

Chapter 815

WTI Houston Trade Month Average Price Option

815100. SCOPE OF CHAPTER

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

815101. CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS

The Floating Price shall be determined following the expiration of trading. A WTI Houston Trade Month Average Price put or call option contract is a European-style Average Price option cash-settled on expiration day.

815102. OPTION CHARACTERISTICS

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

815102.A. Trading Schedule

The hours of trading shall be determined by the Exchange.

815102.B. Trading Unit

A WTI Houston Trade Month Average Price Option is a cash-settled option. On expiration of a call option, the value will be the difference between the average daily settlement price during the Trade month period of the first nearby settlement price of the underlying NYMEX WTI Houston Crude Oil Futures and the strike price multiplied by 1,000 barrels, or zero whichever is greater. On expiration of a put option, the difference between the average daily settlement price during the Trade Month period of the first nearby settlement price of the underlying NYMEX WTI Houston Crude Oil Futures and the strike price multiplied by 1,000 barrels, or zero whichever is greater.

815102.C. Price Increments

Prices shall be quoted in dollars and cents per barrel and prices shall be in multiples of one (1) cent per barrel. A cabinet trade may occur at a price of \$0.001 per barrel, or \$1.00.

815102.D. Special Price Fluctuation Limits

At the commencement of each trading day, the contract shall be subject to special fluctuation limits as set forth in Rule 589 and in the Special Price Fluctuation Limits Table in the Interpretations & Special Notices Section of Chapter 5.

815102.E. 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.

815102.E. Expiration of Trading

A WTI Houston Trade Month Average Price Option shall expire at the close of trading 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, trading shall cease on the first business day prior to the 25th calendar day. The expiration date shall be announced prior to the listing of the option contract.

815102.F. Type of Option

The option is a European-style Average Price option which can be exercised on expiration day.

815103. EXERCISE PRICES

Transactions shall be conducted for option contracts as set forth in Rule 300.20.