

December 9, 2009

**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 #09-299: Notification of Expansion of Listed Contract Months for Ten Natural Gas Liquids 5 Decimals (OPIS) Swap Futures and Average Price 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 the expansion of listed contract months for 10 Natural Gas Liquids (NGLs) 5 Decimals swap futures and average price option contracts listed below.

Specifically, the Exchange is self-certifying the expansion of listed contract months for the six (6) 5 Decimals swap futures contracts such that the swap futures contracts are listed through the current calendar year plus the next consecutive four (4) full calendar years. Following the termination of the December contract month, a new full calendar year will be added on an annual rolling basis.

With regard to the four (4) 5 Decimals average price options, the Exchange is self-certifying the expansion of listed contract months such that the average price option contracts are listed through the current calendar year plus the next consecutive three (3) full calendar years. Following the termination of the December contract month, a new full calendar year will be added on an annual rolling basis.

The listing of contract months for the 5 Decimal NGLs is being expanded in order to accommodate for the forthcoming migration of open interest in the corresponding 4 Decimal NGL to its equivalent 5 Decimal NGL. The forthcoming migration will be self-certified under separate submission. The first trade date for the newly added contract months shall be December 14, 2009.

Contract name	Code	Rule Chapter	Existing Listed Months	Expand to	First Trade Date for Added Contract Months
Mont Belvieu Ethane 5 Decimals (OPIS) Swap Futures	C0	410	37	Current + 4 years	12/14/09
Mont Belvieu LDH Propane 5 Decimals (OPIS) Swap Futures	B0	409	48	Current + 4 years	12/14/09
Mont Belvieu Normal Butane 5 Decimals (OPIS) Swap Futures	D0	411	36	Current + 4 years	12/14/09
Conway Propane 5 Decimals (OPIS) Swap Futures	8K	257	36	Current + 4 years	12/14/09
Mont Belvieu Natural Gasoline 5 Decimals (OPIS) Swap Futures	7Q	405	36	Current + 4 years	12/14/09
Mont Belvieu Iso-Butane 5 Decimals (OPIS) Swap Futures	8I	406	36	Current + 4 years	12/14/09
Mont Belvieu Ethane 5 Decimals (OPIS) Average Price Option	4J	410A	36	Current + 3 years	12/14/09
Mont Belvieu LDH Propane 5 Decimals (OPIS) Average Price Option	4H	409A	36	Current + 3 years	12/14/09

Mont Belvieu Normal Butane 5 Decimals (OPIS) Average Price Option	4K	411A	36	Current + 3 years	12/14/09
Mont Belvieu Natural Gasoline 5 Decimals (OPIS) Average Price Option	4I	405A	36	Current + 3 years	12/14/09

Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Commodity Exchange Act ("Act") and CFTC Rule 40.6, the Exchange hereby certifies that the addition of listed contract months complies with the Act, including regulations under the Act. The addition of contract months shall be effective December 14, 2009.

Should you have any questions concerning the above, please contact Daniel Brusstar at (212) 299-2604 or me at (312) 648-5422.

Sincerely,

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