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Submission No. 18-286 February 2, 2018

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

Re: Amendments to Rules 4.25 - Trading Hours (NYSE FANG+<sup>TM</sup> Index Futures) Submission Pursuant to Section 5c(c)(1) of the Act and Regulation 40.6(a)

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Pursuant to Section 5c(c)(1) of the Commodity Exchange Act, as amended (the "Act") and Commission Regulation 40.6(a), ICE Futures U.S., Inc. ("IFUS" or "Exchange") hereby self-certifies the amendments to 4.25 set forth in Exhibit A. The amendments change the daily settlement period for NYSE FANG+ Index Futures Contracts from 4:14pm - 4:15pm to 3:59pm - 4:00pm. The Exchange is amending the settlement time in response to input from market participants, who have indicated that there is greater liquidity at 4:00pm rather than 4:15pm each day, making it a better time mark the daily settlements.

The Exchange is not aware of any opposing views and certifies that the amendments to Rule 4.25 comply with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. The Exchange further certifies that concurrent with this filing a copy of this submission was posted on the Exchange's website, which 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>).

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

## **EXHIBIT A**

## Rule 4.25. Trading Hours

- (a) The ETS trading hours shall be as specified by the Exchange from time to time. All times specified in this Rule for Energy Contracts shall refer to the prevailing time in New York City on the relevant day and shall be referred to as Eastern Prevailing Time or "EPT".
  - (b) The time period during which daily Settlement Prices shall be determined is:

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(ix) for [NYSE Index and] Russell Stock Index Futures and Options Contracts, 4:14 PM - 4:15 PM, except that on the last Business Day of each month it shall be 3:59 to 4:00 PM;

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(xviii) for the NYSE Index Futures Contracts, 3:59 PM and 4:00 PM.