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Submission No. 19-253
August 21, 2019

Mr. Christopher J. Kirkpatrick
Secretary of the Commission
Office of the Secretariat
Commodity Futures Trading Commission
Three Lafayette Centre
1155 21st Street, NW
Washington, DC 20581

**Re: New BakktTM Bitcoin (USD) Daily Futures Contract Liquidity Provide Program
Submission Pursuant to Section 5c(c)(1) of the Act and Regulation 40.6**

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Pursuant to Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“CFTC”) Regulation 40.6(a), ICE Futures U.S., Inc. (“IFUS” or “Exchange”) hereby submits by written certification, notice that the Exchange is launching the Bakkt Bitcoin (USD) Daily Futures Contract Liquidity Provider Program (“Program”). The Exchange believes the Program will incentivize additional liquidity and volume in the new Bakkt Bitcoin (USD) Daily Futures Contract, which will be listed for trading on September 23, 2019. The terms and conditions of the new Program are set forth in Exhibit A.

The Exchange certifies that the new Program complies with the requirements of the Commodity Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. In particular, the Program complies with Core Principle 4 (Monitoring of Trading), Core Principle 9 (Execution of Transactions) and Core Principle 12 (Protection of Market Participants). The Program does not impact order execution priority or otherwise give participants any execution preference or advantage. In addition, the Exchange’s Market Regulation Department actively monitors for trading abuses using electronic exception reports and will take appropriate action against any participants engaging in market abuses.

The Exchange is not aware of any opposing views with regard to the new Program, which will become effective on September 9, 2019, and further certifies that, concurrent with this filing,

a redacted copy of this submission was posted on the Exchange's website at (<https://www.theice.com/futures-us/regulation#rule-filings>).

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact me at 212-748-4021 or at jason.fusco@theice.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason V. Fusco". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

Jason V. Fusco
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Market Regulation

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cc: Division of Market Oversight
New York Regional Office

EXHIBIT A

ICE FUTURES U.S. INC. BAKKT™ BITCOIN (USD) DAILY FUTURES CONTRACT CRYPTO LIQUIDITY PROVIDER PROGRAM

Program Purpose

The purpose of the program is to support liquid markets in the covered contract.

Product Scope

Bakkt Bitcoin (USD) Daily futures contract.

Eligible Participants

The program is open to proprietary trading participants who agree to make two-sided markets in the Bakkt Bitcoin (USD) Daily futures contracts. Participants in the ICE Futures U.S. Inc. Bakkt Bitcoin (USD) Daily Futures Contract Market Maker Program are not eligible to participate in this program.

Program Term

The initial term of the Program shall start on listing date for the Bakkt Bitcoin (USD) Daily futures contract and end on March 31, 2020, unless extended by the Exchange. The Exchange reserves the right to amend or end the program and/or to terminate any participant at any time prior to that date.

Obligations

[PARAGRAPH REDACTED]

Program Incentives

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Monitoring and Termination of Status

The Exchange shall monitor trading activity and Participants' performance and shall retain the right to revoke Participants' status if it concludes from review that a Program Participant has failed to meet its obligations or no longer meets the eligibility requirements of this Program.