



## **BY ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION**

Submission No. 16-144 November 10, 2016

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: Amendments to Russell Contract Individual Member Fee 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 amending the terms of the Russell Contract Individual Member Fee Program ("Program"), as set forth in Exhibit A. The Program is being amended in conjunction with the halving of the contract multiplier for all Russell Index<sup>®</sup> futures and options listed by the Exchange from \$100 per index point to \$50 per index point. The Exchange and clearing fees available to participants in the Program is being halved and the volume requirements necessary to qualify for the discounted fee is being doubled to adjust for the reduced contract size. In addition, the Program, which was set to expire on December 31, 2016, is being extended through December 31, 2017 as the Exchange believes it has helped support liquidity in the covered contracts. The amendments will become effective on December 5, 2016. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

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 Program and further certifies that, concurrent with this filing, a copy of this submission was posted on the Exchange's website at (<a href="https://www.theice.com/futures-us/regulation#rule-filings">https://www.theice.com/futures-us/regulation#rule-filings</a>).

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

Sincerely,

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.\*, Inc. Russell Contract Individual Member Fee Program

The program offers individual members of a number of qualifying derivatives exchanges a rate of [\$0.35] \$0.18/side for Russell 1000 Index Mini, Russell 1000 Value Index Mini, Russell 1000 Growth Index Mini, Russell 2000 Index Mini, Russell 2000 Value Index Mini, and Russell 2000 Growth Index Mini futures and options contracts ("the Russell Contracts") executed in that calendar month during the term of the program.

Only contracts executed by the participant in his/her proprietary accounts(s) are eligible for reduced fees in this Program, and a participant must trade at least [4]800 sides of Russell Contract volume in a month in his/her proprietary account(s) to be eligible for the reduced fee. Block trades and EFP transactions in the Russell 2000 Index Mini futures contracts shall not be eligible for reduced fees; block trades and EFP transactions in the other Russell Index contracts are eligible for reduced fees. The difference between the rates charged the participant in this Program and the standard non-member fees for Russell transactions in these contracts is rebated to the Program participant through the participant's clearing member.

Participant Name:			
Type of Membership (check or	ne):		
<b>CME</b> Individual Member	<b>CBOT</b> Individual Memb	per Indivi	<b>CBOE</b> dual Member
NYMEX Individual Member	<b>ISE</b> Individual Memb	oer Indivi	<b>IFUS</b> dual Member
NYSE Euronext Individual Member	NYSE LIFFE Individual Memb	<b>CFE</b> per Indivi	dual Member
NFA Registration ID (if applica	ble):		
Please identify the proprietary products (only trades in identi	-		
ICE Futures U.S. Clearing Member		Proprietary Trading Account Number	
learing Member Contact:		Phone:	email:

The Individual Member Fee Program continues through trade date December 31,  $201[\frac{6}{9}]$  or until further notice, but in no case for a period to exceed three years. ICE Futures U.S. reserves the right to remove any participant from the Program at its discretion and to terminate or amend the program term at any time.

I hereby certify that the information provided above is true and correct. I hereby acknowledge and understand that ICE Futures U.S., including but not limited to the Market Regulation Department, will be reviewing trading in my proprietary account(s) listed above in order to determine whether I am continuing to meet the requirements of the Individual Member Fee Program and if I should continue or be renewed as a participant in the Individual Member Program. I authorize ICE Futures U.S. to contact my clearing member from time to time to confirm my continued eligibility for the program and authorize my clearing member to release all trading information related to my proprietary account(s) listed above to ICE Futures, U.S.

Signature:	Date:
Participant Name:	
Telephone Number:	
E-Mail:	

Please call Ted Doukas (312.836.6712) with questions about the program. This application should be returned to ted.doukas@theice.com.