Chapter 109

WTI (NYMEX) - Brent Crude Oil (ICE) Spread Option

10901. **Description**
10901.1 The WTI (NYMEX) - Brent Crude Oil (ICE) Spread Option is a financially settled option referencing the NYMEX WTI-Brent (ICE) Bullet Swap Futures contract. It is financially settled on exercise, and may be exercised on its expiration day only.
10901.2 The CME Clearing Europe commodity code shall be EBV.

10902. **Contract Size**
10902.1 The contract size shall be 1,000 barrels.

10903. **Contract Months**
10903.1 WTI (NYMEX) - Brent Crude Oil (ICE) Spread Options shall be available for consecutive calendar months for the balance of the current calendar year and five additional full calendar years, and then June and December calendar months for a further three years.

10904. **Prices**
10904.1 Prices shall be quoted in U.S. dollars and cents per barrel.
10904.2 The minimum price fluctuation shall be $0.01 per barrel.
10904.3 There shall be no maximum price fluctuation.
10904.4 A cabinet trade may occur at the price of $.001 per barrel or $1.00 per contract.

10905. **Daily Settlement Prices**
10905.1 The Clearing House shall establish settlement prices in respect of open positions for the purposes of position valuation and variation margin calculation, as described in the Clearing Procedures.

10906. **Premium Payment**
10906.1 Option premium shall be paid by the buyer to the Clearing House, and received by the seller from the Clearing House in full following the trade. Payments shall be made as directed by the Clearing House.
10907. **Strike Prices**
10907.1 Transactions in WTI (NYMEX) - Brent Crude Oil (ICE) Spread Options may be submitted to the Clearing House with strike prices in increments of $0.10 per barrel, subject to any limits on the range of available strike prices published by the Clearing House.

10908. **Option Exercise**
10908.1 WTI (NYMEX) - Brent Crude Oil (ICE) Spread Options may be exercised only on the last trading day, as described in 10909.1.

10909. **Termination of Trading**
10909.1 Trade submission shall cease on the last trading day of the NYMEX WTI-Brent (ICE) Bullet Swap Futures contract for the same contract month.

10909.2 On the last trading day, as described in 10909.1, the final time for trade submission shall be 2:30pm New York time.

10910. **Expiry**
10910.1 A WTI (NYMEX) - Brent Crude Oil (ICE) Spread Option Contract shall expire on the last trading day as described in 10909.1.

10910.2 On the Expiry Day, as described in 10910.1, the WTI (NYMEX) - Brent Crude Oil (ICE) Spread Option Contract shall expire at 4.30pm New York time. Where an option is to be exercised by the buyer, such exercise must be notified to the Clearing House by the expiration time. Any WTI (NYMEX) - Brent Crude Oil (ICE) Spread Option for which the Clearing House has not been notified of exercise by the expiration time shall be deemed to be abandoned.

10910.3 The Clearing House shall confirm the assignment of a WTI (NYMEX) - Brent Crude Oil (ICE) Spread Option Contract to the seller as soon as reasonably practicable following the expiration time.

10911. **Underlying Reference Price**
10911.1 The Underlying Reference Price for each contract month is equal to the NYMEX settlement price of the NYMEX WTI-Brent (ICE) Bullet Swap Futures contract for the same contract month on the Expiry Day.

10912. **Final Settlement**
10912.1 Final settlement for the WTI (NYMEX) - Brent Crude Oil (ICE) Spread Option Contract shall be by financial settlement.
10912.2 For call options, on expiration, the Final Settlement Value will be the greater of the Underlying Reference Price minus the Strike Price or zero, multiplied by the contract size. On exercise, the buyer shall receive the Final Settlement Value as directed by the Clearing House. On assignment, the seller shall pay the Final Settlement Value as directed by the Clearing House.

10912.3 For put options, on expiration, the Final Settlement Value will be the greater of the Strike Price minus the Underlying Reference Price or zero, multiplied by the contract size. On exercise, the buyer shall receive the Final Settlement Value as directed by the Clearing House. On assignment, the seller shall pay the Final Settlement Value as directed by the Clearing House.

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