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VIA E-MAIL

Mr. David Stawick
Office of the Secretariat
Commodity Futures Trading Commission
Three Lafayette Centre
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Washington, D.C. 20581

**Re: Rule Certification. New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. Submission #09-300:
Notification of Migration of Open Interest from 4 Decimal Natural Gas Liquids to 5
Decimal Natural Gas Liquids and Delisting of 4 Decimal Natural Gas Liquids**

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 migration of remaining open interest for the 4-decimal Natural Gas Liquids (NGLs) to their corresponding, 5-decimal, Natural Gas Liquids as illustrated in Table 1 below.

Table 1

Open Interest in 4-Decimal NGLs to Migrate into 5-Decimal NGLs					
4-Decimal NGLs			5-Decimal NGLs		
Contract name	Code	Rule Chapter	Contract name	Code	Rule Chapter
Mont Belvieu Propane (OPIS) Swap Futures	PT	581	Mont Belvieu LDH Propane 5 Decimals (OPIS) Swap Futures	B0	409
Mont Belvieu Propane (OPIS) Average Price Option	G1	581A	Mont Belvieu LDH Propane 5 Decimals (OPIS) Average Price Option	4H	409A
Mont Belvieu Propane (OPIS) BALMO Swap Futures	V6	313	Mont Belvieu LDH Propane (OPIS) BALMO Swap Futures	8O	296
Mont Belvieu Normal Butane (OPIS) Swap Futures	Z2	588	Mont Belvieu Normal Butane 5 Decimals (OPIS) Swap Futures	D0	411
Mont Belvieu Normal Butane (OPIS) Average Price Option	D1	588A	Mont Belvieu Normal Butane 5 Decimals (OPIS) Average Price Option	4K	411A
Mont Belvieu Normal Butane (OPIS) BALMO Swap Futures	Y5	316	Mont Belvieu Normal Butane (OPIS) BALMO Swap Futures	8J	299
Conway Propane (OPIS) Swap Futures	W1	584	Conway Propane 5 Decimals (OPIS) Swap Futures	8K	257
Mont Belvieu Natural Gasoline (OPIS) Swap Futures	W3	585	Mont Belvieu Natural Gasoline 5 Decimals (OPIS) Swap Futures	7Q	405
Mont Belvieu Natural Gasoline (OPIS) Average Price Option	E1	585A	Mont Belvieu Natural Gasoline 5 Decimals (OPIS) Average Price Option	4I	405A
Mont Belvieu Natural Gasoline (OPIS) BALMO Swap Futures	V5	314	Mont Belvieu Natural Gasoline (OPIS) BALMO Swap Futures	R0	297
Mont Belvieu Iso-Butane (OPIS) Swap Futures	Y2	587	Mont Belvieu Iso-Butane 5 Decimals (OPIS) Swap Futures	8I	406

In response to customer demand, the Exchange notified the Commission, under (1) self-certification #09-152 filed on August 13, 2009 (NGLs 5 decimals swap futures), (2) self-certification #09-197 filed on September 17, 2009 (NGLs 5 decimals swap futures and BALMOs), and (3) self-certification #09-228 filed on October 2, 2009 (NGLs 5 decimals average price options), that the Exchange began offering 5 decimals NGLs swap futures, BALMOs and average price option contracts whose only difference from the Exchange's existing 4-decimal NGLs swap futures, BALMOs and average price option contracts is that they can accommodate for a 5 decimal point price as opposed to the existing contracts' accommodation of a 4 decimal point price. The migration of open interest will have no effect or impact on the price value. In addition, as there continues to be no change in final settlement as a result of the proposed migration of open interest, the Exchange does not believe that the migration of open interest will affect the value of this contract. Furthermore, holders of open interest have been contacted and have agreed to the migration of open interest.

In order to better serve the industry, the Exchange believes that migration of open interest into the 5-decimal contract provides more concentrated liquidity into one contract at a higher level of precision.

The migration of open interest will have the effect of liquidating all open positions in the 4-decimal contract and establishing equivalent new positions in the 5-decimal contract. The migration will occur at close of business on Friday, December 18, 2009 for effective date Monday, December 21, 2009. Please note that the Exchange successfully completed the migration of its 4-decimal Mont Belvieu Ethane swap futures, BALMO and average price option contracts into their corresponding 5-decimal Mont Belvieu Ethane swap futures, BALMO and average price option contracts after the close of business on Monday, November 30, 2009 (see Submission #09-285, self-certified with the Commission on November 24, 2009).

As a result of this migration, the Exchange hereby notifies the Commission that it is self-certifying the delisting of the 4-decimal NGLs swaps futures, average price option contracts and BALMO contracts listed in Table 2 below. The delisting will become effective at close of business on Friday, December 18, 2009.

Table 2

4-Decimal NGLs		
Contract name	Code	Rule Chapter
Mont Belvieu Propane (OPIS) Swap Futures	PT	581
Mont Belvieu Propane (OPIS) Average Price Option	G1	581A
Mont Belvieu Propane (OPIS) BALMO Swap Futures	V6	313
Mont Belvieu Normal Butane (OPIS) Swap Futures	Z2	588
Mont Belvieu Normal Butane (OPIS) Average Price Option	D1	588A
Mont Belvieu Normal Butane (OPIS) BALMO Swap Futures	Y5	316
Conway Propane (OPIS) Swap Futures	W1	584
Mont Belvieu Natural Gasoline (OPIS) Swap Futures	W3	585
Mont Belvieu Natural Gasoline (OPIS) Average Price Option	E1	585A
Mont Belvieu Natural Gasoline (OPIS) BALMO Swap Futures	V5	314
Mont Belvieu Iso-Butane (OPIS) Swap Futures	Y2	587

The Exchange further notifies the Commission that it is self-certifying the removal of references to the delisted contracts from its Chapter 5, Position Limit, Position Accountability and Reportable Level Table as indicated in the attached, blacklined Exhibit A.

Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Commodity Exchange Act ("Act") and CFTC Rule 40.6, the Exchange hereby certifies that the migration of open interest, the delisting and amendment to Chapter 5 comply with the Act, including regulations under the Act. The effective date shall be close of business December 18, 2009 for trade date Monday, December 21, 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

Attachment

Notification of Amendments to Chapter 5, Position Limit, Position Accountability and Reportable Level Table

(strikethrough indicates deletion)

<u>Contract Name</u>	<u>Rule Chapter</u>	<u>Commodity Code</u>	<u>Diminishing Balances Contracts</u>	<u>All Month Accountability Level</u>	<u>Any One Month Accountability Level</u>	<u>Expiration Month Limit</u>	<u>Reporting Level</u>	<u>Aggregate Into (1)</u>
				<u>Rule 560</u>	<u>Rule 560</u>	<u>Rule 559</u>	<u>Rule 561</u>	
<i>Light Hydrocarbons</i>								
<i>Conway</i>								
Conway Propane (OPIS) Swap Futures	584	W1	*REMOVE	2,000	1,500	250	25	8K
<i>Mont Belvieu</i>								
Mont Belvieu Iso-Butane (OPIS) Swap Futures	587	Y2	*REMOVE	2,000	1,500	250	25	8I
Mont Belvieu Natural Gasoline (OPIS) Swap Futures	585	W3	*REMOVE	2,000	1,500	250	25	7Q
Mont Belvieu Natural Gasoline (OPIS) Average Price Option	585A	E1		2,000	1,500	250	25	7Q
Mont Belvieu Natural Gasoline (OPIS) BALMO Swap Futures	314	V5		2,000	1,500	250	25	7Q
Mont Belvieu Normal Butane (OPIS) Swap Futures	588	Z2	*	2,000	1,500	250	25	D0
Mont Belvieu Normal Butane (OPIS) Average Price Option	588A	D1		2,000	1,500	250	25	D0
Mont Belvieu Normal Butane (OPIS) BALMO Swap Futures	316	Y5		2,000	1,500	250	25	D0
Mont Belvieu Propane (OPIS) Swap Futures	581	PT	*REMOVE	1,500	1,500	250	25	B0
Mont Belvieu Propane (OPIS) Average Price Option	581A	G1		1,500	1,500	250	25	B0
Mont Belvieu Propane (OPIS) BALMO Swap Futures	313	V6	*REMOVE	2,000	1,500	250	25	B0