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Via E-Mail

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

Re: Rule Certification. NYMEX Submission 05.161: Notification of Amendments to NYMEX Rules 9.26, 9.27, and 9.34 for Three New Natural Gas Basis Swap Futures Contracts.

Dear Ms. Jean Webb:

The New York Mercantile Exchange ("NYMEX" or the "Exchange") is notifying the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") of amendments to NYMEX Rules 9.26, All Month/Any One Month Position Accountability; 9.27, Expiration and Current Delivery Month Position Limits or Position Accountability; and 9.34, Reporting Levels.

Effective for trade date September 12, 2005, these amendments include the addition of position limits, accountability levels, and reporting levels for three new Natural Gas Basis Swap Futures Contracts: Sonat Basis (Platts IFERC) Futures Contract, Transco Zone 4 Basis (Platts IFERC) Futures Contract, and FGT Zone 3 Basis (Platts IFERC) Futures Contract. Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Commodity Exchange Act ("Act") and CFTC Rule 40.6, the Exchange hereby certifies that the attached rule amendment complies with the Act, including regulations under the Act.

Should you have any questions concerning the above, please contact Anthony V. Densieski, Senior Director, Market Surveillance, at (212) 299-2881, or Nicholas G. Galati, Director, Market Surveillance, at (212) 299-2920.

Very truly yours,

Thomas LaSala
Senior Vice President
Compliance and Risk Management

cc: Brian Regan
Nancy Minett

(Additions are in bold and underlined.)

NYMEX Rule 9.26, All Month/Any One Month Position Accountability

Sections (A) through (D)(IV) Cash-Settled Coal Products remain unchanged.

(D) IV. Cash-Settled Natural Gas Products	Net Futures or Futures-Equivalent Position Accountability Levels
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<u>Sonat Basis (Platts IFERC) Futures Contract</u>	<u>10,000 contracts</u>
<u>Transco Zone 4 Basis (Platts IFERC) Futures Contract</u>	<u>10,000 contracts</u>
<u>FGT 3 Basis (Platts IFERC) Futures Contract</u>	<u>10,000 contracts</u>

(Inserted between Trunkline LA Basis and San Juan Index.)

Remainder of the Rule is unchanged.

NYMEX Rule 9.27, Expiration and Current Delivery Month Position Limits or Position Accountability

Sections (A) through (B)(IV) Cash-Settled Coal Products remain unchanged.

(B) IV. Cash-Settled Natural Gas Products	Net Futures or Futures-Equivalent Expiration Position Limits
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<u>Sonat Basis (Platts IFERC) Futures Contract</u>	<u>500 contracts</u>
<u>Transco Zone 4 Basis (Platts IFERC) Futures Contract</u>	<u>500 contracts</u>
<u>FGT 3 Basis (Platts IFERC) Futures Contract</u>	<u>500 contracts</u>

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Remainder of the Rule is unchanged.

NYMEX Rule 9.34, Reporting Levels

Section (A), Commodity remains unchanged.

**Futures Contracts listed for Trading Only on NYMEX ClearPortsm Trading
and also Listed for Clearing of Off-Exchange Transactions Through NYMEX
ClearPortsm Clearing**

<u>Sonat Basis (Platts IFERC) Futures Contract</u>	<u>25 contracts</u>
<u>Transco Zone 4 Basis (Platts IFERC) Futures Contract</u>	<u>25 contracts</u>
<u>FGT 3 Basis (Platts IFERC) Futures Contract</u>	<u>25 contracts</u>

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