ICE ANNOUNCES POINT-TO-POINT CONNECTIVITY WITH ADDITION OF CHICAGO HUB

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"We are very pleased to be among the first to connect toICE's new Chicago hub from our U.S. data center in the same facility,"said Hamish Purdey, President of FFastFill Inc., the U.S. unit of London-basedFFastFill plc. "ICE's energy markets have captured a great deal ofattention in the Chicago market, and the continued build-out of theirconnectivity infrastructure demonstrates that both ICE and FFastFill share in acommitment to serving the electronic trading community with superior technologyand cost-efficient solutions." FFastFill is the leading provider ofapplication services to the global derivatives community.

"To continue to grow our electronic energy markets, we aretaking an aggressive approach to technology enhancements and expandedconnectivity options to meet the needs of participants around the globe,"said Chuck Vice, ICE's President and Chief Operating Officer. "Chicago isan important market for us, and we are gratified by the early response to thenew hub."

ICE's Chicago hub offers customers the ability to connectdirectly to ICE via data circuits ordered through their preferred localtelecommunication vendors or via cross-connected Ethernet circuits within thestate-of-the-art Equinix facility. Customers can determine the bandwidth sizefor their connections, as well as the number and type of circuits they requireto meet their specific data needs.

Equinix, Inc. is the leading provider of network-neutral datacenters and Internet exchange service. Equinix's Chicago facility, which isrecognized as a leading connectivity point for the financial trading industry,features an aggregation of leading financial trading companies all operatingwithin the same center. It also provides a redundant and secure infrastructure,with interlocking "mantrap" doors, multiple layers of biometrichand-geometry scanners controlling access, hundreds of surveillance cameras and24-hour security officers. The power operations of the center include a high-performance back-up system that guarantees uninterrupted power even in theevent of utility power disruption.

About IntercontinentalExchange

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 (formerly the International PetroleumExchange, or IPE), Europe's leading energy futures and options exchange. ICEalso offers a range of risk management and trading support services, includingcleared OTC contracts, electronic trade confirmations and energy market data.ICE's common stock began trading on the New York Stock Exchange on November 16,2005. ICE is based in Atlanta, Georgia with offices in Calgary, Chicago,Houston, London, New York and Singapore. For more information, please visitwww.theice.com.

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