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**Organization Rules and Rule Amendments**

- Certification § 40.6(a)
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- SIDCO Emergency Rule Change § 40.10(h)

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**New Product**

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- Certification § 40.2(a)
- Certification Security Futures § 41.23(a)
- Certification Swap Class § 40.2(d)
- Approval § 40.3(a)
- Approval Security Futures § 41.23(b)
- Novel Derivative Product Notification § 40.12(a)
- Swap Submission § 39.5

**Official Product Name:**

**Product Terms and Conditions (product related Rules and Rule Amendments)**

- Certification § 40.6(a)
- Certification Made Available to Trade Determination § 40.6(a)
- Certification Security Futures § 41.24(a)
- Delisting (No Open Interest) § 40.6(a)
- Approval § 40.5(a)
- Approval Made Available to Trade Determination § 40.5(a)
- Approval Security Futures § 41.24(c)
- Approval Amendments to enumerated agricultural products § 40.4(a), § 40.5(a)
- "Non-Material Agricultural Rule Change" § 40.4(b)(5)
- Notification § 40.6(d)

Official Name(s) of Product(s) Affected:

Rule Numbers:

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**VIA ELECTRONIC PORTAL**

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**RE: Modifications to the NYMEX Micro Natural Gas Futures Market Development Program  
NYMEX Submission No. 24-188**

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. ("NYMEX" or "Exchange") hereby notifies the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") of plans to modify the NYMEX Micro Natural Gas Futures Market Development Program ("Program"). The modifications to the Program will become effective on May 1, 2024.

Exhibit 1 sets forth the terms of the Program. Modifications appear below, with additions underlined and deletions ~~everstruck~~.

The Exchange reviewed the designated contract market core principles ("Core Principles") as set forth in the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA" or "Act"). During the review, Exchange staff identified the following Core Principles as potentially being impacted: Monitoring of Trading, Execution of Transactions, Protection of Market Participants, Compliance with Rules, Availability of General Information, and Recordkeeping.

The Program does not impact the Exchange's ability to perform its trade practice and market surveillance obligations under the CEA. The Exchange will monitor trading in the Program's product to prevent manipulative trading and market abuse. Additionally, the Exchange has implemented systems to track Program participants' volume to ensure proper distribution of earned incentives. The product included in this Program is listed for trading in the open and competitive market. Participants in the Program will be selected by Exchange staff using criteria as further stated in Exhibit 1. Chapter 4 of the Exchange rules includes prohibitions against fraudulent, non-competitive, unfair, or abusive practices. All participants must execute a contractual agreement with the Exchange in which each participant will expressly agree to comply with and be subject to applicable regulations and Exchange rules. The Program is subject to the Exchange's record retention policies which comply with the CEA.

NYMEX certifies that the Program complies with the CEA and the regulations thereunder. There were no substantive opposing views to this Program.

The Exchange certifies that this submission has been concurrently posted on the Exchange's website at <http://www.cmegroup.com/market-regulation/rule-filings.html>.

If you require any additional information regarding this submission, please e-mail [CMEGSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com](mailto:CMEGSubmissionInquiry@cmegroup.com) or contact Rachel Johnson at 312-466-4393 or via e-mail at [Rachel.Johnson@cmegroup.com](mailto:Rachel.Johnson@cmegroup.com). Please reference our NYMEX Submission No. 24-188 in any related correspondence.

Sincerely,

/s/ Timothy Elliott  
Managing Director and Chief Regulatory Counsel

Attachment: Exhibit 1

# EXHIBIT 1

## NYMEX Micro Natural Gas Futures Market Development Program

### **Program Purpose**

The purpose of this Program is to support the development of the product listed below. A more liquid contract benefits all participants in the market.

### **Product Scope**

Micro Henry Hub Natural Gas Futures (“MNG”) that are traded on the CME Globex Platform (“Product”).

### **Eligible Participants**

There is no limit to the number of participants that may participate in the Program. Participants may be NYMEX members or non-members. Participants must be classified as a proprietary trading firm.

### **Program Term**

Start date is November 6, 2023. End date is ~~April 30, 2024~~ January 31, 2025.

### **Hours**

N/A

### **Obligations**

In order to be eligible to receive incentives, participants must meet certain volume thresholds in the Product.

### **Incentives**

Upon meeting all requirements, as determined by the Exchange, participants will receive predetermined incentives.

### **Monitoring and Termination of Status**

The Exchange shall monitor trading activity and participants’ performance and shall retain the right to revoke participant status if it concludes from review that a participant has failed to meet the requirements of the Program.