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"We fully intend to retain our leadership role in thegrowing electronic energy marketplace," said Jeffrey C. Sprecher, ICEChairman and CEO. "It's early in the transition of energy commodities toelectronic trading, and we believe we will continue to lead in the developmentof innovative products and services to serve our marketplace."

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IntercontinentalExchange® (NYSE: ICE) operates theleading electronic global futures and OTC marketplace for trading energycommodity contracts, including crude oil and refined products, natural gas,power and emissions. ICE conducts its markets for futures trading through itsregulated subsidiary, ICE Futures, Europe's leading energy futures and optionsexchange. ICE also offers a range of risk management and trading supportservices, including cleared OTC contracts, electronic trade confirmations and energymarket data. ICE's common stock began trading on the New York Stock Exchange onNovember 16, 2005. ICE is based in Atlanta, Georgia with offices in Calgary,Chicago, Houston, London, New York and Singapore. For more information, pleasevisit www.theice.com.

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