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

NYMEX Submission 04.177

Re: Notification of Listing Schedule Change for NYMEX Natural Gas Futures, Henry Hub Swap, Henry Hub Penultimate Swap, Natural Gas Options, and European Natural Gas Options contracts.

Dear Ms. Jean Webb:

The New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. ("NYMEX" or the "Exchange") is notifying the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") that it will list additional contract months for **the Natural Gas Futures, Henry Hub Swap, Henry Hub Penultimate Swap, Natural Gas Options, and European Natural Gas Options contracts (the "Contracts:")** according to the following amended schedule. **The Exchange will list months for six consecutive years beginning with the months remaining in the current year. When December of the current year expires, the full year following the five remaining previously listed years will be added. For example, when the December 2005 contract terminates, all months for calendar year 2011 will be listed on the next business day.**

The new listing schedule will become effective immediately. Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Commodity Exchange Act ("Act") and CFTC Rule 40.6, the Exchange hereby certifies that this amended listing schedule complies with the Act, including regulations under the Act.

Should you have any questions concerning the above, please contact Dan McElduff (212-299-2606, dmcelduff@nymex.com); or the undersigned at (212) 299-2390.

Very truly yours,

Robert A. Levin
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