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Office of the Secretariat
Commodity Futures Trading Commission
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**Re: Rule Certification. NYMEX Submission 04.157 – Notification of
Amendment to NYMEX Division Rule 6.57.**

Dear Ms. Jean Webb:

The New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. (“NYMEX” or the “Exchange”) hereby notifies the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“CFTC”) of an amendment to NYMEX Division Rule 6.57, Post-Close Trading Session.

The amendment to NYMEX Division Rule 6.57 will provide for trading in the post-close period in ALL futures and option contract months. This amendment will be effective December 1, 2004. Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Commodity Exchange Act (“Act”) and CFTC Rule 40.6, the Exchange hereby certifies that the new amendments comply with the Act, including regulations under the Act.

Should you have any questions concerning the above, please contact the undersigned at 212-299-2940.

Very truly yours,

Nancy M. Minett
Vice President
Compliance Department

Attachments

cc: Thomas LaSala
Brian Regan

(Additions are in bold and underlined; strikethroughs indicate deletions.)

NYMEX Rule 6.57 Post-Close Trading Session

Rule 6.57, Post-Close Trading Session. Fifteen (15) 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 during the Session shall be limited to the first twelve (12) listed delivery months;~~
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; 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.