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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 #09-278: Notification Regarding the Listing of European Jet Kerosene (Platts) Cargoes CIF NWE Average Price Option Contract 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 listing of a new average price option contract. The European Jet Kerosene (Platts) Cargoes CIF NWE Average Price Option contract will financially settle against the currently listed average price calendar swap. This option is a European-style option which exercises on expiration day only.

The product, rule chapter, commodity code and underlying futures contract are as follows:

Product	Rule Chapter	Commodity Code	Underlying Futures Code
European Jet Kerosene (Platts) Cargoes CIF NWE Average Price Option	651A	30	UJ

This new average price option contract will be listed for open outcry trading during the hours of 9.00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, and on CME ClearPort clearing for submission of Exchange for Related Position transactions pursuant to NYMEX Rule 538 beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 22, 2009 for trade date November 23, 2009. This option, along with the underlying swap that is currently listed, represents a hedging instrument which allows for price protection on Jet Fuel for European delivery.

This contract will be listed for 36 consecutive monthly contracts beginning with December 2009 contract month.

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 complies with the Act, including regulations under the Act. This contract will be effective for trade date November 23, 2009.

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

Sincerely,

/s/ Stephen M. Szarmack
Director and Associate General Counsel

Attachments

Chapter 651A

European Jet Kerosene (Platts) Cargoes CIF NWE Average Price Option

651A.01 TYPE OPTION

A European Jet Kerosene (Platts) Cargoes CIF NWE Average Price Option is an average price option contract financially settled against the settlement prices for the underlying European Jet Kerosene (Platts) Cargoes CIF NWE Calendar Swap Futures contract. The option is a European-style option and cannot be exercised prior to expiration.

651A.02 EXPIRATION

A European Jet Kerosene (Platts) Cargoes CIF NWE Average Price Option contract shall expire on the last business day of the underlying calendar month.

651A.03 TRADING UNIT

On expiration of a call option, the value will be the difference between the final settlement price for the underlying European Jet Kerosene (Platts) Cargoes CIF NWE Calendar Swap Futures contract and the strike price multiplied by 1,000 metric tons, or zero, whichever is greater. On exercise of a put option, the value will be the difference between the strike price and the final settlement price for the underlying European Jet Kerosene (Platts) Cargoes CIF NWE Calendar Swap Futures contract multiplied by 1,000 metric tons, or zero, whichever is greater.

651A.04 HOURS OF TRADING

The European Jet Kerosene (Platts) Cargoes CIF NWE Average Price Option contract is available for open outcry trading on the Exchange trading floor between 9:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. (New York prevailing time) Monday through Friday, except on Exchange Holidays.

The European Jet Kerosene (Platts) Cargoes CIF NWE Average Price Option contract is available for clearing through CME ClearPort[®] from 6:00 p.m. Sundays through 5:15 p.m. Fridays (New York prevailing time), with a 45-minute halt in submission each day between 5:15 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., except on Exchange Holidays.

651A.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 the trading in an option contract month, trading shall be at the following strike prices;

(B) (i) the previous day's settlement price of the underlying European Jet Kerosene (Platts) Cargoes CIF NWE Calendar Swap Futures contract in the corresponding month rounded off to the nearest fifty cent strike price unless such settlement price is precisely midway between two strike prices in which case it shall be rounded off to the lower strike price and (ii) the five fifty cent strike prices which are five increments higher than the strike price described in subsection (B)(i) of this Rule and (iii) the five fifty cent strike prices which are five increments lower than the strike price described in this subsection of the Rule.

(C) Thereafter, on any business day prior to the expiration of the option, new consecutive strike prices for both puts and calls will be added such that there will be five increments above and below the at-the-money option.;

(D) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (A) through (C) of this Rule, if the Exchange determines that trading in European Jet Kerosene (Platts) Cargoes CIF NWE Average Price 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 in 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 European Jet Kerosene (Platts) Cargoes CIF NWE Average Price Option contract in which no new strike prices may be introduced.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

European Jet Fuel Market

The European petroleum products market in the Northwest Europe (NWE) represents a robust and liquid trading hub in Northern Europe with extensive storage and refining capacity. The NWE market is a vibrant import and refining hub for distillate fuel, with around 500,000 to 600,000 barrels per day of distillate fuel supplied by refineries in France, Germany and the Netherlands. The NWE market is a key supply center for European jet fuel, with production of 230,000 barrels per day in France, Germany and the Netherlands. Jet fuel demand in the NWE area, which includes France, Germany and the Netherlands, exceeds 200,000 barrels per day. The European jet fuel market, which is part of the distillate fuels sector, is a robust cash market with a liquid OTC swaps market. There is an active OTC swaps market with dozens of market participants that utilize jet fuel swaps to hedge their fuel price risk. The market participants (listed below) typically are active in both the cash market and the OTC swaps market. The Energy Information Administration (EIA) compiles consumption data from the International Energy Agency on the European market in their *International Energy Annual* publication available at the following link in Table 3.5: <http://www.eia.doe.gov/iea/pet.html>.

The link above also provides import data for the NWE market in Table 3.3, which reflects jet fuel imports for France, Germany and the Netherlands at around 170,000 barrels per day.

The European jet fuel market is priced in units of dollars per metric ton. The conversion factor is 7.45 barrels per metric ton. Further, the estimated trading volume of jet fuel (converted to barrel equivalents) in the Northwest Europe cash market is approximately 250,000 barrels per day. The typical transaction size is around 25,000 to 35,000 barrels. The volume of spot transactions is more than half of all cash transactions, and the balance of trades are longer-term contracts. There is active trading in forward cash deals and in the OTC swaps market. The bid/ask spreads are typically in increments of 50 cents per metric ton (or around 0.10 cents per gallon equivalent).

European Jet Fuel Market Participants

The market participation in the European jet fuel markets is diverse and includes many of the same commercial entities that are active in the New York Harbor market. The European cash market and OTC market participants number 30 to 40 commercial companies. A partial listing is as follows:

<u>Refiners</u>	<u>Traders/End Users</u>	<u>Brokers</u>	<u>Financial (Swaps)</u>
ConocoPhillips	Hess Energy Trading	GFI Starsupply	Citibank
Valero	Vitol	PVM	Deutsche Bank
Shell	Glencore	Man Financial	Barclays
ExxonMobil	Arcadia	ICAP	BankAmerica
BP	RWE Trading	Aspen Oil	AIG
Total	Cargill	Prebon	Merrill Lynch
OMV	Morgan Stanley	TFS	
Repsol	Goldman Sachs	Amerex	
CEPSA	Koch		
Netherlands Refining	Mabanaft		
AGIP (Italy)	Trafigura		
	Arcadia		
	Mercuria		
	Sempra		

Speculative Limits

The Exchange has set the expiration month limit for the European Jet Kerosene (Platts) Cargoes CIF NWE Average Price Option contract at 150 contracts (equivalent to 1.1 million barrels) which is approximately 22% of the monthly deliverable supply estimated at around five million barrels.