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**Date:** July 27, 2022

**Subject:** Blueknight Energy Partners, L.P. – Anticipated Cash Settlement  
Option Symbol: BKEP  
Date: ???

On August 16, 2022, Unitholders of Blueknight Energy Partners, L.P. (BKEP) will vote concerning the proposed merger with Merle, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ergon Asphalt & Emulsions, Inc. If the merger is approved and consummated, each existing BKEP Common Unit will be converted into the right to receive \$4.65 net cash per unit.

#### **Contract Adjustment**

**Date:** Effective the opening of the business day after the merger is consummated.  
Contract adjustment is expected to occur in mid-2022.

**New Deliverable**  
**Per Contract:** \$465.00 Cash (\$4.65 x 100)

Settlement in BKEP options will take place through OCC's cash settlement system. Settlement will be accomplished by payment of the difference between the extended strike amount and the cash deliverable.

#### **Acceleration of Expirations**

Pursuant to OCC Rule 807, equity stock option contracts whose deliverables are adjusted to call for cash-only delivery will be subject to **an acceleration of the expiration dates for outstanding option series** (See OCC Information Memo 23988).

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ALL CLEARING MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO IMMEDIATELY ADVISE ALL BRANCH OFFICES AND CORRESPONDENTS ON THE ABOVE.

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