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Dear OPRA Market Data Recipients:

The message sequence number on the current OPRA network is a 10 digit field. Currently, 8 positions are used and the number rolls over at 9,999,999. As previously announced (December 9, 2008 and December 16, 2008), effective March 9, 2009 all 10 positions were to be available for use and the rollover would occur at 1,999,999,999. Due to implementation issues at several data recipients, the March 9, 2009 date for the sequence number rollover at 1,999,999,999 has been rescheduled to March 30, 2009. Also, the increase in the FAST packet size to 1000 bytes previously announced has been rescheduled to March 30, 2009.

There is a change in OPRA's plans on when to expand the sequence number beyond 1,999,999,999 on 1 line. While there was no official announcement, OPRA/SIAC had discussed at several meetings (e.g., OCC, FIF) a plan to rollover at 9,999,999,999 later this year. After further discussion, this will not be done at this time. Rolling over at 1,999,999,999 is adequate for OPRA's current needs.

Very truly yours,

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