

## **BY ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION**

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

# Re: Implementation of Reasonability Limits during Pre-Open Period - Pursuant to Commission Regulation 40.6(a)

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Pursuant to Commodity Futures Trading Commission Regulation 40.6(a), ICE Futures U.S., Inc. ("IFUS" or "Exchange") submits by written certification notice that beginning on June 1, 2016 the Exchange will implement Reasonability Limits during the pre-opening period for all IFUS futures contracts except US Power and Gas and Physical Environmental Contracts. The new practice will be incorporated into the "ICE Futures U.S., Inc. Reasonability Limits and No Cancellation Ranges" document, which is posted on the Exchange's website, as set forth in Exhibit A.

Reasonability Limits are hard limits above or below a dynamic anchor price that is set for each individual future and option contract listed by the Exchange, which are used to prevent "fat finger" type errors. Orders with bids above the Reasonability Limit or offers below the Reasonability Limit will not be accepted by the electronic trading system. While the Exchange posts a level for each contract, Reasonability Limits are flexible, to take into account prevailing market conditions, and may be changed at the discretion of the Exchange on an intraday basis, without advance notice, to take account of such conditions.

Currently, Reasonability Limits are only applied after markets have transitioned from the preopen to an open state. In order to further reduce the likelihood of a market disruption resulting from fat finger type errors, the Exchange will make Reasonability Limits applicable during the pre-open period for the IFUS futures contracts specified above.<sup>1</sup> The Exchange will have the discretion to set the applicable Reasonability Limit during the pre-open for each futures contract at a level up to three times the posted limit to account for changing market conditions.

The Exchange certifies that the amendment complies with the Commodity Exchange Act, as amended, and the regulations thereunder. Specifically, the amendment complies with Core Principle 4 (Prevention of Market Disruption) and Commission Regulation 38.255 as the application of Reasonability Limits during the market pre-open for futures contracts will further reduce the likelihood of fat finger errors. There were no substantive opposing views to the amendment. The Exchange further certifies that concurrent with this filing a copy of this submission was posted on the Exchange's website at (https://www.theice.com/futures-us/regulation#rule-filings).

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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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>. Entry of new and revisions to existing option orders are not permitted during the pre-open period, and therefore Reasonability Limits are not applicable to IFUS option contracts during the pre-open.

# EXHIBIT A

# ICE FUTURES U.S., INC. REASONABILITY LIMITS AND NO CANCELLATION RANGES

As of [February 29] May 30, 2016

The ICE Futures U.S. Error Policy includes Reasonability Limit ("RL"), No Cancellation Range ("NCR") and Calendar Spread Stop Limit Order ("CSLOR") levels for futures and options contracts. The levels shown below are subject to change without prior notification.

# **ICE Futures U.S. – Energy Division No Cancellation Ranges**

Financial Gas	Day	Spread	Month	Spread	Season	Spread	Calendar	Spread
Henry Hub	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
Non-Henry Fixed Price	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05
Index			0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
Index Bidweek (Prompt Month Only)			0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
EIA Financial Weekly Index	10 BCF	10 BCF	10 BCF	10 BCF	10 BCF	10 BCF	10 BCF	10 BCF
EIA End of Draw / Storage Index	250 BCF	250 BCF	250 BCF	250 BCF	250 BCF	250 BCF	250 BCF	250 BCF
Basis	2	0% of Basis/Sp	oread FMV up	to 0.05	М	in/Max Ran	ge = 0.02/0.0	5
Options		20% of Premi	um FMV up to	0.05	Mi	n/Max Rang	ge = 0.005/0.0	)5
Natural Gas Liquid	Day	Spread	Quarter	Spread	Calendar	Spread		
TMX C5 1B	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.08	0.1	0.08		
Financial Power	BalDay/ NextDay/ BalWeek	Spread	Weekly & Balmo	Spread	Month & Season	Spread	Quarter & Calendar	Spread
PJM WHRT, Indiana RT, Nepool DA	5.00	5.00	2.00	2.00	0.60	0.60	0.40	0.40
All other contracts	5.00	5.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	0.60	0.60
Post Daily LMP Publish	0.05	0.05						
Capacity Resp. Reserve					1.00	1.00	0.60	0.60
In-City or Rest of State Cap.					1.00	1.00	0.60	0.60
Non-Spinning Reserve					1.00	1.00	1.60	0.60
Regulation					1.00	1.00	0.60	0.60
Heat Rate					0.30		0.30	
DART					0.60		0.40	
DARI								
Daily Load Forecast				5,000 MW		11		

(Maximum Number of Ticks from Market Value expressed as Price Difference)

US Environmental	Month	Option	Min/Max Range
RGGI	0.10	20% of Premium FMV up to 0.10	0.05/0.10
CAR-CRT, CFI-US & REC-NJ	0.25	20% of Premium FMV up to 0.25	0.05/0.25
CCA	0.25	20% of Premium FMV up to 0.25	0.01/0.25
SFI	0.50	20% of Premium FMV up to 0.50	0.05/0.50
CT & MA REC	1.00	20% of Premium FMV up to 1.00	0.05/1.00
CSAPR SO2 & NOX	10.00	20% of Premium FMV up to 10.00	0.50/10.00
RIN	0.05	20% of Premium FMV up to 0.05	0.01/0.05
MA & NJ SREC, MA SREC Carve Out	5.00	20% of Premium FMV up to 5.00	0.50/5.00
TX REC	0.25	20% of Premium FMV up to 0.25	0.05/0.25
CAIR NOX	5.00	20% of Premium FMV up to 5.00	0.50/5.00
PJM TRI - QEC	0.25	N/A	N/A

# ICE Futures U.S. – Energy Division Reasonability Limit Levels

Gas Products	Reasonability Limit(s)	Reasonability Limit(s) Exceptions
Henry Hub	\$0.15	N/A
EIA Financial Weekly Index	50 BCF	N/A
EIA End of Draw/Storage Index	1,000 BCF	N/A
Fixed Price (not including Henry)	\$2.00	Reasonability Limit: \$5.00 Dominion South Swing (DSS) Lebanon Swing (LBN) Reasonability Limit: \$10.00 Algonquin Citygates Swing (ALS) Chicago Swing (CSS) NNG Demarc Swing (DES) Iroquois (Into) Swing (Platts) (IRS) Iroquois-Z2 Swing (Platts) (IZS) PG&E Citygate Swing (PIG) Transco Zone 6 (non NY) Swing (TPS) TETCO M3 Swing (TSS)
Basis	\$2.00	Reasonability Limit: \$5.00Dominion South Basis (DOM)Reasonability Limit: \$10.00Algonquin Citygates Basis (ALQ)NNG Demarc Basis (DEM)Chicago Basis (DGD)Union Dawn Basis (DWN)Iroquois (Into) Basis (Platts) (IRB)Iroquois (Into) Basis (Platts) (IZB)PG&E Citygate Basis (PGE)TETCO M3 Basis (TMT)Transco Zone 6 (NY) Basis (TZS)
Index	\$0.10	Reasonability Limit: \$10.00 AB NIT Index (AIS) Algonquin Citygates Index (ALI) ANR SW (Oklahoma) Index (AOI)

ANR SE (Louisiana) Index (API) CG-Mainline Index (CGI) Chicago Index (CIS) CIG Rockies Index (CRC) Enable Gas Index (CTI) NNG Demarc Index (DEI) Dominion South Index (DIS) PG&E Citygate Index (EIS) Florida Gas Zone 3 Index (FTI) Henry Index (HIS) Iroquois (Into) Index (Platts) (IRI) Iroquois-Z2 Index (Platts) (IZI) NGPL Midcont Index (MCI) Malin Index (MIS) TETCO M3 Index (MTI) NWP Sumas Index (NIS) Michcon Index (NMI) NNG Ventura Index (NNI) Transco Zone 6 (NY) Index (NSI) NGPL TXOK Index (NTI) NGPL STX Index (NXI) ONEOK Gas Transporation Index (ONI) Southern Star TX OK KS Index (OUI) EP Permian Index (PEI) Panhandle Index (PIS) NWP Rockies Index (RSI) Socal Citygate Index (SCI) HSC Index (SHS) Transco Station 65 (Zone 3) Index (SIA) Socal Border Index (SIS) EP San Juan Index (SNI) Sonat Index (SOI) TETCO STX Index (SXI) TETCO ELA Index (TEI) Tennessee 500L Index (TFI) TGT Zone 1 Index (TGI) TCO Index (TIS) Transco Zone 6 (non NY) Index (TPI) Transco Station 85 (Zone 4) Index (TRI) TETCO WLA Index (TWI) Tennessee Zone 0 Index (TZI) Waha Index (WAI)

Power Products	Reasonability Limit(s)	Reasonability Limit(s) Exceptions
Financial Power	\$20.00	N/A
Capacity Responsive Reserve	\$10.00	N/A
In-City or Rest of State Capacity	\$10.00	N/A
Non-Spinning Reserve	\$10.00	N/A
Regulation	\$10.00	N/A
All Daily Power Contracts	\$100.00	N/A
All Daily Load Forecast	20,000 MW	N/A

U.S. Environmentals	Reasonability Limit(s)	Reasonability Limit(s) Exceptions
RGGI	\$0.50	N/A
CAR-CRT, CFI-US, REC-NJ & CCA	\$1.25	N/A
SFI	\$2.50	N/A
CT & MA REC	\$5.00	N/A
CSAPR SO2 & NOX	\$30.00	N/A
RIN	\$0.25	N/A
MA & NJ SREC, MA SREC Carve Out	\$15.00	N/A
TX REC	\$1.25	N/A
CAIR NOX (Annual and Ozone)	\$15.00	N/A
PJM TRI - QEC	\$1.25	N/A

AG AND METAL FUTURES	RL	NCR	CSLOR
Cocoa (CC)	\$50.00 per ton	\$25.00 per ton	\$10.00 per ton
Coffee "C" <sup>®</sup> (KC)	\$.0375 per lb.	\$.0080 per lb.	\$.0040 per lb.
Cotton No. 2 <sup>®</sup> (CT) & World Cotton (WCT)	\$.0200 per lb.	\$.0075 per lb.	\$.0030 per lb.
FCOJ (OJ)	\$.0225 per lb.	\$.0100 per lb.	\$.0075 per lb.
Sugar No. 11 <sup>®</sup> (SB)	\$.0050 per lb.	\$.0020 per lb.	\$.0010 per lb.
Sugar No. 16 (SF)	\$.0300 per lb.	\$.0050 per lb.	\$.0050 per lb.
Corn (ICN),Wheat (IW) and Soybean (IS)	\$.200 per bushel	\$.100 per bushel	\$.050 per bushel
Soybean Oil (IBO)	\$.016 per lb.	\$.008 per lb.	\$.004 per lb.
Soybean Meal (ISM)	\$16.00 per ton	\$8.00 per ton	\$4.00 per ton
100 oz. ZG and mini Gold (YG	\$8.00 per oz.	\$4.00 per oz.	\$2.00 per oz.
5000 oz. Silver (ZI) & mini Silver (YI)	\$0.300 per oz.	\$0.200 per oz.	\$0.100 per oz.

INDEX FUTURES	RL	NCR	CSLOR
	(all values expressed in Index F	Points)	
U.S. Dollar Index (DX)	0.500	0.200	0.100
Russell Stock Indexes	7.50	3.00	2.00
mini MSCI EAFE Index (MFS), mini MSCI Emerging Markets Index (MME) and mini MSCI World Index (MWL)	24.00	3.00	2.00
mini MSCI EAFE NTR Index (MFU)	72.00	9.00	6.00
mini MSCI Emerging Markets NTR Index (MMN)	8.00	1.00	0.50
mini MSCI Emerging Markets Latin America Index (MLE)	30.00	5.00	2.50
mini MSCI EM Asia Index (ASE)	12.00	1.50	1.00
mini MSCI EM Asia NTR Index (ASN)	10.00	1.50	1.00
mini MSCI ACWI Index Futures (MAW) and mini MSCI ACWI Ex-US Index (AWE)	6.00	0.75	0.50
mini MSCI ACWI NTR Index (MMW) and mini MSCI ACWI ex-US NTR Index (AWN)	5.00	0.75	0.50
mini MSCI Canada Index (MCL) and mini MSCI USA Index (MUN)	18.00	9.00	6.00
mini MSCI Pan-Euro Index (MPP)	11.00	6.00	4.00
mini MSCI Euro Index (MEU)	10.00	4.50	3.00
mini MSCI Europe Index (MCE), mini MSCI Europe Growth Index (MGE) and mini MSCI Europe Value Index (MPU)	1.25	0.50	0.25
mini MSCI USA Growth Index (MRG)	30.00	15.00	10.00
mini MSCI USA Value Index (MCU)	20.00	10.50	7.00
NYSE Arca Gold Miners Index (GDF)	7.00	6.25	4.00
ERIS CDX HY (HY5)	7500	2500	2500
ERIS CDX IG (IG5)	3000	1500	1500

CURRENCY PAIR FUTURES	RL	NCR	CSLOR
Sterling-US dollar (MP and IMP)	100 ticks/100 points	50 ticks/50 points	25 points
Zloty-US dollar (PLN)	55 55	66	**
Zloty-Euro (PLE)	**	**	**
Turkish lira-US dollar (TRM)	55 55	66	66
Turkish lira-Euro (ETR)	**	**	**
Russian Ruble-US dollar (KRU)	"	"	"
Col. peso-US dollar (KCU	1200 ticks/1200 points	600 ticks/600 pts.	300 points
Indian Rupee (KIU) and	66	65	**
Yen-US dollar (KSN)			
Sterling-Norway (PK)	200 ticks/5000 points	60 ticks/1500 pts.	750 points
Sterling-SA Rand (PZ)	£5	£5	44
Sterling-Sweden (PS)	66	66	"
Euro-Sweden (RK,KRK and IRK) Euro-	66	66	"
Norway (OL and KOL)	66	66	"
Euro-SA Rand (YZ)	£6	66	66
US\$-SA Rand (ZR)	22	66	66
Norway-Yen (KY)	22	66	66
Sweden-Yen(KJ)	**	"	"
Mexican peso-US dollar (KMP)	11	"	11
All Other Currency Pairs	200 ticks/1000 points	60 ticks/300 pts.	150 points

			No-Cance	ellation Rang	es for Optio	ns		
Theoretical Value*	Cotton	FCOJ	Сосоа	Coffee	Sugar	USDX	Theoretical Value	Russell
.0120	.20 pts	.20 pts	10 pts	.15 pts	.10 pts	.100 pts	.0150	.25 pts
.21 - 2.00	.40 pts	.75 pts	20 pts	.50 pts	.15 pts	.150 pts	.51 - 5.00	.50 pts
2.01 - 5.00	.50 pts	1.00 pts	25 pts	.75 pts	.20 pts	.200 pts	5.01 - 10.00	1.00 pts
5.01 - 10.00	.60 pts	1.50 pts	25 pts	1.00 pts	.25 pts	.250 pts	10.01 - 25.00	1.50 pts
10.01 - above	.80 pts	2.00 pts	25 pts	1.00 pts	.25 pts	.250 pts	25.01 - above	2.00 pts
Reasonabilit y Limit	3 x NCR	3 x NCR	3 x NCR	3 x NCR	3 x NCR	3 x NCR		3 x NCR
*Note that for Cocoa options (which do not trade in decimal points) the respective Theoretical Value Ranges are "1 to 20 points, 21 to 200 points, 201 to 500 points, 501 to 1000 points, and 1001 points and above.								
NCR and Reasonability Limits are for both outright options and User Defined Spread trades, including hedged trades; for purposes of NCR and RL levels, UDS and hedged UDS are treated as a package and not by the individual legs of the UDS.								
In the case of	price adjustmen	t, Market Super	rvision will adjus	st to fair value	minus/plus tl	he NCR.		

NOTE: Market Supervision staff has the authority to expand the No Cancellation Range and Reasonability Limit for a product to two (2) times the levels shown above in volatile market conditions and without prior notice.

# No Cancellation Ranges and Reasonability Levels for Metal Options:

The NCR shall be 20% of the option premium, subject to a minimum of 50 ticks and a maximum of 250 ticks. The RL shall be three times the NCR of the option.

## No Cancellation Range for the Cash-Settled Grain option contracts:

The NCR shall be equal to 20% of the fair value of the option, up to a maximum of 25% of the NCR of the Underlying Futures Contract. Based on the current NCR levels for the Underlying Futures Contracts, the maximum option NCR levels are currently:

Corn, Wheat and Soybeans:	2.5 cents per bushel
Soybean Oil:	.2 cents per pound
Soybean Meal:	2 dollars per ton

The RL shall be equal to the greater of the delta of the option times NCR of the underlying future or 20% of the fair value of the option, up to a maximum RL equal to the NCR of the underlying future and with a minimum RL equal to:

Corn, Wheat and Soybeans:	1 cent per bushel
Soybean Oil:	.05 cents per pound
Soybean Meal:	equal to .5 dollars per ton

The Exchange reserves the right to consider all alleged error trade situations on their individual merits and may therefore amend these policies in light of the circumstances of each case. The full Error Policy can be found in IFUS Electronic Trading Rules, on the web at:

https://www.theice.com/publicdocs/rulebooks/futures\_us/--Appendix\_l\_Error\_Trade\_Policy.pdf.

The descriptions of Anchor Price, No Cancellation Range, Reasonability Limits and Calendar Spread Limit Order Range below are taken from the IFUS Error Policy.

## **Anchor Price**

The Anchor Price is set by the Exchange and is based on the front contract month, however, when the front month nears expiration, the Anchor Price will be based on the delivery month with the most open interest. The determination as to when to shift the Anchor Price based on open interest will be made by the Exchange. The Anchor Price may be the previous night's settlement price, the opening call price or the last traded price. The Anchor Price of the second contract month and successive months onward is achieved by applying spread differentials against the front month Anchor Price.

## **No Cancellation Range**

The Exchange determines parameters above or below an Exchange set anchor price for each Contract within which a trade alleged as an error trade may not be cancelled. Such parameters are known as a no cancellation range.

Trades within the no cancellation range will not, under most circumstances, be cancelled by the Exchange, whether as a result of error or otherwise, in order that market users can have confidence that traded levels will stand.

# **Reasonability Limits**

The ETS maintains Reasonability Limits to prevent 'fat finger' type errors. These are hard limits above or below an Exchange set anchor price. Offers above and bids below the Reasonability Limit are accepted but are not tradable unless the market moves to bring them within the Reasonability Limit. Orders with bids above the Reasonability Limit or offers below the Reasonability Limit will not be accepted.

Each option order submitted to the electronic trading platform will be evaluated against a reasonability limit for the specific call or put option strike price. A reasonability limit range will be established around the theoretical premium value for each option call or put. The theoretical premium value will be calculated using the Black - Scholes model and will dynamically update throughout the day. The reasonability limit range will allow for entry of bids or offers within a calculated distance from the option's current theoretical premium value. This Option Reasonability Range is the distance above/below the calculated option theoretical premium used to establish the reasonability limits. This range is determined by the Exchange and is subject to change without notice. For Options with little theoretical value (deep out-of-the money), a minimum premium price established by the Exchange will be used. If the theoretical price of the Option plus the Option Reasonability Range is less than the minimum premium, the minimum premium will be used as the Reasonability Limit. The Reasonability Limits for each Exchange Commodity Contract are flexible, to take into account prevailing market conditions, and may be changed at the discretion of the Exchange on an intraday basis, without advance notice, to take account of such conditions.

Reasonability Limits are applicable during the pre-open period for all IFUS futures contracts except U.S. Power and Gas and Physical Environmental Contracts, at levels up to three times the levels shown in this document. Entry of new and revisions to existing option orders are not permitted during the pre-open period, and therefore Reasonability Limits are not applicable to IFUS option contracts during the preopen.

## Calendar Spread Limit Order Range

The CSLOR is used to set the maximum difference between the stop and limit prices on a calendar spread Stop Limit order, and the limit price on a calendar spread Stop With Protection order.