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Proposal: 1479 (RIN 7100-AE10) Regulation: Physical Commodities-FHCs (ANPR)
Subject: Physical Commodities-FHCs

Comments:

There is no good economic reason for wanting highly capitalized institutions like big banks to be able to play in the commodities markets. There is only the self serving ideology of big bank spokesmen and their paid hacks in so called think tanks who think it's a terrific idea, lest something called "freedom" is somehow diminished by a blanket restriction.

Having the liquidity to buy up or speculate in the markets that exchange needed physical goods will only concentrate enormous pricing power in such markets. This can hardly be viewed as a good from a global perspective.

Then there is an extra, hardly insignificant issue . . . commodities can be highly volatile and big bets can go badly wrong...this could lead to a liquidity crisis due to cascading bets being called in and lack of transparency, endemic to the current market functioning.

Why anyone would want to risk this just to please big bank CEOs and their hired mouthpieces in and out of government is beyond me.

There is little public benefit that ensues from big bank ownership of commodities. So, there is no reason to allow it.

Thank you for considering my comment,

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