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Re: Updates to ICC Rules Pursuant to Section 5c(c)(1) of the Commodity Exchange Act and Commission Regulation 40.6(a)

VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL

Mr. Christopher Kirkpatrick
Secretary
Commodity Futures Trading Commission
Three Lafayette Centre
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Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

ICE Clear Credit LLC (“ICC”) hereby submits, pursuant to Section 5c(c)(1) of the Commodity Exchange Act (the “Act”) and Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“Commission”) Regulation 40.6(a), a self-certification of changes to the ICC Clearing Rules (the “Rules”) with respect to the description of ICE US Holding Company L.P. (the “Partnership”). ICC is registered with the Commission as a derivatives clearing organization (“DCO”). ICC intends to implement the changes no sooner than the tenth business day following the filing of this submission with the Commission at its Washington, D.C. headquarters and with its Chicago regional office.

ICC proposes to amend ICC Rule 503. This submission includes a description of the changes to the ICC Rules. Certification of the changes pursuant to Section 5c(c)(1) of the Act and Commission Regulation 40.6(a) is also provided below.

ICC proposes minor revisions to the Rules to update the description of the Partnership. ICC is wholly owned by the Partnership. Specifically, ICC proposes to amend ICC Rule 503(a)(iii) in connection with a change in the jurisdiction of legal organization of the Partnership from the Cayman Islands to Delaware (the “Domestication”). Under ICC Rule 503(a)(iii), the Partnership appoints three members of the ICC Risk Committee, consisting of an independent ICC Board member and two ICC officers. In referencing the Partnership, ICC Rule 503(a)(iii) describes the Partnership as a “Cayman Islands exempted limited partnership.” In light of the Domestication, ICC proposes to describe the Partnership as a “Delaware limited partnership.” Such amendment would not otherwise change the substance of ICC Rule 503(a)(iii) nor would it affect the rights, functions, or obligations of the Partnership in relation to ICC.

Core Principle Review:

ICC reviewed the DCO core principles (“Core Principles”) as set forth in the Act. During this review, ICC identified the following Core Principles as being impacted:

Public Information: The changes to the Rules are consistent with the public information requirements of Core Principle L. ICC proposes minor revisions to update the description of the Partnership to a “Delaware limited partnership” given the Domestication to ensure that the Rules remain up-to-date and transparent. The Rules are publically available on ICC’s website and enable market participants to identify and evaluate any risks and costs associated with using ICC’s services.

Legal Risk: The changes to the Rules are consistent with the requirements of Core Principle R and Commission Regulation 39.27. The proposed amendment would not otherwise change the substance of ICC Rule 503(a)(iii) nor would it affect the rights, functions, or obligations of the Partnership in relation to



ICC. The Rules would continue to provide for a well-founded, transparent, and enforceable legal basis for ICC's activities

Amended Rules:

The proposed changes consist of changes to ICC Rule 503.

Annexed as an Exhibit hereto is the following:

- A. Proposed amendments to the ICC Rules

Certifications:

ICC hereby certifies that the changes comply with the Act and the regulations thereunder. There were no substantive opposing views to the changes.

ICC further certifies that, concurrent with this filing, a copy of the submission was posted on ICC's website, and may be accessed at: <https://www.theice.com/clear-credit/regulation>.

ICC would be pleased to respond to any questions the Commission or the staff may have regarding this submission. Please direct any questions or requests for information to the attention of the undersigned at (312) 836-6854.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Maria Alarcon' in a cursive script.

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Clearing Rules

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5. RISK COMMITTEE

503. Composition of the Risk Committee; Confidentiality.

- (a) The composition of the Risk Committee shall be as follows:
- (i) The Risk Committee shall consist of twelve members.
 - (ii) Each member of the Risk Committee shall have risk management experience and expertise and shall be subject to the approval of the Board, such approval not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed.
 - (iii) Three of the members of the Risk Committee shall be comprised of (A) a member of the Board who is independent in accordance with the requirements of each of the New York Stock Exchange listing standards, the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and Intercontinental Exchange, Inc.'s Board of Director Governance Principles (such requirements, the "**Independence Requirements**" and such member, the "**Independent ICE Manager**") and (B) two officers of ICE Clear Credit from among the President, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Risk Officer, each appointed by ICE US Holding Company L.P. (including any successor, the "**ICE Parent**"), a ~~Cayman Islands exempted~~ Delaware limited partnership, by written notice to the Board;
 - (iv) The other nine members of the Risk Committee will be appointed as specified below (the "**Participant Appointees**");
 - (v) "**Participant Group**" means a Participant and its Affiliates, if any, such that, if two or more Participants are Affiliates, collectively they shall constitute a Participant Group.
 - (vi) The composition of the Participant Appointees shall be reconstituted on March 14, 2012 and each one year anniversary thereafter (or if any such day is not an ICE Business Day, the next ICE Business Day) as follows (each such date, a "**Risk Committee Reconstitution Date**," and the twelve full consecutive calendar months (including March through February) ending at the calendar month-end prior to a Risk Committee Reconstitution Date, an "**Eligibility Determination Period**") (subject to paragraph (ii) above):
 - (A) among those Participant Groups that have an incumbent member on the Risk Committee, those Participant Groups that have the six highest Participant Activities for the immediately preceding Eligibility Determination Period (each, a "**Top Six Incumbent Participant Group**") shall have the right to retain such member on the Risk Committee until the next Risk Committee Reconstitution Date;

- (B) among the Participant Groups that are not Top Six Incumbent Participant Groups, the Participant Groups that have the three highest Participant Activities for the immediately preceding Eligibility Determination Period (each, an “**Eligible Participant Group**”) shall have the right to appoint or retain, as applicable, a member on the Risk Committee until the next Risk Committee Reconstitution Date;
 - (C) each Participant Group that has an incumbent member on the Risk Committee but is not entitled to retain such member as provided above shall cause its Risk Committee member to resign or otherwise remove such member from the Risk Committee effective as of the applicable Risk Committee Reconstitution Date; and
 - (D) each Participant Group that has the right to appoint a member to the Risk Committee as provided above and that does not have an incumbent member on the Risk Committee shall notify the Board in writing on or prior to the applicable Risk Committee Reconstitution Date of the individual appointed by such Participant Group to the Risk Committee; *provided, however*, that the failure to provide such notice shall not result in the loss of the right of such Participant Group to appoint a member to the Risk Committee.
 - (E) “**Participant Activity**” means, for a specified Eligibility Determination Period and with respect to a particular Participant Group, the aggregate volume of Trades during such time submitted to, and accepted for clearing by, ICE Clear Credit by members of such Participant Group, which such volume shall be measured in terms of aggregate notional amount of Trades so submitted and accepted. In the event that a Combination of Participants occurs prior to the applicable Risk Committee Reconstitution Date, all Participant Activity of such Participants (and their Affiliates) shall be aggregated together for purposes of determining the Participant Activity of the resulting Participant Group for the corresponding Eligibility Determination Period.
 - (F) “**Combination**” means any event in which a Participant (or its Affiliate) obtains Control of another Participant that was previously not an Affiliate of such Participant (or any Person that Controls such other Participant) or a Participant (or any Person that Controls such Participant) is merged with another Participant that was previously not an Affiliate of such Participant (or any Person that Controls such other Participant).
- (vii) Intentionally omitted.
 - (viii) Intentionally omitted.

- (ix) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, if at any time on or after the first Risk Committee Reconstitution Date, there is a Combination involving Participants where more than one of the relevant Participant Groups had the right to appoint a member of the Risk Committee, then, as of the date of consummation of such Combination, (A) such Participant Groups shall, collectively, have the right to appoint only one member of the Risk Committee and the Participant Group resulting from such Combination shall take all actions necessary to remove all but one of their previously appointed members effective as of the date of consummation of the Combination and (B) the vacanc(ies) of the Risk Committee will be filled by Participant Group(s) that had the highest Participant Activit(ies) (over the immediately preceding Eligibility Determination Period) among those Participants that, as of the date of consummation of such Combination, did not have the right to appoint a member to the Risk Committee (in order of the level of such Participant Activity, from highest to lowest) effective as of the date of consummation of such Combination.
- (x) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, if at any time all Participants in a Participant Group with the right to appoint a member of the Risk Committee are in Default or have had their status as Participant terminated as a result of being a Retiring Participant, (A) such Participant Group shall immediately lose the right to appoint a member to the Risk Committee and (B) at the date of such Default or termination, the Participant Group that had the highest Participant Activity (over the immediately preceding Eligibility Determination Period) among those Participants that, as of the date of such Default or termination, did not have the right to appoint a member to the Risk Committee, shall have the right to appoint a member to the Risk Committee effective as of the date of such Default or termination.
- (xi) A Participant Group may appoint an individual to be a member of the Risk Committee only if such individual is an employee of one of the Participants in such Participant Group or an Affiliate thereof. Any member of the Risk Committee may be removed at any time, with or without cause, by the Participant Group that appointed such member pursuant to this Rule 503. In the event a vacancy occurs on the Risk Committee as a result of the retirement, removal, resignation or death of a member thereof, such vacancy shall be filled by an individual designated by the relevant Participant Group.
- (xii) Within five ICE Business Days of the end of each Eligibility Determination Period, ICE Clear Credit shall, based on its books and records, deliver to each Participant Group a good faith determination of the identity of (A) the Top Six Incumbent Participant Groups and (B) the Eligible Participant Groups, and shall inform each of the Top Six Incumbent Participant Groups and the Eligible Participant Groups of its right to appoint a member to the Risk Committee as of the next Risk Committee

Reconstitution Date pursuant to this Rule; *provided, however*, that ICE Clear Credit and its Affiliates, Board and officers shall have no liability with respect to the delivery of such good faith determination. For the sake of clarity, such good faith determination shall identify only the Participant Groups mentioned above, and shall not set forth the Participant Activity levels of such Participant Groups. In the event any Participant Group disputes in good faith ICE Clear Credit's good faith determination of the Top Six Incumbent Participant Groups or the Eligible Participant Groups, the disputing Participant Group and the Risk Committee shall submit such dispute for resolution to PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (or, if such firm shall decline or is unable to act or is not, at the time of such submission, independent of ICE Clear Credit, the disputing Participant Group or any member of the Risk Committee, to another independent accounting firm of international reputation mutually acceptable to the disputing Participant Group and the Risk Committee) (such firm, the "**Independent Accounting Firm**"), which shall, within 30 ICE Business Days after such submission, determine and report to ICE Clear Credit, the disputing Participant Group and the Risk Committee, and such report shall be final, conclusive and binding on the disputing Participant Group, the Risk Committee and ICE Clear Credit. The disputing Participant Group shall be solely responsible for the fees and disbursements of the Independent Accounting Firm. ICE Clear Credit and its Affiliates, Board and officers shall have no liability in connection with the determination of the Independent Accounting Firm.

- (xiii) If, by written agreement of the Risk Committee and the Board, ICE Clear Credit is determined to have established multiple risk pools (each, a "**Risk Pool**"), ICE Clear Credit will create a new and separate risk committee for each such Risk Pool. In such event, (A) each such new risk committee will have, with respect to its Risk Pool, the same rights, responsibilities and operational procedures as the Risk Committee has under this Chapter, and (B) to the extent practicable, the composition of such other risk committee will be determined on the same basis as the Risk Committee is determined hereunder (taking into account, instead, the applicable volume or usage metric with respect to such Risk Pool as determined by the Risk Committee), with the rules for such composition being determined by the Board, in consultation with the Risk Committee.
 - (xiv) No member of the Risk Committee may be subject to statutory disqualification under CEA Section 8a(2) or Section 3(a)(39) of the Securities Exchange Act, or other applicable CFTC or SEC regulations.
- (b) Each Participant whose Participant Group appoints a member of the Risk Committee shall, prior to participation in the Risk Committee, execute a confidentiality agreement substantially in the form of the agreement attached as Schedule 503 to these Rules and cause its Risk Committee member to execute an acknowledgement of his or her confidentiality obligations in a form reasonably

prescribed by ICE Clear Credit and each such Participant and Risk Committee member shall comply with the confidentiality obligations thereunder.