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CFTC Extends Public Comment Period on Proposed Rule on the Extension of Standard Futures Contracts to 24/7 Trading and on Perpetual Contracts Referencing Physically Delivered or Storable Energy Commodities

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The Commodity Futures Trading Commission is extending the deadline for public comment on two related developments in the energy derivatives markets: the extension of standard futures contracts to 24/7 trading and the potential listing of energy commodity perpetual contracts. Based on requests by commenters and the addition of several questions to the request, the deadline is being extended by 30 days to August 26, 2026.

The original request for comment is organized around two sets of questions. The first concerns the extension of standard futures contracts — including energy futures — to a 24/7 schedule without any change to their fixed expiration, with material economic changes to delivery or settlement terms. The second concerns perpetual contracts when they reference physically delivered or storable energy commodities.

Following extensive conversations with industry, the Commission is posing additional questions for consideration to fully understand the issues and ensure it is doing its due diligence in evaluating them.

Comments may be submitted electronically through Regulations.gov (https://www.regulations.gov/) or by the other methods detailed in the request. All comments received will be posted on Regulations.gov (https://www.regulations.gov/).

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