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Submission No. 23-4 January 2, 2023

Mr. Christopher J. Kirkpatrick Secretary of the Commission Office of the Secretariat Commodity Futures Trading Commission Three Lafayette Centre 1155 21<sup>st</sup> Street, NW Washington, DC 20581

Re: Amendments to the Carbon Screen Volume Incentive Program - Submission Pursuant to Section 5c(c)(1) of the Act and Regulation 40.6

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Pursuant to Section 5c(c)(1) of the Commodity Exchange Act, as amended, and Commission Regulation 40.6, ICE Futures U.S., Inc. ("Exchange") submits, by written certification, notice that the Exchange is amending the Carbon Screen Volume Incentive Program (the "Program"), as set forth in Exhibit A.

The Exchange certifies that the Program complies with the requirements of the Commodity Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. In particular, the amendments comply with Core Principle 4 (Monitoring of Trading), Core Principle 9 (Execution of Transactions) and Core Principle 12 (Protection of Market Participants). The Program is structured so that they do not create incentives for participants to engage in market abuses such as manipulative trading or wash sales. In addition, the Exchange's Market Regulation Department actively monitors for trading abuses using electronic exception reports and will take appropriate action against any participants engaging in market abuses. The Program does not impact order execution priority or otherwise give participants any execution preference or advantage.

The Exchange further certifies that, concurrent with this filing, a notice of pending certification was posted on the Exchange's website. A copy of this submission may be accessed at (<a href="https://www.theice.com/futures-us/regulation#rule-filings">https://www.theice.com/futures-us/regulation#rule-filings</a>). The extension will become

effective on January 17, 2023. The Exchange is not aware of any substantive opposing views with respect to the extension.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact me at 212-748-4021 or at jason.fusco@theice.com.

Sincerely,

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cc: Division of Market Oversight

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#### **Exhibit A**

#### [PARAGRAPHS REDACTED]

#### **Terms and Conditions**

#### ICE Futures US Carbon Futures Contract Screen Volume Incentive Program

## ICE Futures California Carbon Allowance Futures Contract Volume Incentive Program

### **Program Purpose**

The purpose of the Program is to incentivize participants to increase screen liquidity in the products listed below; this enhanced liquidity will benefit all participants in the marketplace.

### **Product Scope**

California Carbon Allowance, California Carbon Offset Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiatives, Low Carbon Fuel Standard, Washington Carbon Allowance futures and options contracts, all vintages.

## **Eligible Participants**

IFUS may designate up to five participants in the Program, who may be Exchange members or non-members. In order to be considered for selection into the Program, potential participants must have demonstrated a capability to trade a <u>sufficient a minimum of 2,000 sides per month volume</u> in program or other Exchange Environmental contracts for its proprietary account. Notwithstanding the foregoing the Exchange may add or subtract from the aforementioned criteria as it deems necessary.

#### **Program Term**

The program will end on December March 31, 2023.

#### **Obligations**

Participants are required to provide the Exchange with information acceptable to the Exchange detailing Participants' trading activity under the program, and the Exchange may require an additional third party verification report.

#### **Program Incentives**

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#### **Monitoring and Termination of Status**

The Exchange shall monitor trading activity and Participants' performance and shall retain the right to revoke Participants' status if it concludes from review that a Program Participant has failed to meet its obligations or no longer meets the eligibility requirements of this Program.