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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 #10-123:  
Notification of Expansion of Listed Contract Months for Central Appalachian Coal  
Option on Quarterly Futures Strip on NYMEX 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 contract months for Central Appalachian Coal Option on Quarterly Futures Strip contract (commodity code 6K, Chapter 355) from the currently listed 4 consecutive quarterly contracts to 16 consecutive quarterly contracts, through October 2014, for trading on the NYMEX trading floor and for submission for clearing through CME ClearPort. As of trade date May 24, 2010, Central Appalachian Coal Option on Quarterly Futures Strip will be listed on a January, April, July, and October cycle for the balance of the current calendar year plus the next four calendar years. Four (4) new options will be added upon the expiration of the October option.

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 listing of additional contract months complies with the Act, including regulations under the Act. The expansion of contract months will be effective on trade date May 24, 2010.

Should you have any questions concerning the above, please contact Bob Biolsi at 212-299-2610 or me at 312-648-5422.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Stephen M. Szarmack  
Regulatory Counsel

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