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Mr. Christopher J. Kirkpatrick
Secretary of the Commission
Office of the Secretariat
Commodity Futures Trading Commission
Three Lafayette Centre
1155 21st Street, NW
Washington, DC 20581

**Re: Extension of the Russell Futures and Options/ETF Volume Incentive Program
Submission Pursuant to Section 5c(c)(1) of the Act and Regulation 40.6**

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Pursuant to Commission Regulation 40.6(a), ICE Futures U.S., Inc. (“IFUS” or “Exchange”) submits, by written certification, notice that the Exchange is extending the Russell Futures and Options/ETF Volume Incentive Program (“Program”) through June 30, 2016. The Program, which was launched on January 1, 2015 and is currently set to expire on December 31, 2015 (see IFUS Submission No. 14-137) is being extended as part of an on-going effort to maintain liquidity in the IFUS Russell futures and options markets. All other Program terms, which are described below and set forth in Exhibit A, remain unchanged.

The Program targets market participants who trade both the IFUS Russell futures and options contracts and the related ARCA Exchange Traded Funds (“ETFs”) on the underlying Russell Indices. Participants who meet a monthly volume threshold requirement to trade at least 2 million shares of the ARCA ETF on the Russell 2000 Index (ticker symbol “IWM”) in a calendar month will qualify and be eligible to earn a 20 cent per side rebate on each Russell futures or option contract traded. For each lot traded by the Participant in a particular IFUS Russell contract shown above and each 1,000 shares of the relevant ARCA ETF traded by the Participant during the calendar month, the Participant shall receive a 20 cent rebate.

The rebate may only be earned on the IFUS Russell futures or options contract, and can only be earned if the required 1,000 ETF share volume is traded on the specific ARCA ETF that is related to the particular Russell Index. The 1,000 ETF shares per futures/option lot metric provides a 1:1 ratio of the notional values of the respective ETF and futures/option trading instruments. The list of Exchange Russell contracts and the related ARCA ETF ticker symbol for each is as follows:

Russell 2000 Index contracts – ARCA ticker IWM
Russell 2000 Growth Index contracts – ARCA ticker IWO
Russell 2000 Value Index contracts – ARCA ticker IWN
Russell 1000 Index contracts – ARCA ticker IWB
Russell 1000 Growth Index contracts – ARCA ticker IWF

Russell 1000 Value Index contracts – ARCA ticker IWD

The Exchange certifies that the Program continues to comply with the requirements of the Commodity Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. In particular, the extension of the Program, which becomes effective on January 1, 2016, 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 notice of pending certification was posted on the Exchange's website. A copy of this submission may be accessed at (<https://www.theice.com/notices/RegulatoryFilings.shtml>). The Exchange is not aware of any opposing views respect to the Program.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact me at 212-748-4021 or at 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 loop at the end.

Jason V. Fusco
Assistant General Counsel
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cc: Division of Market Oversight
New York Regional Office

EXHIBIT A

ICE Futures U.S. Russell Futures and Options/ETF Volume Incentive Program

Program Purpose

The purpose of the Program is to incentivize volume in the covered contracts, to increase the overall liquidity of the products to the benefit of all market participants.

Product Scope

All Russell futures and options contracts.

Eligible Participants

Any entity that is trading Russell-related ETFs on ARCA and Russell futures and options contracts on IFUS may register for the program. Participants in the IFUS Russell Futures Market Maker Program are not eligible to participate in this Program.

Program Term

The [~~start date for the~~] Program [~~shall be January 1, 2015 and the initial term of the program~~] shall end on December 31, 201~~5~~6. The Exchange reserves the right to revise the terms of the program and to terminate the program upon notice to all current Participants.

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

In each calendar month, a Participant must trade at least 2,000,000 shares of the ARCA ETF on the Russell 2000 Index (ARCA ticker symbol IWM) to be eligible to earn a rebate in the program in that month. Participants who meet this minimum monthly share volume in the IWM are eligible to earn a rebate on IFUS Russell contract proprietary trading traded during that calendar month, subject to a further monthly ARCA ETF volume requirement described below:

<u>ARCA ETF</u>	<u>Relevant IFUS Russell Contracts</u>
IWM	Russell 2000 futures and options
IWO	Russell 2000 Growth futures and options
IWN	Russell 2000 Value futures and options
IWB	Russell 1000 futures and options
IWF	Russell 1000 Growth futures and options
IWD	Russell 1000 Value futures and options

For each lot traded by the Participant in a particular IFUS Russell contract shown above and each 1,000 shares of the relevant ARCA ETF traded by the Participant during the calendar month, the Participant shall receive a 20 cent rebate.

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.