
DISCIPLINARY NOTICE

JUNE 7, 2019

CASE NO. 2016-063: SETTLEMENT OF CHARGES AGAINST JOHNATHAN ALEXANDER

EXCHANGE RULES

Rule 4.02(a) - Trade Practice Violations

In connection with the placement of any order or execution of any Transaction, it shall be a violation of the Rules for any Person to [m]anipulate, or attempt to manipulate, the price of any Commodity traded on the Exchange.

Rule 4.02(l)(2) - Trade Practice Violations

In connection with the placement of any order or execution of any Transaction, it shall be a violation of the Rules for any Person to . . . [k]nowingly [enter] any bid or offer for the purpose of making a market price which does not reflect the true state of the market, or knowingly [enter], or [cause] to be entered, bids or offers other than in good faith for the purpose of executing bona fide Transactions.

Rule 4.04 - Conduct Detrimental to the Exchange

It shall be a violation of the Rules for any Person to fail to conform to, the Rules or the procedures of the Exchange or the Clearing Organization, or to engage in conduct or practices inconsistent with just and equitable principles of trade or conduct detrimental to the best interests of the Exchange.

SUMMARY

A subcommittee of the Exchange's Business Conduct Committee determined that on various days between August 5 and August 18, 2016, Johnathan Alexander ("Alexander"), may have violated Exchange Rules 4.02(a), 4.02(l)(2), and 4.04 by engaging in a manipulative and disruptive practice to cause market participants to trade at artificial prices that did not represent the true state of the market.

Specifically, Alexander entered offers in the ERCOT North 345 KV Real-Time *Off-Peak* Daily Fixed Price Future market ("Off-Peak Future") at prices that fell close to the historical prices of the ERCOT North 345 KV Real-Time *Peak* Daily Future market ("Peak Future"). The manner in which Alexander entered these Off-Peak Future offers made it seem to other market participants that an advantageous buying opportunity was available in the Peak Future. As a result, in some instances, Alexander caused participants to believe they were transacting in the Peak Future, when in reality, they transacted in the

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Off-Peak Future, and subsequently to report the trades as an error, which resulted in significant price adjustments from the price at which they originally traded.

Alexander initiated this conduct after he unknowingly fell victim to the same circumstances he then caused to occur. Alexander intended to prove the point that he was dissatisfied with the price adjustment provided by ICE Operations in accordance with the Exchange's Error Policy after executing a series of trades in a wrong market.

PRODUCT

ERCOT North 345 KV Real-Time Off-Peak Daily Fixed Price Future

PENALTY

In accordance with the terms of settlement, in which Alexander neither admitted nor denied the rule violations, Alexander agreed to pay a fine in the amount of \$85,000 and serve a nine-month suspension from direct and indirect access to all electronic trading and clearing platforms owned or controlled by ICE Futures U.S. The suspension shall run from June 7, 2019 through and including March 7, 2020.

EFFECTIVE DATE

June 7, 2019

LINKED TO

[2016-063 - Macquarie Energy LLC](#)

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