COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

RENEWAL CHARTER OF THE AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

(1) **Committee's Official Designation.**
The advisory committee's official designation is the Agricultural Advisory Committee ("AAC").

(2) **Authority.**
The AAC is a discretionary advisory committee and is established by the authority of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("Commission") in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act ("FACA"), as amended, 5 U.S.C. App. II.

(3) **Objectives and Scope of Activities.**
The AAC's objectives and scope of activities shall be to assist the Commission in assessing issues affecting agricultural producers, processors, lenders and others interested in or affected by the agricultural commodity derivatives markets through public meetings, and Committee reports and recommendations.

(4) **Description of Duties.**
In accordance with 5 U.S.C. App. II § 9(b) of the FACA, the duties of the AAC shall be solely advisory. The AAC may, by simple majority vote, call for reports and/or recommendations by the AAC or AAC subcommittee(s), adopt reports and/or recommendations, transmit reports to the Commission, and make recommendations to the Commission. Reports and/or recommendations shall be developed in consultation with all members of the AAC and any transmission to the Commission shall include dissenting or minority views, if any. No determination of fact or policy shall be made by AAC on behalf of the Commission. Determinations of action to be taken and policy to be expressed with respect to the reports and/or recommendations of the AAC shall be made solely by the Commission.

(5) **Agency or Official to Whom the Committee Reports.**
The AAC shall submit its reports and recommendations to the Commission. The AAC will also have a "Sponsor," who may be the Chairman of the Commission, a Commissioner, or a designee of the Commission, and who will be responsible for ensuring that the advice and recommendations of the AAC are provided to the Commission.

(6) **Support.**
The Commission shall provide necessary support services for the AAC.

(7) **Estimated Annual Operating Costs and Staff Years.**
The estimated annual operating costs for supporting the AAC are approximately $44,000. This cost estimate includes costs associated with meeting expenses as well as the cost of

0.30 of one full-time Commission employee needed to support the AAC on a continuing basis. Other than the travel expenses and per diem of the AAC Chair, AAC members will not be compensated by the Commission for their services and will not be reimbursed or receive per diem from the Commission for travel-related expenses to attend AAC meetings.

(8) Designated Federal Officer.
The Commission shall appoint a full- or permanent part-time Commission employee to serve as the Designated Federal Officer ("DFO") of the AAC and any established AAC subcommittees. The Commission may appoint one or more full-time or permanent part-time Commission employee to serve as an alternate DFO for any established subcommittees. The DFO or alternate DFO shall prepare and approve all meeting agendas; approve or call all AAC and subcommittee meetings; attend all AAC and subcommittee meetings; adjourn any meeting when the DFO or alternate DFO determines adjournment to be in the public interest; chair meetings when directed to do so by the Sponsor, AAC Chair, or AAC subcommittee Chair; and assist in the preparation and certification of meeting minutes.

(9) Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings.
The AAC shall meet at such intervals as are necessary to carry out its functions. It is estimated that meetings of the AAC will occur at least annually; meetings of subcommittees of the full AAC may occur more frequently.

(10) Duration.
The AAC will continue until two years from the date of renewal, unless the Commission directs that it terminate on an earlier date.

(11) Termination.
The AAC shall terminate two years from the date of renewal, unless the charter is renewed again in accordance with Section 14(a)(2)(A) of the FACA prior to such time.

(12) Membership and Designation.
Members shall be appointed and may be removed by vote of the Commission. Members may be appointed or removed at any time. In addition, the Commission may authorize an organization that is affected by the work of the AAC, or whose members are affected by the work of the AAC, to designate an individual to serve as a member of the AAC for the purpose of representing the organization and, where relevant, the organization's members. The Sponsor shall designate a member of the AAC or AAC subcommittee to serve as the Chair absent the objection of a majority of the Commission. The AAC shall consist of no more than 40 total members.

Each member who is not a regular government employee shall serve on the AAC either as a special government employee ("SGE") or as a representative of an organization or identifiable group of persons with interests affected by the work of the AAC. SGE members provide advice to the Commission on the basis of their expertise and best,

independent judgment in a manner free from conflicts of interest. The Commission shall not appoint any federally registered lobbyists to serve as an SGE on the AAC.

Representative members serve on the AAC primarily to convey to the Commission and to the AAC the views and interests of the organizations and/or groups that they represent. Representative members are also designated by the Commission to represent one of the viewpoint categories listed below.

Though the precise number of representative members in any category may vary over time due to the AAC's work, the Commission anticipates that the AAC will have between 30 and 40 members, representing the following viewpoint categories:

(i) Agricultural producers and/or direct and indirect users/consumers of agricultural products;
(ii) Providers of agricultural credit;
(iii) Other major market participants, including derivatives intermediaries, buy-side representatives and exchanges; and
(iv) Regulators.

Approximately three quarters of representative members will represent the first group, reflecting the diversity of agricultural producer, processor and end-user interests across the spectrum of agricultural commodities and the specialized issues that arise in connection with markets for those particular commodities. Groups (ii) through (iv) are each expected to have at least one and not greater than four members.

(13) Subcommittees.

The Commission may establish and dissolve AAC subcommittees. Subcommittees may include as members individuals who are members of the full AAC and/or other individuals. Members of subcommittees shall be appointed and removed in the same manner as members of the AAC. Any subcommittees shall report to the AAC and may not provide reports and/or recommendations directly to the Commission or to any Commission officer or employee. AAC subcommittees may, by simple majority vote, adopt reports and/or recommendations of the AAC subcommittee, transmit reports to the AAC, and make recommendations to the AAC. Reports and/or recommendations shall be developed in consultation with all members of the AAC subcommittee and any transmission to the AAC shall include dissenting or minority views, if any. AAC subcommittees shall have no authority to make decisions on behalf of the AAC. No determination of fact or policy shall be made by any AAC subcommittee on behalf of the Commission.

(14) Recordkeeping.

Records of the Committee and any subcommittees shall be maintained in accordance with the General Records Schedule 6.2 and other Commission records guidance. Records of open AAC meetings will be made available to the public on the Commission's website.

(15) Filing Date.

This charter has been filed with the Commission; the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry; the House of Representatives Committee on Agriculture; the Committee Management Secretariat of the U.S. General Services Administration; and the Library of Congress on September 16, 2016.

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Secretary of the Commission

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Washington, D.C.