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Dear OPRA Market Data Recipients:

At the start of day January 6, 2009 OPRA will be implementing three changes to the SIAC output:

1. The typical number of bytes in the FAST output packet has been constrained to approximately 300 bytes or less, since the transition from ASCII to FAST began, in order to keep the two networks in sync. In order to maximize efficiency, beginning January 6, 2009, the output packets will be disseminated with up to 1000 bytes. Data Recipients should verify that their internal buffer sizes are large enough to support any conversion of the OPRA output packets to ASCII (e.g. 10,000 bytes). Additional information on the IP multicast is available at www.opradata.com under Specifications.
2. Sequence number rollover will take place after 1,999,999,999 instead of 99,999,999.
3. The expiration date field will be populated by actual dates (1-31) for most Exchanges and zeroes for others.

Test data for the larger output packets and higher multicast line sequence numbers is available every weeknight. To schedule testing or if you have any questions call Joe Loughran at 212-383-4908 or William Gutierrez at 212-383-5123.

Very truly yours,

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