

Nodal Exchange gets OK for futures market

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The Commodity Futures Trading Commission on Friday approved Nodal Exchange's application to be registered as a Designated Contract Market, commonly known as a futures market.

"The DCM designation is an important milestone for Nodal Exchange and its trading and clearing community," Paul Cusenza, chairman and CEO of Nodal Exchange, said Friday in a statement.

In order to become a DCM, an entity must comply on an initial and ongoing basis with 23 core principles established by CFTC regulations. They include such areas as record-keeping, compliance rules and antitrust considerations.

Nodal Exchange originally filed its DCM application on October 11, but was told by the CFTC on March 26 that the application was incomplete in regard to a number of core principles.

Earlier in the week, the CFTC had informed Nodal Exchange that its application had been submitted "in complete form."

Nodal Exchange will begin operating as a DCM on Monday, the day the CFTC order approving it as a DCM goes into effect.

Nodal Exchange offers locational futures contracts specifically tailored for participants of the North American electric power markets.