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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 #10-029: Notification of Amendments to NYMEX Rules 559, 560 and 561 Relating to the Launch of Four (4) New Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) CO2 Allowance Futures with Specific Vintage Years, and Administrative Amendments to Existing Related Contracts**

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 amendments to NYMEX Rules: 559, Position Limits and Exemptions; 560, Position Accountability; and 561, Reports of Large Positions, in relation to the listing of four (4) new Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) CO2 Allowance Futures with specific vintage years. These amendments establish the all month/any one month accountability levels, expiration position limits, reportable levels, and aggregation allocations for the new contracts. In addition, administrative amendments to existing related contracts align the all month/any one month accountability levels and expiration month limits with those of the new contracts.

Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Commodity Exchange Act ("Act") and CFTC Rule 40.6, the Exchange hereby certifies that the attached rule amendments comply with the Act, including regulations under the Act. These changes will be made effective on trade date January 25, 2010.

Should you have any questions concerning the above, please contact Anthony V. Densieski, Director, Market Surveillance, at (212) 299-2881, or me at (312) 648-5422.

Sincerely,

/s/ Stephen M. Szarmack  
Regulatory Counsel

Attachment

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**NOTIFICATION OF AMENDMENTS TO NYMEX RULES 559, 560 and 561**  
 (Bold/underline indicates additions; strikethrough indicates deletions)

<u>Contract Name</u>	<u>Rule Chapter</u>	<u>Commodity Code</u>	<u>All Month Account-ability Level</u>	<u>Any One Month Account-ability Level</u>	<u>Expira-tion Month Limit</u>	<u>Report-ing Level</u>	<u>Aggre-gate Into (1)</u>	<u>Aggre-gate Into (2)</u>
			<u>Rule 560</u>	<u>Rule 560</u>	<u>Rule 559</u>	<u>Rule 561</u>		
<i>Emissions</i>								
<u>Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) CO<sub>2</sub> Allowance Vintage 2009 Futures</u>	<u>873</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>8,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>RJ</u>	
<u>Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) CO<sub>2</sub> Allowance Vintage 2010 Futures</u>	<u>873</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>8,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>76</u>	
<u>Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) CO<sub>2</sub> Allowance Vintage 2011 Futures</u>	<u>873</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>8,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>86</u>	
<u>Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) CO<sub>2</sub> Allowance Vintage 2012 Futures</u>	<u>873</u>	<u>96</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>96</u>	
<u>Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) CO<sub>2</sub> Allowance Futures</u>	<u>873</u>	<u>RJ</u>	<u>5,000</u> <u>8,000</u>	<u>2,500</u> <u>6,000</u>	<u>1,000</u> <u>2,000</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>RJ</u>	
<u>Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) CO<sub>2</sub> Allowance Option</u>	<u>874</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>5,000</u> <u>8,000</u>	<u>2,500</u> <u>6,000</u>	<u>1,000</u> <u>2,000</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>RJ</u>	