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VIA E-MAIL

Ms. Melissa Jurgens
Office of the Secretariat
Commodity Futures Trading Commission
Three Lafayette Centre
1155 21st Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20581

**RE: NYMEX and COMEX Energy and Metals Products Non-Member Incentive Program
NYMEX/COMEX Submission No. 13-414**

Dear Ms. Jurgens:

New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. ("NYMEX") and Commodity Exchange, Inc. ("COMEX") (collectively, the "Exchanges") hereby notify the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") of the Non-Member Incentive Program for NYMEX and COMEX Energy and Metals Products that are traded on the CME Globex Platform ("Program")¹. The Program will become effective on January 1, 2014 and will extend its terms until June 30, 2014. The Exchanges will not renew the terms of the Program after June 30, 2014.

The Exchanges reviewed the designated contract market core principles ("Core Principles") as set forth in the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA"). During the review, Exchange staff identified the following Core Principles as potentially being impacted; Prevention of Market Disruption, Execution of Transactions, Protection of Market Participants, Compliance with Rules, and Recordkeeping.

The Program will not impact the Exchanges' ability to perform their trade practice and market surveillance obligations under the CEA and the Exchanges' market regulation staff will monitor all market participants that trade the Program's products to prevent manipulative trading and market abuse. Additionally, the Exchanges have implemented systems to ensure proper distribution of earned incentives. The reduced fee incentives in the proposed Program do not impact the Exchanges' order execution. Participants in the Program will be selected by NYMEX/COMEX staff using criteria as further stated in Exhibit 1. Chapter 4 of the NYMEX rules includes prohibitions against fraudulent, non-competitive, unfair or abusive practices. The Program is subject to these rules. The Program is subject to the Exchanges' record retention policies which comply with the CEA.

NYMEX and COMEX certify that the Program complies with the CEA and the regulations thereunder. There were no substantive opposing views to this Program.

The Exchanges certify that this submission has been concurrently posted on the Exchanges' website at <http://www.cmegroup.com/market-regulation/rule-filings.html>.

¹ This Program features the same terms as those described in NYMEX/COMEX Submission No. 11-511. The Program has continued since the expiration of Submission No. 11-511 on June 30, 2012, however, the Exchange inadvertently did not file a submission to cover the time period from July 1, 2012 through December 31, 2013.

If you require any additional information regarding this submission, please contact Tim Elliott at 312-466-7478 or via e-mail at tim.elliott@cmegroup.com, or contact me at 212-299-2200. Please reference our NYMEX/COMEX Submission No. 13-414 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Bowen
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Enclosure: Exhibit 1

EXHIBIT 1

NYMEX and COMEX Energy and Metals Products Non-Member Incentive Program

Program Purpose

The purpose of this Program is to attract new participants into the NYMEX and COMEX energy and metals markets traded on the CME Globex Platform. The resulting increase in central limit order book liquidity for energy and metals products on the CME Globex Platform benefits all participant segments in the market.

Product Scope

All NYMEX and COMEX energy and metals contracts traded on the CME Globex Platform ("Products").

Eligible Participants

There is no limit to the number of participants under the Program. Participants must be NYMEX and COMEX non-members. NYMEX/COMEX staff vets all potential participants through a competitive application process and takes into account multiple factors when determining if an applicant may participate, including, historical performance and current activity in the Products.

Program Term

Start date is January 1, 2014. End date is June 30, 2014. The Program will not renew after June 30, 2014.

Hours

N/A

Discounted Fee Incentives

Once accepted into the Program, participants will receive reduced fee rates for all trades executed in the Products on the CME Globex Platform.

Monitoring and Termination of Status

The Exchanges shall monitor trading activity and participants' performance and shall retain the right to revoke Program participant status if it concludes from review that a Program participant no longer meets the eligibility requirements of the Program.