

CSI NEWS

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RELEASE OF STOCKS, BONDS, OPTIONS, MUTUAL FUNDS, AND MANY NEW COMMODITIES:
CSI has completed the first major phase of the release of the above data, and users may receive any of the new information by calling for their data between 8:00 P.M. AND 8:00 A.M. Eastern time. Shortly after receiving this letter, when we are confident nighttime access is unencumbered by problems, we will release the new system for regular access twenty-four hours a day.

The new system solves many problems that plagued some customers. Contract volume and open interest purchasers will no longer receive an occasional mixture of "totals" data, and the data will be much cleaner than ever before.

Even though CSI gets their data ready hours earlier than any other vendor, customers still have difficulty and need it even earlier. We have exciting news for such customers. When the new 24 hour service is fully implemented, data will be ready according to the following schedule:

Both regular commodity data and all perpetual data will be ready for access at the same time. The following commodities will be ready at 2:50 PM Eastern time: CSI's 2, 4, 5, 9, 11, 17-27, 33, 64, 65, 68, 133, and all London.

These commodities will be ready by 3:30 P.M.: CSI's 3, 6, 7, 10, 12, 13, 16, 30-32, 36, 40-44, 57-62, 67, 69, 89, 115, 126, 130, 133, 137, 139, 141, 186-191, 202, 203

These ready by 4:40 PM: CSI's 108-114, 140, 143, 146, 149, 151, 180, 183, 192-198

and, finally, all stocks will be ready before 5:00 PM Eastern time. If your portfolio spans more than one category, then you must either access with two or more I.D.'s or collect at the later time.

AVAILABLE STOCKS: We have enclosed a stock and option Fact Sheet and Order Form to inform you on what is available. Most stocks are available as history back to 1/2/82. Options are not immediately available as history, but all new items can be added to your daily portfolio.

STOCKS VIA QUICKTRIEVE ONLY: You must use Quicktrieve to collect stock data. Compu Trac's system will not work.

QUICKTRIEVE PATCH FOR STOCKS: If you plan to collect the new stock or option data, you are reminded of the patch identified in a prior Newsletter, as follows: "If you have the Quicktrieve 2.2 version dated 5/19/83 or earlier, you must change the distribution program according to the following three lines of code. To make the change, boot the Quicktrieve master and take the exit from Quicktrieve at Main Menu level 9. Then type LOAD PR13 followed by CONTROL Z and a carriage return. When you see the Apple prompt, type the

three lines listed as follows:

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3356  IFCC$="-99"THENA$=SS$:IFDI$=" SPACE ↘NOFL"THENA$=MID$(L$(A5),38,6)
8880  X=VAL(MID$(L$(Q),44,1)):IFX=9 OR X=6 OR X=3THENX$="D"
8900  IFX=8 OR X=5 OR X=2THENX$="W"
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When complete, type SAVE PR13 followed by CONTROL Z and a carriage return and the change will be set in place. Please refer to the Quicktrieve Manual on Pages 31 and 32 for an example of where PR13 was changed for users of hard discs.

PRICE DECREASE FOR LONG DISTANCE ACCESS - INCREASE FOR NETWORK USERS: CSI has elected to modify its price schedule for data collection effective March 1, 1984. The price change has resulted in an average price decrease of one per cent for long distance users and an average price increase of five per cent for "Big City" network users. IN-WATS users are affected most with an average increase of ten percent.

The price change was brought about because of Telenet's recent 25% increase in service rates and Uninet's nearly 50% rise in rates. The network services have also increased the minimum billed connect time to from two to five minutes instead of the former one minute minimum. Such charges have mostly affected smaller network users. We found that, in some cases, over 80% of the revenue received was paid directly to the networks.

If the enclosed price list affects you adversely, please consider modifying your method of access to either long distance or by accessing through a big city in place of a rural IN-WATS alternative. If you are a COMPU TRAC user, considerable savings can result by switching to Quicktrieve.

NOTICE TO BROKERS AND COMMERCIAL USERS: For the first time, CSI is offering its mailing list comprised of over 10,000 names of commodity traders who own or plan to purchase micro computers. The list is available for \$300 per thousand names, with over 75% containing phone numbers. If you wish to purchase the list without phone numbers, the price is \$200 per thousand names. Contact Dan Costello at this office if you have an interest. The list, which will be made available on or after March 1, 1984, is in order by zip code and draws from the entire U.S. and Canada.

A NOTICE TO EUROPEAN CUSTOMERS: If you have been experiencing problems in accessing CSI's service and getting "time out" responses, you might consider changing the Dialog File of Quicktrieve to accommodate a global time out of 30 seconds. If you have any questions concerning this, you may contact Ronnie Natas, United Kingdom, since he has solved some of the problems for European customers. Ronnie is a broker with Eastern Capital and will be happy to give you some assistance. He may be contacted at:

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Because CSI is now actively using our new system, the reliability of gaining access in the early morning hours is significantly improved. Users of the version of Quicktrieve dated on or after 830804 should have the least difficulty in gaining access through the networks.

QUICKTRIEVE-COMPATIBLE SOFTWARE SUPPLIERS: We are enclosing two advertisements from Quicktrieve-compatible software suppliers. CSI does not endorse any products which accompany our Newsletter. Such material is offered as an advertisement, and we have been paid to mail these cards to you.

You can reach these two advertisers by phone by calling 305/554-7573 for Omega Research and 818/346-2707 for PI Publications. Please do not call CSI regarding them. We have not reviewed nor received their software, so we cannot comment on it, nor can we make any statements about these two firms.

Effective 3/1/84

DAILY DATA PRICE SCHEDULE

Quantity	Long Distance	Big City		800 No.		Foreign	
		Quick-trieve	Non-Quick-trieve	Quick-trieve	Non-Quick-trieve	Quick-trieve	Non-Quick-trieve
10	\$ 32	\$ 42	\$ 48	\$ 56	\$ 60	\$ 44	\$ 51
21	49	59	67	75	79	64	73
26	57	68	75	83	87	76	85
30	64	75	87	89	105	88	98
37	79	91	103	105	121	109	115
44	94	104	116	118	134	129	141
57	115	127	140	141	158	156	169
70	135	148	166	161	191	178	191
85	155	168	187	181	212	205	219
100	175	188	213	201	244	231	245
125	205	219	250	231	287	270	286
150	235	255	286	273	329	309	325
200	291	316	354	341	428	389	406
260	345	370	421	395	489	459	480

HISTORICAL DATA BY PHONE
QUICKTRIEVE

Method of Access	QUICKTRIEVE		NON-QUICKTRIEVE	
	*Normal Commodity Contracts & Stocks	Commodity Perpetual Contracts	*Normal Commodity Contracts & Stocks	Commodity Perpetual Contracts
Long Distance	\$0.55	\$0.80	\$0.60	\$0.85
Big City Network Access	0.68	0.93	1.12	1.37
Rural Network Access	0.85	1.10	1.64	1.89
Foreign Access	0.63	0.87	0.86	1.11

DISKETTES BY MAIL

Add \$.65 to each price for the TRS-80 or Commodore 64

No. Months of Data This Order	*Normal Commodity Contracts and Stocks	Commodity Perpetual Contracts
1st 2000	\$0.45	\$0.70
2nd 2000	0.40	0.65
3rd 2000	0.35	0.60
over 6000	0.30	0.55

(OVER)