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**FOIA CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT REQUESTED by ForecastEx LLC – Pursuant to 17 C.F.R. §§ 145.5 and 145.9**

September 30, 2024

**BY ELECTRONIC MAIL (FOIAsubmissions@cftc.gov)**

Assistant Secretary of the Commission  
for FOI, Privacy and Sunshine Acts Compliance  
U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission  
Three Lafayette Centre  
1155 21st Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20581

**Re: FOIA Confidential Treatment Request**

Dear Sir or Madam:

ForecastEx LLC (“ForecastEx”) has on this date provided the documents described in Appendix A to this letter (the “Confidential Submission”) via the CFTC Portal.

In accordance with the provisions of Commission 145.5 and 145.9, we hereby request confidential treatment of the Confidential Submission. Confidential treatment is requested, *inter alia*, on the grounds that the Confidential Submission contains data and information which would separately disclose business transactions and trade secrets that may not be disclosed to third parties, as provided in Section 8(a) of the Commodity Exchange Act and Commission Regulation 145.5(c)(1). Confidential treatment additionally is requested on the grounds that the Confidential Submission is exempt from disclosure under paragraph (b)(4) of the Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”) and Commission Regulations 145.5(d) and 145.9(d)(1)(ii) because it contains commercial and financial information that is confidential and would be of material assistance to competitors of ForecastEx.

In accordance with the provisions of paragraph (d)(5) of Regulation 145.9, we request that the Confidential Submission be afforded confidential treatment for the maximum amount of time allowed under federal law.

We understand that if the Commission receives a FOIA request for the Confidential Submission, we will be notified of such request in accordance with the Commission’s regulations and be asked to submit, within ten business days, a detailed written justification for confidential treatment of the Confidential Submission. See Commission Regulation 149.5(e)(1); see also Executive Order 12600, 52 Fed. Reg. 23781 (June 23, 1987) (detailing pre-disclosure notification procedures under FOIA). In such event, we request that Commission staff telephone or email the undersigned rather than rely upon United States mail for such notice.

If the Commission or its staff transmits any of the Confidential Submission to another federal

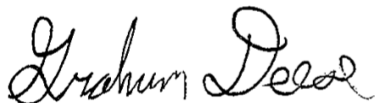
agency, we request that you forward a copy of this letter to any such agency with the Confidential Submission and further request that you advise any such agency that ForecastEx has requested that this material be accorded confidential treatment.

The requests set forth in the preceding paragraphs also apply to any memoranda, notes, transcripts or other writings of any sort whatsoever that are made by, or at the request of, any employee of the Commission (or any other federal agency) and which (1) incorporate, include or relate to any aspect of the Confidential Submission; or (2) refer to any conference, meeting, or telephone conversation between ForecastEx, its current or former employees, representatives, agents, auditors or counsel on the one hand and employees of the Commission (or any other government agency) on the other, relating to the Confidential Submission.

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Any questions regarding this request for Confidential Treatment, as well as any notices pursuant to Commission Regulation 145.9(e), should be directed to the attention of the undersigned [gdeese@forecastex.com](mailto:gdeese@forecastex.com) and 630-743-9013.

Respectfully submitted,



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ForecastEx Chief Regulatory Officer

Encl. (Appendix A)

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Andy Naughton, ForecastEx CFO/ERO

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**APPENDIX A**  
**to September 30, 2024 Confidential Treatment Request**  
**from ForecastEx LLC**

The Confidential Submission referenced in the letter to which this Appendix A is attached consists of this Appendix A and the following:

1. US Drought 40.2 - Confidential

This includes all attachments to the exhibits unless otherwise noted. As some portions of our 40.2 submission are not subject to FOIA protection (the first five pages), ForecastEx has additionally attached a second document entitled "US Drought Forecast Contract" which contains only the public portion of ForecastEx's 40.2 submission.