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VIA E-MAIL

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Office of the Secretariat
Commodity Futures Trading Commission
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Re: Rule 40.6(a) Certification. New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. Submission #12-036: Notification of Amendment to Listing Schedule for Eight Petroleum Option 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 an amendment to the listing schedule for eight (8) petroleum option contracts. The listing schedule for the eight (8) option contracts shall be amended effective Sunday, February 12, 2012 for trade date Monday, February 13, 2012. The options are being expanded such that the listed contract months for the options are aligned with those of the underlying futures contracts.

The Exchange will expand the listing of contract months as set forth in the following contract rules:

- Heating Oil Option – Rule 320.03 ("Trading Months for Heating Oil Option Contract")
- Heating Oil Crack Spread Option – Rule 350.03 ("Trading Months for Heating Oil Crack Spread Option")
- Heating Oil Calendar Spread Option – Rule 392.03 ("Trading Months for Heating Oil Calendar Spread Option")
- Heating Oil Look-Alike Option – Rule 551.06 ("Traded and Cleared Months of Heating Oil Look-Alike Option Contract")
- Heating Oil Average Price Option – Rule 321.06 ("Trading Months of Heating Oil Average Price Option Contract")
- Heating Oil Crack Spread Average Price Option – Rule 523A.06 ("Trading Months")

The Exchange will expand the listing of contract months for the above-referenced option contracts in accordance with the table below:

Contract	Chapter	Code	Current Listing Schedule	NEW LISTING SCHEDULE	Listed Venue
Heating Oil Option	320	OH	Through January 2013	Through April 2013	CME Globex; NYMEX trading floor; CME ClearPort
Heating Oil Crack Spread Option	350	CH	Through December 2012	Through April 2013	CME Globex; NYMEX trading floor; CME ClearPort
Heating Oil 1-Month Calendar Spread Option	392	FA	Through January 2013	Through March 2013	CME Globex; NYMEX trading floor; CME ClearPort
Heating Oil 2-Month Calendar Spread Option	392	FB	Through December 2012	Through February 2013	NYMEX trading floor, CME ClearPort
Heating Oil 3-Month Calendar Spread Option	392	FC	Through November 2012	Through January 2013	NYMEX trading floor, CME ClearPort
Heating Oil Look-Alike Option	551	LB	Through January 2013	Through April 2013	NYMEX trading floor, CME ClearPort
Heating Oil Average Price Option	321	AT	Through December 2012	Through March 2013	NYMEX trading floor, CME ClearPort
Heating Oil Crack Spread Average Price Option	523A	3W	Through December 2012	Through March 2013	NYMEX trading floor, CME ClearPort

NYMEX business staff responsible for the rule amendments and the Exchange legal department collectively reviewed the designated contract market core principles ("Core Principles") as set forth in the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA"). During the review, Exchange staff identified that the listing rule amendments may have some bearing on the following Core Principle:

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- **Daily Publication of Trading Information:** NYMEX will continue to comply with this Core Principle by making public daily information on settlement prices, volume, open interest, and opening and closing ranges for the additional listing months for the eight option contracts listed above.

Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Commodity Exchange Act ("Act") and CFTC Regulation 40.6 (a), the Exchange hereby certifies that the listing rule amendments comply with the Act, including regulations under the Act. There were no substantive opposing views to this proposal. The amendments will become effective on Sunday, February 12, 2012 for trade date Monday, February 13, 2012.

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 contact the undersigned at (312) 930-8167 or Sean.Downey@cmegroup.com.

Sincerely,

/s/Sean M. Downey
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