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Re: **Chicago Climate Futures Exchange, LLC
Submission No. 10-01**

Dear Mr. Stawick:

Pursuant to Section 5c(c)(1) of the Commodity Exchange Act, as amended (the "Act") and 40.6 of the regulations promulgated by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC") under the Act, Chicago Climate Futures Exchange, LLC ("CCFE") hereby submits notification of rule amendments to the CCFE Rulebook (the "Rulebook").

The Exchange is amending Rule 2703(g) to modify the contract strike prices for its Options on Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative futures (RGGI Options) contract. CCFE intends to make these amendments effective as of February 15, 2010.

Attached hereto please find a marked copy of revised Chapter 27 and revised contract specifications for RGGI Options contracts.

Should you require additional information regarding this submission, please contact me at 312.229.5163. Please reference our submission number 10-01 in any related correspondence.

Very truly yours,

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CHAPTER 27
OPTIONS ON REGIONAL GREENHOUSE GAS INITIATIVE FUTURES
CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS

2701. Scope of Chapter

This Chapter applies to trading in Options on Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (“RGGI”) futures contracts (“RGGI options”). The procedures for clearing, trading, settlement, and any other matters not specifically covered herein shall be governed by the generally applicable rules of the Exchange.

2702. Eligibility

In order to make or take delivery of RGGI CO₂ allowances resulting from the exercise or assignment of RGGI options, Clearing Members, Trading Privilege Holders, and other market participants must have a RGGI CO₂ Allowance Tracking System (“COATS”) account established with the RGGI CO₂ Budget Trading Program.

2703. Contract Specifications

(a) *Contract size.* The contract size for calls or puts on RGGI options is one (1) RGGI futures contract which is equivalent to 1,000 RGGI CO₂ allowances.

(b) *Schedule.*

(i) Standard-cycle Contract Listing: The Exchange may list for trading up to 16 consecutive quarterly contract months on the March quarterly cycle (March, June, September, December) as well as up to 48 consecutive monthly contracts and up to 16 annual December contracts.

(ii) CCFE may list any other calendar month contract off the standard-cycle listing schedule through the last annual December contract.

(iii) The trading hours for the RGGI options contract shall be determined by the Exchange from time to time.

(c) Within any listed contract, CCFE may offer options on one or more vintage specific products having different delivery specifications as follows:

- (i) Control Period Specific Vintage
- (ii) Front-Year Vintage
- (iii) 1-Year Deferred Vintage
- (iv) 2-Year Deferred Vintage
- (v) 3-Year Deferred Vintage
- (vi) 4-Year Deferred Vintage

- (vii) Additional Deferred Vintages as determined by CCFE
- (viii) Any Previous Deferred Vintages available in the RGGI COATS

(d) *Termination of Trading (Contract Expiration)*. The last day of trading of a contract is the second business day prior to the last trading day for the expiring RGGI futures contract.

(e) *New Contract Listing*. A new standard-cycle contract month will be listed on the same Business Day as a new contract listing for the underlying RGGI futures contract.

(f) *Minimum Tick Increment*. The minimum tick increment of the RGGI options contract is \$0.01 per RGGI CO₂ allowance, which is equal to \$10.00 per contract.

(g) *Strike Prices*. Call and put options based on up to ~~seventy-five (75)~~²⁵ strike prices in the series will be listed at the introduction of a contract. Strike prices will be listed at \$0.~~025~~²⁵ increments with up to ~~ten~~^{eight (108)} listed below the at-the-money strike price and up to ~~fifteen (15)~~⁶ listed above the at-the-money strike price. In addition, strike prices will be listed at \$0.25 increments with up to four (4) listed beginning \$0.50 below the at-the-money strike price and up to forty-six (46) listed beginning \$0.75 above the at-the-money strike price. Additional strikes ~~may~~^{will} be listed on the trading day following the day a related futures contract settles for the first time above or below an existing option strike price.

The Exchange may modify the procedure for the introduction of strike prices as it deems appropriate.

(h) *Exercise*. RGGI options will have a European style exercise after the close of trading on the last trade day. Option exercise results in an underlying RGGI futures contract position in the related contract month. The exercise of a call option will result in the buyer receiving a long position in the underlying RGGI futures contract and the seller receiving a short position in the underlying RGGI futures contract. The exercise of a put option will result in the buyer receiving a short position in the underlying RGGI futures contract and the seller receiving a long position in the underlying RGGI futures contract.

Options on positions that are in-the-money at the close on the last day of trading are automatically exercised unless proper instructions not to exercise in-the-money options are provided and accepted by the Clearing Service Provider's clearing system by the Clearing Service Provider's expiration deadline.

Options on positions that are at or out-of-the-money at the close on the last day of trading will automatically expire at 5:00 p.m. Central Time unless contrary instructions are provided to the Clearing Service Provider's clearing system.

(i) *Reportable Positions*. Pursuant to Commission Regulation §15.03 and Commission Regulation Part 17, the position level that is required to be reported is any open position in RGGI option products at the close of trading on any trading day equal to or in excess of 25 contracts gross in each option quadrant. If one product within a contract month has

a reportable position, all contract months' positions in the option contract and underlying futures contract must be reported.

(j) *Position Limits.* A person may not own or control more than 1,000 contracts, equivalent to 1,000,000 RGGI CO₂ allowances on a net futures-equivalent basis for RGGI futures, RGGI options on futures, and RGGI options on mid-month expiration futures in each nearby month expiring futures product. Commission Regulation 150.1(f) states that the futures-equivalent value of an option is determined by adjusting the option by its delta coefficient from the previous day.

For the purposes of this rule, the positions of all accounts for which a person directly or indirectly controls trading shall be included, as described in Rule 409(f).

The foregoing position limit shall not apply to bona fide hedge positions meeting the requirements of the Commission Regulation §1.3(z)(1) and the Rules of the Exchange.

(k) *Contract Modifications.* Specifications are fixed as of the first day of trading of a contract. If any U.S. Government agency or body issues an order, ruling, directive or law that conflicts with the requirements of these rules, such order, ruling, directive or law shall be construed to take precedence and become part of these rules, and all open and new contracts shall be subject to such government orders.

(l) *Block Trades.* Block trades shall be executed pursuant to the requirements of Rule 412. The minimum Block Trade quantity for the RGGI options contract shall be determined by the Exchange from time to time. If the Block Trade is executed as a spread or a combination, one leg must meet the minimum Block Trade quantity for the RGGI options contract and the other legs(s) must have a contract size that is reasonably related to the leg meeting the minimum Block Trade quantity.

(m) *Premium Payment.* The option premium must be paid by each option customer to its Clearing Member for purchased options within a reasonable time and the Clearing Member must pay the option premium to the Clearing Service Provider.



Chicago Climate Futures Exchange

**Chicago Climate Futures Exchange, LLC
Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative ("RGGI") Futures Options Contract Specifications**

Contract Size	One CCFE Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative ("RGGI") futures contract (of a specified contract month and vintage)
Quotation	US dollars
Minimum Tick Increment	\$0.01 per RGGI CO ₂ allowance = \$10.00 per contract
Symbols	RGGIC, RGGIP
Trading Hours	7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Central Time
Strike Price Intervals	<p>Call and Put options based on up to seventy-five strike prices in the series will be listed at the introduction of a contract.</p> <p>Strike prices will be listed at \$0.05 increments with up to 10 listed below the at-the-money strike price and 15 listed above the at-the-money strike price. In addition, strike prices will be listed at \$0.25 increments with up to 4 listed beginning \$0.50 below the at-the-money strike price and up to 46 listed beginning \$0.75 above the at-the-money strike price.</p> <p>Additional strikes may be listed on the trading day following the day a related futures contract settles for the first time above or below an existing option strike price.</p>
Contract Months	<p>Standard-cycle contract listings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Up to 16 Consecutive Quarterly Contracts on a March, June, September, December cycle b. Up to 48 Consecutive Monthly Contracts c. Up to 12 Annual December Contracts
First Trading Day	The first trading day of a standard-cycle contract is the first business day following an expiration day of standard-cycle contract.
Last Trading Day	The last day of trading is the second business day prior to the last trading day for the expiring underlying futures contract.
Exercise	European style. Option exercise results in an underlying futures position in the related contract month. Options in-the-money at the close on the last day of trading are automatically exercised unless proper instructions are provided to the CCFE Clearing Service Provider ("CSP") not to exercise an in-the-money options by the expiration deadline. (Instructions may also be provided to the CCFE CSP to exercise an out-of-the-money option.)
Expiration	Unexercised CCFE RGGI options shall expire at 5:00 p.m. on the last day of trading.
Option Premium	The CCFE CSP will collect the full option premium from the buyer clearing member and pay the full option premium to the seller clearing member on the day of trade in accordance with CCFE CSP procedures.

Effective February 15, 2010

Price Limits	None
Reportable Position Limits	25 contracts gross in each option quadrant
Nearby Expiration Month	1,000 contracts on a net futures-equivalent basis.
Block Trade Minimum	10 contracts, equivalent to 10,000 RGGI CO ₂ allowances per each expiring contract.

Contract specifications and related rules are subject to revision. If CCFE determines that revisions to the contract specifications and related rules are warranted, reasonable efforts will be taken to provide appropriate advance notification of such revisions.

This document is a summary of the CCFE contract specification rules; see the CCFE Rulebook for complete contract specification rules.