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Submission No. 20-98  
September 16, 2020

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: Extension of Options Participant Development 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, notice that the Exchange is extending the term of the Options Participant Development Program (“Program”) through September 30, 2022, as set forth in Exhibit A. The Exchange believes that the program, which was launched on August 2018 and set to expire on September 30, 2020, will continue to help promote interest in the covered products.

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, which will become effective on October 1, 2020, and 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](mailto:jason.fusco@theice.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason V. Fusco". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

Jason V. Fusco  
Assistant General Counsel  
Market Regulation

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cc: Division of Market Oversight  
New York Regional Office

## **EXHIBIT A**

### **ICE Futures U.S. Option Participant Development Program**

#### **Program Purpose**

The purpose of the Program is to incentivize participants to increase liquidity in the products listed below; this enhanced liquidity will benefit all participants in the marketplace.

#### **Product Scope**

IFUS Gas Options

#### **Eligible Participants**

[REDACTED PARAGRAPH]

#### **Program Term**

The Program shall end on September 30, 202[0]2, unless extended by the Exchange. The Exchange reserves the right to amend or end the program and/or to terminate any participant at any time prior to that date.

#### **Obligations**

Participants are required to provide the Exchange with information acceptable to the Exchange detailing Participants' Program volume, and the Exchange may require an additional third party verification report.

#### **Program Incentives**

[REDACTED PARAGRAPH]

#### **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 has failed to meet its obligations or no longer meets the eligibility requirements of this Program.