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- Certification § 40.2(a)
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- Approval Security Futures § 41.23(b)
- Novel Derivative Product Notification § 40.12(a)
- Swap Submission § 39.5

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: See filing.

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February 12, 2018

VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL

Mr. Christopher J. Kirkpatrick
Office of the Secretariat
Commodity Futures Trading Commission
Three Lafayette Centre
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Washington, D.C. 20581

Re: CFTC Regulation 40.6(a) Certification. Notification Regarding Delisting of Three (3) Natural Gas Futures Contracts. NYMEX Submission No. 18-058

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 the delisting of three (3) natural gas futures contracts (the “Contracts”) as noted in the table below effective immediately. There is no open interest in the Contracts.

Contract Title	CME Globex Code	CME ClearPort Code	Rulebook Chapter
Southern Natural, Louisiana Natural Gas (Platts IFERC) Basis Futures	SZN	SZ	804
Columbia Gulf, Louisiana Natural Gas (Platts IFERC) Basis Futures	GL	GL	638
Sumas Natural Gas (Platts IFERC) Fixed Price Futures	DVS	DVS	1029

The Contracts are being delisted from the CME Globex electronic trading platform and CME ClearPort, the venues on which they were listed.

Exhibit A provides amendments to the applicable NYMEX Rulebook Chapters in blackline format.

The product rule chapters and terms and conditions contained in the Position Limit, Position Accountability and Reportable Level Table located in the Interpretations and Special Notices Section of Chapter 5 (Trading Qualifications and Practices) of the NYMEX Rulebook were removed. Additionally, the Exchange will amend the aggregation allocations of the Sumas Natural Gas (Platts IFERC) Basis Futures contract (NYMEX Rulebook Chapter 628; Commodity Code NK). Specifically, this contract will aggregate into itself. A copy of the amended Table is attached under separate cover, in blackline format, as Exhibit A.

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 following Core Principles may be impacted by this initiative as follows:

- **Emergency Authority:** There is no open interest in the Contracts, and therefore there will be no market disruption related to their delisting.
- **Availability of General Information:** The Exchange will make publicly available the details of the delisting by publishing a Special Executive Report (“SER”) to the marketplace. The SER will be available on CME Group’s website.

Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Act and CFTC Regulation 40.6(a), the Exchange hereby certifies that the delisting of the Contracts 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: Exhibit A- Amendments to NYMEX Rulebook Chapters (blackline format) (attached under separate cover)

Exhibit B- Position Limit, Position Accountability, and Reportable Level Table in Chapter 5 of the NYMEX Rulebook (attached under separate cover)

Exhibit A

NYMEX Rulebook Chapters (deletions are struck through)

Chapter 804

Southern Natural, Louisiana Natural Gas (Platts IFERC) Basis Futures

804.1. SCOPE

The provisions of these rules shall apply to all futures contracts bought or sold on the Exchange for cash settlement based on the Floating Price.

804.2. FLOATING PRICE

The Floating Price for each contract month will be equal to the Platts Inside FERC's Gas Market Report ("Platts IFERC") Southern Natural Gas Co., Louisiana Index ("Index") published in the first regular issue of the contract month minus the NYMEX (Henry Hub) Natural Gas Futures contract final settlement price for the corresponding contract month.

804.3. CONTRACT QUANTITY AND VALUE

The contract quantity shall be 2,500 MMBtu (million British thermal units).

Transaction sizes for trading in any delivery month shall be restricted to whole number multiples of the number of calendar days in that contract month, provided however this restriction on transaction size does not apply to either Exchange of Futures for, or in Connection with Product (EFP) or Exchange of Futures for, or in Connection With Swap Transactions (EFS).

Each contract shall be valued as the contract quantity (2,500 MMBtu) multiplied by the settlement price.

804.4. CONTRACT MONTHS

Transactions shall be conducted in such days as shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

804.5. PRICES AND FLUCTUATIONS

Prices shall be quoted in U.S. dollars and cents per MMBtu. The minimum price fluctuation shall be \$0.0001 per MMBtu. There shall be no maximum price fluctuation.

804.6. TERMINATION OF TRADING

Trading shall cease on the last business day of the month prior to the contract month.

804.7. FINAL SETTLEMENT

Delivery under the contract shall be by cash settlement. Final settlement, following termination of trading for a contract month, will be based on the Floating Price. The final settlement price will be the Floating Price calculated for each contract month, provided, however, that in the event that the Floating Price is not available to the Exchange for any reason, the President or the President's designee, based on the best information available to the Exchange at the time, will determine a final settlement price, which in the judgment of staff, is intended to serve as the best substitute for the Floating Price.

804.8. RESERVED

804.9. DISCLAIMER

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Chapter 1029
Sumas Natural Gas (Platts IFERC) Fixed Price Futures

1029100. SCOPE OF CHAPTER

The provisions of these rules shall apply to all futures contracts bought or sold on the Exchange for cash settlement based on the Floating Price. The procedures for trading, clearing and cash settlement of this contract, and any other matters not specifically covered herein shall be governed by the general rules of the Exchange.

1029101. CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS

The Floating Price for each contract month will be equal to the bidweek (average) price ("Bidweek Price") found in *Platts Inside FERC ("IFERC") Gas Market Report* under the "Northwest Pipeline Corp., Canadian border" "index" published for the corresponding contract month.

1029102. TRADING SPECIFICATIONS

The number of months open for trading at a given time shall be determined by the Exchange.

1029102.A. Trading Schedule

The hours of trading for this contract shall be determined by the Exchange.

1029102.B. Trading Unit

The contract quantity shall be 2,500 MMBtu (million British thermal units). Each futures contract shall be valued as the contract quantity (2,500) multiplied by the settlement price.

1029102.C. Price Increments

Prices shall be quoted in U.S. dollars and cents per MMBtu. The minimum price fluctuation shall be \$0.0001 per MMBtu

1029102.D. Position Limits, Exemptions, Position Accountability and Reportable Levels

The applicable position limits and/or accountability levels, in addition to the reportable levels, are set forth in the Position Limit, Position Accountability and Reportable Level Table in the Interpretations & Special Notices Section of Chapter 5.

A Person seeking an exemption from position limits for bona fide commercial purposes shall apply to the Market Regulation Department on forms provided by the Exchange, and the Market Regulation Department may grant qualified exemptions in its sole discretion.

Refer to Rule 559 for requirements concerning the aggregation of positions and allowable exemptions from the specified position limits.

1029102.E. Termination of Trading

The contract shall terminate on the last business day of the month prior to the contract month.

1029103. FINAL SETTLEMENT

Final settlement under the contract shall be by cash settlement. Final settlement, following termination of trading for a contract month, will be based on the Floating Price. The final settlement price will be the Floating Price calculated for each contract month.

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Chapter 638
Columbia Gulf, Louisiana Natural Gas (Platts IFERC) Basis Futures

638.01. SCOPE

The provisions of these rules shall apply to all contracts bought or sold on the Exchange for cash settlement based on the Floating Price.

638.02. FLOATING PRICE

The Floating Price for each contract month will be equal to the Platts Inside FERC's Gas Market Report ("Platts IFERC") Columbia Gulf Transmission Corp., Louisiana Index ("Index") published in the first regular issue of the contract month minus the Henry Hub Natural Gas Futures contract final settlement price for the corresponding contract month.

638.03. CONTRACT QUANTITY AND VALUE

The contract quantity shall be 2,500 MMBtu (million British thermal units).

Transaction sizes for trading in any delivery month shall be restricted to whole number multiples of the number of calendar days in that contract month, provided however this restriction on transaction size does not apply to either Exchange of Futures for, or in Connection with Product (EFP) or Exchange of Futures for, or in Connection With Swap Transactions (EFS).

Each futures contract shall be valued as the contract quantity (2,500 MMBtu) multiplied by the settlement price.

638.04. CONTRACT MONTHS

Trading shall be conducted in contracts in such months as shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

638.05. PRICES AND FLUCTUATIONS

Prices shall be quoted in U.S. dollars and cents per MMBtu. The minimum price fluctuation shall be \$0.0001 per MMBtu. There shall be no maximum price fluctuation.

638.06. TERMINATION OF TRADING

Trading shall cease on the last business day of the month prior to the contract month.

638.07. FINAL SETTLEMENT

Delivery under the contract shall be by cash settlement. Final settlement, following termination of trading for a contract month, will be based on the Floating Price. The final settlement price will be the Floating Price calculated for each contract month.

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Exhibit B

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

(attached under separate cover)