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VIA E-MAIL

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

Re: Rule Certification. New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. Submission #11-005: Notification of Listing of Second Nearby April – October Spread for each of Henry Hub Natural Gas Calendar Spread Option and Henry Hub Natural Gas Financial Calendar Spread Option on the Trading Floor and CME ClearPort®

Dear Mr. Stawick:

The New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. ("NYMEX" or "Exchange") is notifying the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") that it is self-certifying the expansion of listed months for each of Henry Hub Natural Gas Calendar Spread (Chapter 391, Commodity Code IM) and Henry Hub Natural Gas Financial Calendar Spread (Chapter 399, Commodity Code G6) options on the trading floor and CME ClearPort.

Specifically, for each of Henry Hub Natural Gas Calendar Spread Option (Chapter 391) and Henry Hub Natural Gas Financial Calendar Spread Option (Chapter 399), pursuant to Rules 391.03 ("Trading Months") and 399.03 ("Trading Months"), respectively, the Exchange is self-certifying the listing of an option on the six-month futures spread between the second nearby April – October, on a rolling basis.

For each of Henry Hub Natural Gas Calendar Spread option and Henry Hub Natural Gas Financial Calendar Spread option, the initial listing of an option on the second nearby April – October spread will be an option on the spread between the April 2012 and October 2012 contract months for the underlying futures contract.

These new financially settled calendar spread option contract months will be listed for open outcry trading during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Eastern Time, and on CME ClearPort for submission of EOO transactions pursuant to NYMEX Rule 538, beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 12, 2011 for trade date Thursday, January 13, 2011.

Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Commodity Exchange Act ("Act") and CFTC Rules 40.2 and 40.6, the Exchange hereby certifies that the attached contract amendments comply with the Act, including regulations under the Act.

Should you have any questions concerning the above, please contact Robert Biolsi at (212) 299-2610 or me at (212) 299-2200.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Bowen
Managing Director, Chief Regulatory Counsel