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Re: Rule Certification. NYMEX Submission 06.93: Notification of Amendments to NYMEX Rules 6.57, Post-Close Trading Session, And 6.57A, End of Week Trading Session.

Dear Ms. Eileen A. Donovan:

The New York Mercantile Exchange ("NYMEX" or the "Exchange") is notifying the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") of amendments to NYMEX Rules 6.57, Post-Close Trading Session, and 6.57A, End of Week Trading Session.

The amendments include clarification that prints that occur in the post-close which are outside either the high or low of the official Exchange high/low for the day shall not be considered in determining the high or low prices traded during the regular trading day. This amendment codifies existing procedures. Secondly, the amendments move back the earliest time the post-close can commence by five minutes, from 2:45 to 2:40 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and from 20 minutes to 15 minutes after the close (2:45 p.m.) on Fridays, expiration days and 3-day weekends. These amendments will be effective Monday, August 7, 2006. Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Commodity Exchange Act ("Act") and CFTC Rule 40.6, the Exchange hereby certifies that the attached rule amendments comply with the Act, including regulations under the Act.

Should you have any questions concerning the above, please contact Nancy Minett, Vice President, Compliance, at (212) 299-2940, or the undersigned at (212) 299-2897.

Very truly yours,

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Senior Vice President
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cc: Brian Regan
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(Additions are in bold and underlined; deletions are in bold and strikethrough.)

Rule 6.57, Post-Close Trading Session

Rule 6.57, Post-Close Trading Session. ~~Fifteen (15)~~ Ten (10) minutes after the close of trading in all energy futures and option contracts traded on the NYMEX trading floor, or five (5) minutes after the closing range is established for all applicable contract month other than contract months in the Sour Crude Oil futures contract, whichever is later, trading shall resume for a period of two (2) minutes (the "Session") in all energy and metals futures and option contracts, subject to the following conditions:

- (A) Trading in all futures contract months as well as option contract months will be permitted.
- (B) There shall be no maximum limits on the trading range in a Session and all trades occurring during the Session for a particular contract month of a futures contract shall be executed openly and competitively.
- (C) During the Session, Floor Members, Floor Brokers and their customers may participate in the same manner as trading occurring during the regular RTH session, except that any order submitted during the RTH session, including but not limited to resting orders such as stop orders, limit orders and good until cancelled (GTC) orders, will be deemed to have expired as of the end of RTH for purposes of this Session. Accordingly, in the event that a market participant with such an expired order seeks to participate in the Session, a new order must be submitted.
- (D) Prices for trades executed during the Session shall be reported on public ticker services as current market prices. ~~and~~ Trades executed during the Session shall not be considered in determining any settlement price, **nor considered in determining the high or low prices traded during the regular trading day.** ~~and~~
- (E) Floor Members executing trades during the Session shall mark a line across their trading cards prior to the entry of a Session trade. This paragraph (E) shall not apply to Floor Members using an Approved Handheld.
- (F) Prohibition on Cross-Trades. A Floor Member who has in hand at any time in the post-close session buy and sell orders of different principals for the same commodity for future delivery in the same delivery month shall not execute such orders directly between such principals.

Rule 6.57A, End of Week Trading Session

On the last trading day of the calendar week, and, in any week when an Exchange holiday falls on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday on the trading day preceding such midweek Exchange holiday, there shall be no post-close trading session provided on the trading floor pursuant to Rule 6.57. Instead, on such dates, an end of week trading session (the "End of Week Session") shall commence on the trading floor pursuant to this rule and subsequent to the close. Except as otherwise provided by the President or the President's designee for a particular trade date, such End of Week Session shall commence ~~twenty (20)~~ fifteen (15) minutes after the close of trading

in such NYMEX Division futures contracts as designated by the Board and shall continue for a period of five (5) minutes in such futures contracts, subject to the following conditions:

(A) Trading during the End of Week Session shall be limited to the first twelve (12) listed delivery months;

(B) There shall be no maximum limits on the trading range in an End of Week Session and all trades occurring during the End of Week Session for a particular contract month of a futures contract shall be executed openly and competitively.

(C) During the End of Week Session, Floor Members, Floor Brokers and their customers may participate in the same manner as trading occurring during the regular RTH session, except that any order submitted during the RTH session, including but not limited to resting orders such as stop orders, limit orders and good until cancelled (GTC) orders, will be deemed to have expired as of the end of RTH for purposes of this End of Week Session. Accordingly, in the event that a market participant with such an expired order seeks to participate in the End of Week Session, a new order must be submitted.

(D) Prices for trades executed during the End of Week Session shall be reported on public ticker services;

(E) Current market prices and trades executed during the End of Week Session shall not be considered in determining any settlement price. ~~and~~ **Trades executed during the End of Week Session shall not be considered in determining the high and low prices traded during the End of Week Session.**

(F) Floor Members executing trades during the End of Week Session shall mark a line across their trading cards prior to the entry of an End of Week Session trade. This paragraph (F) shall not apply to Floor Members using an Approved Handheld.

(G) Prohibition on Cross-Trades. A Floor Member who has in hand at any time in the end-of-week session buy and sell orders of different principals for the same commodity for future delivery in the same delivery month shall not execute such orders directly between such principals.