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Submission No. 10-63 December 28, 2010

Mr. David A. Stawick 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: Temporary Change in Trading Hours on Trading Floor Due to Snow Storm -Submission Pursuant to Section 5c(c)(1) of the Act and Regulation 40.6

Dear Mr. Stawick:

Pursuant to Section 5c(c)(1) of the Commodity Exchange Act, as amended, and Commission Regulation 40.6, ICE Futures U.S., Inc. (the "Exchange") submits, by written certification, notification to the Commission that, on December 27, 2010, the Exchange delayed the opening of floor trading for all products until 11:00 a.m. due to a snow storm that created blizzard conditions. Floor trading for all products closed at their regular time. Trading on the electronic trading system was not delayed and operated normally.<sup>1</sup>

This action was taken in accordance with Rule 6.02(a), which provides that "[i]n the event the physical functions of the Exchange are . . . adversely affected by a 'Physical Emergency', such as . . . substantial inclement weather, . . . the President, or in his absence any Senior Vice President . . . may take any action which, in the opinion of such officer is necessary or appropriate to deal with the Physical Emergency, including, but not limited to, . . . delaying the opening of trading in any one (1) or more Commodity Contracts, . . . ." Given the blizzard conditions, the Senior Vice President of Floor Operations made the determination to delay the opening of all trading on the trading floor until 11:00 a.m.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> It should be noted that, in Submission No. 10-59 filed by the Exchange on 12/13/10, the Exchange had previously announced that the electronic trading hours for Sugar No.  $11^{\text{@}}$ , Cocoa, Coffee "C"<sup>®</sup> and Cotton No.  $2^{\text{@}}$  would be delayed until 7:30 a.m. on 12/27 and 12/28/2010 due to the Christmas Holiday.

The Exchange certifies that the delayed opening on the trading floor in response to the physical emergency experienced by the Exchange complies with the requirements of the Commodity Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact me at 212-748-4084 or at jill.fassler@theice.com.

Sincerely,

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cc: Division of Market Oversight New York Regional Office