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Amended Submission No. 19-384A December 17, 2019

Mr. Christopher J. Kirkpatrick Office of the Secretariat Commodity Futures Trading Commission Three Lafayette Centre 1155 21<sup>st</sup> Street, NW Washington, DC 20581

Re: New MSCI Contract Exchange 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" or "Commission") Regulation 40.6(a), ICE Futures U.S., Inc. ("Exchange") filed Submission No. 19-384, a self-certification of the new MSCI Exchange Member Fee Program, on December 13, 2019. In accordance with Commission Regulation 40.6(a), the Exchange hereby amends the Submission to add language to the Program agreement which clarifies how the discount rate will be applied to transactions. Specifically, the additional language, underlined in Exhibit A, makes clear that the discount fee for each of the eight volume tiers will be applied to all volume within the tier and will not be applied to volume in other tiers.

The new Program will offer market participants that are members or member firms of ICE Futures US or another qualifying exchange the ability to earn discounted Exchange and Clearing fees on their proprietary trading of MSCI Index Futures and options. As described in Exhibit A, Program participants who execute at least 500 lots of NYSE Fang+ Index Futures during a calendar month will earn a discount on Exchange and clearing fees based on the volume of MSCI Index futures contracts they traded during that calendar month. Unlike the prior program, which structured the discount into two separate program tracks and only covered certain MSCI Index futures and options, the new Program has a single track which covers all MSCI contracts. Both screen and non-screen (off-Exchange) volume are included in determining a participant's monthly volume in the Program and both are eligible for any discounted Exchange and Clearing fee earned. The Exchange believes that the Program will help increase liquidity across all MSCI Index Futures Contracts.

The Exchange certifies that the new Program complies with the requirements of the Commodity Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. In particular, the new Program, which will become effective on January 1, 2020, 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 notice of pending certification was posted on the Exchange's website. A copy of this submission may be accessed at ((<a href="https://www.theice.com/futures-us/regulation#rule-filings">https://www.theice.com/futures-us/regulation#rule-filings</a>). The Exchange is not aware of any opposing views with respect to the Program.

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

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cc: Division of Market Oversight

## **EXHIBIT A**

## ICE Futures U.S.®, Inc. MSCI Contract Exchange Member Fee Program

The program offers entities that are members of a number of qualifying derivatives exchanges and that execute proprietary trades in MSCI Futures and NYSE FANG+<sup>TM</sup> Index Futures a discounted Exchange and Clearing fee for their program volume in MSCI contracts each month.

Only participants who execute at least 500 sides of NYSE FANG+ Index futures screen- traded volume in a calendar month are eligible to earn discounted rates on MSCI contracts in this program. For participants who meet that NYSE FANG+ volume threshold, the amount of the discounted Exchange and Clearing Fee for MSCI contracts earned in a calendar month is based on the participant's MSCI total contract volume in the month, as shown below:

Sides Traded			\$ per side	
Tier	Lower Tier	Upper Tier	Screen Fee	Block/EFP Fee
1	0	15,000	1.20	1.75
2	15,001	30,000	0.66	0.66
3	30,001	60,000	0.60	0.60
4	60,001	125,000	0.54	0.54
5	125,001	250,000	0.48	0.48
6	250,001	500,000	0.42	0.42
7	500,001	1,000,000	0.36	0.36
8	1,000,001	+	0.30	0.30

In calculating the monthly rebate amount for a Participant, the fee rate shown above for each Tier will be applied to all volume within that Tier. For example: a Participant that trades 16,000 sides of program volume in calendar month will receive the Tier 1 rates for Screen and Non-Screen volume for the first 15,000 sides, and will receive the Tier 2 discounted rates for Screen and Non-Screen trades for the next 1,000 sides.

Participant Name		
Type of Membership (check	one)	
CME Corporate Member	CBOT  Corporate Member	CBOE  Corporate Member
NYMEX Corporate Member	ISE Corporate Member	IFUS Corporate Member
ICE Futures Europe Corporate Member	CFE Corporate Member	

	Proprietary Trading Account Number
Clearing Member Contact:	
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rebated to the Program participating firm the The Exchange Member Fee Program continuither notice, but in no case for a period to	d the standard customer fees for the contracts rough the participating firm's clearing members are through trade date December 31, 2020 or exceed three years. ICE Futures U.S. reserves at its discretion, and to terminate or amend the
hereby certify that the information provided understand that ICE Futures U.S., including will be reviewing trading in the proprietary	ge member applying to participate in the Prograbove is true and correct. I hereby acknowled but not limited to the Market Regulation Depaccount(s) listed above to determine whether into the Program and whether the participance Program. I authorize ICE Futures U.S. to call to time to confirm its continued eligibility for the program.
continue or be renewed as a participant in t	