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| ☐ | Approval | § 40.3(a) |
| ☐ | Approval Security Futures | § 41.23(b) |
| ☐ | Novel Derivative Product Notification | § 40.12(a) |
| ☐ | Swap Submission | § 39.5 |

**Official Product Name**:

**Product Terms and Conditions (product related Rules and Rule Amendments)**

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| ☐ | Certification | § 40.6(a) |
| ☐ | Certification Made Available to Trade Determination | § 40.6(a) |
| ☐ | Certification Security Futures | § 41.24(a) |
| ☐ | Delisting (No Open Interest) | § 40.6(a) |
| ☐ | Approval | § 40.5(a) |
| ☐ | Approval Made Available to Trade Determination | § 40.5(a) |
| ☐ | Approval Security Futures | § 41.24(c) |
| ☐ | Approval Amendments to enumerated agricultural products | § 40.4(a),  § 40.5(a) |
| ☐ | "Non-Material Agricultural Rule Change" | § 40.4(b)(5) |
| ☐ | Notification | § 40.6(d) |

**Official Name(s) of Product(s) Affected**:

**Rule Numbers:**

**Christopher Bowen**
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August 5, 2014

**VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL**

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RE:     **NYMEX Henry Hub Back Month Liquidity Provider Program**
        **NYMEX Submission No. 14-282**

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Dear Ms. Jurgens:

New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. ("NYMEX" or "Exchange") hereby notifies the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") of the implementation of the NYMEX Henry Hub Back Month Liquidity Provider Program ("Program"). The proposed Program will become effective on September 1, 2014.

Exhibit 1 sets forth the terms of this Program.

The Exchange reviewed the designated contract market core principles ("Core Principles") as set forth in the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA"). During the review, NYMEX staff identified the following Core Principles as potentially being impacted; Prevention of Market Disruption, Execution of Transactions, Protection of Market Participants, Compliance with Rules, and Recordkeeping.

The proposed Program does not incentivize manipulative trading or market abuse or impact the Exchange's ability to perform its trade practice and market surveillance obligations under the CEA. NYMEX market regulation staff will monitor trading in the Program's products to prevent manipulative trading and market abuse. The Program does not impact the Exchange's order execution. Participants in the Program will be selected by Exchange staff based on criteria set forth in Exhibit 1. Chapter 4 of the Exchange rules includes prohibitions against fraudulent, non-competitive, unfair or abusive practices. All participants must execute a contractual agreement with NYMEX in which each participant will expressly agree to comply with and be subject to, applicable regulations and NYMEX rules. The Program will be subject to the Exchange's record retention policies which comply with the CEA.

The Exchange certifies that the proposed Program complies with the CEA and the regulations thereunder. There were no substantive opposing views to this Program.

The Exchange certifies that this submission has been concurrently posted on the Exchange's website at http://www.cmegroup.com/market-regulation/rule-filings.html.

If you require any additional information regarding this submission, please contact Tim Elliott at 312-466-7478 or via e-mail at tim.elliott@cmegroup.com, or contact me at 212-299-2200.  Please reference our NYMEX Submission No. 14-282 in any related correspondence.

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Sincerely,


/s/ Christopher Bowen
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

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Attachment: Exhibit 1

# EXHIBIT 1

### NYMEX Henry Hub Back Month Liquidity Provider Program

**Program Purpose**

The purpose of the Program is to increase back month liquidity in NYMEX Henry Hub Natural Gas Physical Futures ("NG") contracts. The resulting increase in liquidity benefits all participants in the marketplace.

**Product Scope**

NYMEX Henry Hub Natural Gas Physical Futures ("NG") contracts traded on the Globex Platform or cleared through CME ClearPort ("Product").

**Eligible Participants**

There is no limit to the number of participants in the Program. Participants may be a NYMEX member or non-member. NYMEX, in its sole discretion, will use a variety of factors in determining whether or not a prospective participant is selected to participate in the Program, including the prospective participant's ability to meet the obligations of the Program. Notwithstanding the foregoing, NYMEX may add or subtract from the factors listed above from time to time.

**Program Term**

Start date is September 1, 2014. End date is June 30, 2015.

**Obligations**

In order to be eligible to receive Program incentives, participants must execute back month trades in the Products on Globex or ClearPort. Participants that do not trade any back month volume in the Products over a rolling three (3) month period may be subject to removal from the Program.

**Incentives**

Upon satisfying all Program obligations, as determined by the Exchange, each Program participant shall be eligible for predetermined incentives.

**Monitoring and Termination of Status**

The Exchange shall monitor participants' activity in the Products and retains the right to revoke Program participant status if it concludes from review that a Program participant no longer meets the eligibility requirements of the Program.