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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

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MEMORANDUM FOR PLANNING COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

SUBJECT: Economics Guidance Memorandum, 12-02, Current Normalized Prices

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