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**BY ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION**

Submission No. 14-63  
June 25, 2014

Ms. Melissa Jurgens  
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

CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT  
REQUESTED

**Re: Henry Hub Options New Participant Capped Fee Program  
Submission Pursuant to Section 5c(c)(1) of the Act and Regulation 40.6**

Dear Ms. Jurgens:

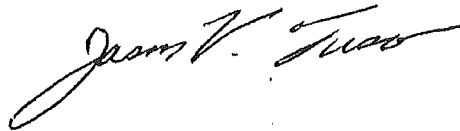
Pursuant to Commission Regulation 40.6(a), ICE Futures U.S., Inc. (“IFUS” or “Exchange”) submits, by written certification, notice that the Exchange is implementing a new Henry Hub Options New Participant Capped Fee Program (“Program”) on July 11, 2014. The terms of the Program are described in Exhibit A.

The Exchange certifies that the Program complies with the requirements of the Commodity Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. In particular, the Program complies with Core Principle 4 (Monitoring of Trading), Core Principle 9 (Execution of Transactions) and Core Principle 12 (Protection of Market Participants). The Program does not impact order execution priority or otherwise give participants any execution preference or advantage. In addition, the Exchange’s Market Regulation Department actively monitors for trading abuses using electronic exception reports and will take appropriate action against any participants engaging in market abuses.

The Exchange further certifies that, concurrent with this filing, a redacted copy of this submission (consistent with the petition for Confidential Treatment filed contemporaneously with the Commission) was posted on the Exchange’s website at (<https://www.theice.com/notices/RegulatoryFilings.shtml>).

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact me at 212-748-4021 or at [jason.fusco@theice.com](mailto:jason.fusco@theice.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason V. Fusco". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jason V. Fusco  
Assistant General Counsel  
Market Regulation

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cc: Division of Market Oversight  
New York Regional Office

## EXHIBIT A

[REDACTED]

### ICE Futures U.S. Henry Hub Options New Participant Capped Fee Program

#### Program Purpose

The purpose of the Program is to attract and incentivize new participants to trade Henry Hub options to increase central limit order book liquidity in the products listed below; this enhanced liquidity will benefit all participants in the marketplace.

#### Product Scope

Henry Hub Daily Options, Henry Hub Monthly Options, Henry Hub CSO Options and Henry Hub 1X Options.

#### Eligible Participants

[REDACTED]

#### Program Term

The start date for the Program shall be July 10, 2014 and the end date shall be September 30, 2015.

#### Obligations

Participants are required to provide the Exchange with information acceptable to the Exchange detailing Participants' trading activity under the program, and the Exchange may require an additional third party verification report.

#### Program Incentives

[REDACTED]

#### Monitoring and Termination of Status

The Exchange shall monitor trading activity and Participants' performance and shall retain the right to revoke Participants' status if it concludes from review that a Program Participant has failed to meet its obligations or no longer meets the eligibility requirements of this Program.



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**BY ELECTRONIC MAIL**

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**Re: FOIA Confidential Treatment Request**

Dear FOIA Compliance Staff:

ICE Futures U.S., Inc. ("Exchange") Submission No. 14-63 ("Submission"), a self certification of the new Henry Hub Options New Participant Capped Fee Program (the "Program") was filed with the Secretary of the Commission on June 25, 2014. As discussed more fully below, Appendix A to the Submission ("Appendix A") contains confidential and proprietary commercial and financial information of the Exchange which is exempt from disclosure pursuant to Section 552(b)(4) of the Freedom Of Information Act ("FOIA") and Commission Regulation 145.9(d). Copies of the Submission and Appendix A accompany this request. Pursuant to Commission Regulation 145.9(d)(1)(ii), the Exchange requests that Appendix A and its contents receive confidential treatment in perpetuity. IFUS further requests that the Commission notify the Exchange upon receiving any FOIA request, or any other court order, subpoena or summons for Appendix A. The Exchange also requests that it be notified if the Commission intends to disclose Appendix A to Congress or to any other governmental agency or unit pursuant to Section 8 of the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA").

**DETAILED WRITTEN JUSTIFICATION**

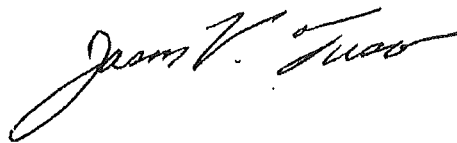
Section 552(b)(4) of the FOIA exempts from the disclosure requirements of the FOIA "trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential". The FOIA contains no definition of "privileged" or "confidential". Some courts have found there to be a presumption of confidentiality for commercial information that is (1) provided voluntarily and (2) is of a kind the provider would not customarily make available to the public. See Critical Mass Energy Project v. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 975 F.2d 871, 878 (D.C. Cir. 1992) (en banc); see also Center for Auto Safety v. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 244 F.3d 144, 147 (D.C. Cir. 2001) (applying tests from Critical Mass). Even if there were no presumption of confidentiality, the information in Appendix A still would be considered "confidential" because the Exchange would not ordinarily disclose it to the public and disclosure would cause substantial harm to the competitive position of the Exchange. In Gulf & Western Industries, Inc. v. U.S., 615 F.2d 527 (D.C. Cir. 1979), the Court of Appeals concluded that information is confidential for purposes of the FOIA if (i) it is not of the type normally released to the public by the submitter and (ii) the information is of the type that would cause substantial competitive harm if released. There is no requirement that "competitive harm" be established by a

showing of actual competitive harm. Rather, "actual competition and the likelihood of substantial competitive injury is all that needs to be shown." Gulf & Western Indus., Inc. v. U.S., 615 F.2d at 530. Thus, in National Parks and Conservation Association v. Kleppe, 547 F.2d 673 (D.C. Cir. 1976), the Court of Appeals concluded that the disclosure of certain financial information, including costs and price-related items, was likely to cause substantial harm to the disclosing party's competitive position. Such disclosure, if required, would provide competitors with valuable information relating to the operational strengths and weaknesses of the disclosing company. Such competitive harm may result from the use of such information either by direct competitors or by persons with whom one is negotiating. See American Airlines, Inc. v. National Mediation Board, 588 F.2d 863, 868 n.13 (2d Cir.1978). It is also clear that the exemption was intended to prevent the fundamental unfairness that can result from one side having confidential information about the other in a business context. Cf. National Parks, *supra*, at 678 n.18.

The information set forth in Appendix A was voluntarily provided to the Commission to support the Exchange's self certification that the new Program is in compliance with applicable provisions of the CEA and the regulations thereunder. This information is not of a type customarily made available to the public by the Exchange. The Program took significant time, analysis and expense to develop and is an integral part of the Exchange's competitive strategy for growing the covered markets. Consequently, disclosure of the salient terms holds the potential for significant competitive harm to the Exchange. Additionally, it should be noted that there is no regulatory requirement that such information be disclosed.

For all the foregoing reasons, the Exchange requests that the Commission grant the Exchange's request for confidential treatment for Appendix A and the information contained therein. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact me at 212-748-4021 or at [jason.fusco@theice.com](mailto:jason.fusco@theice.com).

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