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Via CFTC Portal Submissions

Mr. Christopher Kirkpatrick
Secretary of the Commission
Office of the Secretariat
Commodity Futures Trading Commission
3 Lafayette Centre
1155 21st Street, N.W.
Washington D.C. 20581

RE: Rule Certification: Nadex Amends Contract Specifications for its US Tech 100 Call Spread Contracts - Submission Pursuant to Commission Regulation §40.6(a)

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Pursuant to Section 5c(c)(1) of the Commodity Exchange Act, as amended (the “Act”), and §40.6(a) of the regulations promulgated by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the “Commission”) under the Act, North American Derivatives Exchange, Inc. (“Nadex”) hereby submits to the Commission its intent to update its Rule 12.62 to amend the strike width, dollar multiplier, and minimum tick size for its Daily (Wide and Narrow), 8.25-Hour Intraday, and 2-Hour Intraday Call Spread contracts in the US Tech 100 contracts. This change is being made due to an increase in the underlying CME E-mini Nasdaq 100[®] Index Futures market, in order to create more attractive and tradeable contracts in the Nadex product.

DCM Core Principles

Nadex has identified the following Designated Contract Market (“DCM”) Core Principle as potentially being impacted by the amendments discussed herein: Core Principle 7 Availability of General Information.

Core Principle 7 (Availability of General Information), implemented by Regulation 38.400, requires the DCM make available to the public accurate information concerning the terms and conditions of the contracts of the contract market. Nadex currently makes its Rulebook available to the public on its website and will continue to do so after the amendments

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discussed herein are implemented. The Rulebook contains the contract specifications for the US Tech 100 Call Spread contracts, where the strike width, dollar multiplier, and minimum tick size for those contracts can be found. Accordingly, these amendments will not negatively affect Nadex's ability to comply with this Core Principle.

DCO Core Principles

Nadex has not identified any Derivatives Clearing Organization ("DCO") Core Principles as potentially being impacted by the amendments discussed herein.

These Rule changes have been outlined in Exhibit A. The amendments to the Rulebook are set forth in Exhibit B. Any deletions are stricken out while the amendments and/or additions are underlined.

Nadex hereby certifies that the additions contained herein comply with the Act, as amended, and the Commission Regulations adopted thereunder. No substantive opposing views were expressed to Nadex with respect to any of these actions.

Nadex hereby certifies that notice of these amendments was posted on its website at the time of this filing.

In accordance with the 10-day review period set forth in Commission Regulation 40.6(b), Nadex plans to implement these Rule changes for the start of business on trade date March 23, 2020.

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone at (312) 884-0927 or by email at jaime.walsh@nadex.com.

Sincerely,



Jaime M. Walsh
Legal Counsel

EXHIBIT A

Rule	Asset	Duration/Close Time	Action	Effective Date
12.62	US Tech 100 Variable Payout Contracts	Daily- 4:15pm ET close 8.25-Hour Intraday - 4:15pm ET close 2-Hour Intraday – 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, and 4pm ET close	Amend strike width, minimum tick size, and dollar multiplier	3/23/2020

EXHIBIT B

Amendment of Rules 12.62

(The following Rule amendments are underlined and deletions are stricken out)

RULES 1.1 – 12.61 [UNCHANGED]

RULE 12.62 US TECH100 VARIABLE PAYOUT CONTRACTS

RULE 12.62.1 US TECH 100 “CALL SPREAD” VARIABLE PAYOUT CONTRACTS

(a) SCOPE – These Rules shall apply to the Class of Contracts referred to as the US Tech 100 Call Spread Variable Payout Contracts, referred to as a ‘Call Spread’, issued by Nadex.

(b) UNDERLYING – The Underlying for this Class of Contracts is the price of the E-mini NASDAQ 100® Futures contracts (“NQFC”) traded on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME®)¹. The NQFC trade prices that will be used to calculate the Underlying will be taken from four (4) NQFC delivery months: March, June, September, or December (each a “NQFC Delivery Month”). The date on which a new delivery month will be used as the Underlying for Nadex contracts (i.e. “Start Date”) is one calendar day after the End Date for the previous delivery month contract. The last day on which a delivery month will be used as the Underlying for Nadex contracts (i.e. “End Date”) is the Friday of the week preceding the Underlying futures contracts Expiration Date. For example, the CME e-mini NASDAQ 100 March 2012 futures have an Expiration Date of March 16, 2012. The last day on which the e-mini NASDAQ 100 March 2012 futures prices will be used as the Underlying for Nadex contracts and to calculate the Expiration Value on the Expiration Date for the relevant e-mini NASDAQ 100 contracts will be the Friday of the preceding week. Therefore, the End Date for using CME e-mini NASDAQ 100 March 2012 futures will be March 9, 2012 and the Start Date for the next delivery month, CME e-mini NASDAQ 100 June 2012 futures, will be March 10, 2012.

(c) SOURCE AGENCY – The Source Agency is Nadex.

(d) TYPE – The Type of Contract is a Variable Payout Contract.

(e) ISSUANCE – For each planned release by the Source Agency of the Underlying, Nadex will issue various Contracts, each of a different Series. A new issuance of Contracts will commence no later than two (2) business days following the Expiration Date.

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(f) PAYOUT CRITERION – The Payout Criterion for each Contract will be set by Nadex at the time the Variable Payout Contracts are initially issued. For the US Tech 100 Call Spreads, the Payout Criteria for the Contracts will be set as follows:

(i) DAILY US TECH 100 CALL SPREAD VARIABLE PAYOUT CONTRACTS, 4:15 PM ET CLOSE - At the commencement of trading in a Daily Spread US Tech 100 Call Spread, Nadex shall list one (1) Call Spread Contract, which conforms to the Payout Criteria listed below:

(1) DAILY US TECH 100 CALL SPREAD CONTRACT

(aa) CEILING – The Ceiling shall be $X + 40100$

(bb) FLOOR – The Floor shall be $X - 40100$.

(cc) DOLLAR MULTIPLIER – The Dollar Multiplier shall be ~~10~~4.

(1) In each case, “X” equals the last NQFC price, as reported by the Source Agency, rounded to the nearest 10.

(ii) DAILY US TECH 100 CALL SPREAD CONTRACTS, 4:15 PM ET CLOSE - Nadex shall list a set of three (3) Call Spread Contracts with overlapping ranges, which conform to the Payout Criteria listed below:

(1) CONTRACT 1: The Ceiling shall be X; The Floor shall be $X - 40100$.

(2) CONTRACT 2: The Ceiling shall be $X + 2050$; The Floor shall be $X - 2050$.

(3) CONTRACT 3: The Ceiling shall be $X + 40100$; The Floor shall be X.

(4) DOLLAR MULTIPLIER – The Dollar Multiplier shall be ~~10~~4.

(5) In each case, “X” equals the last NQFC price, as reported by the Source Agency, rounded to the nearest 10.

(iii) INTRADAY US TECH 100 CALL SPREAD CONTRACTS, 8AM ET to 4:15 PM ET CLOSE - Nadex shall list a set of five (5) Call Spread Contracts with overlapping ranges, which conform to the Payout Criteria listed below:

(1) CONTRACT 1: The Ceiling shall be $X - 1545$; The Floor shall be $X - 45135$.

(2) CONTRACT 2: The Ceiling shall be X; The Floor shall be $X - 3090$.

(3) CONTRACT 3: The Ceiling shall be $X + 1545$; The Floor shall be $X - 1545$.

(4) CONTRACT 4: The Ceiling shall be $X + \underline{3090}$; The Floor shall be X .

(5) CONTRACT 5: The Ceiling shall be $X + \underline{45135}$; The Floor shall be $X + \underline{1545}$.

(6) DOLLAR MULTIPLIER – The Dollar Multiplier shall be $\underline{404}$.

(7) In each case, “X” equals the last NQFC price, as reported by the Source Agency, rounded to the nearest 10.

(iv) INTRADAY 2-HOUR US TECH 100 CALL SPREAD CONTRACTS, 10:00AM, 11:00AM, 12:00PM, 1:00PM, 2:00PM, 3:00PM and 4:00PM ET CLOSE - Nadex shall list a set of five (5) Call Spread Contracts that open 2 hours prior to the stated closing time(s) above with overlapping ranges, which conform to the Payout Criteria listed below:

(1) CONTRACT 1: The Ceiling shall be $X - \underline{25}$; The Floor shall be $X - \underline{175}$.

(2) CONTRACT 2: The Ceiling shall be X ; The Floor shall be $X - \underline{4050}$.

(3) CONTRACT 3: The Ceiling shall be $X + \underline{25}$; The Floor shall be $X - \underline{25}$.

(4) CONTRACT 4: The Ceiling shall be $X + \underline{4050}$; The Floor shall be X .

(5) CONTRACT 5: The Ceiling shall be $X + \underline{175}$; The Floor shall be $X + \underline{25}$.

(6) DOLLAR MULTIPLIER – The Dollar Multiplier shall be $\underline{404}$.

(7) In each case, “X” equals the last NQFC price, as reported by the Source Agency, rounded to the nearest 5.

(v) Nadex may list additional Call Spread Contracts with different ranges of Payout Criteria on a discretionary basis in accordance with the CEA and Commission Regulations.

(g) MINIMUM TICK – The Minimum Tick size for US Tech 100 Call Spread Variable Payout Contracts shall be $\underline{0.100.25}$.

(h) POSITION LIMIT – The Position Limits for US Tech 100 Call Spread Variable Payout Contracts shall be 125,000 Contracts.

(i) LAST TRADING DATE – The Last Trading Date of the Contract is the same date as the Settlement Date.

(j) SETTLEMENT DATE – The Settlement Date of the Contract shall be the same date as the Expiration Date.

(k) EXPIRATION DATE – The Expiration Date of the Contract shall be the date on which the US Tech 100 Expiration Value is released by the Source Agency.

(l) SETTLEMENT VALUE – The Settlement Value is the amount paid to the holder of either a Short or Long Variable Payout Contract on Settlement Date. The Settlement Value of a Variable Payout Contract is determined as described in the definition for Long and Short Variable Payout Contracts.

(m) EXPIRATION VALUE – The Expiration Value is the US Tech 100 Index Value as calculated by the Source Agency on the Expiration Date. The Expiration Value is calculated by the Source Agency by taking all NQFC trade prices occurring in the ten (10) seconds leading up to the close of trading of the US Tech 100 Call Spread Contract, provided at least twenty-five (25) trade prices are captured during the ten (10) second period, removing the highest twenty (20) percent of NQFC trade prices and the lowest twenty (20) percent of NQFC trade prices from the data set², and using the remaining NQFC trade prices to calculate the Expiration Value. The calculation used is a simple average of the remaining NQFC trade prices in the data set, rounded to one decimal point past the precision of the underlying market. In the event the time it takes to collect at least twenty-five (25) SPFC trade prices exceeds the ten (10) seconds just prior to the close of trading of the US Tech 100 Call Spread Contract, the Expiration Value is calculated by the Source Agency by taking the last twenty-five (25) NQFC trade prices just prior to the close of trading of the US Tech 100 Call Spread Contract removing the highest five (5) NQFC trade prices and the lowest five (5) NQFC trade prices, and using the remaining fifteen (15) NQFC trade prices to calculate the Expiration Value. The calculation used is a simple average of all fifteen (15) NQFC trade prices, rounded to one decimal point past the precision of the underlying market.

(n) CONTINGENCIES – If no level is actually announced on the Expiration Date due to a delay, postponement or otherwise in such release announcement by the Source agency, the Settlement Date will be delayed until the Underlying number is released for the Series.

RULE 12.62.2 US TECH 100 “TOUCH BRACKET” VARIABLE PAYOUT CONTRACTS

² If 20% of the data set would result in a non-integer number of trade prices, the number of trade prices to be removed from the set will be rounded down. For example, if the number of trade prices collected during the last 10 seconds prior to the close of trading was 31, 20% of the data set would be 6.2 trade prices. As 6.2 is a non-integer number, the value will be rounded down, and the 6 highest and 6 lowest trade prices will be removed from the data set.

(a) SCOPE – These Rules shall apply to the Class of Contracts referred to as the US Tech 100 Touch Bracket Variable Payout Contracts, referred to as a ‘Touch Bracket’, issued by Nadex.

(b) UNDERLYING – The Underlying for this Class of Contracts is the price of the E-mini NASDAQ 100® Futures contracts (“NQFC”) traded on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME®)³. The NQFC trade prices that will be used to calculate the Underlying will be taken from four (4) NQFC delivery months: March, June, September, or December (each a “NQFC Delivery Month”). The date on which a new delivery month will be used as the Underlying for Nadex contracts (i.e. “Start Date”) is one calendar day after the End Date for the previous delivery month contract. The last day on which a delivery month will be used as the Underlying for Nadex contracts (i.e. “End Date”) is the Friday of the week preceding the Underlying futures contracts Expiration Date. For example, the CME e-mini NASDAQ 100 March 2012 futures have an Expiration Date of March 16, 2012. The last day on which the e-mini NASDAQ 100 March 2012 futures prices will be used as the Underlying for Nadex contracts and to calculate the Expiration Value on the Expiration Date for the relevant e-mini NASDAQ 100 contracts will be the Friday of the preceding week. Therefore, the End Date for using CME e-mini NASDAQ 100 March 2012 futures will be March 9, 2012 and the Start Date for the next delivery month, CME e-mini NASDAQ 100 June 2012 futures, will be March 10, 2012.

(c) SOURCE AGENCY – The Source Agency is Nadex.

(d) TYPE – The Type of Contract is a Variable Payout Contract.

(e) ISSUANCE – For each planned release by the Source Agency of the Underlying, Nadex will issue various Contracts, each of a different Series. A new issuance of Contracts will commence no later than two (2) business days following the Expiration Date.

(f) PAYOUT CRITERION – The Payout Criterion for each Contract will be set by Nadex at the time the Variable Payout Contracts are initially issued. For the US Tech 100 Touch Bracket Contracts, the Payout Criteria for the Contracts will be set as follows:

(i) WEEKLY US TECH 100 TOUCH BRACKET VARIABLE PAYOUT CONTRACTS, Close Time is the earlier of 4:15PM ET on the last Trade Day of the contract listing, or when the US Tech 100 Index Value is equal to or greater than the Ceiling, or equal to or less than the Floor. Nadex shall list a set of four (4) Touch Bracket Variable Payout Contracts, referred to as a ‘Touch Bracket’, that open at 3:00AM ET on the first Trade Day of the week, with overlapping ranges, which conform to the Payout Criteria listed below.

(1) CONTRACT 1: The Ceiling shall be $X + 120$; The Floor shall be $X - 30$.

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(2) CONTRACT 2: The Ceiling shall be $X + 90$; The Floor shall be $X - 60$.

(3) CONTRACT 3: The Ceiling shall be $X + 60$; The Floor shall be $X - 90$.

(4) CONTRACT 4: The Ceiling shall be $X + 30$; The Floor shall be $X - 120$.

(5) DOLLAR MULTIPLIER – The Dollar Multiplier shall be 4.

(6) In each case, “X” equals the last US Tech 100 price, as reported by the Source Agency, rounded to the nearest 1.

(ii) Upon the early Expiration of a Touch Bracket, Nadex may list a new Touch Bracket with a Ceiling of $X + 120$ (or 30) and a Floor of $X - 30$ (or 120) where X equals the Ceiling (or Floor) of the Touch Bracket that expired early. The newly listed Touch Bracket will have the same Last Trade Day as originally established for the expired Touch Bracket and the same Dollar Multiplier as the expired Touch Bracket.

(g) MINIMUM TICK – The Minimum Tick size for the US Tech 100 Touch Bracket Variable Payout Contracts shall be 0.25.

(h) POSITION LIMIT – The Position Limit for US Tech 100 Touch Bracket Variable Payout Contracts shall be 100 Contracts.

(i) LAST TRADING DATE – The Last Trading Date of the Contract is the same date as the Settlement Date.

(j) SETTLEMENT DATE – The Settlement Date of the Contract shall be the same date as the Expiration Date.

(k) EXPIRATION DATE – The Expiration Date of the Contract shall be the date on which the US Tech 100 Expiration Value is released by the Source Agency.

(l) SETTLEMENT VALUE – The Settlement Value is the amount paid to the holder of either a Short or Long Variable Payout Contract on Settlement Date. The Settlement Value of a Variable Payout Contract is determined as described in the definition for Long and Short Variable Payout Contracts.

(m) US TECH 100 INDEX VALUE – The Source Agency shall calculate and produce a US Tech 100 Index Value once each second throughout the life of the US Tech 100 Variable Payout contracts. That is, each second the Source Agency will calculate a US Tech 100 Index Value by taking by taking all NQFC trade prices occurring in the ten (10) seconds leading up to the Calculation Time, provided at least twenty-five (25) trade prices are captured during the ten (10) second period, removing the highest twenty (20) percent of NQFC trade prices and the

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lowest twenty (20) percent of NQFC trade prices from the data set⁴, and using the remaining NQFC trade prices to calculate the US Tech 100 Index Value for that second. The calculation used is a simple average of the remaining NQFC trade prices in the data set, rounded to one decimal point past the precision of the underlying market. In the event the time it takes to collect at least twenty-five (25) NQFC trade prices exceeds the ten (10) second period, the US Tech 100 Index Value will be calculated by the Source Agency by taking the last twenty-five (25) NQFC trade prices just prior to the Calculation Time, removing the highest five (5) NQFC trade prices and the lowest five (5) NQFC trade prices, and using the remaining fifteen (15) NQFC trade prices to calculate the US Tech 100 Index Value. The calculation used is a simple average of all fifteen (15) NQFC trade prices, rounded to one decimal point past the precision of the underlying market.

(n) EXPIRATION VALUE – The Expiration Value is the US Tech 100 Index Value as released by the Source Agency at Expiration.

(o) CONTINGENCIES – If no level is actually announced on the Expiration Date due to a delay, postponement or otherwise in such release announcement by the Source agency, the Settlement Date will be delayed until the Underlying number is released for the Series.

RULES 12.63 - 12.73 [UNCHANGED]

End of Rulebook

⁴ If 20% of the data set would result in a non-integer number of trade prices, the number of trade prices to be removed from the set will be rounded down. For example, if the number of trade prices collected during the last 10 seconds prior to the close of trading was 31, 20% of the data set would be 6.2 trade prices. As 6.2 is a non-integer number, the value will be rounded down, and the 6 highest and 6 lowest trade prices will be removed from the data set.