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ICE Clear Europe submits amendments to its End-of-Day Price Discovery Policy to accommodate industry changes in single name CDS roll frequency.

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December 3, 2015

Mr. Christopher J. Kirkpatrick
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Commodity Futures Trading Commission
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Washington, DC 20581

Re: ICE Clear Europe Self-Certification Pursuant to Commission Rule 40.6:
Amendments to End-of-Day Price Discovery Policy

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

ICE Clear Europe Limited (“ICE Clear Europe”), a registered derivatives clearing organization under the Commodity Exchange Act, as amended (the “Act”), hereby submits to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the “Commission”), for self-certification pursuant to Commission Rule 40.6, the rule amendments discussed herein. The amendments are to become effective on the business day following the tenth business day after submission, or such later date as ICE Clear Europe may determine.

Concise Explanation and Analysis

The purpose of the changes is to amend the ICE Clear Europe End-of-Day Price Discovery Policy (the “Price Discovery Policy”) to accommodate industry changes regarding the reduction of the frequency for which Single Name CDS contracts roll to the new on-the-run-contract. The changes affect the labeling convention for cleared Single Name CDS contracts for price reporting purposes, but will not alter the terms of the contracts or the range of tenors of Single Name CDS contracts currently cleared by ICE Clear Europe. The revisions do not otherwise require any changes to the ICE Clear Europe Clearing Rules or Procedures.

As part of ICE Clear Europe’s end-of-day price discovery process, ICE Clear Europe Clearing Members are required to submit end-of-day prices for specific instruments related to their open interest at ICE Clear Europe, in accordance with Rule 503(g) and

the ICE Clear Europe Procedures. These end-of-day price submissions are used by ICE Clear Europe in its calculation of settlement prices.

ICE Clear Europe refers to a group of Single Name (“SN”) instruments with the same risk sub-factor and coupon as a “curve.” Each point, or tenor, along the curve is labeled with a tenor name. Currently for SN instruments, the market convention is to describe tenors based on the period remaining until the scheduled termination date of the contract. Under this convention, the nearest-to-expiring contract is referred to as the 0M tenor, the next nearest to expiring is referred to as the three month (3M) tenor, and so on (with scheduled termination dates spaced at 3 month intervals), up to ten years (10Y). ICE Clear Europe supports the clearing of all 41 SN tenors from 0M to 10Y. As such, ICE Clear Europe also calculates settlement prices for the 41 SN tenors on the curve. However, ICE Clear Europe defines a subset of the 41 tenors as “benchmark-tenors”, which are tenors for which Clearing Members provide submissions in the end-of-day price discovery process. The nine benchmark tenors are 0M, 6M, 1Y, 2Y, 3Y, 4Y, 5Y, 7Y, and 10Y, which correspond to so-called “on-the-run” contracts.

Currently, as a matter of CDS market practice, the “on-the-run” contract for a particular tenor is the contract expiring on the next following quarterly International Money Market (“IMM”) dates (i.e., March 20, June 20, September 20 and December 20) for the relevant year. For example, the SN CDS contract expiring December 20, 2020 will be considered the five-year “on-the-run” contract until December 20, 2015, from which time the contract expiring March 20, 2021 will be viewed as the 5Y “on-the-run” contract, until the next quarterly roll date, etc. Accordingly, market participants seeking to maintain exposure at a particular CDS tenor will typically “roll” SN CDS contracts into the new “on-the-run” contract (i.e., terminate positions in the old on-the-run contract and establish positions in the new on-the-run contract) on a quarterly basis on the IMM dates. To account for this practice, at each quarterly roll date, ICE Clear Europe re-labels the 41 SN tenors to reflect the rolling and expiration of contracts.

The CDS industry has proposed reducing the frequency at which SN CDS contracts roll to the new on-the-run contract. Specifically, the CDS industry has proposed moving from quarterly roll dates to semi-annual roll dates for SN CDS contracts. Under the revised approach, market participants are expected to roll SN CDS contracts only on the March 20 and September 20 IMM dates, and the “on-the-run” contracts will be determined based on the next following June 20 and December 20 expiration dates. As a result, a particular contract tenor will generally remain the on-the-run contract for six months, rather than three.

ICE Clear Europe proposes changes to its Price Discovery Policy to accommodate the change in roll frequency for on-the-run contracts. Under the revised policy, ICE Clear Europe will re-label scheduled termination dates with benchmark tenor names every six months, on the March 20 and September 20 IMM dates for CDS contracts (i.e., the on-the-run roll dates). The re-labeling is based on the remaining time to maturity that will apply to a given scheduled termination date on the next quarterly IMM date (i.e. the next December 20 or June 20 standard maturity date). Upon the semi-annual re-labeling, the nearest to maturity contract is referred to as the 0M tenor, and the tenor

label for each longer-date contract is based on that contract's time to maturity relative to the scheduled termination date labeled as the 0M tenor.

The new nine benchmark tenors will be the 0/3M, 6M, 1Y, 2Y, 3Y, 4Y, 5Y, 7Y and 10Y, which correspond to the on-the-run contracts for those tenors. Eight of the nine benchmark tenors remain constant and refer to individual scheduled termination dates that are fixed for the six-month periods between semi-annual re-labeling, specifically the 6M, 1Y, 2Y, 3Y, 4Y, 5Y, 7Y, and 10Y. However, the 0M tenor matures three months after a semi-annual labeling, and ICE Clear Europe defines the first (shortest-dated) benchmark tenor as the 0M tenor from a semi-annual re-labeling until the maturity of that tenor, and defines the first benchmark tenor as the 3M tenor from the maturity of the 0M tenor through the next semi-annual re-labeling. The label 0/3M tenor refers to this re-mapping of the first benchmark tenor to different IMM dates on a quarterly basis. Throughout the policy, references to the 0M SN tenor have been updated to 0/3M to reflect this change.

Consistent with the approach being taken throughout the CDS market, the changes to accommodate the change in SN roll frequency will take effect with the December 20, 2015 roll.

Compliance with the Act and Commission Regulations

The rule amendments are potentially relevant to the following core principles: (D) Risk Management and (E) Settlement Procedures, and the applicable regulations of the Commission thereunder.

- *Risk Management.* The revisions to the Price Discovery Policy affect the labeling convention for cleared SN CDS contracts for price reporting purposes, but will not alter the terms of the contracts or the range of tenors currently cleared by ICE Clear Europe. As a result, the revisions are consistent with the risk management requirements of Core Principle D and Commission Rule 39.13.
- *Settlement Procedures.* As described herein, the amendments are designed to further ICE Clear Europe's end-of-day price determination process, which allows ICE Clear Europe to determine reliable, market-driven prices for the CDS instruments it clears. These prices are in turn necessary to facilitate accurate daily settlement in such instruments. The proposed revisions to the Price Discovery Policy will accommodate industry changes regarding the reduction of the frequency for which Single Name CDS contracts roll to the new on-the-run contract, and in particular will enable ICE Clear Europe to continue to perform its end of day price discovery process in an effective manner in light of such industry changes. As such, the proposed changes are consistent with the settlement procedures requirements applicable to the Clearing House under Core Principle E and Commission Rule 39.14.

As set forth herein, the amendments consist of revisions to ICE Clear Europe's Price Discovery Policy. ICE Clear Europe has requested confidential treatment with

respect to these policy changes, which have been submitted concurrently with this self-certification submission.

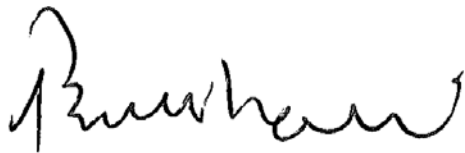
ICE Clear Europe hereby certifies that the amendments comply with the Act and the Commission's regulations thereunder.

ICE Clear Europe has received no substantive opposing views in relation to the amendments.

ICE Clear Europe has posted a notice of pending certification and a copy of this submission on its website concurrently with the filing of this submission.

If you or your staff should have any questions or comments or require further information regarding this submission, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at patrick.davis@theice.com or +44 20 7065 7738, Dee Blake, Director of Regulation, at dee.blake@theice.com or +44 20 7065 7752 or Paul Swann, President & Managing Director, at paul.swann@theice.com or +44 20 7065 7700.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patrick Davis', written in a cursive style.

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