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Submission No. **19-01** February 8, 2019

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: Listing of Commodity Swap and Rule Amendments- Submission Pursuant to Section 5c(c)(1) of the Act and Regulation 40.2

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Pursuant to Section 5c(c)(1) of the Commodity Exchange Act, as amended (the "CEA") and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the "Commission") Regulation 40.2, ICE Swap Trade, LLC ("IST" or "SEF") hereby submits by written certification the terms and conditions for one (1) new cash-settled Middle Distillate swap contract (the "Energy Contract"). The Energy Contract will be listed as permitted contracts for trading on February 12, 2019 (based on an acknowledged filing date of February 11, 2019). The Energy Contract is a bilateral, uncleared swap.

The contract terms and conditions are set forth in Chapter 13 of the ICE Swap Trade Rulebook ("Rules") as specified in **Exhibit A**. The new balance of the month contract is substantially similar to the related monthly swap contract currently listed on the SEF. A copy of the revised Rulebook marked to show changes against the Rulebook submitted to the Commission with an effective date of November 14, 2018, is attached as **Exhibit B**, and a clean copy of the revised Rulebook is attached as **Exhibit C**.

Rule	Contract Name
13103	Jet FOB Rotterdam Barges vs Jet CIF NWE Cargoes Balmo Swap



#### **Certifications**

IST certifies that the rules and amendments related to the listing of the Energy Contract comply with the requirements of the CEA and the rules and regulations promulgated by the Commission thereunder. IST has reviewed the Core Principles and has determined that the listing of the Energy Contract impacts the following relevant Core Principles:

**COMPLIANCE WITH RULES (Principle 2):** The terms and conditions of the Energy Contract are set forth in Chapter 13 of the Rules, which will be enforced by IST. Trading of the Energy Contract is subject to all relevant IST rules which are enforced by the Market Regulation Department.

**SWAPS NOT READILY SUSCEPTIBLE TO MANIPULATION (Principle 3):** In accordance with the guidelines set forth in Appendix C to Part 38 of the CEA, the Energy Contract should not be readily subject to manipulation as it is based on deep and liquid cash markets and widely accepted benchmarks. The contract size, listing cycle, quotation basis, final settlement and minimum price fluctuation for the Energy Contract is common amongst related contracts listed by other SEFs and DCMs. In addition, the Energy Contracts will be subject to market surveillance by IST Market Regulation staff to detect attempted manipulation.

Platts, the administrator of the referenced indices, has established comprehensive rules governing assessment prices and price reporting structures that is publically available, transparent, and widely accepted and understood by market participants. The prices included in all of Platts' indices are subjected to a rigorous series of quality control processes. Platts publishes benchmark price assessments for oil markets and its price reporting is well known in the industry as fair and accurate. The oil indexes Platts publishes are based on original reporting that is collected by Platts from actual buyers and sellers. Platts also employs a comprehensive compliance review of submissions and its methodologies to ensure the published prices accurately reflect physical deals. Platts' rules, index descriptions and pricing methodology for oil is publically available on its website<sup>1</sup>.

**MONITOR OF TRADING AND TRADE PROCESSING (Principle 4):** All contracts listed for trading by IST are subject to prohibitions against abusive trading practices as set forth in Chapter 5 of the IST Rulebook. The Market Regulation staff actively monitors all IST markets to detect abusive practices.

**ABILITY TO OBTAIN INFORMATION (Principle 5):** IST has rules and procedures in place that allow for the collection of non-routine data from Participants and Customers. In addition, IST has agreements in place with other regulatory, data repository and reporting services.

**TIMELY PUBLICATION OF TRADING INFORMATION (Principle 9):** IST will publish on its website and distribute through quote vendors contract trading volume, open interest levels, and daily price information in accordance with Part 16. IST will also adhere to the reporting requirements as detailed in Part 43 and 45<sup>2</sup> of the Commission's Rules. Prior to the commencement of trading, the terms and conditions for the Energy Contract will be available on IST's website. In addition, IST will publish on a daily basis the settlement prices, volume, open interest and the opening and closing ranges for actively traded contracts.

**RECORDKEEPING AND REPORTING (Principle 10):** IST has rules and procedures in place to require Participants and Customers to maintain records of their trading and provide for the recording and storage of the requisite trade information sufficient for the Market Regulation Department to detect and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> http://www.platts.com/methodology-specifications/oil

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 17 CFR Part 43 Real-Time Public Reporting of Swap Transaction Data and 17 CFR Part 45 Swap Data Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements.



prosecute customer and market abuses.

**DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES (Principle 13):** Pursuant to Chapters 8 of the IST Rulebook, the Market Regulation Department has the authority to sanction, suspend or expel members and market participants that violate SEF rules.

**DISPUTE RESOLUTION (Principle 14):** Participants may arbitrate claims arising from trading of IST's contracts in accordance with Chapter 9 of the IST Rulebook. Such arbitration is mandatory for claims by customers against SEF Participants and for claims by SEF Participants against each other. Non-Participants with claims arising from trading of IST's contracts may also opt for SEF arbitration.

IST not aware of any substantive opposing views expressed with respect to the rules and the amendments. IST further certifies that concurrent with this filing, a copy of this submission was posted on its website, which may be accessed at: (https://www.theice.com/swap-trade/regulation).

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact the undersigned at (212) 323-8512 or (Cathy.OConnor@theice.com).

Sincerely,

Cathy O'Connor Chief Compliance Officer

cc: Division of Market Oversight



#### **EXHIBIT A**

## Rule 13103. Jet FOB Rotterdam Barges vs Jet CIF NWE Cargoes Balmo Swap

**Contract Description:** A balance of the month cash settled swap based on the difference between the Platts daily assessment price for Jet FOB Rotterdam Barges and the Platts daily assessment price for Jet CIF NWE Cargoes

Contract Symbol: JCR

Contract Size: 1,000 metric tonnes

Unit of Trading: Any multiple of 1,000 metric tonnes

**Currency:** US Dollars and cents

**Trading Price Quotation:** One cent (\$0.01) per metric tonne

Last Trading Day: Last Trading Day of the contract month

**Final Settlement Price:** In respect of final settlement, the Floating Price will be a price in USD and cents per metric tonne based on the difference between the average of the "Mid" quotations appearing in the "Platts European Marketscan" under the heading "Northwest Europe barges" subheading "FOB Rotterdam" for "Jet" and the average of the "Mid" quotations appearing in the "Platts European Marketscan" under the heading "Northwest Europe cargoes" subheading "CIF NWE/Basis ARA" for "Jet" for each business day (as specified below) in the determination period.

Roll Adjust Provision: N/A

Contract Series: Up to 2 consecutive months, or as otherwise determined by the SEF

Final Payment Dates: Five (5) New York Business Days after each settlement date via wire

transfer of Federal funds

**Business Days:** Publication days for Platts European Marketscan

**Other Terms:** To be confirmed directly between the parties in their full form of contract. The terms reflected in such contracts shall be controlling.