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Submission No. 24-126
September 27, 2024

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

Re: Extension of Terms of ICE Futures U.S. Henry Hub Natural Gas Broker Program Submission Pursuant to Section 5c(c)(1) of the Act and Regulation 40.6

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Pursuant to Section 5c(c)(1) of the Commodity Exchange Act, as amended, and Commission Regulation 40.6, ICE Futures U.S., Inc. (“Exchange”) submits, by written certification, notice that the Exchange is extending the term of the ICE Futures U.S. Natural Gas Broker Program (“the Program”) through September 30, 2026. The Program, which was launched on October 15, 2012 and set to expire on September 30, 2024, is being extended to September 30, 2026 because the Exchange believes it has helped attract interest in the covered products. All other program terms, which are described below, remain unchanged.

The Program is open to all brokers. Participating brokers will receive a per side payment on all cleared non-screen trades in program products a calendar month that is reported to the Exchange, with the payment determined based upon such monthly program volume as follows:

Henry Hub Natural Gas Futures and Options [includes NG Financial products, Fixed Price for LD1 ICE Lots, Fixed Price for Penultimate contracts and Fixed Price for Penultimate (Equity) contracts]:

Up to 1,500,000 sides – payment of 15 cents per side;
1,500,001 to 2,500,000 sides – payment of 20 cents per side;
2,500,001 to 3,500,000 sides – payment of 22.5 cents per side;
Over 3,500,000 sides – payment of 25 cents per side.

Once a tier threshold is reached in a month then all program volume will receive the payment indicated for that threshold.

Each participating broker is required to submit pricing information for all expirations out the curve for the options contracts covered by the Program in order to be eligible to receive the rebate. Program rebates will continue be paid monthly based on the brokers submitted program volume, but the payment will be conditioned on the submission of all required pricing information. The Exchange may reduce the rebate for each individual covered product on a pro rata basis for each business day in which a reporting broker fails to submit all required expiration curve pricing information for such product. Participating brokers receive the incentive on a monthly basis for contracts reported during the prior calendar month.

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 amendments comply with Core Principle 4 (Monitoring of Trading), Core Principle 9 (Execution of Transactions) and Core Principle 12 (Protection of Market Participants). The Program is structured so that they do not create incentives for participants to engage in market abuses such as manipulative trading or wash sales. 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 Program does not impact order execution priority or otherwise give participants any execution preference or advantage.

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 (<https://www.theice.com/futures-us/regulation#rule-filings>). The extension will become effective on October 14, 2024. The Exchange is not aware of any substantive opposing views with respect to the extension.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason V. Fusco". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "F".

Jason V. Fusco
General Counsel
ICE Futures U.S., Inc.

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cc: Division of Market Oversight
New York Regional Office