

February 23, 2016

To: OPRA Multicast Data Recipients

Subject: Activation of new OPRA Expanded Message Header Formats – **Monday, February 29, 2016**

**What's New:**

Pursuant to the previous [notifications](#) generated to all OPRA Data Recipients, OPRA is introducing new Expanded Message Header formats to support a new Transaction ID field which will be supported in the OPRA Multicast Output Message Header. This new Transaction ID field will allow Participants/OPRA to cross reference inbound transactions with their corresponding outbound transactions. The Multicast Output Transaction ID information is intended for **SIP Internal Use Only**. Data Recipients should ignore/disregard this field to the extent that they do not impact their normal data processing.

**When is it Changing: Monday, February 29, 2016**

**FINAL Industry Test: February 27, 2016 (final test before activation date)**

Test Timeline is as follows:

TEST TIME:	<b>9:00am-11:00am ET</b>
<b><u>Test Activity</u></b>	
<b>APPROX. TIME</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>
9:00 – 9:15am ET	OPRA Data (e.g., open Interest, trades and quotes) will be generated over the <b>EXTENDED SESSION</b> multicast lines containing the <b>new</b> expanded message header
9:20 – 10:00am ET	OPRA Data (e.g., open Interest, trades and quotes) will be generated over the <b>REGULAR SESSION</b> multicast lines containing the <b>new</b> expanded message header
10:25am ET	OPRA will fall back to the old message header
10:40-11:00am	OPRA Data (trades and quotes) will be generated over <b>REGULAR SESSION</b> multicast lines containing the <b>old</b> message header
<b>END OF TEST</b>	

### **Activation Details:**

- OPRA will support both the new Expanded Message Header formats and the old (current) Message Header formats for a transitional period allowing for a rapid fallback.
- **Data Recipients should be prepared to process both the new Expanded Message Header formats and the old (current) Message Header formats for a three week period until March 18, 2016, in the event of a fallback (all multicast 48 lines), or a failover to the disaster recovery site.**
- Data Recipients that are unable to process both old and new Message Header formats may cease to receive multicast data in the event of a fallback or failover to the disaster recovery site.

To register for the final industry test, and to **provide verbal or written confirmation of your firm's readiness for the expanded header on February 29, 2016**, please:

- E-mail your name, organization name, and phone number to: **CQS-CTS-OPRA@siac.com**

**Indirect Data Recipients must contact their service provider to coordinate testing.**

### **Documentation**

Please reference the latest OPRA Output Multicast Specifications, which may be obtained at the website: [www.opradata.com](http://www.opradata.com).