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## **BY ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION**

Submission No. 20-182 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:** Extension of PJM Liquidity Provider 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 PJM Liquidity Provider Program ("Program"), as set forth in Exhibit A. The Program, which was initially launched in August 2016 and set to expire on December 31, 2020, is being extended through December 31, 2022. As explained in Exhibit A, the Exchange believes that the Program has helped attract volume and liquidity in the covered contracts. All other Program terms, 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 further certifies that, concurrent with this filing, a redacted copy of this submission (consistent with the petition for Confidential Treatment filed contemporaneously

with the Commission) 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>). The amendment to the Program will become effective on January 1, 2020.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact me at 212-748-4021 or at <a href="mailto:jason.fusco@theice.com">jason.fusco@theice.com</a>.

Sincerely,

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#### **EXHIBIT A**

### **ICE Futures U.S. PJM Liquidity Provider Program**

### **Program Purpose**

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

## **Product Scope**

Certain PJM Futures

## **Eligible Participants**

IFUS may designate up to five participants in the Program, who may be Exchange members or non-members. In order to be considered for selection into the Program, potential participants must have maintained a sufficient monthly average volume relative to the Monthly Program Volume threshold in Program contracts over the past three months at the time of application. Notwithstanding the foregoing the Exchange may add or subtract from the aforementioned criteria as it deems necessary.

## **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' trading activity under the program, and the Exchange may require an additional third party verification report.

#### **Program Incentives**

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## **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.