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- Approval § 40.5(a)
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- 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.

Rule Numbers: See filing.



Christopher Bowen
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March 30, 2020

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 Delisting Four (4) Natural Gas (Platts) Futures and Option Contracts. NYMEX Submission No. 20-138

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 four (4) natural gas futures and option contracts (the “Contracts”) as noted in the table below, effective immediately. There is no open interest in the Contracts.

Contract Title	Rulebook Chapter	CME ClearPort Code	CME Globex Code
Rockies Natural Gas (Platts IFERC) "Pipe" Option	524A	ZR	AZR
Rockies Natural Gas (Platts IFERC) Fixed Price Futures	1280	XR	XR
San Juan Natural Gas (Platts IFERC) "Pipe" Option	519A	PJ	APJ
San Juan Natural Gas (Platts IFERC) Fixed Price Futures	1278	XX	XX

The Contracts are being delisted from the CME Globex electronic trading platform and CME ClearPort, the venues on which they were listed. The delisting of the Contracts is a result of the Exchange’s prior self-certifying to delist previously-listed contract months (NYMEX Submission No. 17-379 dated October 16, 2017).

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

Additionally, the Exchange is amending the position limit aggregation for the Rockies Natural Gas (Platts IFERC) Basis Futures (Chapter 524, Commodity Code: NR) and San Juan Natural Gas (Platts IFERC) Basis Futures (Chapter 519, Commodity Code: NJ). Specifically, these contracts will aggregate into themselves.

Also as a result of the delisting, information regarding the Contracts has been deleted from the respective product rulebook chapter, related position limits 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 (the “Table”), the CME Globex non-reviewable ranges located in Rule

588.H. of the NYMEX Rulebook, and the list of block-eligible products located on the CME Group website. The Table is attached under separate cover, in blackline format, as Exhibit B.

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)
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 (deletions struck through)

Chapter ~~524A~~ **~~Rockies Natural Gas (Platts IFERC) "Pipe" Option~~**

~~524A.01~~ TYPE OPTION

~~The option is a European Style option financially settled against the mathematical sum of the settlement prices for the underlying Rockies Natural Gas (Platts IFERC) Basis futures (NR) and Henry Hub Natural Gas Last Day Financial futures (NN).~~

~~524A.02~~ STRIKE PRICES

~~Transactions shall be conducted for option contracts as set forth in Rule 300.20.~~

~~524A.03~~ TRADING UNIT

~~On expiration of a call option, the value will be the difference between the settlement price of the underlying Rockies Natural Gas (Platts IFERC) Basis futures (NR) contract added to the Henry Hub Natural Gas Last Day Financial futures (NN) contract settlement price for the same "Pipe" month, and the strike price multiplied by 2,500 MMBtu, or zero, whichever is greater. On exercise of a put option, the value will be the difference between the strike price and the settlement price of the underlying Rockies Natural Gas (Platts IFERC) Basis futures (NR) contract added to the Henry Hub Natural Gas Last Day Financial futures (NN) contract settlement price for the same "Pipe" month multiplied by 2,500 MMBtu, or zero, whichever is greater.~~

~~524A.04~~ PRICES

~~Prices shall be quoted in dollars and hundredths of cents per MMBtu. A cabinet trade may occur at the price of \$1.00 per a contract.~~

~~The option contract shall expire on the termination day of the underlying Rockies Natural Gas (Platts IFERC) Basis futures (NR) contract.~~

~~524A.06~~ TRADED MONTHS

~~Trading months will be determined by resolution of the Exchange.~~

~~524A.07~~ DISCLAIMER

~~See [NYMEX/COMEX Chapter iv. \("DISCLAIMERS"\)](#) incorporated herein by reference.~~

~~Chapter 519A~~ ~~San Juan Natural Gas (Platts IFERC) "Pipo" Option~~

~~519A.01 TYPE OPTION~~

~~The option is a European Style option financially settled against the mathematical sum of the settlement prices for the underlying San Juan Natural Gas (Platts IFERC) Basis Futures (NJ) and Henry Hub Natural Gas Last Day Financial Futures (NN).~~

~~519A.02 STRIKE PRICES~~

~~Transactions shall be conducted for option contracts as set forth in Rule 300.20.~~

~~519A.03 TRADING UNIT~~

~~On expiration of a call option, the value will be the difference between the mathematical sum of the settlement prices for the underlying San Juan Natural Gas (Platts IFERC) Basis Futures (NJ) and Henry Hub Natural Gas Last Day Financial Futures (NN) and the strike price multiplied by 2,500 MMBtu, or zero, whichever is greater. On exercise of a put option, the value will be the difference between the strike price and the mathematical sum of the settlement prices for the underlying San Juan Natural Gas (Platts IFERC) Basis Futures (NJ) and Henry Hub Natural Gas Last Day Financial Futures (NN) multiplied by 2,500 MMBtu, or zero, whichever is greater.~~

~~519A.04 PRICES~~

~~Prices shall be quoted in dollars and hundredths of cents per MMBtu. A cabinet trade may occur at the price \$1.00 per contract.~~

~~519A.05 EXPIRATION~~

~~The option contract shall expire on the termination day of the underlying San Juan Natural Gas (Platts IFERC) Basis Futures (NJ) contract.~~

~~519A.06 TRADED MONTHS~~

~~Trading months will be determined by resolution of the Exchange.~~

~~519A.07 DISCLAIMER~~

~~See [NYMEX/COMEX Chapter iv, \("DISCLAIMERS"\)](#) incorporated herein by reference.~~

~~Chapter 1280~~ ~~Rockies Natural Gas (Platts IFERC) Fixed Price Futures~~

~~1280100. 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.~~

~~1280101. CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS~~

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

~~1280102. TRADING SPECIFICATIONS~~

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

~~1280102.A. Trading Schedule~~

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

~~1280102.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.~~

~~1280102.C. Price Increments~~

~~Prices shall be quoted in U.S. dollars and cents per MMBtu. The minimum price fluctuation shall be \$0.0025 per MMBtu.~~

~~1280102.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 550 for requirements concerning the aggregation of positions and allowable exemptions from the specified position limits.~~

~~1280102.E. Termination of Trading~~

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

~~1280103. 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.~~

~~1280104. DISCLAIMER~~

~~See [NYMEX/COMEX Chapter iv \("DISCLAIMERS"\)](#) incorporated herein by reference.~~

~~Chapter 1278~~ ~~San Juan Natural Gas (Platts IFERC) Fixed Price Futures~~

~~1278100. 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.~~

~~1278101. CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS~~

~~The Floating Price for each contract month will be equal to the bidweek (average) price ("Bidweek Price") for the San Juan Basin found in Platts' Inside FERC ("IFERC") Gas Market Report under the "El Paso Natural Gas Co." "index" published for the corresponding contract month.~~

~~1278102. TRADING SPECIFICATIONS~~

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

~~1278102.A. Trading Schedule~~

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

~~1278102.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.~~

~~1278102.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.~~

~~1278102.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.~~

~~1278102.E. Termination of Trading~~

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

~~1278103. 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.~~

~~1278104. DISCLAIMER~~

~~See [NYMEX/COMEX Chapter iv. \("DISCLAIMERS"\)](#) incorporated herein by reference.~~

Exhibit B

**NYMEX Rulebook
Chapter 5
("Trading Qualifications and Practices")**

Position Limit, Position Accountability, and Reportable Level Table
(attached under separate cover)