

**SECTION 7N1<sup>1</sup> - CONTRACT RULES: NWE LNG (SPARK) FUTURES AND SWE LNG  
(SPARK) FUTURES CONTRACTS**

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### 7N1.1 SCOPE

The provisions of this Section 7N1 and 7N2 shall apply to contracts for NWE LNG (Spark) Futures and SWE LNG (Spark) Futures.

### 7N1.2 DEFINITIONS

In these Contract Rules and the Administrative Procedures the following terms shall bear the meanings set out opposite them, if not inconsistent with the subject or context:

“Calendar Year Contract”	means a strip of twelve (12) consecutive contract months commencing with January and ending with December;
"Clearing House procedures"	means the "Procedures" of the Clearing House from time to time in force as prescribed under the Clearing House Rules;
“Lot”	means 10,000 MMBtu of Natural Gas;
"Natural Gas"	means any hydrocarbons or mixture of hydrocarbons and other gases consisting predominantly of methane which at a temperature of 15 degrees Celsius and at an absolute pressure of 1.01325 bar are or is predominantly in the gaseous state where "degree Celsius" and "bar" are as defined in ISO 1000:1992(E) or any standard replacing the same as nominated by the Exchange;
“Quarter Contract”	means three consecutive contract months and grouped as follows: January, February and March (first quarter); April, May and June (second quarter); July, August and September (third quarter); and October, November and December (fourth quarter);
“Season Contract”	means six consecutive contract months and grouped as follows: "Summer Season Contract" consisting of the months April to September; and "Winter Season Contract" consisting of the months October to March;
"MMBtu"	means one million British thermal unit and equals 293.071 kWh;

### 7N1.3 PRICE

The Contract price shall be in US Dollars and dollar cents per MMBtu and Contracts may be traded with minimum fluctuations of 0.001 US Dollar per MMBtu.

### 7N1.4 QUANTITY

Contracts shall be for one or more Lots. The Exchange may, in its absolute discretion, determine from time to time that Contracts shall be traded in a minimum number of Lots or multiples thereof.

### 7N1.5 CASH SETTLEMENT PRICE

- (a) The Exchange shall publish a cash settlement price following the cessation of trading on the day after the Last Trading Day.

- (b) Subject to the Contract Rules and Administrative Procedures, the cash settlement price shall be:
- (i) The NWE LNG (Spark) Futures contract is calculated as the arithmetic mean of the sum of the ICE Endex Dutch TTF Gas Base Load Futures (TFM) and SparkNWE Basis on relevant Spark assessment days during the period that the expiring month is the front month.  
TFM settlement price is converted from Euro to US Dollar (USD) using WM/Refinitiv Closing EUR/USD Spot Rates as published by Refinitiv at 4pm UK time on the day the settlement price was published by ICE Endex.  
When there is no WM/Refinitiv Closing EUR/USD Spot Rate published, the next previous WM/Refinitiv Closing EUR/USD Spot Rate as published by Refinitiv will be used for settlement purposes.
  - (ii) The SWE LNG (Spark) Futures contract is calculated as the arithmetic mean of the sum of the ICE Endex Dutch TTF Gas Base Load Futures (TFM) and SparkSWE Basis on relevant Spark assessment days during the period that the expiring month is the front month.  
TFM settlement price is converted from Euro to US Dollar (USD) using WM/Refinitiv Closing EUR/USD Spot Rates as published by Refinitiv at 4pm UK time on the day the settlement price was published by ICE Endex.  
When there is no WM/Refinitiv Closing EUR/USD Spot Rate published, the next previous WM/Refinitiv Closing EUR/USD Spot Rate as published by Refinitiv will be used for settlement purposes.

#### **7N1.6 CASH SETTLEMENT OBLIGATIONS**

- (a) Contracts remaining open at cessation of trading on the Last Trading Day shall be subject to the cash settlement procedure set out in this Rule.
- (b) In respect of every Lot comprised in the Contract, the following payments shall be made:
- Where the cash settlement price
- (i) exceeds the contract price, payment by the Seller to the Clearing House;
  - (ii) exceeds the contract price, payment by the Clearing House to the Buyer;
  - (iii) is less than the contract price, payment by the Clearing House to the Seller;
  - (iv) is less than the contract price, payment by the Buyer to the Clearing House,
- of an amount calculated by multiplying the difference between the cash settlement price and the contract price by 10,000.
- (c) All payments to be made hereunder shall be made in such manner and by such time as the Clearing House may determine. They shall be made no later than the next Trading Day following the date of publication of the cash settlement price, in accordance with Clearing House procedures.

#### **7N1.7 DISCLAIMER**

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