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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 40.6(a) Certification. Notification of Amendments to Strike Prices Rule for National Balancing Point (NBP) Henry Hub Basis Option NYMEX Submission 12-093**

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 Chapter 333, Rule 333.05 ("Strike Prices") of the National Balancing Point (NBP) Henry Hub Basis Option (code V1) in order to correct an inadvertent error and provide inadvertently omitted language concerning the initial listing of strike prices below the at-the-money strike price.

There is no current open interest in this contract. The effective date shall be trade date April 10, 2012.

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 ("Act"). During the review, Exchange staff identified that the rule amendments may have some bearing on the following Core Principles:

- **Availability of General Information:** The amendments are being made to ensure that accurate information regarding the product is provided to the marketplace. The Exchange will continue to publish information on the contract's specification on its website, together with daily trading volume, open interest and price information.

Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Act and CFTC Regulation 40.6 (a), the Exchange hereby certifies that the rule amendments comply 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 contact the undersigned at (312) 930-8167 or at [Sean.Downey@cmegroup.com](mailto:Sean.Downey@cmegroup.com).

Sincerely,

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Appendix A – Rule Amendments

## Appendix A

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### 333.05. STRIKE PRICES

Trading shall be conducted for options with strike prices in increments as set forth below. A. On the first business day of trading in an option contract month, trading shall be at the following strike prices; (i) ~~the difference between the~~ previous day's settlement price for the underlying National Balancing Point (NBP) Henry Hub Basis Swap Futures contract rounded off to the nearest one-cent increment, unless such settlement price is precisely midway between two one-cent increments in which case it shall be rounded off to the lower one-cent increment and (ii) the ten strike prices which are ten one-cent increments higher than the strike price described in section (i) of this Rule 333.05(A). and (iii) the ten strike prices which are ten one-cent increments lower than the strike price described in subsection (A)(i) of this rule.

B. Thereafter, on any business day prior to the expiration of the option, new strike prices for both puts and calls will be added, such that at all times there will be at least ten one-cent increment strike prices above and below the at-the-money strike price available for trading in all options contract months. The at-the-money strike price will be determined in accordance with the procedures set forth in Subsection (A) of this Rule 333.05.

C. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (A) and (B) of this Rule, if the Exchange determines that trading in National Balancing Point (NBP) Henry Hub Basis Option contract will be facilitated thereby, the Exchange may, by resolution, change the increments between strike prices, the number of strike prices which shall be traded on the first day in any new option contract month, the number of new strike prices which will be introduced on each business day or the period preceding the expiration of a National Balancing Point (NBP) Henry Hub Basis Option contract in which no new strike prices may be introduced.