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Submission No. 19-174 June 13, 2019

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 the U.S. Domestic Crude Oil Liquidity Provider Program Submission Pursuant to Section 5c(c)(1) of the Act and Regulation 40.6

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Pursuant to Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC") Regulation 40.6(a), ICE Futures U.S., Inc. ("IFUS" or "Exchange") hereby submits by written certification, an amendment extending the term of the U.S. Domestic Crude Oil Liquidity Provider Program ("Program"), as set forth in Exhibit A. The Exchange believes that the Program, which commenced with the listing of the Exchange's U.S. domestic crude oil contracts on February 19, 2018 and was set to expire June 30, 2019, will continue to help build interest in liquidity in the new products. As such, the Exchange is extending the term through December 31, 2019. The revised terms and conditions of the Program are 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 Program complies with Core Principle 4 (Monitoring of Trading), Core Principle 9 (Execution of Transactions) and Core Principle 12 (Protection of Market Participants). The Program does not impact order execution priority or otherwise give participants any execution preference or advantage. 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 Exchange is not aware of any opposing views with regard to the amendments to the Program, which will become effective on July 1, 2019 and further certifies that, concurrent with

this filing, a redacted 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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cc: Division of Market Oversight

EXHIBIT A

ICE Futures U.S. US Domestic Crude Oil Liquidity Provider Program

Program Purpose

The purpose of the Program is to attract and incentivize participants to trade ICE Futures U.S. US Domestic Crude Oil Futures contracts to increase liquidity in the products; this enhanced liquidity will benefit all participants in the marketplace.

Product Scope

All ICE Futures U.S. domestic crude oil futures and option contracts other than WTI Futures or WTI 1st Line Futures; the program will include screen and non-screen trades.

Eligible Participants

[REDACTED]

Program Term

The program term shall end on <u>December</u> [June] $3[\theta]1$, 2019.

Obligations

Participants agree 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

[REDACTED]

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 no longer meets the eligibility requirements of this Program.