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Mr. David Stawick Secretary **Commodity Futures Trading Commission** Three Lafavette Centre 1155 21<sup>st</sup> Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20581

#### Re: **Chicago Climate Futures Exchange, LLC** Submission No. 09-04

Dear Mr. Stawick:

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

On February 18, 2009, CCFE submitted Submission 09-03 to add Chapter 30 listing new product California Climate Action Registry - Climate Reserve Tons futures contracts which was mistakenly titled California Climate Action Reserve - Climate Reserve Tons futures contracts. Accordingly, we now amend Chapter 30 in order to modify the contract name to California Climate Action Registry - Climate Reserve Tons ("CCAR-CRT") futures.

Additionally, the Exchange is amending the contract listing schedule of CCAR-CRT futures. CCFE certifies that there is no open interest in CCAR-CRT futures contract which will be affected by this amendment.

CCFE intends to make these amendments effective as of Monday, March 2, 2008. The Exchange certifies that these amendments neither violate nor are inconsistent with any portion of the Act or of the rules thereunder.

A marked copy of the amended Chapter 30 and revised contract specifications for the CCAR-CRT futures contract is attached hereto.

Should you require additional information regarding this submission, please contact me at 312.229-5177. Please reference our submission number 09-04 in any related correspondence.

Very truly yours,

Satish Nandapurkar President

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# <u>CHAPTER 30</u> <u>CALIFORNIA CLIMATE ACTION RESERVE REGISTRY</u> <u>– CLIMATE RESERVE TONS FUTURES</u> <u>CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS</u>

#### 3001. Scope of Chapter

This Chapter applies to trading in the California Climate Action Reserve <u>Registry</u> – Climate Reserve Tons ("CCAR-CRT") futures contract. 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.

## **3002.** Eligibility

Clearing members and Trading Privilege Holders trading in California Climate Action <u>Reserve-Registry</u> – Climate Reserve Tons futures contracts must have an -account established with the Climate Action Reserve ("CAR") tracking registry.

#### **3003.** Contract Specifications

(a) *Contract Value.* The contract size for a CCAR-CRT futures contract is equal to 1,000 Climate Reserve Tons ("CRT") representing 1,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent of greenhouse gas (GHG) emission offsets registered and approved by the Climate Action Reserve, the national offsets program of the California Climate Action Registry (CCAR).

(b) Schedule.

(i) Standard-cycle Contract Listing ("Contract"). The Exchange may list for trading consecutive yearly contracts on December cycle for the current year and forward-10 consecutive years.

CCFE may list any other calendar month contract off the standardcycle listing schedule through the last annual December contract.

(ii) The trading hours for the CCAR-CRT Contract shall be determined by the Exchange from time to time.

(c) *Products*. Not applicable

(d) *Termination of Trading (Contract Expiration).* A Contract expires on the last business day of the expiration month.

(e) New Contract Listing. A new standard-cycle Contract will be listed on the first business day following an expiration of a standard-cycle contract.

(f) *Minimum Tick Increment*. The minimum tick increment is \$0.01 per CRT, which is equal to \$10.00 per contract.

(g) *Reportable Position*. 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 the CCAR-CRT Contracts at the close of trading on any trading day equal to or in excess of 25 contracts net long or short.

If one (1) contract month has a reportable position, all CCAR-CRT positions must be reported.

(h) *Position Limits.* A person may not own or control more than 100 contracts, equivalent to 100,000 CRTs, on a net-futures equivalent basis for CCAR-CRT futures and CCAR-CRT options on futures in each nearby month expiring futures product.

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.

(i) *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 construed to take precedence and become part of these Rules, and all open and new positions in the Contracts shall be subject to such government orders.

(j) Daily Price Limits. None

(k) *Exchange of Future for Physical*. There is no minimum size for an Exchange of Future for Physical transaction with respect to CCAR-CRT futures contracts. The Exchange of Future for Physical must meet all requirements of, and must be reported to the Exchange in accordance with, Rule 411.

(1) *Block Trades.* Pursuant to Rule 412(a)(i), the minimum Block Trade quantity for the CCAR-CRT 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 CCAR-CRT futures

contract and the other legs(s) must have a contract size that is reasonably related to the leg meeting the minimum Block Trade quantity. The Block Trade must meet all requirements of, and must be reported to the Exchange in accordance with, Rule 412.

#### **3004.** Settlement Price Calculations

Contract month settlement prices will be based on the following criteria:

(a) A single traded price during the pre-close.

(b) If more than one trade occurs during the pre-close, the trade volume weighted average of the prices, rounded to the nearest tick.

(c) If no trade occurs during the pre-close, the following will be given consideration:

(v) the volume weighted average of the last two trade prices, rounded to the nearest tick;

(vi) the mid-point between the best bid and offer (volume weighted) in the pre-close, rounded to the nearest tick;

(vii) spread price relationships; and

(viii) time value between the contract months.

(d) The Exchange reserves the right to take into account other factors in determining settlement prices.

### **3005.** Deliverable Instruments

CRTs equal to the contract size. CRTs acceptable for delivery are those having a vintage of 2008 or later.

#### **3006.** Delivery Procedures

(a) Delivery is a three day process consisting of Position Day, Notice Day, and Delivery Day occurring over three consecutive Business Days.

(i) Position Day. The first Business Day following a CCAR-CRT futures contract's expiration day is the day that Clearing Members must report their long futures positions and tender delivery notices to the Clearing Service Provider.

*(ii) Notice Day.* On the Business Day after the Position Day, the Clearing Service Provider will make the appropriate delivery assignments. The seller Clearing Member must provide to the buyer Clearing Member(s) a description of the underlying CRTs to be delivered. The buyer Clearing Member(s) provides CAR account information to the seller Clearing Member. The information exchange is to be completed by 4:00 p.m. U.S. Central Time. The seller Clearing Member must ensure the appropriate CRTs are on deposit in its or its customer's CAR account by 5:00 p.m. U.S. Central Time.

(iii) Delivery Day. CCFE Clearing Service Provider will issue payment instructions to the respective buyer clearing member for the full contract value based upon the expiration day's settlement price in a means and manner prescribed by the Clearing Service Provider. By 3:00 p.m. U.S. Central Time, the Seller Clearing Member must ensure that it or its customer has electronically submitted the CRT instrument transfer instructions via the CAR system.

(b) Payment. The Clearing Service Provider will release the delivery proceeds to the Seller Clearing Member upon receipt of the "CCFE Receipt of Delivery Confirmation" from the buying Clearing Member.

#### **3007.** Validity of Documents

The Exchange makes no representation regarding the authenticity, validity or accuracy of any delivery tender notice, description of underlying CRT transfer instructions, CRT confirmation of transfer or other document or instrument delivered pursuant to these rules.



# Chicago Climate Futures Exchange, LLC California Climate Action Registry – Climate Reserve Tons Futures

Contract Size	1,000 Climate Reserve Tons (CRT) <sup>1</sup> , where one CRT is equal to one metric ton $CO_2$ equivalent of greenhouse gas (GHG) emission offsets registered and approved by the Climate Action Reserve, the national offsets program of the California Climate Action Registry (CCAR).
Quotation	U.S. dollars / CRT
Minimum Tick Increment	\$0.01 per CRT = \$10.00 per contract
Symbol	CCAR-CRT
Trading Hours	7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Central Time
Contract Listing Cycle	Consecutive yearly contracts on December cycle for 10 consecutive years.
	CCFE may list any other contracts off the standard-cycle listing schedule to the last listed December contract.
Products	Not applicable
Deliverable Instruments	The deliverable instruments are CRTs having a vintage of 2008 or later and equal to the contract size delivered through the Climate Action Reserve tracking registry.
First Trading Day	The first trading day of a standard-cycle contract is the first business day following an expiration day of a standard-cycle contract.
Last Trading Day	The last trading day of a contract is the last business day of the expiration month.
Physical Delivery Process	Clearing participants and parties trading the market must have established accounts in the designated Climate Action Reserve tracking registry.
	<b>CRT Eligible Electronic Registry Delivery Procedures</b> Delivery is based on open positions after the contract's expiration. Delivery is a three Business Day process consisting of Position Day, Notice Day, and Delivery Day.
	<b>Position Day</b> The first Business Day following a CRT futures contract's expiration day is the day that Clearing Members must report their long futures positions and tender delivery notices to the Clearing Service Provider.
·	Notice Day

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Also referenced as Carbon Reduction Ton (CRT)

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	On the Business Day after the Position Day, the Clearing Service Provider will make the appropriate delivery assignments. The seller Clearing Member must provide to the buyer Clearing Member(s) a description of the underlying CRTs to be delivered. The buyer Clearing Member(s) provides account information to the seller Clearing Member(s). The information exchange is to be completed by 4:00p.m. U.S. Central Time. The seller Clearing Member must ensure the appropriate CRTs are on deposit in its designated Climate Action Reserve registry account by 5:00p.m. U.S. Central Time.  Delivery Day The CCFE Clearing Service Provider will issue payment instructions to the respective buyer Clearing Member for the full contract value based upon the expiration day's settlement price in a means and manner prescribed by the Clearing Service Provider. By 3:00 p.m. U.S. Central Time, the seller Clearing Member shall ensure that it or its customer has electronically submitted the transfer instructions to the Climate Action Reserve Registry.  Payment The Clearing Service Provider will release the delivery proceeds to the seller Clearing Member upon receipt of the "CCFE Receipt of Delivery Confirmation" from the buyer
	Clearing Member.
Price Limits	No daily price limits.
Reportable Position Limits	25 contracts, equivalent to 25,000 CRTs.
Nearby Expiration Month Speculative Position Limits	100 contracts, equivalent to 100,000 CRTs per each expiring product.
Minimum Block Size	10 contracts

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.