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Submission No. 23-106
June 29, 2023

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

**Re: New Environmental Markets Capped Incentive Program
Submission Pursuant to Section 5c(c)(1) of the Act and Regulation 40.6**

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Pursuant to Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“CFTC”) Regulation 40.6(a), ICE Futures U.S., Inc. (“IFUS” or “Exchange”) hereby submits by written certification, the terms of the new ICE Futures U.S. Environmental Markets Capped Program (“Program”), which are set forth in Exhibit A. The Exchange believes the new Program, which will become effective on July 17, 2023, will incentivize liquidity and volume in Environmental futures and options contracts.

The Exchange certifies that the new 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 notice of pending certification was posted on the Exchange’s website. A copy of this submission may be accessed at (<https://www.theice.com/futures-us/regulation#rule-filings>). The Exchange is not aware of any opposing views with 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 written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

Jason V. Fusco
Assistant General Counsel

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EXHIBIT A

ICE Futures US Environmental Markets Capped Incentive Program

Program Purpose

The purpose of the Program is to incentivize participants to increase liquidity in the products listed below; this enhanced liquidity will benefit all participants in the marketplace.

Product Scope

All North American Physical Environmental Markets Products listed on ICE Futures U.S.

Eligible Participants

IFUS may designate ten (10) participants in the Program, who may be Exchange members or non-members. In order to be considered for selection into the Program, potential participants must have maintained a sufficient volume in program or other Exchange Environmental contracts over the past three months at the time of application. Notwithstanding the foregoing the Exchange may add or subtract from the aforementioned criteria as it deems necessary.

Program Term

The initial term of the program will end on December 31, 2024.

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

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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.