

June 4, 2014

### **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: Gulf Coast Refined Products Incentive Program NYMEX Submission No. 14-225

Dear Ms. Jurgens:

New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. ("NYMEX" or "Exchange") hereby notifies the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") of plans to implement the Gulf Coast Refined Products Incentive Program ("Program"). The proposed Program will become effective on June 19, 2014.

Exhibit 1 sets forth the terms of the Program.

The Exchange reviewed the designated contract market core principles ("Core Principles") as set forth in the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA"). During the review, NYMEX 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 Exchange's ability to perform its trade practice and market surveillance obligations under the CEA. The Exchange's market regulation staff will monitor trading in the Program's products to prevent manipulative trading and market abuse. Additionally, the Exchange has implemented systems to track Program participants' volume to ensure proper distribution of earned incentives. The products included in this Program are listed for trading in the open and competitive market. Participants in the Program will be selected by NYMEX 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. All participants must execute a contractual agreement with NYMEX in which each participant will expressly agree to comply with and be subject to, applicable regulations and NYMEX rules. The Program will be subject to the Exchange's record retention policies which comply with the CEA.

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

The Exchange certifies that this submission has been concurrently posted on the Exchange's website at <a href="http://www.cmegroup.com/market-regulation/rule-filings.html">http://www.cmegroup.com/market-regulation/rule-filings.html</a>.

If you require any additional information regarding this submission, please contact Tim Elliott at 312-466-7478 or via e-mail at <a href="mailto:tim.elliott@cmegroup.com">tim.elliott@cmegroup.com</a>, or contact me at 212-299-2200. Please reference our NYMEX Submission No. 14-225 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christopher Bowen
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachment: Exhibit 1

# **EXHIBIT 1**

# **Gulf Coast Refined Products Incentive Program**

### **Program Purpose**

The purpose of this Program is to build liquidity in NYMEX North American Crude and Refined products. The resulting increase in liquidity benefits all participant segments in the market.

# **Product Scope**

Certain NYMEX North American Crude and Refined products that are traded on the NYMEX trading floor, CME Globex, or submitted for clearing via CME ClearPort ("Products").

# **Eligible Participants**

NYMEX may designate up to five (5) participants in the Program. Participants may be NYMEX members or non-members. When selecting participants for the Program, NYMEX will take into account: (i) the potential participant's historical volume traded in the products and similar products over the previous twelve (12) months, and (ii) the potential participant's ability to maintain volume thresholds. NYMEX may, from time to time, add or subtract from the aforementioned requirements as it deems necessary.

# **Program Term**

Start date is June 19, 2014. End date is December 31, 2014.

## **Hours**

N/A

#### **Incentives**

Upon meeting all obligations, as determined by the Exchange, Program participants may be eligible for predetermined incentives.

## **Monitoring and Termination of Status**

The Exchange 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 has failed to meet its obligations or no longer meets the eligibility requirements of the Program.