

April 1, 2024

**VIA PORTAL**

Commodity Futures Trading Commission  
Attention: Christopher Kirkpatrick, Secretary  
Three Lafayette Centre  
1155 21<sup>st</sup> Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20581

**Re: CFTC Regulation 40.6(a) Certification: Submission of Amendments to the Nodal Exchange Rulebook**

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Nodal Exchange, LLC (“Nodal Exchange” or “Exchange”) is notifying the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“CFTC” or “Commission”) that it is self-certifying amendments to the Nodal Exchange Rulebook (“Rules”) pursuant to Commission Regulation 40.6(a). The Exchange is amending Appendix C – Reporting Levels, Accountability Levels and Position Limits for ISONE.H.Internal\_Hub Contracts. The deliverable supply analysis has been segregated as Exhibit B, for which confidential treatment is requested. The reporting levels, accountability levels, and position limits for these contracts are attached to this letter as Exhibit C, which will be added to the Nodal Exchange Rulebook Appendix C - Reporting Levels, Accountability Levels and Position Limits. The Exchange intends to implement the amended Rules on or after April 15, 2024.

Exchange management has assessed the amendments to the Rules, and their compliance with applicable provisions of the Act, including the Commissions Regulations and the Core Principles. Nodal Exchange has identified that the amendments may affect the following Core Principles as follows:

**Core Principle 2 – Compliance with the Rules:** Trading in the Exchange’s contracts will be subject to the Nodal Exchange Rulebook in Section IV, describing trading procedures, and Section VI, which establishes trading codes of conduct, sound trading practices, and identifies prohibited trading behavior and abuses. In addition, trading behavior and activity will be subject to extensive monitoring and surveillance by the Exchange’s Division of Market Administration and Surveillance. The Exchange’s Compliance Department has the authority to address disciplinary matters through investigation and enforcement procedures in accordance with Section VII of the Exchange Rulebook.

Core Principle 3 - Contracts not Readily Susceptible to Manipulation: A description of the underlying cash markets and deliverable supply analysis for the Exchange's contracts is provided, which demonstrates compliance that the Exchange's contracts are not readily susceptible to manipulation.

Core Principle 4 - Prevention of Market Disruption: Trading in the Exchange's contracts will be subject to the Nodal Exchange Rulebook Section VI, which prohibits disruptive trading behavior and manipulation, subject to monitoring and surveillance by the Exchange's Division of Market Administration and Surveillance.

Core Principle 5 - Position Limitations or Accountability: The spot-month speculative position limits for the Exchange's contracts are set at less than 25% of the deliverable supply in the respective underlying market. In addition, the Exchange monitors and enforces position accountability rules for individual single-month and all-months combined, which are also within 25% of deliverable supply. The reporting levels, accountability levels and position limits are provided in attached Exhibit C, to be added to the Nodal Exchange Rulebook Appendix C – Reporting Levels, Position Accountability Levels and Position Limits.

Core Principle 7 - Availability of General Information: The Exchange will post general information, including the reporting levels, accountability levels, position limits, contract specifications, Exchange fees, and the Nodal Exchange Rulebook, on the Exchange's website: [www.nodalexchange.com](http://www.nodalexchange.com).

Core Principle 8 - Daily publication of Trading Information: The Exchange will publish daily information on settlement prices, volume, open interest and opening and closing ranges for the Exchange's actively traded contracts on its website.

Core Principle 9 - Execution of Transactions: The Exchange's contracts are available on the Exchange's electronic trading screen that is a central limit order book ("CLOB"). The CLOB provides the market with the ability to execute the Exchange's contracts from the interaction of multiple bids and multiple offers within a predetermined, nondiscretionary automated trade matching and execution algorithm.

Core Principle 11 – Financial Integrity of Transactions: All Nodal Contracts will continue to be cleared by Nodal Clear, a registered derivatives clearing organization subject to Commission regulation, and carried by qualified futures merchants.

Core Principle 12 - Protection of Markets and Market Participants: Section VI of the Nodal Exchange Rulebook protects the market and market participants from abusive, disruptive, fraudulent, noncompetitive and unfair conduct and trade practices. All Nodal Contracts are subject to these rules that apply to all transactions in the Exchange's contracts.

Core Principle 13 - Disciplinary Procedures: Section VII of the Nodal Exchange Rulebook describes the disciplinary procedures of the Exchange that authorize the Exchange to discipline, suspend, or expel anyone on the Exchange that violates these rules.

Core Principle 14 - Dispute Resolution: Section VIII of the Nodal Exchange Rulebook establishes rules concerning alternative dispute resolution, which provide for the resolution of disputes between or among Exchange users through the NFA arbitration program. Under Section VIII, arbitration is available for all disputes, controversies or claims among all Exchange users relating to Exchange activities.

Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Act and the Commission's Regulation 40.6, the Exchange certifies that amended Rules comply with the Act and the Commission's Regulations thereunder. There have not been any opposing views expressed regarding the amendments to the Rules.

Nodal Exchange certifies that this submission has been concurrently posted on the Nodal Exchange website at [www.nodalexchange.com](http://www.nodalexchange.com).

If you have any question or need additional information regarding the above, please contact the undersigned at 703-962-9853 or [markotic@nodalexchange.com](mailto:markotic@nodalexchange.com) or Ken McCracken, Chief Regulatory Officer & General Counsel at 703-962-9835 or [mccracken@nodalexchange.com](mailto:mccracken@nodalexchange.com).

Sincerely,

/s/ Max Markotic

Managing Director

Attachment:

- **Confidential** Exhibit B: Deliverable Supply Analysis (*Confidential Treatment Requested*)
- Exhibit C – Reporting Levels, Accountability Levels and Position Limits - REDLINE