will begin on Sunday, September 14 at 10:00 a.m. (all times in Eastern time) with a 9:30 a.m. pre-open on CME Globex. All trades will be for the Monday, September 15 trade date. The extended CME Globex session will have a trading halt from 5:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, with its regularly scheduled close on Monday at 5:15 p.m.

All other products listed on CME Globex will follow their regular trading hours on Sunday.

"After extensive discussions with the energy trading community, including clearing member firms and independent software vendors, CME Group is modifying its Sunday trading hours to allow customers access to the markets that may be impacted by Hurricane Ike," said CME Group Chief Operating Officer Bryan Durkin. "Collectively, we recognize the need for the global energy markets to manage their risk during this potentially volatile time and felt this was in the best interest to serve their needs."

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