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Commodity Futures Trading Commission  
Three Lafayette Centre  
1155 21st Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20581

Attention: Secretary

Re: Amendments to the Rules of BrokerTec Futures Exchange, L.L.C. ("BTEX") Submitted Pursuant to Section 5c(c)(1) of the Commodity Exchange Act (the "Act") – Rule Certification

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Enclosed is BTEX Bulletin #03-17, Suspension of Exchange Trading Operations, informing BTEX Members of the following actions taken by the Board of Directors, the effect of which are to suspend trading on BTEX on November 26, 2003:

- Delisting all contracts having delivery months after December 2003.
- Advancing the Last Trading Day for the December 2003 contracts to November 26, 2003
- Limiting trading in all contracts to transactions for the liquidation of existing positions.

These actions have been taken to insure continued orderly trading on BTEX. Recently trading on the exchange has declined dramatically. As of November 30, 2003, the BTEX Market Maker Program, and the obligations of all current BTEX Market Makers, will terminate. None of the current Market Makers has expressed an interest in renewing their obligations to quote bids and offers on the BTEX platform. We were, therefore, unable to insure that after, November 30, 2003, the necessary liquidity would exist on the platform to allow current BTEX traders to unwind their open positions and trade in an efficient and orderly manner. BTEX staff recommended, and the Board agreed, that the changes approved are in the best interests of the exchange and market participants.

Bulletin #03-17 is hereby provided to the Commission pursuant to Section 5c(c)(1) of the Act.

No substantive opposing views have been expressed to BTEX as to Bulletin #03-17. The undersigned hereby certifies that Bulletin #03-17 complies with the Act (including the regulations under the Act).

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I would be pleased to answer any questions that any member of the Commission or its staff may have concerning the enclosed.

Very truly yours,

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General Counsel and Chief Operating Officer  
BrokerTec Futures Exchange, L.L.C.

cc: CFTC Regional Office

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**BrokerTec Futures Exchange**  
**Bulletin #03-17**  
**Suspension of Exchange Trading Operations**

**Bulletin Date:** November 12, 2003  
**To:** All MEMBERS  
**Effective Date:** November 13, 2003

The Board of Directors of BrokerTec Futures Exchange has taken the following actions effective as of the opening of trading at 2:00 a.m. (New York time) on Thursday, November 13, 2003:

- Delisted all contracts having delivery months after December 2003.
- Advanced the Last Trading Day for the December 2003 contracts to November 26, 2003.
- Limited trading in all contracts to transactions for the liquidation of existing positions.

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