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Submission No. 20-188 December 15, 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: Amendments to Henry Hub Spread Participant Development Program Submission Pursuant to Section 5c(c)(1) of the Act and Regulation 40.6(a)

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 Henry Hub Spread Participant Development Program ("Program") through December 31, 2022, as set forth in Exhibit A. The Exchange believes that the Program, which was launched in September 2019 and set to expire on December 31, 2020, will continue to help build volume and liquidity in the covered contracts.

The Exchange certifies that the amended 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 January 1, 2021, 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

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#### **EXHIBIT A**

# ICE Futures U.S. Henry Hub Spread Participant Development Program

## **Program Purpose**

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

## **Product Scope**

ICE Henry Hub LD1 Futures

## **Eligible Participants**

### [PARAGRAPH REDACTED]

### **Program Term**

The Program shall end on December 31,  $202[\theta]2$ , 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**

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