

**ERIS CLEARING, LLC**  
**RULEBOOK**

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## RULES OF ERIS CLEARING

### 1. GENERAL

#### 101. Definitions.

Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the following terms shall have the following meanings when used in these Rules:

“**Account**” means a Customer Account or a Member Property Account, as context requires, used in conjunction with the trading or delivery of commodity products.

“**Appeal Panel**” means a panel comprised of individuals appointed by the Board or the Chief Compliance Officer to consider appeals under Rule 602.

“**Applicable Law**” means with respect to any Person, any statute, law, regulation, rule or ordinance of any governmental authority applicable to such Person, including the CEA, CFTC Regulations, and the rules or regulations of any relevant Self-Regulatory Organization.

“**Approved Depository Institution**” means a bank, trust company or other depository that has been approved by Eris Clearing as an acceptable location for depositing Clearing Participant funds or Collateral, as applicable.

“**Authorized Representative**” means an individual designated by a Clearing Participant and registered with Eris Clearing with authority to act on behalf of the Clearing Participant.

“**Board**” means the board of directors of Eris Clearing, as set forth in the LLC Agreement.

“**Business Day**” means any day on which the Clearinghouse is open for clearing. References in these Rules to a “day” or “Business Day” shall, unless the context otherwise requires, mean the “Business Day” corresponding to the trading day of the Exchange.

“**CEA**” means the Commodity Exchange Act, as it may be amended from time to time.

“**CFTC**” means the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

“**CFTC Regulations**” means the rules, regulations and interpretations promulgated by the CFTC pursuant to the CEA, as in effect from time to time.

“**Clearinghouse**” means Eris Clearing LLC

“**Clearing Participant**” means an FCM Participant or Direct Clearing Participant who has executed a Clearing Participant Agreement, and to whom the Clearinghouse has granted the right to clear contracts on the Clearinghouse.

“**Clearing Participant Agreement**” means the agreement for clearing privileges between Eris Clearing and a Clearing Participant.

“**Collateral**” means digital assets or other assets deposited by a Clearing Participant as from time to time determined by the Clearinghouse as acceptable in accordance with Rule 403(b).

“**Committee**” means a committee established by the Board or otherwise, pursuant to the Rules.

“**Contract**” means, as context requires, any futures contract, options contract or spot contract, agreement, or transaction on a commodity (as such term is defined in the CEA or CFTC Regulations), which has been approved for clearing by Eris Clearing pursuant to these Rules.

“**Customer**” shall have the meaning set forth in CFTC Regulation 1.3(k).

“**Customer Account**” means an account established by an FCM Clearing Participant with Eris Clearing in which the FCM Clearing Participant maintains trades, positions and Margin solely for Customers.

“**Default**” means, with respect to a Clearing Participant, if such Clearing Participant (a) fails to satisfy any of its Obligations, (b) fails to deliver funds within the time established therefor by Eris Clearing, (c) is expelled or suspended from the Exchange, Eris Clearing or any Self-Regulatory Organization, (d) fails to meet the minimum capital and other financial requirements of Eris Clearing, or (e) is Insolvent.

“**Direct Clearing Participant**” means a Person that submits trades for clearing at Eris Clearing on behalf of its own account(s), has completed a Clearing Participant Agreement and has been granted clearing privileges by the Clearinghouse.

“**Directors**” means members of the Board.

“**Disciplinary Panel**” means a panel comprised of individuals appointed by the Board at the recommendation of the Chief Compliance Officer to act in an adjudicative role and fulfill various adjudicative responsibilities and duties described in Chapter 6.

“**Emergency**” shall have the meaning set forth in Rule 207.

“**Eris Clearing**” means Eris Clearing, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.

“**Exchange**” means Eris Exchange, LLC and its respective successors.

“**Exchange Committee**” includes the Regulatory Oversight, Exchange Participant Committee, Nomination, or Exchange Practices Committees of the Exchange, and any other future or successor committee of the Exchange.

“**FCM Clearing Participant**” means a Person that is registered with the CFTC as a Futures Commission Merchant, has completed a Clearing Participant Agreement and has been granted clearing privileges by the Clearinghouse.

“**Futures Commission Merchant**” or “**FCM**” shall have the meaning set forth in CFTC Regulation 1.3(p).

“**Government Agency**” means the CFTC and/or any other governmental agency or department regulating the activities of a Clearing Participant.

“**Insolvent**” and “**Insolvency**” means the Clearing Participant has become the subject of a bankruptcy petition, receivership proceeding, or an equivalent proceeding.

“**LLC Agreement**” means the Limited Liability Company Agreement of Eris Clearing, as amended or restated from time to time.

“**Margin**” means funds or the applicable amount of the deliverable asset required to fully collateralize Contracts as set forth in Rule 403.

“**Member Property Account**” means an account established by a Clearing Participant with Eris Clearing in which the Clearing Participant maintains trades, positions and Margin solely on its own behalf.

“**Obligations**” means all financial obligations of a Clearing Participant, however arising, whether absolute or contingent, direct or indirect, due or to become to be due, arising under these Rules or such Clearing Participant’s agreements with Eris Clearing.

“**Officer**” has the meaning set forth in Rule 204.

“**Person**” means an individual, sole proprietorship, partnership, limited liability company, association, firm, trust, corporation or other entity, as the context may require.

“**Regulations**” means rules, regulations, guidance, or advisories promulgated by the CFTC.

“**Removal Event**” means (a) the termination of the Clearing Participant Agreement; (b) a materially false or misleading representation or warranty made by the Clearing Participant to Eris Clearing under or in connection with any agreement between Eris Clearing and the Clearing Participant; (c) the breach by the Clearing Participant of the Rules or any of the terms or provisions of any agreement between Eris Clearing and the Clearing Participant which is not remedied promptly after notice from Eris Clearing; (d) a material violation of the rules of the Exchange, or (e) a Default by the Clearing Participant.

“**Rule**” means a Rule of Eris Clearing either contained in this Rulebook or in guidance or notices from Eris Clearing.

“**Self-Regulatory Organization**” shall mean any futures or securities exchange, derivatives clearing organization, securities clearing agency, or National Futures Association.

“**Settlement Price**” has the meaning set forth in Rule 410.

“**Transfer Trade**” has the meaning set forth in Rule 408.

“**UCC**” means the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in the State of Illinois.

## **102. Interpretation.**

In these Rules, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, (a) words in the singular include the plural and words in the plural include the singular, (b) any gender includes each other gender, (c) references to statutory provisions include those provisions, and any rules or regulations promulgated thereunder, as amended, and (d) all uses of the word “including” should be construed to mean “including, but not limited to.” Headings included herein are for convenience purposes only and do not form a part of these Rules.

## **103. Date and Time References.**

Unless otherwise specified, all references to dates, times or time periods shall refer to, or be measured in accordance with the time in Chicago, Illinois.

**104. Conflicts.**

In the event of a conflict between any Rules of general application and the Rules relating to particular types of transactions, the transaction-specific Rules will prevail.

**2. GOVERNANCE**

**201. Purpose, Powers and Authority.**

- (a) Eris Clearing is registered with the CFTC as a Derivatives Clearing Organization. Eris Clearing operates to clear Contracts for its Clearing Participants.
- (b) Eris Clearing has the power and authority to operate and regulate its clearing and settlement facilities to ensure that such facilities are not used for any improper purpose and to establish and enforce Rules and procedures to reduce systemic risk and facilitate the orderly clearing of Contracts through Eris Clearing by Clearing Participants.
- (c) These Rules specify the process by which a Person may become a Clearing Participant and the terms and conditions on which Eris Clearing will clear Contracts. These Rules are binding on all Clearing Participants.

**202. Board**

The Board shall have control and management of the affairs and business of Eris Clearing and shall have the powers and duties set forth in the LLC Agreement. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Board shall have the power to: (a) adopt, amend, implement and repeal such Rules, as will in its judgment best promote and safeguard the interests of Eris Clearing; and (b) render interpretations of the Rules, which shall be binding on all Persons having dealings with Eris Clearing, including Direct Clearing Participants, FCM Clearing Participants, and their Customers.

**203. Committees**

- (a) The Risk Management Committee is a permanent Committee of the Board.
- (b) The Board may establish such additional Committee(s) as it may from time to time deem necessary or advisable and appoint Board members or other individuals to serve on such Committees and delegate powers to one or more Committees.
- (c) A Committee shall operate in accordance with its charter or powers as otherwise delegated to it by the Board and shall take such actions as may be required by the Rules.
- (d) All information and documents provided to a Committee and all deliberations and documents related thereto shall be treated as non-public and confidential and shall not be disclosed, except as required by Applicable Law or as necessary to further the business and affairs of Eris Clearing or Eris Exchange.
- (e) The actions of each Committee shall be the subject to final review by the Board.

#### **204. Officers**

The Board shall appoint officers of Eris Clearing, as it may deem necessary or appropriate from time to time (such Persons, “**Officers**”), and delegate to such Officers, subject to its oversight, the power and authority to manage the business and affairs of Eris Clearing and to establish and enforce rules and procedures for the conduct of business by Eris Clearing. Any Officer may also be a director, officer, partner or employee of Eris Clearing or any of its affiliates.

At all times, Eris Clearing shall have a Chief Risk Officer, Chief Compliance Officer, and a designated senior officer of the company (whether CEO, President, COO, or other).

#### **205. Eligibility of Officers and Board Members**

No Person may serve as an Officer or a member of the Board, or any other disciplinary committee, arbitration panel or oversight panel if such Person:

- (a) Was found within the past three years by a final decision of a self-regulatory organization, an administrative law judge, a court of competent jurisdiction or the CFTC to have committed a substantive disciplinary offense;
- (b) Entered into a settlement agreement within the past three years in which any of the findings or, in absence of such findings, any of the acts charged included a disciplinary offense;
- (c) Is currently suspended from trading on any market subject to CEA regulation, is suspended or expelled from membership from any self-regulatory organization, is serving any sentence of probation or owes any portion of a fine imposed pursuant to either:
  - (i) A finding by a final decision of a self-regulatory organization, an administrative law judge, a court of competent jurisdiction or the CFTC that such Person committed a disciplinary offense; or
  - (ii) A settlement agreement in which any of the findings or, in absence of such findings, any of the acts charged included a disciplinary offense;
- (d) Is currently subject to an agreement with the CFTC or any self-regulatory organization not to apply for registration with the CFTC or membership in any self-regulatory organization;
- (e) Is currently subject to or has had imposed on him or her within the past three years a CFTC registration revocation or suspension in any capacity for any reason, or has been convicted within the past three years of any of the felonies listed in section 8a(2)(D)(ii) through (iv) of the CEA;
- (f) Is currently subject to a denial, suspension or disqualification from serving on the disciplinary committee, arbitration panel or governing board of any self-regulatory organization as that term is defined in section 3(a)(26) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; or



- (g) Otherwise fails to fulfil reasonable fitness standards of the Clearinghouse, as may be determined and modified at the discretion of the Clearinghouse.

Any Officer or member of the Board, disciplinary committee, arbitration panel or oversight panel, or holder of 10% or more ownership interest in Eris Clearing, and any individual nominated to serve in any such role, shall immediately notify the Chief Compliance Officer if such individual meets one or more of the criteria in Rule 205(a)-(g). For purposes of this Rule 205, the terms “self-regulatory organization,” “disciplinary committee,” “arbitration panel,” “oversight panel,” “final decision,” “disciplinary offense,” and “settlement agreement” have the meanings set forth in CFTC Regulation 1.63(a), as amended from time to time.

**206. Conflicts of Interest and Misuse of Material, Non-Public Information.**

- (a) No Officer, Director, or Committee member or other Person authorized to exercise Eris Clearing’s authority concerning any inquiry, investigation, disciplinary proceeding or any appeal from a disciplinary proceeding, summary suspension, other summary actions, “disciplinary committee” or “oversight panel” (both as defined in CFTC Regulation § 1.69) (any such action, a “Proceeding” and, collectively, “**Proceedings**”) or Emergency action taken pursuant to Rule 207 (each such Proceeding or Emergency action, a “**Self-Regulatory Action**”) will knowingly participate in such body’s deliberations or voting in any matter involving a Self-Regulatory Action where such member has a “material conflict of interest” (each, an “**Interested Person**”), except as described in Rule 206(d).
- (b) For purposes of Rule 206(a), a “material conflict of interest” means an Officer, member of the Board, or Committee member or other Person:
  - (i) being named as a respondent or potential respondent in the Self-Regulatory Action;
  - (ii) being an employer, employee, fellow employee or an Affiliate of a respondent or potential respondent in the Self-Regulatory Action;
  - (iii) having any significant, ongoing business relationship with a respondent or potential respondent in the Self-Regulatory Action, excluding relationships limited to executing Contracts opposite each other or to clearing Contracts through the same Clearing Firm;
  - (iv) having a family relationship with a respondent or potential respondent in a Self-Regulatory Action (including the individual’s spouse, co-habitator, former spouse, parent, step-parent, child, step-child, sibling, step-brother, step-sister, grandparent, grandchild, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece, father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother-in-law or sister-in-law);
  - (v) having a direct and substantial financial interest in the result of the deliberations or vote based upon either exchange or non-exchange positions (as referenced in Section 1.69 of the CFTC Regulations), other

than a direct or indirect equity or other interest in Eris Holdings, that could reasonably be expected to be affected by the action, as determined pursuant to Rule 206(c)(2) below. A direct and substantial financial interest includes positions in Contracts in accounts of, controlled by, or affiliated with the Interested Person or in any other types of direct and substantial financial positions of the Interested Person that are reasonably expected to be affected by the deliberations or vote; and/or

- (vi) any other circumstance that gives rise to a conflict between the Officer's, Committee Member's or Other Person's exercise of authority concerning any Self-Regulatory Action and his or her personal interests.

(c) Disclosure and Determination of Conflicts; Procedure

- (i) Prior to consideration of any Self-Regulatory Action, each member of the deliberating body who chooses to participate in any deliberations or vote will disclose to the Chief Compliance Officer whether such member has one of the relationships listed in Rule 206(b) above.

- (ii) In addition to the information set forth in Rule 206(c)(1) above, for any matter involving the relationship set forth in Rule 206(b)(5), each member of the deliberating body who chooses to participate in any deliberations or vote will disclose to the Chief Compliance Officer position information (including information regarding positions held by such member, positions held by individuals of such member's family and positions held by a firm with which such member is affiliated) that is known to such member with respect to any particular month or months that are under consideration, and any other positions which the deliberating body reasonably expects could be affected by the significant action, as follows:

1. gross positions held at the Clearinghouse in such member's personal accounts or "controlled accounts," as defined in CFTC Regulation § 1.3(j);
2. gross positions held at the Clearinghouse in proprietary accounts, as defined in CFTC Regulation § 1.17(b)(3), at such member's affiliated firm;
3. gross positions held at the Clearinghouse in accounts in which such member is a principal, as defined in CFTC Regulation § 3.1(a);
4. net positions held at the Clearinghouse in Customer accounts, as defined in CFTC Regulation § 1.17(b)(2), at such member's affiliated firm; and
5. any other types of positions, whether maintained at the Clearinghouse or elsewhere, held in such member's personal accounts or the proprietary accounts of such member's affiliated

firm, that the Clearinghouse reasonably expects could be affected by the significant action.

- (iii) The Chief Compliance Officer will determine whether any member of the relevant deliberating body who chooses to participate in any deliberations or vote in a Self-Regulatory Action is subject to a conflicts restriction under this Rule 206(a).
  - a. For any matter involving the relationships listed in Rule 206(b) above, such determination will be based upon a review of the following information:
    - i. information provided by such member pursuant to Rule 206(c)(1); and
    - ii. any other source of information that is held by and reasonably available to the Clearinghouse.
  - b. In addition to the review of the information set forth in Rule 206(c)(3) above, for any matter involving the relationship set forth in Rule 206(b)(5), such determination will be based upon a review of the following information:
    - i. Information provided to Eris Clearing by the Exchange, or information related to trading and clearing records from the Exchange;
    - ii. information provided pursuant to Rule 206(c)(2); and,
    - iii. any other source of information that is held by and reasonably available to Eris Clearing taking into consideration the exigency of the significant action being contemplated.
- (d) Any Interested Person who would be required otherwise to abstain from deliberations and voting pursuant to Rule 206(a) as a result of having a direct and substantial financial interest in the result of the deliberations and vote may participate in deliberations, prior to a vote on the matter, if the deliberating body, after considering the factors specified below, determines that such participation would be consistent with the public interest; provided however, that before reaching any such determination, the deliberating body will fully consider the position information specified in Rule 206(c)(2) above which is the basis of such member's substantial financial interest in the Self-Regulatory Action that is being contemplated. In making its determination, the deliberating body will consider:
  - (i) whether such member's participation in the deliberations is necessary to achieve a quorum; and;
  - (ii) whether such member has unique or special expertise, knowledge or experience in the matter being considered.

- (e) The minutes of any meeting to which the conflicts determination procedures set forth in this Rule 206 apply will reflect the following information:
  - (i) the names of all members of the relevant deliberating body who attended such meeting in person or who otherwise participated in such meeting
  - (ii) the name of any member of the relevant deliberating body who voluntarily recused himself or herself or was required to abstain from deliberations or voting on a matter and the reason for the recusal or abstention, if stated;
  - (iii) information on the position information that was reviewed for each member of the relevant deliberating body; and
  - (iv) any determination made in accordance with Rule 206(d) above.
- (f) If a determination is made that all members of the relevant deliberating body are Interested Persons with respect to a matter subject to a vote by the Board, the Chief Compliance Officer will appoint a panel of individuals who are not Interested Persons with respect to such matter, which will have the same authority and powers over such matter that the Committee would have if the members were not Interested Persons with respect to such matter.
- (g) No Director, Officer or member of any committee or panel established by the Board shall use or disclose for any purpose other than the performance of his or her official duties and responsibilities as an Officer or committee or panel member any material, non-public information obtained as a result of the individual's duties and responsibilities as an Officer or committee or panel member. No Director, Officer or committee or panel member shall, directly or indirectly, disclose or use at any time, either during his or her association with Eris Clearing, or thereafter, any confidential information of which the Board member or committee or panel member becomes aware. Each Director, Officer or committee or panel member in possession of confidential information shall take all appropriate steps to safeguard the information and to protect it against disclosure, misuse, loss and theft.
- (h) Notwithstanding Rule 206(g), a Director, Officer or committee or panel member may disclose confidential information if required by law or a court order to be revealed to the United States Department of Justice or the CFTC.
- (i) For the purposes of Rule 206(g), the terms "material information" and "nonpublic information" shall each have the meaning set forth in CFTC Regulation § 1.59(a).

**207. Emergencies.**

- (a) During an Emergency, the Board may implement temporary emergency procedures and rules ("**Emergency Rules**"), subject to applicable provisions of the CEA and CFTC Regulations. If an Officer of the Clearinghouse determines that Emergency Rules must be implemented with respect to an Emergency before a meeting of the Board can reasonably be convened, then the Officer, in

consultation and with the approval of the Chief Compliance Officer, shall have the authority, without Board action, to implement any Emergency Rules with respect to such Emergency that he or she deems necessary or appropriate to respond to such Emergency.

- (b) Pursuant to this Rule 207, Emergency Rules may require or authorize Eris Clearing, the Board, any Committee, or the Officers of Eris Clearing to take actions necessary or appropriate to respond to the Emergency, including, but not limited to, the following:
  - (i) Suspending or curtailing clearing or limiting clearing to liquidation only (in whole or in part);
  - (ii) Extending or shortening the expiration date and/or the last settlement date for Contracts;
  - (iii) Providing alternative settlement mechanisms;
  - (iv) Ordering the liquidation of Contracts, the fixing of a Settlement Price, or the reduction of positions;
  - (v) Extending, limiting or changing the hours of operation of Eris Clearing;
  - (vi) Temporarily modifying or suspending any provision of the Rules;
  - (vii) Changing the amount of money to be paid in connection with a Contract, whether previously or thereafter delivered; and/or
  - (viii) Requiring Clearing Participants to meet special Margin requirements.
- (c) For the purposes of this Rule 207, “**Emergency**” is defined as any occurrence or circumstances which, in the opinion of the Board, an Officer, or a Committee or Exchange Committee, requires immediate action, and that threatens, or may threaten, the fair and orderly settlement or integrity of any Contract, including, without limitation, the following:
  - (i) Any circumstance that may materially affect the performance of a Contract;
  - (ii) Any action taken by the United States government, a foreign government, Government Agency, Self-Regulatory Organization, state or local governmental body, or market or exchange (foreign or domestic) that may have a material adverse effect on the clearing of Contracts through Eris Clearing or the settlement, legality or enforceability of any Contract;
  - (iii) Any actual, attempted, or threatened corner, squeeze, congestion, manipulative activity or undue concentration of positions in a Contract;
  - (iv) Any circumstance that may have a severe, adverse effect upon the functions and facilities of Eris Clearing, including, but not limited to, acts of God, pandemics, fire or other natural disasters, bomb threats, acts of terrorism or war, severely inclement weather, or failure or malfunction of all or a portion of the clearing systems of Eris Clearing, or other system

- breakdowns or interruptions such as power, computer, communication or transportation systems or the Internet;
- (v) The Insolvency of any Clearing Participant or the imposition of any injunction or other restraint by any Government Agency, court or arbitrator upon a Clearing Participant which may affect the ability of a Clearing Participant to satisfy its Obligations;
  - (vi) Any circumstance in which it appears to the Board that a Clearing Participant:
    - 1. Has failed to perform on a Contract
    - 2. Is Insolvent;
    - 3. Is otherwise in Default;
    - 4. Is in such financial or operational condition or is conducting business such that the Clearing Participant cannot be permitted to continue in business without jeopardizing the safety of funds of Eris Clearing, Clearing Participants or the funds of Customers; or
  - (vii) Any other unusual, unforeseeable or adverse circumstance as determined by the Board or the Officers of the Clearinghouse. When Eris Clearing determines that the Emergency has been reduced sufficiently to allow Eris Clearing to resume normal functioning, any such actions will be terminated.
- (d) Whenever Eris Clearing takes action to respond to an Emergency (including, without limitation, the actions set forth in paragraph (b) above), it will, where possible, ensure that notice is timely given to Clearing Participants
  - (e) Eris Clearing will use reasonable efforts to notify the CFTC prior to implementing, modifying or terminating an Emergency Rule. If such prior notification is not possible or practicable, Eris Clearing will notify the CFTC as soon as reasonably practicable, but in all circumstances within twenty-four hours of the implementation, modification or termination of such Emergency Rule. In all cases, Eris Clearing will act in accordance with CFTC rules on Emergency rule certifications under § 40.6 of the Regulations.
  - (f) Upon taking any action in response to an Emergency, Eris Clearing will document the decisions and deliberations related to such action. Such documentation will be kept for at least five years, consistent with the Clearinghouse Recordkeeping Policy, following the date on which the Emergency ceases to exist or to affect Eris Clearing, and all such documentation will be provided to the CFTC upon request.

**208. Maintenance of Books and Records by the Clearinghouse**

- (a) Eris Clearing shall keep, or cause to be kept, complete and accurate books and records of accounts of the Clearinghouse, including, without limitation, all books

and records required to be maintained pursuant to the CEA, and the CFTC Regulations.

- (b) Eris Clearing shall retain all such books and records for at least five (5) years, and shall make such books and records readily accessible for inspection by the CFTC and the United States Department of Justice.

### **3. CLEARING PARTICIPANTS**

#### **301. General Eligibility Requirements of Clearing Participants.**

- (a) The Clearinghouse imposes eligibility requirements for Clearing Participants, and may modify these requirements in order to maintain an orderly clearing process and mitigate risk to the Clearinghouse and other Clearing Participants.
- (b) All Clearing Participants and prospective Clearing Participants who wish to enter into a Clearing Participant Agreement will be subject to Clearinghouse Anti-Money Laundering policies and procedures, designed to achieve and monitor compliance with the requirements of the Bank Secrecy Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder, or otherwise, by the Department of the Treasury or other federal agencies and bureaus.
- (c) All Clearing Participants are subject to all Rules, as well as all rules of the Exchange, whether contained in the Exchange Rulebook, or in Exchange guidance or notices.
- (d) Each applicant for qualification as a Clearing Participant must satisfy the following requirements at the time of application, and at all times as a Clearing Participant:
  - (i) Applicant must not be subject to any economic or trade sanctions programs administered by OFAC or other relevant U.S. or non-U.S. authority and must not be listed on OFAC's List of Specially-Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons;
  - (ii) It shall enter into a Clearing Participant Agreement with Eris Clearing, pursuant to which it shall agree, among other things, to: (1) abide by all Eris Clearing Rules and to cooperate in their enforcement; (2) be responsible, even after it has withdrawn as a Clearing Participant, for any violations of Eris Clearing Rules committed by it while it was a Clearing Participant; and (3) continue to meet all requirements applicable to Clearing Participants, including all financial requirements provided by these Rules;
  - (iii) It shall have received all necessary approvals and consents from all applicable regulatory authorities and Government Agencies to permit it to conduct the business of a Clearing Participant;
  - (iv) Applicant must have one or more accounts that has been approved by Eris Clearing for purposes of depositing and withdrawing funds or Collateral at Eris Clearing.
  - (v) It shall be engaged in or demonstrate immediate capacity to engage in the conduct of the business of a Clearing Participant;
  - (vi) Applicant must not be prohibited from using the services of the Exchange for any reason whatsoever;



- (vii) It shall continuously satisfy any minimum commercial, integrity, financial, credit, operational capability and competence standards, as may be established by Eris Clearing from time to time.
  - (viii) Applicant must maintain adequate financial resources and credit as may be determined by the Clearinghouse from time to time and published on the Eris Clearing website; and
  - (ix) Applicant must not have filed for bankruptcy, and not be subject to a current bankruptcy proceeding.
- (e) In addition to the requirements set forth in paragraph (d), each applicant for qualification as an FCM Clearing Participant must satisfy the following requirements at the time of application, and at all times as an FCM Clearing Participant:
- (i) It shall be a corporation, limited liability company, partnership or other entity approved by Eris Clearing, duly organized and in good standing in its state of organization;
  - (ii) It shall maintain back-office facilities staffed with experienced and competent personnel or have entered into a facilities management agreement in form and substance acceptable to Eris Clearing; and
  - (iii) It shall maintain minimum regulatory capital in excess of the greater of (1) \$5,000,000 and (2) any applicable capital requirements imposed on applicant by the CFTC, another Government Agency or Self-Regulatory Organization.
- (f) The Board may, in its sole discretion, grant exemptions or guidance to the requirements set forth in this Rule 301 for Clearing Participants if it determines that such an exemption will not jeopardize the financial integrity of Eris Clearing. Additionally, the Board or Risk Committee may require applicants meet additional requirements, provide additional information for evaluation, or refuse to admit any Person as a Clearing Participant if, at their sole and absolute discretion, they determine that admission of such Person would undermine the financial integrity or reputation of the Clearinghouse.

**302. Application and Approval of Clearing Participant Status.**

- (a) Applicants for Clearing Participant status shall submit an application in the form prescribed by Eris Clearing, financial statements and any other documentation as Eris Clearing shall require and shall enter into a Clearing Participant Agreement with Eris Clearing.
- (b) Eris Clearing may review the books and records of any applicant or Clearing Participant and take such other action as it may deem appropriate to investigate an applicant's or Clearing Participant's qualifications. FCM Clearing Participants shall, at time of application and thereafter as required by Eris Clearing, submit

statements of its financial condition and other financial records as shall be prescribed from time to time.

- (c) Eris Clearing shall have the sole discretion to determine whether any applicant, or any existing Clearing Participant, meets its clearing privileges qualifications. The Clearinghouse shall have no liability to any applicant or Clearing Participant who is denied or loses Clearing Participant status.
- (d) The Board, or if such responsibility is delegated, then the Chief Compliance Officer or other Officer of the Clearinghouse shall have final authority to grant or deny an application to become a Clearing Participant and shall deny the application of any Person which does not meet the eligibility requirements established pursuant to Rules 301, 302 and 303.
- (e) If the Board or delegated Officer grants an application to become a Clearing Participant, Eris Clearing shall promptly give the applicant written notice thereof. The applicant shall thereafter become a Clearing Participant at such time as the applicant has filed with Eris Clearing such agreements and documents, and performed such undertakings as Eris Clearing may require; provided, however, that if such applicant has not complied with the foregoing provisions within 30 days after the applicant was given written notice of approval of its application, the application shall be deemed to have been withdrawn.
- (f) If, in accordance with paragraph (d) of this Rule 302, Eris Clearing denies an application to become a Clearing Participant, Eris Clearing shall give the applicant notice of the Board's decision, setting forth the grounds therefor, and such decision shall be the final action of Eris Clearing.
- (g) By virtue of obtaining clearing privileges, a Clearing Participant shall not obtain any equity or other interest in Eris Clearing, including voting rights or rights to receive any dividends or other distributions, whether arising from a dissolution, merger, consolidation involving Eris Clearing or otherwise. All such rights shall be owned exclusively by the members of Eris Clearing, as specified in the LLC Agreement.

**303. Duties and Responsibilities of Clearing Participants.**

A. Any Person initiating or executing a transaction in Contracts to be cleared by Eris Clearing, and any Person for whose benefit such a transaction has been initiated or executed, expressly consents to the jurisdiction of the Clearinghouse and agrees to be bound by and comply with the Rules of the Eris Clearing in relation to such transactions and Contracts, including, but not limited to, rules requiring cooperation and participation in investigatory and disciplinary processes. Each Clearing Participant shall:

- (a) Comply with and act in a manner consistent with, and cause its Authorized Representatives and employees to comply with an act in a manner consistent with, the Rules;

- (b) Guarantee and assume responsibility for all Contracts submitted by it or for which it authorizes another Person to submit in its name for clearing;
- (c) Keep the passwords assigned by Eris Clearing confidential;
- (d) At all times maintain one or more accounts that has been approved by Eris Clearing for purposes of depositing and withdrawing funds or Collateral at Eris Clearing, and promptly inform Eris Clearing of any changes to any of the foregoing account(s);
- (e) Promptly review and, if necessary, respond to all communications sent by Eris Clearing;
- (f) Be responsible for violations of the Rules committed by it, its Authorized Representative or employees;
- (g) Not knowingly mislead or conceal any material fact or matter in any dealings or filings with Eris Clearing or in response to any proceeding;
- (h) Cooperate with Eris Clearing and any Government Agency in any inquiry, investigation, audit, examination or proceeding;
- (i) Observe high standards of integrity, commercial honor, fair dealing, and just and equitable principles of trade in relation to any aspect of its business connected with or concerning Eris Clearing.

B. In addition to the requirements in Rule 303(a) through 303 (i) above, each FCM Clearing Participant shall also:

- (a) Provide appropriate staff in its offices during specified hours, on Business Days and otherwise, when such is deemed necessary by Eris Clearing to ensure the integrity of its systems or as otherwise deemed necessary for the protection of the Eris Clearing;
- (b) Have written risk management policies and procedures in place to ensure it is able to perform certain basic risk and operational functions at all times and to make information regarding its risk management policies, procedures and practices available to Eris Clearing or the CFTC upon request. At a minimum, the following areas must be addressed in the Clearing Participant's policies and procedures, taking into account the Clearing Participant's business and products offered for clearing:
  - (i) Monitoring the credit risks of accepting trades, including give-up trades, of its Customers;
  - (ii) Monitoring the risks associated with proprietary trading;
  - (iii) Limiting the impact of significant market moves through the use of tools such as stress testing or position limits;
  - (iv) Maintaining the ability to monitor account activity on an intraday and overnight basis;

- (v) Ensuring order entry systems, including third party systems connected to any exchange, include the ability to set automated credit controls or position limits or requiring a firm employee to enter orders; and Defining sources of liquidity for increased settlement obligations.
- (vi) Ensuring that all trades placed by Customers of the FCM Clearing Participant are fully collateralized.

**304. Authorized Representative.**

- (a) Each Clearing Participant shall designate one or more Authorized Representatives to sign all instruments, correct errors, perform such other duties as may be required under the Rules and transact all business in connection with the operations of Eris Clearing. Each Clearing Participant must provide Eris Clearing with current contact and other requested information for each of its Authorized Representatives.
- (b) To designate an Authorized Representative, a Clearing Participant must provide the information requested and conform to the procedures and requirements established by Eris Clearing. By agreeing to become an Authorized Representative, an individual agrees to be bound by the duties and responsibilities of an Authorized Representative and to be subject to, and comply with, the Rules and Obligations to the extent applicable.
- (c) Eris Clearing will promptly notify a Clearing Participant of the approval of nominated Authorized Representatives and will maintain a list of all approved Authorized Representatives for each Clearing Participant. Eris Clearing shall promptly notify the Clearing Participant if Eris Clearing (i) declines to approve the designation, (ii) revokes the designation, or (iii) suspends the designation of an Authorized Representative.
- (d) An Authorized Representative who is suspended remains subject to the Rules and Eris Clearing's jurisdiction throughout the period of suspension.
- (e) To request the termination of the designation of an Authorized Representative, the Clearing Participant or the Authorized Representative must notify Eris Clearing providing the information and complying with the procedures and requirements established by Eris Clearing.
- (f) An Authorized Representative remains subject to the Rules and the jurisdiction of Eris Clearing for acts done and omissions made while registered as such, and a proceeding relating to an individual whose designation as an Authorized Representative has been terminated or suspended shall occur as if the Authorized Representative were still registered as such.

**305. Adequate Assurances.**

If Eris Clearing has reason to believe that a Clearing Participant may fail to comply with any of the Rules, it may require the Clearing Participant to provide it, within such

timeframe, in such detail, and in such manner as Eris Clearing shall determine, with adequate assurances that the Clearing Participant shall not violate any of the Rules.

**306. Notices Required of Clearing Participants.**

- (a) Each Clearing Participant, if applicable, shall immediately notify Eris Clearing, orally and in writing, of:
  - (i) Any Default of the Clearing Participant or any failure or inability of the Clearing Participant to meet its Obligations;
  - (ii) Any failure to maintain current books and records;
  - (iii) Any refusal of admission to, withdrawal of any application for membership in, any suspension, expulsion, bar, fine, censure, denial of membership, registration or license, withdrawal of any application for registration, cease and desist order, temporary or permanent injunction, denial of trading privileges or clearing privileges, or any other sanction or discipline through an adverse determination, voluntary settlement or otherwise, by the CFTC, the SEC, any commodity or securities exchange, clearing organization, any Self-Regulatory Organization or other business or professional association;
  - (iv) The imposition of any restriction or limitation on the business conducted by the Clearing Participant on or with any securities or futures clearing organization or exchange (including, without limitation, any contract market, swap execution facility or other trading facility), other than restrictions or limitations imposed generally on all Clearing Participants of or Clearing Participants of such clearing organization or exchange;
  - (v) Any failure by such Clearing Participant, or any guarantor or commonly owned or controlled Clearing Participant, to perform any of its material contracts, obligations or agreements;
  - (vi) Any determination that it, or any guarantor or commonly owned or controlled Clearing Participant, will be unable to perform any of its material contracts, obligations or agreements;
  - (vii) The insolvency, bankruptcy or receivership of such Clearing Participant, or of any guarantor or commonly owned or controlled Clearing Participant;
  - (viii) The institution of any proceeding by or against the Clearing Participant, any affiliate of the Clearing Participant, or any 5% direct owner of the Clearing Participant, under any provision of the bankruptcy laws of the United States, or under the Securities Investor Protection Act of 1970, any other statute or equitable power of a court of like nature or purpose, in which such Clearing Participant or Person is designated as the bankrupt, debtor or equivalent, or a receiver is appointed, or if a receiver, trustee or

- similar official is appointed for the Clearing Participant, such Person, or its or their property;
- (ix) The receipt by such Clearing Participant, or the filing by such Clearing Participant with a Self-Regulatory Organization, of a notice of material inadequacy, including as provided in CFTC Regulation 1.16(d)(2) or SEC Rule 17a-5(g)(3), in each case as applicable to such Clearing Participant;
  - (x) The receipt by such Clearing Participant from its independent auditors of an audit opinion that is not unqualified;
  - (xi) The cessation by such Clearing Participant of its clearing of trades for a trading privilege holder of the Exchange; or
  - (xii) Any default by a Customer of the FCM Clearing Participant.
- (b) In addition to the requirements above, an FCM Clearing Participant shall promptly provide written notice to Eris Clearing of:
- (i) Any reduction in adjusted net capital as reported on its Form 1-FR or net capital as reported on its FOCUS Report from the most recent filing of such report;
  - (ii) Any failure of the Clearing Participant to remain in compliance with the minimum capital or “early warning” requirements of any Government Agency or Self-Regulatory Organization
  - (iii) such Clearing Participant knows or has reason to believe that its adjusted net capital has fallen below Eris Clearing’s minimum capital requirements;
  - (iv) Any damage to, or failure or inadequacy of, the systems, facilities or equipment of the Clearing Participant used to perform the Clearing Participant’s obligations under or in connection with Contracts or Customer Accounts that is not promptly remedied;
  - (v) If such Clearing Participant fails to comply with additional accounting, reporting, financial and/or operation requirements prescribed by Eris Clearing;
  - (vi) Any failure to maintain funds in any Customer Account sufficient to comply with applicable CFTC Regulations;
  - (vii) Any planned material reduction in equity capital (and, in all cases, any planned reduction in equity capital that would cause a reduction in excess adjusted net capital, excess net capital or excess liquid capital of 30% or more), including the incurrence of a contingent liability which would materially affect the Clearing Participant’s capital or other representations contained in the latest financial statement submitted to Eris Clearing should such liability become fixed; provided that no such notice shall be required in the case of a reduction in capital resulting from (1) the

- repayment or prepayment of subordinated liabilities for which notice has been given pursuant to applicable CFTC or SEC requirements, or (2) any futures or securities transaction in the ordinary course of business between a Clearing Participant and any affiliate where the Clearing Participant makes payment to or on behalf of such affiliate for such transaction and then receives payment from such affiliate for such transaction within two Business Days from the date of the transaction;
- (viii) Any change in the FCM Clearing Participant's fiscal year or its public accountants;
  - (ix) If any Person directly or indirectly becomes a 5% direct owner of the FCM Clearing Participant;
  - (x) Any changes in its name, business address, its telephone or facsimile number, electronic mail address, or any number or access code for any electronic communication device used by it to communicate with Eris Clearing; or
  - (xi) Any external audit findings (including reviews by the Clearing Participant's designated Self-Regulatory Organization).
- (c) An FCM Clearing Participant shall, unless it is impractical to do so (in which case it shall provide written notice to Eris Clearing as promptly as possible), provide at least thirty days prior written notice to Eris Clearing, where applicable, of:
- (i) Any proposed change in the organizational or ownership structure or management of the FCM Clearing Participant, including any merger, combination or consolidation between the FCM Clearing Participant and another Person;
  - (ii) The assumption or guaranty by the FCM Clearing Participant of all or substantially all of the liabilities of another Person in connection with a direct or indirect acquisition of all or substantially all of that Person's assets;
  - (iii) The sale of all or a significant portion of the FCM Clearing Participant's business or assets to another Person;
  - (iv) A change in the direct or indirect beneficial ownership of 20% or more of the FCM Clearing Participant;
  - (v) Any change in the FCM Clearing Participant's systems provider or facilities manager used by the FCM Clearing Participant to process transactions in Contracts; or
  - (vi) Any planned changes to the FCM Clearing Participant's risk management processes or systems.
- (d) Upon the receipt of a notice of the type set forth in paragraphs (a) - (c) above, Eris Clearing shall review the continuing eligibility of the Clearing Participant for

clearing eligibility. Where such notice constitutes notice of a Default, Eris Clearing may take any or all of the actions as permitted by these Rules, including Rules 502 and 601.

**307. Omnibus and Carrying Broker Accounts.**

- (a) Each FCM Clearing Participant shall maintain a complete list of all omnibus and carrying broker accounts maintained on its books. Such list shall be promptly provided to Eris Clearing upon request. Information for each such account must include account name, number and address, and classification of the account as either Customer or house.
- (b) Each FCM Clearing Participant carrying an omnibus account shall at all times reflect in its records the gross long and short positions held in such omnibus account.
- (c) Each FCM Clearing Participant that maintains an omnibus account with another FCM Clearing Participant shall also bear financial responsibility to Eris Clearing for that omnibus account.

**308. Financial Requirements of FCM Clearing Participants.**

- (a) FCM Clearing Participants must at all times maintain minimum regulatory capital in excess of the greater of (i) \$5,000,000, and (ii) the capital requirements imposed by any Government Agency, Self-Regulatory Organization or other examining authority or regulator to which it is subject by statute, regulation or agreement. Eris Clearing may prescribe additional capital requirements with respect to any FCM Clearing Participant.
- (b) FCM Clearing Participants shall:
  - (i) (i) Submit a monthly Form 1-FR-FCM or a FOCUS Report and supplementary information schedule, in the form prescribed by the CFTC, including an unaudited monthly Form 1-FR-FCM or FOCUS Report as of the FCM Clearing Participant's fiscal year-end, within the time set forth in CFTC Regulation 1.10. A FCM Clearing Participant must include with its Form 1-FR-FCM or FOCUS Report a Statement of Income (Loss) for the period between the date of the most recent 1-FR-FCM or FOCUS or, at the option of the FCM Clearing Participant, the most recent certified 1-FR-FCM or FOCUS filed with Eris Clearing and the date for which the report is made.
  - (ii) Submit a certified Form 1-FR-FCM or FOCUS Report as of the Clearing Participant's fiscal year-end within the time requirements set forth in CFTC Regulation 1.10. A FCM Clearing Participant must include with its certified Form 1-FR-FCM or FOCUS Report, a reconciliation from the certified Form 1-FR-FCM or FOCUS Report to the monthly Form 1-FR-



FCM or FOCUS Report as of the same date or a statement that no material differences were noted.

- (c) Eris Clearing may prescribe additional accounting, reporting, and other financial and/or operational requirements, and FCM Clearing Participants must comply with such requirements.
- (d) Financial statement filing requirements under this Rule must be met through Eris Clearing-approved electronic transmission, except for certified Form 1-FR-FCMs or FOCUS Reports, which shall be submitted in physical form. FCM Clearing Participants must provide any reports or information pertaining to their financial resources to the CFTC upon request.
- (e) Exceptions to the financial and reporting requirements of this Rule 308 may be granted by the Board, in consultation with the Chief Compliance Officer, for good cause if it is determined that such exceptions will not jeopardize the financial integrity of Eris Clearing.

**309. Customer Accounts and Member Property Accounts.**

- (a) All Customer funds deposited by an FCM Clearing Participant with Eris Clearing on behalf of Customers protected by CFTC Regulation 1.20 shall be held in accordance with the CEA and CFTC Regulation 1.20 in an account identified as “**Customer Segregated.**” Such Customer funds shall be segregated by Eris Clearing and treated as belonging to the Customers of the FCM Clearing Participant. Pursuant to this Rule, a Clearing Participant shall satisfy the segregation acknowledgment letter requirements of the CEA and CFTC Regulation 1.20 for Customer deposits held at Eris Clearing.
- (b) All funds deposited by a Clearing Participant with Eris Clearing on behalf of the Clearing Participant’s own account shall be held in a Member Property Account. Such Clearing Participant funds shall be segregated by Eris Clearing and treated as belonging to Clearing Participants.
- (c) Eris Clearing will, upon request by a Customer, promptly transfer, from the Customer Account of one FCM Clearing Participant to the Customer Account of another FCM Clearing Participant, all or a portion of such Customer’s Contracts, in accordance with Rule 408(a)(i).

**310. General Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements for Clearing Participants.**

- (a) Each Clearing Participant shall prepare, maintain and keep current those books and records required by these Rules, the CEA and the CFTC Regulations. Such books and records shall be open to inspection and promptly provided to Eris Clearing, the CFTC or other Government Agency upon request.
- (b) Without limiting the foregoing, each Clearing Participants shall make and retain records with respect to each trade showing the Contract, quantity, date, price, delivery month, the name or account identifier of any Customer for whom the

trade was made and such other information as may be required by law, regulation, or by Eris Clearing. Such records shall be retained for at least five years, either in original form or in such other form as Eris Clearing may from time to time authorize.

- (c) Each FCM Clearing Participant shall maintain an adequate accounting system, internal accounting controls, and procedures for safeguarding Customer and firm assets, where applicable. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:
  - (i) Preparation and maintenance of complete and accurate reconciliations for all accounts; and
  - (ii) Resolution of reconciling items in a timely manner; and
  - (iii) Prevention of a material inadequacy as defined in CFTC Regulation 1.16(d)(2).
- (d) An FCM Clearing Participant shall file any information requested by Eris Clearing within the time period specified in the request and shall, at all times have the ability to provide to Eris Clearing in an acceptable form a complete set of back-office system reports (including, at a minimum, the equity run, open position listing, day trade listing, cash adjustments listing and debit equity listing, if applicable). Such reports shall be available to Eris Clearing no later than 8:00 a.m. Chicago time on the Business Day following the report date.
- (e) Each FCM Clearing Participant shall at all times have the ability to provide promptly to Eris Clearing upon request a listing of each of its Customers' method of access to the Exchange, including front end applications and network connections.

### **311. Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity FCM Clearing Participants**

- (a) Each FCM Clearing Participant shall have written disaster recovery and business continuity policies and procedures reasonably designed to ensure it is able to perform certain basic operational functions in the event of a significant internal or external interruption to its operations. At a minimum, the following areas must be considered in the FCM Clearing Participant's policies and procedures:
  - (i) The FCM Clearing Participant must have procedures in place to allow it to continue to operate during periods of stress with minimal disruption to either Eris Clearing or its Customers. The FCM Clearing Participants must perform periodic testing, including testing with Eris Clearing when so requested, of disaster recovery and business continuity plans, duplication of critical systems at back up sites and periodic back-up of critical information; and
  - (ii) The FCM Clearing Participant must maintain and, at the request of Eris Clearing, provide accurate and complete information for its key personnel.

An FCM Clearing Participant must inform Eris Clearing in a timely manner whenever a change to its key personnel is made.

- (b) Eris Clearing may prescribe additional and/or alternative requirements for FCM Clearing Participants' compliance with this Rule.
- (c) FCM Clearing Participants must participate in coordinated testing of their disaster recovery and business continuity policies and procedures at least annually. An FCM Clearing Participant can fulfill this requirement by participating in an industry-wide testing event in which Eris Clearing or the Exchange also participates.

**312. Fees.**

Eris Clearing shall have the right to invoice clients and accept payment via check, wire, or money transfer, or to offset any fees, charges or other amounts (other than fines or penalties) due to Eris Clearing or due to the Exchange against a Clearing Participant's Margin balance, and shall have the right to instruct an Approved Depository Institution, if applicable, to debit the Account maintained by an Clearing Participant to offset any amounts due the Clearinghouse.

**313. Segregation of Customer Funds and Assets for FCM Clearing Participants.**

Each FCM Clearing Participant must comply with the requirements of the CEA and CFTC Regulations regarding segregation of customer funds from the FCM Clearing Participant's own funds or assets, including, but not limited to, CFTC Regulations 1.20 through 1.30, 1.32, and 30.7.

Eris Clearing shall comply with the applicable segregation requirements of Section 4d of the CEA and CFTC Regulations with respect to customer funds held by Eris Clearing.

As used in this Rule 315, "customer funds" has the same meaning as in CFTC Regulation 1.3.

**314. Access to Eris Clearing.**

A Customer entering orders by electronic access must access Eris Clearing through the systems owned or sponsored by such Customer's FCM Clearing Participant.

**315. Digital Asset Collateral**

- (a) With respect to any digital asset Collateral, including, but not limited to, Bitcoin, which is or may be credited to any Clearing Participant's Member Property Account, the following terms and conditions shall apply:
  - (i) For purposes of creating a "security entitlement" as such term is defined in Section 8-102(a)(17) of the UCC, the Clearinghouse and the Clearing Participant agree that: (1) the digital asset Collateral shall be treated as a "financial asset" as such term is defined in Section 8-102(a)(9) of the UCC; and (2) each Clearing Participant shall be treated as an "entitlement holder" as such term is defined in Section 8-102(a)(7) of the UCC.

- (ii) Each Clearing Participant acknowledges that the Clearinghouse is a “securities intermediary” as such term is defined in Section 8-102(a)(14) of the UCC.
  - (iii) Any digital asset Collateral which a Clearing Participant desires be credited to such Clearing Participant’s Member Property Account shall be transferred to a digital asset wallet designated by the Clearinghouse and upon such transfer the Clearinghouse shall indicate by book entry that such digital asset Collateral, less applicable transfer costs and fees, has been credited to such Member Property Account.
- (b) With respect to any digital asset Collateral, including, but not limited to, Bitcoin, which is or may be credited to any Customer Account, the following terms and conditions shall apply:
  - (i) For purposes of creating a “security entitlement” as such term is defined in Section 8-102(a)(17) of the UCC, the Clearinghouse and the Customer and the relevant FCM Clearing Participant all agree that: (1) the digital asset Collateral shall be treated as a “financial asset” as such term is defined in Section 8-102(a)(9) of the UCC; and (2) each FCM Clearing Participant shall be treated as an “entitlement holder” as such term is defined in Section 8-102(a)(7) of the UCC.
  - (ii) Each Customer and each FCM Clearing Participant acknowledges that the Clearinghouse is a “securities intermediary” as such term is defined in Section 8-102(a)(14) of the UCC.
  - (iii) Any digital asset Collateral which an FCM Clearing Participant desires be credited to any of such FCM Clearing Participant’s Customer Accounts shall be transferred to a digital asset wallet designated by the Clearinghouse and upon such transfer the Clearinghouse shall indicate by book entry that such digital asset Collateral, less applicable transfer costs and fees, has been credited to any of such Customer Accounts.
- (c) The Clearinghouse shall have only such duties and obligations with respect to each Member Property Account and Customer Account as are set forth in Article 8 of the UCC or otherwise mandated by Applicable Law. Each Clearing Participant, including each FCM Clearing Participant, and each Customer acknowledges and agrees that the Clearinghouse is not a fiduciary for any Clearing Participant, including any FCM Clearing Participant, or Customer.
- (d) The State of Illinois is the “securities intermediary’s jurisdiction” within the meaning of Section 8-110(e) of the UCC for all purposes of the UCC.

#### **4. CLEARING, SETTLEMENT, AND DELIVERY OF CONTRACTS**

##### **401. Submission of Trades.**

- (a) Upon matching of a trade effected on or pursuant to the rules of the Exchange, the Exchange shall promptly submit to Eris Clearing a trade report generated by the electronic trading system of the Exchange. The report shall show for each trade (i) the identity of each Clearing Participant, (ii) whether bought or sold, (iii) quantity, (iv) delivery month, (v) the price, (vi) whether for house, Customer, or non-Customer account, and (vii) such other information as may be required by Eris Clearing.
- (b) If Eris Clearing determines that any trade report submitted pursuant to this Rule 401 contains a material error or is otherwise not eligible for clearing by Eris Clearing, Eris Clearing may reject such trade and notify the Exchange of such rejection, setting forth the basis of such objection.

##### **402. Clearance and Substitution.**

- (a) The submission of a Contract to Eris Clearing by or on behalf of the buying and selling Clearing Participants shall constitute a request, by such Clearing Participants, for the clearing of such Contract by Eris Clearing. Upon the acceptance thereof by Eris Clearing, which ordinarily shall be deemed to occur upon the receipt of matched trade data from the Exchange, the Contract shall be novated and Eris Clearing shall be substituted as, and assume the position of, seller to the Clearing Participant buying such Contract and buyer from the Clearing Participant selling such Contract. Upon such substitution, such buying and selling Clearing Participants shall be released from their obligations to each other, and Eris Clearing shall be deemed to have succeeded to all the rights, and to have assumed all the Obligations, of the Clearing Participants that were party to such Contract, in each case as provided in the Rules.
- (b) Where an FCM Clearing Participant acts to clear a Contract made for the account of a Customer, the FCM Clearing Participant becomes obligated to Eris Clearing, and Eris Clearing becomes obligated to the FCM Clearing Participant, with respect to such Contract in the same manner and to the same extent as if the Contract were for the account of the FCM Clearing Participant.
- (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (a), a trade shall not be accepted for clearing, and Eris Clearing shall not be substituted for a given Contract, unless the Margin for such Contract is made available to Eris Clearing, by or for both Clearing Participants, pursuant to Rule 403.

##### **403. Margin.**

- (a) Each Clearing Participant shall deposit funds or Collateral in the form of the applicable quantity of the deliverable underlying commodity required to fully collateralize orders pursuant to the contract specifications contained in the

Exchange rulebook, including payment of premiums, payment in exchange for delivery or to fulfill delivery obligations, as applicable, prior to submission of such orders to the Exchange. Fund and Collateral transfers made by a Clearing Participant to the Clearinghouse or by the Clearinghouse to a Clearing Participant are irrevocable and unconditional when effected. The Clearing Participant shall be responsible for all fees associated with wires or transfers of Collateral to the Clearinghouse.

- (b) Subject to the terms and conditions of the Clearinghouse, Clearing Participants may deposit the following as Margin: (1) cash; (2) the underlying commodity; and (3) any other form of Collateral deemed acceptable by the Risk Management Committee upon the Risk Management Committee's approval of such Collateral as communicated through Clearinghouse notices. The Clearinghouse will value margin Collateral as it deems appropriate.
- (c) Funds and Collateral must be and remain unencumbered. Except as otherwise provided herein, each Clearing Participant posting funds or Collateral hereby grants to the Clearinghouse a first priority security interest in and unencumbered lien against any Margin, Contracts, positions and other funds, property and any other Collateral deposited with the Clearinghouse by the Clearing Participant, including without limitation such Clearing Participant's Member Property Accounts, the Customer Accounts of such Clearing Participant's Customers, and all securities entitlements held therein. A Clearing Participant shall execute any documents required by Eris Clearing to create, perfect and enforce such lien. Each Clearing Participant hereby agrees that with respect to any funds or Collateral which is or may be credited to the Clearing Participant's Member Property Account or Customer Account, as applicable, the Clearinghouse shall have control pursuant to Section 9-106(a) and 8-106(e) of the UCC and a perfected security interest pursuant to Section 9-314(a) of the UCC.
- (d) Eris Clearing may assign, pledge, repledge or otherwise create a lien on or security interest in, and enter into repurchase agreements involving, Margin, Contracts, positions and other funds, property and any other Collateral deposited with the Clearinghouse by the Clearing Participant, as permitted by CFTC Regulations, held in or for such Clearing Participant's Member Property Accounts or the Customer Accounts of such Clearing Participant's Customers to secure the repayment of funds that may be borrowed by Eris Clearing.
- (e) Clearing Participant must transfer the funds and Collateral to the Clearinghouse which will hold funds and Collateral on behalf of the Clearing Participant. Eris Clearing will credit to the Clearing Participant the funds and Collateral that such Clearing Participant deposits. Funds and Collateral shall be held by the Clearinghouse until a Clearing Participant submits a withdrawal notification,

unless otherwise stipulated by these Rules. Eris Clearing will not be responsible for any diminution in value of funds or Collateral that a Clearing Participant deposits with the Clearinghouse, except, in the case of cash, the diminution of value is as a direct result of investment activity of the Clearinghouse, such activity having been conducted in full compliance with CFTC Regulations. Any fluctuation in markets is the risk of each Clearing Participant. Any interest earned on Clearing Participant funds or Collateral may be retained by the Clearinghouse.

- (f) If a Clearing Participant is in Default, Eris Clearing may foreclose on and sell any of the Margin deposited by such Clearing Participant without notice.
- (g) Eris Clearing shall be empowered to invest and reinvest all or part of the funds constituting Margin. Such investments shall be for the account and risk of Eris Clearing, and any income and gains on such investments and interest on such deposits shall belong to Eris Clearing and may be withdrawn from the account holding the Margin and deposited with the general funds of Eris Clearing.

**404. Offset and Settlement.**

- (a) Where, as the result of novation under Rule 402, a Clearing Participant has bought and sold a Contract on or subject to the Rules of the Exchange with the same expiration, or otherwise deemed equivalent by the Clearinghouse, the purchase and sale will be offset by Eris Clearing through the timely submission of instructions by the Clearing Participant containing such information as Eris Clearing may require in accordance with its procedures. A Clearing Participant shall be required to pay the loss or entitled to collect the profit, as the case may be, upon such offsetting transactions, and shall have no further rights or be under any further obligation with respect thereto. For purposes of this Rule 404, the first Contracts made shall be deemed the first Contracts offset.
- (b) Contracts made and designated by the Clearing Participant as for the Clearing Participant's Customer Account shall not be offset under this Rule 405 against Contracts designated by the Clearing Participant as for the Clearing Participant's own Member Property Account.

**405. Approved Depository Institutions.**

A bank, trust company or other depository that meets such financial and other requirements of Eris Clearing may be designated by Eris Clearing as an Approved Depository Institution.

**406. Statement of Trades and Contracts.**

Eris Clearing shall in the manner and at the time that it determines from time to time make available to a Clearing Participant an accounting of trades and Contracts for each Business Day on which such Clearing Participant has trades to be cleared or Contracts open with Eris Clearing. Any amounts the Clearing Participant has posted to Eris Clearing under Rule 403 shall be indicated on this statement.

**407. Confirmation to Customers.**

An FCM Clearing Participant servicing Customer Accounts shall confirm to the Customer every transaction made for the Customer no later than the following Business Day. Such confirmation shall be in electronic or written form and shall show the Contract bought or sold, the quantity, the price, and delivery month.

**408. Transfer Trades.**

- (a) Trades and positions may be transferred on the books of a Clearing Participant or from one Clearing Participant to another Clearing Participant provided that:
  - (i) the transfer constitutes a change from one account to another account where the underlying beneficial ownership in such accounts remains the same;
  - (ii) an error has occurred in the clearing of a trade and a transfer to correct such error is undertaken and is completed within two Business Days after the trade date;
  - (iii) the transfer is in connection with, or as a result of, a merger, asset purchase, consolidation or similar non-recurring transaction between two or more entities where one or more entities become the successor in interest to one or more other entities; or
  - (iv) if, in the judgment of Eris Clearing, the situation so requires and such transfer is in the best interest of Eris Clearing.
- (b) Unless otherwise permitted by Eris Clearing, a transfer that is permitted pursuant to this Rule 408 (a “**Transfer Trade**”) shall be recorded and carried on the books of the receiving Clearing Participant at the original trade dates and prices.

**409. Settlement Prices.**

As used in the Rules, the term “**Settlement Price**” means the settlement price for a Contract for which positions remain open, as determined, intra-day and at the close of regular trading hours, by the Exchange in accordance with its rules, except in the case of manifest error or where Eris Clearing believes that such settlement price does not reasonably reflect the value or price of the Contract, in which case Eris Clearing, using its best efforts to consult with the Exchange, shall determine the official Settlement Price; provided, that Eris Clearing shall in such circumstances promptly notify the Exchange and Clearing Participants, and the reasons for that determination and the basis for the Settlement Price determined by Eris Clearing shall be published in a notice to the Exchange and Clearing Participants.

**410. Delivery.**

After trading ceases for a Contract that is physically settled, the Clearinghouse shall transfer the underlying to the Account of the Clearing Participant that is required to accept delivery, from the Account of the Clearing Participant obligated to make delivery, such full collateralization having been transferred to the Clearinghouse’s custody at the



inception of the trade. Deliveries will occur on the Clearinghouse's books and records unless otherwise specified in the Exchange contract specifications.

**411. Reporting.**

Clearing Participants shall make such reports in respect of trades, Contracts, settlements and deliveries as may be as prescribed by Eris Clearing.

## **5. OBLIGATIONS OF ERIS CLEARING**

### **501. Limitation of Liability.**

- (a) THE LIABILITY OF ERIS CLEARING RELATING TO OR ARISING OUT OF CONTRACTS SHALL BE LIMITED TO LOSSES RESULTING FROM THE NOVATION OF THE CONTRACTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES. SUBJECT TO THE FOREGOING, NEITHER THE CLEARINGHOUSE, NOR ANY AFFILIATE OF THE CLEARINGHOUSE, NOR ANY OF THEIR RESPECTIVE MANAGERS, OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, EQUITYHOLDERS, AGENTS, CONSULTANTS OR SERVICE PROVIDERS (INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, ANY REGULATORY SERVICES PROVIDER), NOR ANY MEMBER OF ANY COMMITTEE OR OTHER GOVERNING BODY OF ANY AFFILIATE OF THE CLEARINGHOUSE (EACH OF THE FOREGOING, AS APPLICABLE, THE “DISCLAIMING PARTY” AND, COLLECTIVELY, “DISCLAIMING PARTIES”) SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY ACTION TAKEN, OR ANY DELAY OR FAILURE TO TAKE ANY ACTION, HEREUNDER OR OTHERWISE TO FULFILL A DISCLAIMING PARTY’S OBLIGATIONS TO CLEARING PARTICIPANTS, OTHER THAN FOR LOSSES CAUSED DIRECTLY BY A DISCLAIMING PARTY’S GROSS NEGLIGENCE OR WILLFUL MISCONDUCT AND SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY OTHER OBLIGATIONS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO OBLIGATIONS OF A CLEARING PARTICIPANT, OBLIGATIONS OF A CLEARING PARTICIPANT TO A CUSTOMER OR OTHER NON-CLEARING PARTICIPANT OR OBLIGATIONS OF A CLEARING PARTICIPANT TO ANOTHER CLEARING PARTICIPANT THAT IS ACTING FOR IT AS BROKER; NOR SHALL A DISCLAIMING PARTY BECOME LIABLE TO MAKE DELIVERIES TO OR ACCEPT DELIVERIES FROM CLEARING PARTICIPANTS OR CUSTOMERS. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL A DISCLAIMING PARTY BE LIABLE FOR (1) THE ACTS, DELAYS, OMISSIONS, BANKRUPTCY, OR INSOLVENCY, OF ANY THIRD PARTY, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, ANY DEPOSITORY, CUSTODIAN, SUBCUSTODIAN, CLEARING OR SETTLEMENT SYSTEM UNLESS THE DISCLAIMING PARTY WAS GROSSLY NEGLIGENT OR ENGAGED IN WILLFUL MISCONDUCT OR (2) THE PERFORMANCE OR OPERATION (OR NON-PERFORMANCE OR NON-OPERATION) OF ANY DIGITAL ASSET OR RELATED DISTRIBUTED LEDGER (“ANCILLARY DL”) ATTRIBUTABLE DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY TO THE DESIGN OF THE DIGITAL ASSET OR ANCILLARY DL. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL A DISCLAIMING PARTY BE LIABLE FOR ANY INDIRECT,

CONSEQUENTIAL, INCIDENTAL, SPECIAL, PUNITIVE OR EXEMPLARY LOSS OR DAMAGE (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, LOSS OF BUSINESS, LOSS OF PROFITS, TRADING LOSSES, LOSS OF OPPORTUNITY AND LOSS OF USE) HOWSOEVER SUFFERED OR INCURRED, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE DISCLAIMING PARTY HAS BEEN ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES OR WHETHER SUCH DAMAGES OTHERWISE COULD HAVE BEEN FORESEEN OR PREVENTED. THE FOREGOING LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY SHALL APPLY REGARDLESS OF WHETHER A CLAIM IS BASED ON BREACH OF CONTRACT, TORT, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, NEGLIGENCE (OTHER THAN GROSS NEGLIGENCE), STRICT LIABILITY, NEGLIGENT MISREPRESENTATION, RESTITUTION, BREACH OF STATUTORY DUTY, BREACH OF WARRANTY OR OTHERWISE, AND WHETHER THE CLAIM IS BROUGHT DIRECTLY OR AS A THIRD-PARTY CLAIM.

- (b) THERE ARE NO EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTIES OR REPRESENTATIONS PROVIDED BY THE CLEARINGHOUSE OR ANY OTHER DISCLAIMING PARTY RELATING TO ANY SYSTEMS OR SERVICES OF THE CLEARINGHOUSE OR SERVICES, EQUIPMENT OR FACILITIES USED TO SUPPORT SUCH SYSTEMS OR SERVICES, AND THE CLEARINGHOUSE HEREBY SPECIFICALLY DISCLAIMS, OVERRIDES AND EXCLUDES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, ALL IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY, SATISFACTORY QUALITY, FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE AND ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, CONDITIONS, OTHER CONTRACTUAL TERMS, REPRESENTATIONS, INDEMNITIES AND GUARANTEES WITH RESPECT TO THE SERVICES, WHETHER EXPRESS, IMPLIED OR STATUTORY, ARISING BY LAW, CUSTOM, PRIOR ORAL OR WRITTEN STATEMENTS BY THE CLEARINGHOUSE OR ANY OTHER DISCLAIMING PARTY OR OTHERWISE (INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, AS TO TITLE, SATISFACTORY QUALITY, ACCURACY, COMPLETENESS, UNINTERRUPTED USE, NON-INFRINGEMENT, TIMELINESS, TRUTHFULNESS, SEQUENCE AND ANY IMPLIED WARRANTIES, CONDITIONS AND OTHER CONTRACTUAL TERMS ARISING FROM TRANSACTION USAGE, COURSE OF DEALING OR COURSE OF PERFORMANCE) RELATING TO ANY SYSTEMS OR SERVICES OF THE CLEARINGHOUSE OR SERVICES, EQUIPMENT OR FACILITIES USED TO SUPPORT SUCH SYSTEMS OR SERVICES.

- (c) ERIS CLEARING MAY ACCEPT AND RELY UPON ANY INFORMATION OR INSTRUCTION GIVEN TO ERIS CLEARING BY A CLEARING PARTICIPANT OR ITS OFFICERS OR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES, WHICH REASONABLY IS UNDERSTOOD BY ERIS CLEARING TO HAVE BEEN DELIVERED TO ERIS CLEARING BY THE CLEARING PARTICIPANT AND SUCH CLEARING PARTICIPANT SHALL INDEMNIFY THE DISCLAIMING PARTIES AND CLEARING PARTICIPANTS AGAINST ANY LOSS, LIABILITY OR EXPENSE AS A RESULT OF ANY ACT DONE IN RELIANCE UPON THE AUTHENTICITY OF ANY INFORMATION OR INSTRUCTION RECEIVED BY ERIS CLEARING, THE INACCURACY OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED THEREIN OR EFFECTING TRANSACTIONS IN RELIANCE UPON SUCH INFORMATION OR INSTRUCTION.
- (d) A CLEARING PARTICIPANT SHALL REIMBURSE ERIS CLEARING FOR ALL FEES, EXPENSES, CHARGES AND COSTS ASSESSED BY A DEPOSITORY AGAINST ERIS CLEARING WITH RESPECT TO MARGIN MAINTAINED IN SUCH CLEARING PARTICIPANT'S ACCOUNT, AND ERIS CLEARING SHALL NOT HAVE ANY OBLIGATION OR RESPONSIBILITY TO PRESERVE, PROTECT, COLLECT OR REALIZE UPON, AND EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN RULE 403(D), ERIS CLEARING SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR, ANY LOSS OR DIMINUTION IN VALUE OR DEPRECIATION IN MARGIN DEPOSITED BY CLEARING PARTICIPANTS. CLEARING PARTICIPANTS THAT DEPOSIT MARGIN WITH AN APPROVED DEPOSITORY INSTITUTION PURSUANT TO THE RULES SHALL HOLD ERIS CLEARING HARMLESS FROM ALL LIABILITY, LOSSES AND DAMAGES WHICH MAY RESULT FROM OR ARISE WITH RESPECT TO THE CARE AND SALE OF SUCH MARGIN.
- (e) ANY OBLIGATION OF ERIS CLEARING TO A CLEARING PARTICIPANT ARISING FROM A CONTRACT OR FROM ANY PROVISION OF THE RULES SHALL BE SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS OF THE RULES, INCLUDING THE SETOFF AND OTHER RIGHTS SET FORTH HEREIN.
- (f) EXCEPT IN ANY CASE WHERE A DISCLAIMING PARTY HAS BEEN FINALLY ADJUDICATED TO HAVE ENGAGED IN FRAUD OR WILLFUL OR WANTON MISCONDUCT, IN NO EVENT SHALL THE DISCLAIMING PARTIES' TOTAL COMBINED AGGREGATE LIABILITY FOR ALL CLAIMS, OTHER THAN THOSE ARISING UNDER RULE 501(F), EXCEED \$100,000 FOR ALL LOSSES SUFFERED FROM ALL CAUSES ON A SINGLE CALENDAR DAY; \$200,000 FOR ALL LOSSES SUFFERED FROM ALL CAUSES IN A SINGLE CALENDAR MONTH; AND \$1,000,000 FOR

ALL LOSSES SUFFERED FROM ALL CAUSES IN A SINGLE CALENDAR YEAR. IF THE NUMBER OF ALLOWED CLAIMS ARISING OUT OF ANY FAILURES OR MALFUNCTIONS ON A SINGLE DAY, SINGLE MONTH OR SINGLE YEAR CANNOT BE FULLY SATISFIED BECAUSE OF THE ABOVE DOLLAR LIMITATIONS, ALL SUCH CLAIMS SHALL BE LIMITED TO A PRO RATA SHARE OF THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT FOR THE RESPECTIVE PERIOD.

- (g) THE RIGHTS OF ERIS CLEARING SET FORTH HEREIN SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO OTHER RIGHTS THAT ERIS CLEARING MAY HAVE UNDER APPLICABLE LAW AND GOVERNMENTAL REGULATIONS, OTHER PROVISIONS OF THE RULES, ADDITIONAL AGREEMENTS WITH THE CLEARING PARTICIPANT OR ANY OTHER SOURCE.

**502. Clearing Participant Default.**

- (a) If a Clearing Participant is in Default, Margin held with respect to such Clearing Participant's Member Property Accounts, and any other of such Clearing Participant's assets held by, pledged to or otherwise available to Eris Clearing, may be applied by Eris Clearing to discharge the Obligations of such Clearing Participant to Eris Clearing (including any costs and expenses associated with the liquidation, transfer or management of Contracts held in or for the Member Property Accounts of such Clearing Participant, and any fees, assessments or fines imposed by Eris Clearing on such Clearing Participant), and Eris Clearing may cause all Contracts of such Clearing Participant (whether or not carried in a Customer Account) to be closed or offset, transferred to any other Clearing Participant, or otherwise resolved as provided in these Rules.
- (b) If the Margin held with respect to such Clearing Participant's Member Property Accounts, and other of such Clearing Participant's assets held by, pledged to or otherwise available to Eris Clearing, including any guarantee issued pursuant to these Rules, are insufficient to satisfy the defaulting Clearing Participant's Obligations to Eris Clearing after giving effect to the application of such amounts pursuant to paragraph (a), such defaulting Clearing Participant shall continue to be liable therefor.
- (c) In closing, offsetting, transferring or otherwise resolving the Contracts of a Clearing Participant as provided herein and in Rule 601, Eris Clearing shall have the right:
  - (i) With respect to Contracts in a Customer Account of such FCM Clearing Participant, to set off (x) any proceeds received by Eris Clearing from the disposition of such Contracts and any property or proceeds thereof deposited with or held by Eris Clearing as Margin for such account against (y) any amounts paid by Eris Clearing in the disposition of such Contracts,

- including any commissions or other losses or expenses incurred in connection therewith or in connection with the liquidation of Margin deposits in such Customer Account and any other amounts owed to Eris Clearing as a result of transactions in the Customer Account or otherwise lawfully chargeable against such Customer Account;
- (ii) With respect to the Contracts in any Member Property Accounts of such Clearing Participant, to set off (x) any proceeds received by Eris Clearing from the disposition of such Contracts, any property or proceeds thereof deposited with or held by Eris Clearing as Margin for such Member Property Accounts and any other property of the Clearing Participant within the possession or control of Eris Clearing other than property that has been identified by such Clearing Participant as required to be segregated pursuant to the CEA and CFTC Regulations, against (y) any amounts paid by Eris Clearing in the disposition of such Contracts, including any commissions or other losses or expenses incurred in connection therewith or in connection with the liquidation of Margin deposits in such Member Property Accounts, and any other Obligations of the Clearing Participant to Eris Clearing, including Obligations of the Clearing Participant to Eris Clearing remaining after the setoffs referred to in paragraph (i) above, and any Obligations arising from any other Member Property Accounts maintained by the Clearing Participant with Eris Clearing; and
  - (iii) To defer closing or otherwise settling such trades and Contracts if, in its discretion, it determines that the closing out of some or all of the suspended Clearing Participant's trades or Contracts would not be in the best interests of Eris Clearing or other Clearing Participants, taking into account the size and nature of the positions in question, market conditions prevailing at the time, the potential market effects of such liquidating transactions as might be directed by Eris Clearing, and such other circumstances as it deems relevant;
  - (iv) Or take any action the Clearinghouse deems proper or in the best interest of the Clearinghouse or its Clearing Participants.
- (d) For purposes of this Rule, each Default by a Clearing Participant will be considered a separate Default.
  - (e) A Clearing Participant shall take no action, including but not limited to attempting to obtain a court order, that would interfere with the ability of Eris Clearing to exercise its rights under the Rules and its agreements with such Clearing Participant.

**503. Investment of Customer Funds**

Funds and assets belonging to Customers that are invested by Eris Clearing shall be held in instruments that comply with CFTC Regulations 1.25 and 39.15(e). Non-Customer funds and assets belonging to Clearing Participants that are invested by Eris Clearing shall be held in instruments that comply with CFTC Regulation 39.15(e).

## **6. SUSPENSION; DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS**

### **601. Suspension.**

#### **(a) General**

The Board, Risk Management Committee, or any Exchange Committee may summarily suspend any Clearing Participant (i) if the Clearing Participant is in Default, (ii) upon the discovery of a materially false or misleading representation or warranty made by the Clearing Participant to Eris Clearing under or in connection with any agreement between Eris Clearing and the Clearing Participant, (iii) if a breach by the Clearing Participant of the Rules or any of the terms or provisions of any agreement between Eris Clearing and the Clearing Participant is not remedied promptly after notice from Eris Clearing, (iv) in the event of a material violation of the Rules of the Exchange or of the Clearinghouse, or (v) if the Board or the Risk Management Committee determines that suspension is necessary for the protection of Eris Clearing, other Clearing Participants, or the general public (whether or not such Clearing Participant continues to meet the required minimum financial requirements pursuant to the Rules).

#### **(b) Notice of Suspension to Clearing Participants**

Upon the suspension of a Clearing Participant, Eris Clearing shall as soon as possible notify all Clearing Participants of the suspension. Such notice shall state to the extent practicable in general terms how pending transactions, open positions and other pending matters will be affected and what steps are to be taken in connection therewith.

#### **(c) Pending Transactions**

Notwithstanding any other provision of the Rules, Eris Clearing shall have no obligation to accept any transaction of a suspended Clearing Participant that was effected after the time at which the Clearing Participant was suspended. In the event a transaction of a suspended Clearing Participant is rejected by Eris Clearing, Eris Clearing shall provide notice of such rejection to the other party thereto and such transaction shall be closed by the other party thereto in accordance with the rules of the Exchange.

#### **(d) Open Positions**

Eris Clearing shall have the right to cause open positions in Contracts in any of the accounts of a suspended Clearing Participant:

- (i) To be closed in such manner as deemed practicable by Eris Clearing, in its sole discretion;
- (ii) To be transferred to the account of one or more other Clearing Participants;



- (iii) To be offset against each other and, to the extent of any remaining imbalance, against the Contracts of other Clearing Participants; or
- (iv) To be settled at the Settlement Price for such Contracts, or at such other price or prices as Eris Clearing may deem fair and reasonable under the circumstances, in which event Eris Clearing may cause Contracts in the accounts of other Clearing Participants to be settled at such price or prices;
- (v) Or take any other action with respect to open positions it deems in the best interest of the Clearinghouse or the Clearing Participants.

In connection with any action undertaken by Eris Clearing pursuant to subparagraphs (i) through (iv) above, Eris Clearing shall have the right to apply the Margin of the applicable Clearing Participant and any other assets of such Clearing Participant held by, pledged to or otherwise available to Eris Clearing, including any guarantee issued pursuant to these Rules, to discharge the Obligations of such Clearing Participant to Eris Clearing (including any costs and expenses associated with the liquidation, transfer or management of Contracts held in or for the accounts of such Clearing Participant, and any fees, assessments or fines imposed by Eris Clearing on such Clearing Participant).

Eris Clearing may delegate to specified Officers or agents of Eris Clearing the authority to determine, within such guidelines, if any, as Eris Clearing shall prescribe, the nature and timing of transactions of the type described in subparagraph (i). Notwithstanding the preceding provisions of this paragraph (d), if Eris Clearing shall determine, taking into account the size and nature of a suspended Clearing Participant's positions, market conditions prevailing at the time, the potential market effects of liquidating transactions that might be directed by Eris Clearing, and such other circumstances as Eris Clearing deems relevant, that the closing out of some or all of the suspended Clearing Participant's positions would not be in the best interests of Eris Clearing, other Clearing Participants, or the general public, such positions need not be closed out.

(e) Protective Action

If Eris Clearing (i) is unable, for any reason, to close out in a prompt and orderly manner any positions or to convert to cash any Margin deposits of a suspended Clearing Participant, or (ii) elects pursuant to paragraph (d) of this Rule not to close out any such positions, Eris Clearing may authorize the execution of hedging transactions from time to time for the account of Eris Clearing, solely for the purpose of reducing the risk to Eris Clearing resulting from the continued maintenance of such positions or the continued holding of such Margin deposits. Eris Clearing may delegate to specified Officers or agents of Eris Clearing the authority to determine, within such guidelines, if any, as Eris Clearing shall prescribe, the nature and timing of such hedging transactions.

(f) Reimbursement of Costs and Expenses

Any costs or expenses, including losses, sustained by Eris Clearing in connection with transactions effected for its account pursuant to this Rule shall be charged to the suspended Clearing Participant, and any gains realized on such transactions shall be credited to such Clearing Participant; provided, however, that costs, expenses, and gains allocable to the hedging of positions in a Customer Account shall be charged or credited, as the case may be, to the Customer Account, and only the excess, if any, of such costs and expenses over the funds available in that account shall be charged to the Clearing Participant. Reasonable allocations of costs, expenses, and gains among accounts made by Eris Clearing for the purpose of implementing the proviso to the preceding sentence shall be binding on the Clearing Participant and any persons claiming through the Clearing Participant and their respective successors and assigns.

**602. Right of Appeal.**

A Clearing Participant suspended pursuant to Rule 601 shall be entitled, upon request within five Business Days after the date of its suspension, to a written statement of the grounds for its suspension and shall have the right to appeal its suspension in accordance with the following procedure:

- (a) A suspended Clearing Participant may appeal its suspension by filing a written notice of appeal within five Business Days after the date of its receipt of a written statement of the grounds for its suspension.
- (b) Appeals shall be considered and decided by the Appeal Panel. Appeals shall be heard as promptly as possible, and in no event more than five Business Days after the filing of the notice of appeal. The appellant shall be notified of the time, place and date of the hearing not less than three Business Days in advance of such date. At the hearing, the appellant shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard and to present evidence in its own behalf, and may, if it so desires, be represented by counsel. As promptly as possible after the hearing, the Appeal Panel shall, by the vote of a majority of its members, affirm or reverse the suspension or modify the terms thereof. The appellant shall be notified in writing of the Appeal Panel's decision; and if the decision shall have been to affirm or modify the suspension, the appellant shall be given a written statement of the grounds therefor.
- (c) Any decision by the Appeal Panel to affirm or modify a suspension shall be reviewable by the Board on its own motion or on written demand by the appellant filed with Eris Clearing within three Business Days after receipt of notice of the Appeal Panel's decision. The Board may afford the appellant a further opportunity to be heard or to present evidence. The appellant shall be notified in writing of the decision of the Board; and if the decision shall have been to affirm or modify the suspension, the appellant shall be given a written statement of the grounds therefor.

- (d) The filing of an appeal pursuant to this Rule shall not impair the validity or stay the effect of the suspension appealed from. The reversal or modification of a suspension shall not invalidate any acts of Eris Clearing taken pursuant to such suspension prior to such reversal or modification, and the rights of any person which may arise out of any such acts shall not be affected by such reversal or modification.
- (e) A record shall be kept of any hearing held pursuant hereto. The cost of the transcript may, in the discretion of the body holding the hearing, be charged in whole or in part to the suspended Clearing Participant in the event that the suspension is finally affirmed.

**603. Sanctions from Disciplinary Proceedings.**

- (a) Eris Clearing may censure, suspend, expel or limit the activities, functions or operations of, and/or impose a fine on (each a “sanction”), a Clearing Participant for (i) a violation of the Rules or its agreements with Eris Clearing or the Exchange, (ii) any neglect or refusal by such Clearing Participant to comply with any applicable order or direction of Eris Clearing or the Exchange, (iii) any error, delay or other conduct that materially and adversely affects the operations of Eris Clearing or Eris Exchange, (iv) a violation of the rules of the Exchange, or (v) a failure to provide adequate personnel or facilities, where applicable, for its transactions with Eris Clearing.
- (b) Eris Clearing shall provide prompt notice to the CFTC of any action taken in accordance with this Rule 603.

**604. Procedures for Disciplinary Proceedings.**

- (a) Before any sanction is imposed pursuant to Rule 603, Eris Clearing shall furnish the person against whom the sanction is sought to be imposed (“Respondent”) with a concise written statement of the charges against the Respondent. The Respondent shall have ten Business Days after the service of such statement to file with Eris Clearing a written answer thereto. The answer shall admit or deny each allegation contained in the statement of charges and may also contain any defense which the Respondent wishes to submit. Allegations contained in the statement of charges which are not denied in the answer shall be deemed to have been admitted, and any defense not raised in the answer shall be deemed to have been waived. If an answer is not filed within the time prescribed above or any extension thereof granted pursuant to paragraph (d) of this Rule, the allegations contained in the statement of charges shall be deemed to have been admitted, and the sanction specified in the final request shall be imposed without further proceedings and the Respondent shall be notified thereof in writing. If an answer is timely filed, Eris Clearing shall (unless the Respondent and Eris Clearing shall have stipulated to the imposition of an agreed sanction) schedule a hearing before

the Disciplinary Panel. The Respondent shall be given not less than three Business Days advance notice of the place and time of such hearing. At the hearing, the Respondent shall be afforded the opportunity to be heard and to present evidence in its behalf and may be represented by counsel. A record of the hearing shall be prepared and the cost of the transcript may, in the discretion of the Disciplinary Panel, be charged in whole or in part to the Respondent in the event any sanction is imposed on the Respondent. As soon as practicable after the conclusion of the hearing, the Disciplinary Panel shall furnish the Respondent and the Board with a written statement of its decision. If the decision shall have been to impose a disciplinary sanction, the written statement shall set forth (i) any act or practice in which the Respondent has been found to have engaged, or which the Respondent has been found to have omitted; (ii) the specific provisions of the Rules which any such act, practice or omission has been deemed to violate; and (iii) the sanction imposed and the reasons therefor.

- (b) In the event that (i) the Disciplinary Panel censures, fines, suspends, expels or limits the activities, functions or operations of a Respondent, or (ii) determines not to impose any disciplinary measures on a Respondent, the Respondent, in the case of (i) above, or the President, in the case of (ii) above, may apply for review to the Board, by written motion filed with Eris Clearing within five Business Days after issuance of the Disciplinary Panel's written statement of its decision.
- (c) The granting of any such motion shall be within the discretion of the Board. In addition, the Board may determine to review any such action by the Disciplinary Panel on its own motion. Review by the Board shall be on the basis of the written record of the proceedings in which the sanction was imposed, but the Board may, in its discretion, afford the Respondent a further opportunity to be heard or to present evidence. A record shall be kept of any such further proceedings. Based upon such review, the Board may affirm, reverse or modify, in whole or in part, the decision of the Disciplinary Panel. The Respondent shall be notified in writing of the decision of the Board and if the decision shall have been to affirm or modify the imposition of any disciplinary sanction, the Respondent shall be given a written statement setting forth (i) any act or practice in which the Respondent has been found to have engaged, or which the Respondent has been found to have omitted; (ii) the Rules which any such act, practice or omission has been deemed to violate; and (iii) the sanction imposed and the reasons therefor.
- (d) Any time limit set forth in this Rule may be extended by the body having jurisdiction over the matter in respect of which the time limit is imposed.
- (e) Any action taken by the Disciplinary Panel hereunder shall be deemed to be final upon (i) expiration of the time provided for the filing of a motion for review, or any extension thereof granted pursuant to paragraph (d) hereof; or (ii) if a motion

for review is timely filed, when the Respondent is notified of the denial of the motion or the decision of the Board on review, as the case may be; or (iii) if the Board shall determine on its own motion to review the action by the Disciplinary Panel, when the Respondent is notified of the decision of the Board on review.

- (f) The summary suspension of a Clearing Participant pursuant to Rule 601 shall not be deemed to be a “sanction” within the meaning of this Rule, and the provisions of this Rule shall be inapplicable to any such summary suspension.

**605. Discipline by Other Self-Regulatory Organizations.**

- (a) At the discretion of the Clearinghouse, any suspected violation of these Rules may be referred to the enforcement staff of the Exchange.
- (b) Any inquiry, investigation or disciplinary action resulting from a suspected violation of these Rules may be handled by Clearinghouse personnel, Exchange personnel, or personnel that serve in roles at both the Clearinghouse and the Exchange.
- (c) Nothing in this Chapter 6 shall affect the right of any Self-Regulatory Organization to discipline its members pursuant to the provisions of its rules for a violation of the Rules of Eris Clearing.

**606. Restriction on or Termination of Clearing Privileges.**

- (a) If (x) a Removal Event occurs with respect to a Clearing Participant, or (y) Eris Clearing determines that the financial or operational condition of a Clearing Participant or one of its affiliates is such that to allow the Clearing Participant to continue its operation as a Clearing Participant could adversely affect Eris Clearing or cleared markets (whether or not such Clearing Participant continues to meet the required minimum financial requirements, if applicable), Eris Clearing may:
  - (i) Allow such Clearing Participant (in the case of an FCM Clearing Participant handling Customer Accounts) to submit Contracts for clearing solely for its Member Property Account;
  - (ii) Limit or restrict the type of Contracts that may be cleared by such Clearing Participant in any of its Accounts with Eris Clearing;
  - (iii) Limit or restrict the number of Contracts that are permitted to be maintained by such Clearing Participant in any of its Accounts with Eris Clearing;
  - (iv) Decline to accept new trades or positions in Contracts for the Accounts of the Clearing Participant;
  - (v) Increase such Clearing Participant’s Margin requirements and/or require such Clearing Participant to deposit the same in cash or Eligible Securities in proportions different than those that are applicable to Clearing Participants generally;

- (vi) Allow such Clearing Participant to submit Contracts for liquidation only;
  - (vii) Prohibit such Clearing Participant from withdrawing excess Original Margin;
  - (viii) Cause open Contracts in the Member Property Account or Customer Account of the Clearing Participant to be transferred to another Clearing Participant;
  - (ix) Cause open Contracts to be settled in cash or liquidated;
  - (x) Impose such additional capital, Margin, financial reporting or other requirements as Eris Clearing shall deem appropriate for the protection of Eris Clearing and its Clearing Participants; and
  - (xi) Terminate the Clearing Participant's membership in Eris Clearing; or
  - (xii) Take any other actions it deems proper or in the best interest of the Clearinghouse or its Clearing Participants.
- (b) Eris Clearing has no obligation to clear trades made on the Exchange or any other trading facility where such Clearing Participant does not have trading privileges or is not approved for the clearing privileges by the relevant facility.
  - (c) A Person once qualified as a Clearing Participant may voluntarily withdraw from Clearing Participant status and terminate its clearing privileges upon the approval of Eris Clearing, which approval shall be granted not later than 30 days following (i) the liquidation or, with the approval of Eris Clearing, transfer to another Clearing Participant of all open positions in the Clearing Participant's Accounts at Eris Clearing, and (ii) the satisfaction of all Obligations of the withdrawing Clearing Participant; provided, however that such Person shall remain subject to, and responsible for any violation of, the Rules, interpretations and policies of Eris Clearing committed by such Person while a Clearing Participant, notwithstanding any termination of clearing privileges and Clearing Participant status.
  - (d) When a Clearing Participant voluntarily withdraws from membership or its membership is terminated, all Obligations of the Clearing Participant to Eris Clearing, of whatever nature or kind, shall be accelerated and become due and payable upon the effective date of such withdrawal or termination. The Clearing Participant's funds, Collateral and other deposits will not be released until Eris Clearing determines that all such Clearing Participant's Obligations have been settled and all sums owing to Eris Clearing have been paid.
  - (e) Any disputes which arise while a Clearing Participant which relate to or arise out of any transaction with Eris Clearing or status of a Clearing Participant in Eris Clearing shall be resolved in accordance with the Rules.

**607. Just and Equitable Principles of Trade; Acts Detrimental to the Interest or Welfare of Eris Clearing.**

- (a) Eris Clearing shall have the authority to take any actions it deems in the best interest of the Clearinghouse or the Clearing Participants.
- (b) Eris Clearing shall have the power to suspend or revoke clearing privileges or authorize the assessment of fines or charges against Clearing Participants for engaging in conduct inconsistent with just and equitable principles of trade.
- (c) Eris Clearing shall have the power to suspend or revoke clearing privileges or authorize the assessment of fines or charges against Clearing Participants for engaging in acts detrimental to the interest or welfare of Eris Clearing.

## **7. MISCELLANEOUS**

### **701. Force Majeure.**

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Rules, Eris Clearing shall not be obligated to perform its obligations under these Rules or any agreement with a Clearing Participant relating to Contracts, or to compensate any Person for losses occasioned by any delay or failure of performance, to the extent such delay or failure is the result of acts of God, lightning, earthquake, fire, epidemic, landslide, drought, storm, explosion, flood, nuclear radiation, act of a public enemy, terrorist activity, act of state or blockade, insurrection, riot or civil disturbance, strike or labor disturbance, power or communications failure, performance or operation (or non-performance or non-operation) of any digital asset or Ancillary DL in a manner adverse to the Clearinghouse or more than one Clearing Participant attributable directly or indirectly to the design of the digital asset or Ancillary DL (as determined by Eris Clearing) or any other cause beyond Eris Clearing's reasonable control (whether or not similar to any of the foregoing). If Eris Clearing shall, as a result of any of the above-described events, fail to perform any of its obligations, such failure shall be excused for a period equal to the period of delay caused by such event. In such an event, Eris Clearing shall give written notice thereof to the Exchange or such Clearing Participant, as the case may be, as soon as it is reasonably practicable and attempt diligently to remove such condition. Eris Clearing complies with CFTC rules requiring systems and procedures be in place to meet a recovery time objective of no later than the next business day following a disruption.

### **702. Suspension of Rules.**

The time frames fixed by these Rules, interpretations or policies of Eris Clearing for the doing of any act or acts may be extended, or the doing of any act or acts required by these Rules or any interpretations or policies of Eris Clearing may be waived, and any provision of these Rules or any interpretations or policies of Eris Clearing may be suspended by Eris Clearing whenever, in the judgment of the Board or the Officers, such extension, waiver or suspension is necessary or in the best interest of Eris Clearing. Any such extension or waiver may continue in effect after the event or events giving rise thereto but shall not continue in effect for more than thirty calendar days after the date thereof unless it shall be approved by the Board within such period of 30 calendar days. A written report of any such extension or waiver, stating the pertinent facts and the reason such extension or waiver was deemed necessary or in the best interest of Eris Clearing shall be presented to the Board at its next regular meeting.

### **703. Confidentiality.**

All information received by Eris Clearing concerning positions carried by Eris Clearing or any other clearing organization for a Clearing Participant or deliveries made by or to a Clearing Participant, and any other information provided by a Clearing Participant to Eris Clearing, including, without limitation, financial statements filed with Eris Clearing by a



Clearing Participant, shall be held in confidence by Eris Clearing and shall not be made known to any other Person except as follows:

- (a) With the consent of the Clearing Participant;
- (b) To a Government Agency or the regulatory authority of any foreign jurisdiction, if Eris Clearing is requested or legally required to do so by such Government Agency;
- (c) Pursuant to legal process;
- (d) To an exchange (including, without limitation, any contract market, swap execution facility or other trading facility) of which such Clearing Participant is a member, provided that information relating to positions, margin payments and deliveries that is furnished to an exchange shall relate solely to contracts traded on that exchange;
- (e) To a Self-Regulatory Organization of which such Clearing Participant is a member;
- (f) To any Person providing services to Eris Clearing, subject to appropriate confidentiality requirements;
- (g) To the Board, any Committee, Eris Clearing's or the Exchange's Officers, employees, attorneys and auditors, and to agents and independent contractors that have been engaged by Eris Clearing or the Exchange who require such information in connection with the discharge of their duties to Eris Clearing; and
- (h) As otherwise permitted under the Rules.

**704. Information-Sharing Agreements**

- (a) Eris Clearing may enter into information-sharing agreements or other arrangements or procedures to coordinate surveillance with the Exchange and with other markets or clearing organizations on which Contracts or financial instruments related to Contracts trade or are cleared. As part of any information sharing agreements or other arrangements or procedures adopted pursuant to this Rule, Eris Clearing may, among other things:
  - (i) provide market surveillance reports to other markets and clearing organizations;
  - (ii) share information and documents concerning current and former Clearing Participants with other markets and clearing organizations;
  - (iii) share information and documents concerning ongoing and completed investigations with other markets and clearing organizations; and/or
  - (iv) require its Clearing Participants to provide information and documents to Eris Clearing at the request of other markets or clearing organizations with which Eris Clearing has an information-sharing agreement or other arrangements or procedures.

- (b) Eris Clearing may enter into an information-sharing arrangement with any Person or body (including, without limitation, any Government Authority or any Self-Regulatory Organization) if Eris Clearing (i) believes that such Person or body exercises a legal or regulatory function under any law or regulation, or a function comprising or associated with the enforcement of a legal or regulatory function, or (ii) considers such arrangement to be in furtherance of Eris Clearing's purpose or duties under applicable law. Eris Clearing may disclose to any Person or body information concerning or associated with a Clearing Participant or other Person that Eris Clearing believes is necessary and appropriate in exercising a legal or regulatory function (including, without limitation, information concerning any aspect of the business of Eris Clearing) whether or not a formal arrangement governing the disclosure exists or a request for information was made.

**705. Trading by Officers and Employees Prohibited.**

- (a) No Officer or employee of Eris Clearing shall trade or participate directly or indirectly in any transaction in any futures, option, or swap traded on any U.S. designated contract market, that are closely related to the Contracts cleared by the Clearinghouse, except to the extent necessary to carry out the provisions of the Rules or as otherwise permitted pursuant to an exemption granted in accordance with this Rule; or
- (b) No Officer, Director, or employee of Eris Clearing shall disclose any material, non-public information obtained as a result of such Person's employment with Eris Clearing where the Officer or employee has or should have a reasonable expectation that the information disclosed may assist another Person in trading any commodity interest; provided, that an employee is not prohibited from making disclosures in the course of the employee's duties, or to another Self-Regulatory Organization, court of competent jurisdiction or representative of any agency or department of the federal or state government acting in his or her official capacity.
- (c) Eris Clearing may adopt certain exemptions from the trading prohibition contained in paragraph (a)(i), provided that any such exemptions shall be consistent with CFTC Regulations.
- (d) All terms used in this Rule shall be construed consistently with the definitions appearing in CFTC Regulation 1.59.

**706. Forms; Facsimile Signatures.**

- (a) Eris Clearing shall prescribe the form, method and time of delivery of any application, list, notice or other document required pursuant to these Rules or the policies or practices of Eris Clearing.
- (b) A Clearing Participant or a Clearing Participant's representative may execute any document to be delivered to Eris Clearing or to any other Clearing Participant

pursuant to these Rules or any policy or practice of Eris Clearing by means of a mechanically or electronically reproduced facsimile signature if it otherwise satisfies any requirements of Eris Clearing for use of such facsimile signatures.

**707. Governing Law; Legal Proceedings.**

- (a) These Rules, the Clearing Participant Agreement and all rights and obligations under the foregoing (including the creation of security interests in margin and guaranty fund deposits), shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the internal laws of the State of Illinois, without giving effect to the conflict of law provisions thereof.
- (b) Any action, suit or proceeding against Eris Clearing, its Officers, directors, limited liability company members, employees, or agents, must be brought within one (1) year from the time that a cause of action has accrued. Any such action, suit or proceeding shall be brought in the State or Federal courts located within Chicago, Illinois. Each Clearing Participant expressly consents, for itself and its Authorized Representatives, to the jurisdiction of any such court, waives any objection to venue therein, and waives any right it may have to a trial by jury.
- (c) In the event that a Clearing Participant or an affiliate of such Clearing Participant fails to prevail in a lawsuit or other legal proceeding instituted by such Clearing Participant against (i) Eris Clearing or (ii) any affiliate of Eris Clearing or any of their respective officers, directors, equity holders, employees, agents, or any member of any Committee, and related to the business of Eris Clearing, such Clearing Participant shall pay to Eris Clearing all reasonable expenses, including attorneys' fees, incurred by Eris Clearing in the defense of such proceeding. This paragraph (c) shall not apply to Eris Clearing disciplinary actions, appeals thereof, or an instance in which the Board or the Officers have granted a waiver of the provisions hereof.

**708. Dispute Resolution**

- (a) All Clearing Participants shall be required to arbitrate all disputes between or among themselves that relate to or arise out of any transaction submitted for clearing to Eris Clearing in accordance with Exchange Rule 801. For these purposes, each Clearing Participant shall be deemed a "Participant" for purposes of Exchange Rule 801.
- (b) Disputes involving Customers may be arbitrated in accordance with Exchange Rule 801(c).

**709. Contracts**

Eris Clearing may approve as eligible for clearing contracts with terms and conditions matching the terms and conditions in the Exchange rulebook for such contracts. Any new contract that Eris Clearing has approved as eligible for clearing shall be posted on

Eris Clearing's website and certified with or otherwise approved by the CFTC in accordance with CFTC Regulations.