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Submission No. 15-138  
September 1, 2015

Mr. Christopher J. Kirkpatrick  
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: Amendments to Closing Times for Natural Gas, Power and Environmental Futures and Options Contracts - Submission Pursuant to Section 5c(c)(1) of the Act and Regulation 40.6(a)**

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Pursuant to Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“CFTC” or “Commission”) Regulation 40.6(a), ICE Futures U.S., Inc. (“Exchange”) hereby certifies amendments to the closing times for U.S. Natural Gas, Power and Environmental futures and options contracts, as set forth in Exhibit A.

The amendments move the daily closing time for all U.S. Natural Gas, Power and Environmental futures and options contracts from 6:05 p.m. NY time to 6:00 p.m. NY time. Daily open and settlement window times are not affected by this change. The Exchange will implement the closing time amendments on September 21, 2015.

The Exchange certifies that the amendments to the closing times 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 amendments comply with the Core Principle 7 (Availability of General Information) as the amended closing times for the U.S. Natural Gas, Power and Environmental futures and options contracts are set forth on the Exchange’s website and will be enforced by the Exchange. The Exchange further certifies that, concurrent with this filing, a notice of pending certification was posted on the Exchange’s website as well as a copy of this submission, which may be accessed at (<https://www.theice.com/futures-us/regulation#Rule-Filings>).

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 long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jason V. Fusco  
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Market Regulation

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cc: Division of Market Oversight  
New York Regional Office

**EXHIBIT A**

(In the text of the amendments below, additions are underlined and deletions are bracketed and lined out.)

**REGULAR TRADING HOURS & LAST TRADING DAY HOURS**

(NY LOCAL TIME)

**April 2015**

<b>FUTURES &amp; OPTIONS CONTRACTS</b>	<b>REGULAR TRADING HOURS</b>	<b>LAST TRADING DAY HOURS</b>	
		<b>Futures Contract</b>	<b>Options Contract</b>

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<b>Natural Gas Contracts</b>	19:50*** - [ <del>18:05</del> ] <u>18:00</u>	18:00	14:30 with exceptions noted below
<b>Electricity Contracts</b>	19:50*** - [ <del>18:05</del> ] <u>18:00</u>	18:00	14:30 with exceptions noted below
<b>Environment Contracts</b>	19:50*** - [ <del>18:05</del> ] <u>18:00</u>	18:00	16:00

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