

December 22, 2020

**VIA CFTC PORTAL**

Commodity Futures Trading Commission  
Attention: Chris Kirkpatrick, Secretary  
Three Lafayette Centre  
1155 21<sup>st</sup> Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20581

**Re: Amendments to the Nodal Exchange Natural Gas Futures Market Maker Incentive Program 1: Certification Submission No. 20-049 Pursuant to Regulation 40.6(a)**

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Pursuant to Commission Regulation 40.6(a), Nodal Exchange, LLC (“Nodal Exchange” or “Exchange”) is notifying the Commission by self-certification of the Exchange’s intention to amend the Nodal Exchange Natural Gas Futures Market Maker Incentive Program 1 (“Program”). The complete description of the Program is separately included and segregated as Exhibit 1 for which the Exchange seeks confidential treatment. A redacted version is also included. The amendments to the Program are effective on January 8, 2021.

Exchange management has assessed the Program and certifies its compliance with the Commodity Exchange Act (“Act”), including the Commissions Regulations and the Core Principles. Regulatory compliance is mostly addressed in the Nodal Exchange Rulebook, concisely explained as follows:

**Core Principle 2 - Compliance with the Rules:** Trading in the Exchange’s contracts will be subject to the Nodal Exchange Rulebook in Section IV, describing trading procedures, and Section VI, which establishes trading codes of conduct, sound trading practices, and identifies prohibited trading behavior and abuses. In addition, trading behavior and activity will be subject to extensive monitoring and surveillance by the Exchange’s Division of Market Administration and Surveillance. The Exchange’s Compliance Department has the authority to address disciplinary matters through investigation and enforcement procedures in accordance with Section VII of the Exchange Rulebook.

**Core Principle 4 - Prevention of Market Disruption:** Trading in the Exchange’s contracts will be subject to the Nodal Exchange Rulebook Section VI, which prohibits disruptive trading behavior and manipulation, subject to monitoring and surveillance by the Exchange’s Division of Market Administration and Surveillance.

Core Principle 7 - Availability of General Information: The Exchange will post general information, including the contract specifications for the new contracts, Exchange fees, and the Nodal Exchange Rulebook, on the Exchange's website: [www.nodalexchange.com](http://www.nodalexchange.com).

Core Principle 9 - Execution of Transactions: The Program's eligible contracts will be available on the Exchange's electronic trading system that is a central limit order book ("CLOB"). The CLOB provides the market with the ability to execute the Exchange's contracts from the interaction of multiple bids and multiple offers within a predetermined, nondiscretionary automated trade matching and execution algorithm.

Core Principle 10 - Trade Information: The CLOB will maintain all information with respect to each order and each consummated trade, as well as all other information relating to the trade environment that determines the matching and clearing of trades. As such, any order submitted to the CLOB can be tracked from the time it is entered into the system until the time that it is matched, canceled or otherwise removed.

Core Principle 12 - Protection of Markets and Market Participants: Section VI of the Nodal Exchange Rulebook protects the market and market participants from abusive, disruptive, fraudulent, noncompetitive and unfair conduct and trade practices. The Program participants are subject to these rules that apply to all transactions in the Exchange's contracts.

Core Principle 13 - Disciplinary Procedures: Section VII of the Nodal Exchange Rulebook describes the disciplinary procedures of the Exchange that authorize the Exchange to discipline, suspend, or expel anyone on the Exchange that violates these rules.

Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Act and Commission Regulation 40.6, the Exchange certifies that the Program complies with the Act and the Commission's Regulations thereunder. There have not been any opposing views expressed regarding the Program.

Nodal Exchange certifies that, concurrent with this submission, a redacted version of the Program was posted on the Nodal Exchange website at [www.nodalexchange.com](http://www.nodalexchange.com).

If you have any question or need additional information regarding the above, please contact the undersigned at 703-962-9853 or [markotic@nodalexchange.com](mailto:markotic@nodalexchange.com) or Anita Herrera, Chief Regulatory Officer & General Counsel at 703-962-9835 or [Herrera@nodalexchange.com](mailto:Herrera@nodalexchange.com).

Sincerely,

/s/ Max Markotic

Director of Compliance

Attachments:

- Exhibit 1: CONFIDENTIAL - Nodal Exchange Natural Gas Futures Market Maker Incentive Program 1
- Exhibit 1: Nodal Exchange Natural Gas Futures Market Maker Incentive Program 1- Redacted
- Request for Confidential Treatment