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☒	Certification	§ 40.6(a)
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☐	Advance Notice of SIDCO Rule Change	§ 40.10(a)
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☐	Certification Swap Class	§ 40.2(d)
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☐	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 16, 2014

VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL

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> RE: Extension of the NYMEX Natural Gas Basis Fee Waiver Program
>   NYMEX Submission No. 14-570

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 its fee waiver program in support of Natural Gas Basis energy products on Globex ("Program"). The extension of the Program will become effective on January 1, 2015.

Exhibit 1 sets forth the terms of this Program. Modifications appear below, with additions underlined and deletions stricken-through.

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, Compliance with Rules, and Recordkeeping.

The Program does not 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. Additionally, the Exchange has implemented systems to track Program participants' volume to ensure proper distribution of earned incentives. The Program does not impact the Exchange's order execution. Chapter 4 of the NYMEX rules includes prohibitions against fraudulent, non-competitive, unfair or abusive practices. The Program is subject to the Exchange's record retention policies which comply with the CEA.

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 or contact Rachel Johnson at 312-466-4393 or via e-mail at Rachel.Johnson@cmegroup.com. Please reference our NYMEX Submission No. 14-570 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Bowen
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachment: Exhibit 1

EXHIBIT 1

NYMEX Natural Gas Basis Fee Waiver Program

Program Purpose

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

Product Scope

All NYMEX Natural Gas Basis products that are traded on Globex ("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 January 13, 2014. End date is ~~December 31, 2014~~ June 30, 2015.

Hours

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

Program Incentives

Fee Waivers. All Program participants will have their trading fees waived for all electronically executed Basis trades on Globex.