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Submission No. 18-471
September 14, 2018

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 - Establishment of Block Trade Minimums for Gulf Coast LNG (Platts) Last Day 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 amendments to the Exchange’s Block Trading Procedures (the “Procedures”), which are reflected in the Exchange’s Block Trade FAQ (“FAQ”), as set forth in Exhibit A.

The Exchange is amending the FAQ to establish minimum block trade quantities for the new Gulf Coast LNG (Platts) Last Day Future contract being listed by the Exchange (See ICE Futures U.S. Submission No. 18-470). The Exchange is setting the new minimum block trade quantity for the contract at the level specified in Exhibit A. As background, the Exchange previously listed a Financial LNG contract with similar terms and conditions, which was delisted on August 29, 2018 (See ICE Futures U.S. Submission No. 18-397). The Exchange is setting the minimum block trade quantity at a level consistent with similar futures and options contracts listed by other designated contract markets and foreign boards of trade.

The Exchange is not aware of any opposing views and certifies that the amendments to the FAQ, which will become effective on October 1, 2018, comply with the requirements of the

Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. Specifically, the amendments comply 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.

Sincerely,

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

Patrick Swartz
Manager
Market Regulation

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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)
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<u>Gulf Coast LNG (Platts) Last Day Future</u>	<u>GCL</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>MMBtu</u>	<u>5</u>