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## **VIA PORTAL**

Commodity Futures Trading Commission Attention: Christopher Kirkpatrick, Secretary Three Lafayette Centre 1155 21<sup>st</sup> Street, NW Washington, DC 20581

## Re: CFTC Regulation 40.6(a) Certification: Submission of Amendments to the Nodal Exchange Rulebook

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Nodal Exchange, LLC ("Nodal Exchange" or "Exchange") is notifying the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") that it is self-certifying amendments to the Nodal Exchange Rulebook ("Rules") pursuant to Commission Regulation 40.6(a). The Exchange is amending Section VI *Participant Code of Conduct,* which is attached hereto and indicates the specific text in red that is being amended. The Exchange intends to implement the amended Rules in 10 business days on February 15, 2018.

The Rules are being revised to be consistent with the Commodity Exchange Act ("Act"). Accordingly, Rulebook Section VI is being amended to explicitly prohibit Authorized Brokers from engaging or facilitating trade practice violations.

Exchange management has assessed the amendments to the Rules, and their compliance with applicable provisions of the Act, including the Commissions Regulations and the Core Principles. Nodal Exchange has identified that the amendments may affect the following Core Principles as follows:

<u>Core Principle 2 - Compliance with the Rules</u>: The amendments to the Rules provide clarity and consistency with the Act for compliance with the Rules.

<u>Core Principle 7 – Availability of General Information:</u> The amendments to the Rules provide clarity to Exchange Participants and Authorized Brokers regarding the Participant Code of Conduct. The amended Rules are available to market authorities, Participants, Authorized Brokers and the public on the Exchange website.

<u>Core Principle 12 – Protection of Markets and Market Participants</u>: The amendments to the Rules are consistent with the CFTC Regulations to protect the market and market

participants from abusive practices. The amendments to the Rules promote fair and equitable trading on Nodal Exchange.

Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Act and the Commission's Regulation 40.6, the Exchange certifies that amended Rules comply with the Act and the Commission's Regulations thereunder. There have not been any opposing views expressed regarding the amendments to the Rules.

Nodal Exchange certifies that this submission has been concurrently posted on the Nodal Exchange website at <u>www.nodalexchange.com</u>.

If you have any question or need additional information regarding this submission, please contact me at 703-962-9853 or <u>Markotic@nodalexchange.com</u>.

Sincerely,

/s/ Max Markotic

Senior Compliance Manager

Attachment:

Redline of Nodal Exchange Rulebook Section VI