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Submission No. 15-157
September 16, 2015

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 Block Trade Procedures
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 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 are reflected in the Exchange’s Block Trade FAQ, as set forth in Exhibit A.

The Exchange is amending the Block Trade FAQ to require block trades that are transacted near the end of a trading session to be reported promptly so that they will continue clear on the trading date on which they are executed. Beginning on October 5, 2015, the maintenance window for the Exchange’s trading platform, which currently starts at 6:30PM ET, will begin at 6:05PM ET. The earlier start will impact certain Exchange futures and options contracts because block trades cannot be reported electronically or submitted for clearing during the maintenance window. The impacted contracts are those which trade through 6:00PM ET and have a reporting window for block trades which could potentially allow blocks transacted near the close to be reported after the start of the maintenance window under the current Procedures. The amendment to the Procedures addresses this issue by requiring that in addition to the 10-15 minute reporting window from the time of execution, all block trades in the

impacted futures and options contracts be reported to the Exchange within 5 minutes after the close of trading.

The Exchange is not aware of any opposing views to the amendment, which will become effective on October 5, 2015. The Exchange certifies that the amendment to the Procedures complies with the requirements of the Commodity Exchange 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 and may be accessed at (<https://www.theice.com/notices/RegulatoryFilings.shtml>).

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact the undersigned at 212-748-4021 or (jason.fusco@theice.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason V. Fusco". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

Jason V. Fusco
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Market Regulation

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cc: Division of Market Oversight

EXHIBIT A

ICE FUTURES U.S. BLOCK TRADE – FAQs

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9. What are the reporting requirements for block trades?

Block trades in the following contracts must be reported no later than 15 minutes of execution:

- Energy Futures and Options*;
- Metals Futures and Options*;
- Currency Futures and Options;
- Credit Index Futures Contracts*;
- NYSE Arca Gold Miners Index Futures*;
- Mini MSCI Futures*; and
- BICS on Mini MSCI Futures*.

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For all other products (including the Russell Futures and Option contracts*), five (5) minutes from the time of execution for single leg trades and 10 minutes from of time of execution for block trades consisting of two or more legs.

*For each of these products and notwithstanding the foregoing, all block trades executed during the last ten minutes of the trading day must be reported to the Exchange no later than five minutes after the close of trading.

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