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Organization: New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. ("NYMEX")

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**Organization Rules and Rule Amendments**

- Certification § 40.6(a)
- Approval § 40.5(a)
- Notification § 40.6(d)
- Advance Notice of SIDCO Rule Change § 40.10(a)
- SIDCO Emergency Rule Change § 40.10(h)

Rule Numbers: Not Applicable

**New Product**

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- Certification § 40.2(a)
- Certification Security Futures § 41.23(a)
- Certification Swap Class § 40.2(d)
- 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)**

- 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:

December 4, 2015

**VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL**

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**RE: Extension of the NN Fee Waiver Program  
NYMEX Submission No. 15-545**

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. (“NYMEX” or “Exchange”) hereby notifies the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“CFTC” or “Commission”) that it plans to extend the NN Fee Waiver Program (“Program”) through December 31, 2016. The extension of the Program will become effective on January 1, 2016. All other Program terms remain the same.

Exhibit 1 sets forth the terms of the Program. The modifications appear below, with additions underscored and deletions ~~overstruck~~.

NYMEX 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 and Compliance with Rules.

The 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. The Exchange’s 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. All market participants that execute trades in the Products on Globex® shall be entitled to participate in the Program. Chapter 4 of the Exchange rules includes prohibitions against fraudulent, non-competitive, unfair or abusive practices. The Program is subject to these rules.

NYMEX certifies that the 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 e-mail [CMEGSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com](mailto:CMEGSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com) or contact Rachel Johnson at 312-466-4393 or via e-mail at [Rachel.Johnson@cmegroup.com](mailto:Rachel.Johnson@cmegroup.com). Please reference our NYMEX Submission No. 15-545 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Bowen  
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachment: Exhibit 1

# EXHIBIT 1

## NN Fee Waiver Program

### **Program Purpose**

The purpose of this Program is to incentivize market participants to trade the product listed below on the CME Globex Platform. The resulting increase in liquidity for the product benefits all participant segments in the market.

### **Product Scope**

NYMEX Henry Hub Natural Gas Last Day Financial Futures contracts that are traded on the CME Globex Platform ("Products").

### **Eligible Participants**

There is no limit to the number of participants that may participate in the Program. Participants may be NYMEX member or non-member firms. The fee incentives described below will be automatically applied to all executed trades in the Products made by all market participants on Globex.

### **Program Term**

Start date is July 1, 2012. End date is ~~December 31, 2015~~ December 31, 2016.

### **Hours**

The incentives will apply to all trades made in the Products regardless of the execution time.

### **Program Incentives**

*Fee Waivers:* All market participants will have their trading fees waived for trades executed in the Products on the CME Globex Platform.