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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)

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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

**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.

August 10, 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 of the Sumas Natural Gas (Platts IFERC) Basis Futures Contract. NYMEX Submission No. 20-324**

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. (“NYMEX” or “Exchange”) is certifying to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“CFTC” or “Commission”) the delisting of the Sumas Natural Gas (Platts IFERC) Basis Futures contract (the “Contract”) as noted in the table below, effective immediately. There is no open interest in the Contract.

<b>Contract Title</b>	<b>CME Globex Code</b>	<b>CME ClearPort Code</b>	<b>Rulebook Chapter</b>
Sumas Natural Gas (Platts IFERC) Basis Futures	NKN	NK	628

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

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

Also as a result of the delisting, information regarding the Contract 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 Appendix 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 Contract, 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 Contract 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](mailto:CMEGSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com) or contact the undersigned at (212) 299-2200.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Bowen  
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachments: Appendix A - Amendments to NYMEX Rulebook Chapter (blackline format)  
Appendix B - Position Limit, Position Accountability, and Reportable Level Table in Chapter 5 of the NYMEX Rulebook (attached under separate cover) (blackline format)

## Appendix A

### **NYMEX Rulebook** (deletions struck through)

#### **Chapter 628** **Sumas Natural Gas (Platts IFERC) Basis Futures**

##### **628.01. 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.

##### **628.02. FLOATING PRICE**

The Floating Price for each contract month will be equal to the Platts Inside FERC's Gas Market Report ("Platts IFERC") Northwest Pipeline Corp., Canadian border 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.

##### **628.03. 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.

##### **628.04. CONTRACT MONTHS**

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

##### **628.05. 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.

##### **628.06. TERMINATION OF TRADING**

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

##### **628.07. 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, 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.

**628.08. \_\_\_\_\_ RESERVED**

**628.09. \_\_\_\_\_ DISCLAIMER**

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

**Appendix B**

**NYMEX Rulebook**

**Chapter 5**

**(“Trading Qualifications and Practices”)**

**Position Limit, Position Accountability, and Reportable Level Table**

(attached under separate cover)

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