

Chapter 1276

Bakken Patoka (Argus) Monthly Futures

1276100. SCOPE OF CHAPTER

The provisions of these rules shall apply to all futures contracts bought or sold on the Exchange for cash settlement based on the Index Price. The procedures for trading, clearing and cash settlement of this contract, and any other matters not specifically covered herein shall be governed by the general rules of the Exchange.

1276101. CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS

The Index Price for each contract month is equal to the Bakken Patoka Cumulative Month-to-Date Volume Weighted Average (MTD VWA) Diff Index Price from Argus Media for the Trade Month Period for the contract month. The Trade month period begins with the first U.S. business day after the 25th calendar day two months prior to the contract month and ends on the last business day that falls on or before the 25th calendar day of the month prior to the contract month. If the 25th calendar day is a weekend or holiday, the Trade month period shall end on the first business day prior to the 25th calendar day. The Index is expressed as a differential versus the Calendar Month Average (CMA) of the NYMEX Light Sweet Crude Oil futures settlement price.

1276102. TRADING SPECIFICATIONS

The number of months open for trading at a given time shall be determined by the Exchange.

1276102.A. Trading Schedule

The hours of trading for this contract shall be determined by the Exchange.

1276102.B. Trading Unit

The contract quantity shall be 1,000 U.S. barrels. Each contract shall be valued as the contract quantity (1,000) multiplied by the settlement price.

1276102.C. Price Increments

Prices shall be quoted in U.S. dollars and cents per barrel. The minimum price fluctuation shall be \$0.001 per barrel. There shall be no maximum price fluctuation.

1276102.D. Position Limits, Exemptions, Position Accountability and Reportable Levels

The applicable position limits and/or accountability levels, in addition to the reportable levels, are set forth in the Position Limit, Position Accountability and Reportable Level Table in the Interpretations & Special Notices Section of Chapter 5.

A Person seeking an exemption from position limits for bona fide commercial purposes shall apply to the Market Regulation Department on forms provided by the Exchange, and the Market Regulation Department may grant qualified exemptions in its sole discretion.

Refer to Rule 559 for requirements concerning the aggregation of positions and allowable exemptions from the specified position limits.

1276102.E. Termination of Trading

Trading shall cease at the close of trading on the last U.S. business day that falls on or before the 25th calendar day of the month prior to the contract month. If the 25th calendar day is a weekend or holiday, trading shall cease on the first business day prior to the 25th calendar day.

1276103. FINAL SETTLEMENT

Final settlement under the contract shall be by cash settlement. Final settlement, following termination of trading for a contract month, will be based on the Index Price. The final settlement price will be the Index calculated for each contract month.

1276104. DISCLAIMER

See [NYMEX/COMEX Chapter iv. \("DISCLAIMERS"\)](#) incorporated herein by reference.