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# CME Group Energy Futures and Options Volume Reaches Record 5.1 Million Contracts

## - Energy options volume surpasses 1 million contracts for first time

### - Henry Hub Natural Gas futures and options set new volume records

CHICAGO, Nov. 15, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- <u>CME Group</u>, the world's leading and most diverse derivatives marketplace, today announced its suite of energy futures and options reached a daily trading volume record of 5,103,881 contracts on Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2018, surpassing the previous record of 5,067,833 contracts set on Dec. 1, 2016.

"Customers are increasingly accessing the deep liquidity across our energy markets to manage price risk during this time of increased volatility and uncertainty," said Peter Keavey, CME Group Global Head of Energy. "We're continually working with participants to grow on-screen liquidity across all our energy markets, especially energy options. This increased access to our markets ensures customers can more effectively and efficiently hedge and trade around the globe and around the clock."

Additional energy futures and options volume records reached yesterday include:

- Record 1,602,673 Henry Hub Natural Gas futures contracts, surpassing the previous record of 1,232,635 contracts set on Nov. 13, 2018
- Record 1,027,799 energy options contracts, surpassing the previous record of 994,030 contracts set on Nov. 13, 2018
- Record 210,561 electronic Henry Hub Natural Gas Financial options contracts, surpassing the previous record of 208,793 contracts set on Nov. 9, 2018

CME Group's suite of energy futures and options contracts are listed by and subject to the rules of NYMEX. Additional information about CME Group's energy products can be found at <a href="https://www.cmegroup.com/energy">www.cmegroup.com/energy</a>.

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