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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | “Non-Material Agricultural Rule Change” | § 40.4(b)(5) |
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Official Name(s) of Product(s) Affected: See filing.

Rule Numbers: Chapter 399

January 22, 2016

VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL

Mr. Christopher J. Kirkpatrick
 Office of the Secretariat
 Commodity Futures Trading Commission
 Three Lafayette Centre
 1155 21st Street, N.W.
 Washington, D.C. 20581

Re: CFTC Regulation 40.6(a) Certification. Notification Regarding the Expansion of the Listing Schedule – Addition of 4-Month Spread for Henry Hub Natural Gas Financial Calendar Spread Option Contract. NYMEX Submission No. 16-001

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. (“NYMEX” or “Exchange”) is notifying the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“CFTC” or “Commission”) that it is self-certifying amendments to the Henry Hub Natural Gas Financial Calendar Spread Option contract (the “Contract”). Specifically, effective on Sunday, February 7, 2016 for trade date Monday, February 8, 2016, the Exchange will list an option on four month spread futures for twelve consecutive months for trading on the NYMEX trading floor, CME Globex, and for submission for clearing via CME ClearPort, as set forth in Exhibit 1. Currently, the Exchange lists 2-month, 3-month, 5-month, and 6-month calendar spread options which are also governed by the existing Rulebook Chapter 399 (“Henry Hub Natural Gas Financial Calendar Spread Option”).

Exhibit 1.

Contract Name	Henry Hub Natural Gas Financial Calendar Spread Option - Four Month
Trading Unit	The underlying futures spread is defined as the settlement price of the first nearby underlying Natural Gas futures contract less the settlement price of the second nearby Natural Gas futures contract. A Henry Hub Natural Gas Financial Calendar Spread Put Option traded on the Exchange represents the cash difference between the strike price and the underlying futures spread multiplied by 10,000 MMBtu, or zero, whichever is greater. A Henry Hub Natural Gas Financial Calendar Spread Call Option traded on the Exchange represents the cash difference between the underlying futures spread and the strike price multiplied by 10,000 MMBtu, or zero, whichever is greater

Code	G10
Existing Rulebook Chapter	399
Underlying Instrument	Henry Hub Natural Gas Futures
Minimum Price Fluctuation	\$0.001 per MMBtu
Termination of Trading	Business Day Prior to termination of first underlying futures contract
Block Trade Minimum	15 Contracts
Listed Month	Twelve consecutive 4-Month Calendar Spreads
Strike Listing	Fifty strike prices in increments of \$0.05 per MMBtu above and below the at-the-money strike price. Strike price boundaries are adjusted according to futures price movements

Exchange Fees	Pit	CME Globex	CME ClearPort
Member	0.70	1.75	1.75
Cross Division Rate	0.95	2.13	
Non-Member Rate	1.45	2.50	2.5
International Incentive Program (IIP)		2.13	
Other NYX/CMX Processing Surcharges	Member	Non-Member	
Cash Settlement	0.90	1.15	
Other Processing Surcharges	Rate		
Facilitation Fee	0.40		
Give-up Surcharge	0.05		
Position Transfer/Position Adjustment	0.10		

Appendices A, B, and C reflect the addition of the Henry Hub Natural Gas Financial Calendar Spread Option - Four Month to the position limits table located in Chapter 5, NYMEX Rule 588.H. (“Globex Non-Reviewable Trading Ranges”), and NYMEX Rule 589 (“Special Price Fluctuation Limits”), respectively.

The Exchange reviewed the designated contract market core principles (“Core Principles”) as set forth in the Commodity Exchange Act (“CEA” or “Act”) and identified that the amendments may have some bearing on the following Core Principles:

- Availability of General Information: The Exchange will publish information on the change via a Special Executive Report (“SER”) to notify the marketplace of this amendment. The SER will also be available on the CME Group website.
- Daily Publication of Trading Information: The Exchange shall make public daily information on settlement prices, volume, open interest, and opening and closing ranges for actively traded contract on the contract market.
- Execution of Transactions: The product is dually listed for trading on CME Globex and the NYMEX trading floor and for clearing through the CME ClearPort platform.

Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the CEA and CFTC Regulation 40.6(a), the Exchange hereby certifies that the action described in this submission complies with the Act, including regulations under the Act. There were no substantive opposing views to this proposal.

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>.

Should you have any questions concerning the above, please e-mail CMEGSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com or contact the undersigned at (212) 299-2200.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Bowen
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachments: Appendix A – Position Limit, Position Accountability and Reportable Level Table in Chapter 5 of the NYMEX Rulebook (attached under separate cover)
Appendix B – NYMEX Rule 588.H. (“Globex Non-Reviewable Trading Ranges”)
Appendix C – NYMEX Rule 589. (“Special Price Fluctuations Limits”)

APPENDIX A

**Position Limit, Position Accountability and Reportable Level Table in Chapter 5
of the NYMEX Rulebook**

(attached under separate cover)

APPENDIX B

NYMEX Rule 588.H. (“Globex Non-Reviewable Trading Ranges”)

(additions are underlined)

Instrument	Bid/Ask Reasonability	Non-Reviewable Range (NRR)
<u>Henry Hub Natural Gas Financial Calendar Spread Option - Four Month</u>	<u>The greater of the delta times the underlying futures' non-reviewable range or 20% of the fair value premium up to the underlying futures' non- reviewable range with a minimum reasonability of \$0.05</u>	<u>The greater of delta times the underlying futures non-reviewable range or 20% of premium up to 1/4 of the underlying futures' non- reviewable range with a minimum of 1 tick</u>

APPENDIX C

NYMEX Rule 589. (“Special Price Fluctuation Limits”)

(additions are underlined>)

Product	Rulebook Chapter	Commodity Code	Primary/Associated	Associated With	Base in Real Economic Value	Level
Henry Hub Natural Gas Calendar Spread Option	391	IAY, IB, AIC, IE, IM, IZ, <u>G10</u>	Associated	NG		<u>See Rulebook Chapter</u>