

# iLink 3 Convenience Gateway Binary Order Entry

## Mock Trading Session

### Customer Test:

Saturday, January 20, 2024

Saturday, January 27, 2024

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## 1. Introduction & Overview

The objective of the mock trading session is to ensure iLink customers can connect and CME Group products on the iLink 3 Convenience Gateways (CGW), binary order entry protocol on CME Globex. This test is an opportunity for customers to participate in a mock trading session in the CME Globex production environment, prior to the iLink 3 CGW launch starting on January, 2024.

This mock trading session will allow customers to:

- connect to their iLink 3 CGW sessions, IPs, and ports.
- experience new [FIX Performance \(FIXP\) protocol](#); very simple, lightweight, point-to-point session layer
- test iLink 3 more efficient FIX messaging using [Simple Binary Encoding \(SBE\)](#)

Please note that only iLink 3 CGW sessions will be available for testing CME Globex markets during the mock trading sessions.

The CME Global Command Center (GCC) will be staffed to support this session.

There will be a conference bridge line open during the testing.

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Customers are encouraged to dial into this line for information related to the customer testing session, including CME Group announcement of the beginning of each test phase:

- Connectivity testing
- Unscripted testing

Participants should call the GCC at any time during the testing session with questions, requests or concerns at:

- United States: 1.800.438.8616

- Europe: 44.20.7623.4747
- Asia: 65.6532.5010

## 2. Timeline

The iLink 3 mock trading sessions will follow the timeline reflected in the tables below. All times are listed in Central time (CT).

Please note: all testing below must be executed between 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. CT.

| Time (CT)  | Description  |
|------------|--|
| 8:30 a.m.  | <b>Connect and Network Testing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Customers connect directly to iLink 3 sessions</li><li>• Customers join relevant MDP 3.0 channels for market data</li><li>• Conference call opens: Report any issues on the conference call</li></ul> |
| 9:00 a.m.  | <b>Unscripted Testing:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Begin unscripted mock order entry testing</li></ul>   |
| 10:00 a.m. | <b>Mock Trading Session Ends</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Customers terminate sessions</li><li>• Conference call closes</li></ul>   |

## 3. Eligible Instruments

CME Group will offer two customer mock trading sessions. During these mock trading sessions, customers may select to test using any futures and options on futures instruments.

## 4. Additional Information

Drop Copy 4.0 will be available during these mock trading sessions

This mock trading session supports both front-end testing and end-to-end testing through clearing, but there will be no trade capture report messages sent to Clearing Firms.

Detailed information on the iLink 3 Convenience Gateway for trading futures and options on futures on CME Globex is available in the CME Globex Notices at [www.cmegroup.com/notices](http://www.cmegroup.com/notices).