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Submission No. 18-474 October 8, 2018

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 Resolution No. 2 of Chapter 18 - 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 Resolution No. 2 of Chapter 18 of the Exchange's Rulebook, as set forth in Exhibit A.

## **Amendments to Position Limits for Financial Gas Futures Contracts**

The amendments to Resolution No. 2 of Chapter 18 increase position limits, single month accountability levels and all month accountability levels for three financial gas futures contracts based on revised estimates of deliverable supply of the cash commodity. The contracts and amended levels are listed in Exhibit A and a detailed cash market and deliverable supply analysis is set forth in Exhibit B.

The Exchange will implement the position limit changes on October 23, 2018, effective for all expiration months, including those with open interest.

## **Certifications**

The Exchange certifies that the amendments to position limits comply with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. The Exchange is not aware of any opposing views with respect to the position limit increases. 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 following relevant Core Principles:

## **COMPLIANCE WITH RULES**

The amended position limits levels for the three financial gas futures contracts are set forth in Resolution No. 2 of Chapter 18 and will be enforced by the Exchange. In addition, trading of these contracts is subject to all relevant Exchange rules which are enforced by the Market Regulation Department.

## CONTRACTS NOT READILY SUBJECT TO MANIPULATION

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

#### POSITION LIMITS OR ACCOUNTABILITY

Positions in the three financial gas futures contracts will continue to be subject to position limits set by the Exchange. Such position limits are based upon the deliverable supply in the cash market. A detailed Cash Market and Deliverable Supply Analysis is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

#### FINANCIAL INTEGRITY OF CONTRACTS

The three financial gas futures contracts will continue to 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. It may be accessed at: <a href="https://www.theice.com/futures-us/regulation">https://www.theice.com/futures-us/regulation</a>. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact me at 312-836-6745 or at <a href="mailto:patrick.swartzer@theice.com">patrick.swartzer@theice.com</a>.

Sincerely,

Patrick Swartzer

Manager

Market Regulation

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cc: Division of Market Oversight

New York Regional Office

# EXHIBIT A

# Resolution No. 2 – Position Limit/Accountability Table

Rule	Contract Name	Commodity Code		Unit of Trading	Spot Month Limit	Single Month Accountability Level	All Month Accountability Level	Aggregate 1 (Positive Correlation)	Aggregate 2 (Negative Correlation)	Exchange Reportable Level
18.A.119	ONEOK Gas Sw ing Future	ONS	2,500	MMBtu	[ <del>3,000</del> ] <u>6,100</u>	[ <del>3,000</del> ] <u>6.100</u>	[ <del>5,000</del> ] <u>6.100</u>	ONS		1
18.A.074	ONEOK Gas Transportation Index Future	ONI	2,500	MMBtu	[ <del>3,000/3,000</del> ] <u>6,100/6,100</u>	[ <del>3,000/3,000</del> ] <u>6,100/6,100</u>	[ <del>5,000/5,000</del> ] <u>6,100/6,100</u>	ONS	ONE	25
18.A.025	ONEOK Gas Transportation Basis Future	ONE	2,500	MMBtu	[ <del>3,000</del> ] <u>6.100</u>	[ <del>3,000</del> ] <u>6.100</u>	[ <del>5,000</del> ] <u>6.100</u>	ONE		25

# **EXHIBIT B**

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