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A step in the right direction for sure.

A much needed enhancement would be to report the five largest position holders in key markets, on the long and short side over a certain size limit on a weekly basis.

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Washington, DC – The U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) today announced that it will begin implementing new transparency efforts outlined in a July 7, 2009, statement by CFTC Chairman Gary Gensler. Starting Friday, September 4, 2009, the CFTC will begin disaggregating the data in its weekly Commitments of Traders (COT) reports and begin releasing, on a quarterly basis, data collected from an ongoing special call on swap dealers and index traders in the futures markets.

“A core mission of the CFTC is to promote market transparency,” CFTC Chairman Gary Gensler said. “Last September, the CFTC recommended disaggregating our weekly Commitments of Traders reports. In July, I announced that we would also periodically release data on index investors’ participation in the commodity futures markets. I am pleased that as of Friday, September 4, we will be able to take these steps toward increased transparency. For the first time, we will break out managed money and swaps in our COT reports and release information on index investment to give the public a better of view of trading activity in the futures markets.”

**Commitments of Traders (COT) Reports**

For decades, the CFTC has provided the futures industry with COT reports consisting of aggregated large-trader position data to shed light on the changing composition of the markets. The reports are based on a request by Congress for an annual report, upon passage of original enabling legislation in the 1920’s, and have been intensified over time into weekly reports in several formats and a weekly Commodity Index Supplement for 12 agricultural markets, begun in January 2007.

Beginning Friday, September 4, 2009 (for data as of September 1, the CFTC will publish additional COT data for 22 contract markets, including major agriculture, energy and metals markets. The COT reports currently break traders into two broad categories: commercial and noncommercial. The new reports will improve upon the existing reports by breaking the data into four

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