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**BY ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION**

Submission No. 19-128  
February 18, 2019

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: Amendment to Block Trade Procedures - Establishment of Block Trade Minimum for One New Physical Environmental Futures Contract - 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 Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“Commission”) Regulation 40.6(a), ICE Futures U.S., Inc. (“IFUS” or “Exchange”) self certifies an amendment to the Exchange’s Block Trading Procedures (the “Procedures”), which is reflected in the Exchange’s Block Trade FAQ (“FAQ”), as set forth in Exhibit A.

The Exchange is amending the FAQ to establish the minimum block trade quantity for a new Physical Environmental futures contract being listed by the Exchange (see ICE futures U.S. Submission No. 19-127). The Exchange is setting the minimum block trade quantity for the new contract at the levels specified in Exhibit A. The Exchange is setting the minimum block trade quantity at a level consistent with levels established for similar futures and options contracts listed by the Exchange.

The Exchange is not aware of any opposing views and certifies that the amendment to the FAQ, which will become effective on April 8, 2019, or such other date as the Exchange shall determine which shall be no sooner than the first business day following the tenth business day

following submission to the Commission, comply with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. Specifically, the amendment complies with Core Principle 9, which allows designated contract markets (“DCM”) to authorize transactions, such as block trades, that are executed away from the DCM’s centralized marketplace. The Exchange further certifies that, concurrent with this filing, a notice of pending certification was posted on the Exchange’s website as well as a copy of this submission, which may be accessed at (<https://www.theice.com/futures-us/regulation#Rule-Filings>).

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact me at 312-836-6745 or at [patrick.swartz@theice.com](mailto:patrick.swartz@theice.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick Swartz", written in a cursive style.

Patrick Swartz  
Manager  
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cc: Division of Market Oversight

**EXHIBIT A**

**ICE FUTURES U.S.  
BLOCK TRADE - FAQs**

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2. **What are the eligible contracts and the minimum threshold quantities for a block trade?**

The minimum quantity requirements for block trades of eligible Oil and Energy futures and options contracts can be found under the “Energy Forms” tab at the link below:

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Contract Name	Commodity Code	Contract Size	Unit of Trading	Block Minimum (in Lots)
<a href="#">California Carbon Offset Future</a>	<a href="#">CCO</a>	<a href="#">1,000</a>	<a href="#">Carbon Offsets</a>	<a href="#">10</a>