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Submission No. 14-44
May 21, 2014

Ms. Melissa Jurgens
Secretary of the Commission
Office of the Secretariat
Commodity Futures Trading Commission
Three Lafayette Centre
1155 21st Street, NW
Washington, DC 20581

Re: New Emissions Options Vintages
Submission Pursuant to Section 5c(c)(1) of the Act and Regulation 40.2 and 40.6(a)

Dear Ms. Jurgens:

Pursuant to Section 5c(c)(1) of the Commodity Exchange Act (the "Act"), as amended, and Commission Regulation 40.2, ICE Futures U.S., Inc. ("Exchange") submits, by written certification, amendments to 18.E.040 and 18.E.047, Resolution 2 of Chapter 18 and the Exchange's block trade procedures (reflected in the Block Trade FAQ), as set forth in Exhibit A. The amendments provide for the listing of Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative ("RGGI") Vintage 2015 and 2016 options contracts and California Carbon Allowance ("CCA") Vintage 2017 and 2018 options contracts.

Both the RGGI and CCA are carbon emission allowance contracts. The Exchange currently lists both RGGI and CCA futures and options contracts for prior year vintages. The term "vintage" identifies the compliance year for which an allowance is designated. Futures and options are currently listed in annual vintages for the years 2009-2014 for the RGGI and in annual vintages for the years 2013 – 2016 for the CCA contract.

All contract specifications for the new emissions options, such as the contract size, listing cycle, quotation basis, minimum price fluctuation, no-cancellation range (RGGI options - 20% of FMV to max of \$0.10, CCA options 20% of FMV to max of \$0.50) and trading hours (7:50PM to 6:05PM the next day) match those for the CCA and RGGI option vintages currently listed by the Exchange. The minimum block sizes for the new vintages are also being set at the same level as existing vintages, RGGI -10 contracts and CCA - 10 contracts.

The rule amendments will become effective with the listing of the new emissions contracts on June 9, 2014. The Exchange is not aware of any substantive opposing views to the new emissions contracts. The Exchange certifies that the rule amendments comply with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. The Exchange has reviewed the designated contract

market core principles ("Core Principles") as set forth in the Act and has determined that the listing of the contract complies with the following relevant Core Principles:

COMPLIANCE WITH RULES

The terms and conditions of the new emissions contracts are set forth in Rules 18.E.040 and 18.E.047, Rule 27.18 and Resolution 2 of Chapter 18 and will be enforced by the Exchange. In addition, trading of the new vintages is subject to all relevant Exchange rules which are enforced by the Market Regulation Department

CONTRACTS NOT READILY SUBJECT TO MANIPULATION

The new emissions contracts are not readily subject to manipulation as they are based on established and liquid underlying cash markets. In addition, trading of the new contracts will be monitored by the Market Regulation Department.

POSITION LIMITS OR ACCOUNTABILITY

Positions in the CCA 2017 and 2018 option vintages and the RGGI 2015 and 2016 option vintages will be aggregated with the underlying futures contracts and subject to the position limits currently in place for the underlying futures contracts.

FINANCIAL INTEGRITY OF CONTRACTS

The new emissions contracts will be cleared by ICE Clear Europe, a registered derivatives clearing organization subject to Commission regulation, and carried by registered futures commission merchants qualified to handle customer business.

The Exchange further certifies that, concurrent with this filing, a copy of this submission was posted on the Exchange's website and may be accessed 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.

Sincerely,



Jason V. Fusco
Assistant General Counsel
Market Regulation

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cc: Division of Market Oversight
New York Regional Office

EXHIBIT A

Rule 18.E.040 Option on California Carbon Allowance Future

Contract Description: An Option on the corresponding month of the California Carbon Allowance Future.

Contract Symbol: Vintage 2013: CAL, Vintage 2014: CAM, Vintage 2015: CAN, Vintage 2016: CAO, Vintage 2017: CAP, Vintage 2018: CAW

Settlement Method: Exercise into Underlying Futures Contract

Contract Size: 1 California Carbon Allowance Futures Contract

Currency: USD

Minimum Price Fluctuation: The price quotation convention shall be One cent (\$0.01) per California Carbon Allowance; minimum price fluctuation may vary by trade type. Please see Table in Resolution 1 to this Chapter 18.

Listing Cycle:

1. Standard-cycle contract listings: Monthly contract sets for the current year and forward three years.
2. Annual December contract sets through 2020.
3. The Exchange may list any other calendar month contract sets off the standard-cycle listing schedule through the last expiring contract set.

Strike Price Intervals: A minimum of ten Strike Prices in increments of \$0.25 above and below the at-the-money Strike Price. Strike Price boundaries are adjusted according to futures price movements. User-defined Strike Prices are allowed in \$0.25 increments.

Last Trading Day: At 4:00pm EPT on the 15th calendar day of the delivery month. Where the 15th calendar day is not a Business Day, the Last Trading Day shall be the first Business Day following the 15th calendar day of the delivery month.

Option Style: European

Exercise Method: Automatic

Exercise Procedure: Clearing Members shall provide exercise and abandon instructions to the Clearing Organization in accordance with the Clearing Organization rules

Exercise Time: 5:30 pm EPT on the Last Trading Day

Rule 18.E.047 Option on Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Future

Contract Description: An Option on the corresponding month of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Future.

Contract Symbol: Vintage 2009: RGH, Vintage 2010: RGI, Vintage 2011: RGJ, Vintage 2012: RGK, Vintage 2013: RGL Vintage 2014 RGM, Vintage 2015 RGN, Vintage 2016 RGO

Settlement Method: Exercise into Underlying Futures Contract

Contract Size: 1 Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Futures Contract

Currency: USD

Minimum Price Fluctuation: The price quotation convention shall be One cent (\$0.01) per RGGI allowance; minimum price fluctuation may vary by trade type. Please see Table in Resolution 1 to this Chapter 18.

Listing Cycle:

1. Standard-cycle contract listings: a. Monthly contract set for the current and coming calendar year; b. December contract sets for up to forward 5 years.
2. The Exchange may list any other calendar month contract set off the standard-cycle listing schedule through the last annual December contract set.

Strike Price Intervals: A minimum of ten Strike Prices in increments of \$0.05 above and below the at-the-money Strike Price. Strike Price boundaries are adjusted according to futures price movements. User-defined Strike Prices are allowed in \$0.05 increments.

Last Trading Day: At 4:00pm EPT on the 15th calendar day of the delivery month. Where the 15th calendar day is not a Business Day, the Last Trading Day shall be the first Business Day following the 15th calendar day of the delivery month.

Option Style: European

Exercise Method: Automatic

Exercise Procedure: Clearing Members shall provide exercise and abandon instructions to the Clearing Organization in accordance with the Clearing Organization rules

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Resolution No. 2 – Position Limit/Accountability Table

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Rule	Contract Name	Commodity Code	Spot Month Limit	Single Month Accountability Level	All Month Accountability Level	Aggregate 1 (Positive Correlation)	Aggregate 2 (Negative Correlation)	Exchange Reportable Level
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<i>Physical Environmental</i>								
<u>18.D.011</u>	<u>Option Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Vintage 2015 Future</u>	<u>RGN</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>40,000</u>	<u>RGN</u>	-	<u>25</u>
<u>18.E.047</u>	<u>Option on Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Vintage 2016 Future</u>	<u>RGO</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>40,000</u>	<u>RGO</u>	-	<u>25</u>
<u>18.D.001</u>	<u>Option on California Carbon Allowance Vintage 2017 Future</u>	<u>CAP</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>CAP</u>	-	<u>25</u>
<u>18.E.040</u>	<u>Option on California Carbon Allowance Vintage 2018 Future</u>	<u>CAW</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>CAW</u>	-	<u>25</u>

ICE FUTURES U.S. BLOCK TRADE – FAQs

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2. *What are the eligible contracts and the minimum threshold quantities for a block trade?*

Table 1 below lists the eligible non-currency futures contracts and minimum quantity requirements for block trades. Table 2 below list the eligible currency future contracts and minimum quantity requirements for block trades. Table 3 below lists the minimum block quantity requirements for Energy futures and options contracts.

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Contract Name	Commodity Code	Contract Size	Unit of Trading	Block Minimum (in Lots)
<u>Option on Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Future Vintage 2015</u>	<u>RGN</u>	<u>1000</u>	<u>Allowances</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>Option on Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Future Vintage 2016</u>	<u>RGO</u>	<u>1000</u>	<u>Allowances</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>Option on California Carbon Allowance Future Vintage 2017</u>	<u>CAP</u>	<u>1000</u>	<u>Allowances</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>Option on California Carbon Allowance Future Vintage 2018</u>	<u>CAW</u>	<u>1000</u>	<u>Allowances</u>	<u>10</u>