

## Chapter 819

### WTI Houston vs. Brent Crude Oil Spread Option

#### **819100. 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.

#### **819101. CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS**

The Option is a cash-settled European-style Option contract which cannot be exercised prior to expiration. A Call Option represents the cash difference of the settlement price of the front-month WTI Houston Crude Oil Futures (HCL) contract in the spread less the settlement price of the front-month Brent Last Day Financial Futures (BZ) contract in the spread traded on the Exchange less the strike price multiplied by 1,000, or zero, whichever is greater. A Put Option contract traded on the Exchange will represent the cash difference between the strike price and the settlement price of the front-month WTI Houston Crude Oil Futures (HCL) contract in the spread less the settlement price of the front-month Brent Last Day Financial Futures (BZ) contract in the spread traded on the Exchange multiplied by 1,000, or zero, whichever is greater.

#### **819102. OPTION CHARACTERISTICS**

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

##### **819102.A. Trading Schedule**

The hours of trading shall be determined by the Exchange.

##### **819102.B. Trading Unit**

A WTI Houston vs. Brent Crude Oil Spread Option is a cash-settled option. On expiration of a call option, the value will be the difference of the settlement price of the front-month WTI Houston Crude Oil Futures (HCL) contract in the spread less the settlement price of the front-month Brent Last Day Financial Futures (BZ) contract in the spread traded on the Exchange less the strike price multiplied by 1,000, or zero, whichever is greater. On expiration of a put option, the value will be the difference between the strike price and the settlement price of the front-month WTI Houston Crude Oil Futures (HCL) contract in the spread less the settlement price of the front-month Brent Last Day Financial Futures (BZ) contract in the spread traded on the Exchange multiplied by 1,000, or zero, whichever is greater.

##### **819102.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.

##### **819102.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.

##### **819102.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.

##### **819102.E. Expiration of Trading**

A WTI Houston vs. Brent Crude Oil Spread Option shall expire at close of trading one business day immediately preceding the expiration of the front-month Brent Last Day Financial Futures

(BZ) contract in the spread. The expiration date shall be announced prior to the listing of the option contract.

**819102.F. Type of Option**

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

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**EXERCISE PRICES**

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