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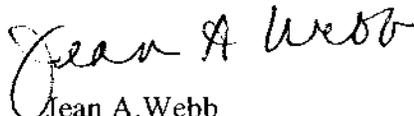
Re: Notice that the Commission has Approved the New York Mercantile Exchange's Light Louisiana Sweet; West Texas Sour; West Texas Intermediate, Midland Delivery; and Mars Blend Crude Oil Futures Contracts

Dear Mr. Levin:

By a submission dated April 9, 2001, which was received by the Commission on April 11, 2001, the New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX or Exchange) requested that the Commission approve the four subject domestic crude oil futures contracts and the corresponding rules pursuant to section 5c(c)(2)(A) of the Commodity Exchange Act (Act) as amended.

The Commission has reviewed the materials submitted by the Exchange and has determined that the contracts meet the requirements of the Act and the Commission rules and regulations thereunder including Guideline No. 1. Accordingly, please be advised that, as of the date of this letter, the NYMEX's subject domestic crude oil futures contracts were approved and, on the same date, rules XXX.01 through XXX.23 were approved pursuant to section 5c(c)(3) of the Act.

Sincerely,


Jean A. Webb

Secretary of the Commission