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

Re: Certification: New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc.
Submission #05.149 (Listing of Additional Strike Prices for the
Silver, Copper, Heating Oil, Crude Oil, Natural Gas, Unleaded Gasoline
and Related Calendar Spread Option Contracts)

Dear CFTC Commissioners:

Pursuant to COMEX Rule 16.03, COMEX Rule 17.04 and NYMEX Rule 300.20, the President of the New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. ("Exchange") has directed that additional strike prices be added for certain contract months in the Silver, Copper, Heating Oil, Crude Oil, Natural Gas, Unleaded Gasoline and related Calendar Spread option contracts as detailed below:

- (A) On August 17, 2005, the Exchange added a call and a put:
1. at the strike price of 11750 for the September 2005 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;
 2. at the strike prices of 21300 and 22200 for the October 2005 contract month of the Unleaded Gasoline option contract;
 3. at the strike price of -1000 for the October 2005 contract month of the Natural Gas Three month Calendar Spread option contract;
 4. at the strike price of 22200 for the October 2005 contract month of the Heating Oil option contract;
 5. at the strike price of 12300 for the November 2005 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;
 6. at the strike prices of 22700 and 24300 for the November 2005 contract month of the Heating Oil option contract;

7. at the strike price of 26400 for the December 2005 contract month of the Heating Oil option contract;

8. at the strike prices of 10350 and 12800 for the December 2005 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;

9. at the strike prices of 12200 and 13300 for the February 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;

10. at the strike price of 30000 for the March 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;

11. at the strike price of 1500 for the March 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas One month Calendar Spread option contract;

12. at the strike price of 8600 for the September 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;

13. at the strike price of 1050 for the December 2007 contract month of the Silver option contract;

(B) On August 18, 2005, the Exchange added a call and a put:

14. at the strike price of 174 for the September 2005 contract month of the Copper option contract;

15. at the strike prices of - 55 and 55 for the September 2005 contract month of the WTI Crude Oil One month Calendar Spread option contract;

16. at the strike price of 21200 for the October 2005 contract month of the Unleaded Gasoline option contract;

17. at the strike price of 8200 for the October 2005 contract month of the Crude Oil option contract;

18. at the strike price of 16000 for the November 2005 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;

19. at the strike price of 7850 for the November 2005 contract month of the Crude Oil option contract;

20. at the strike price of 25300 for the December 2005 contract month of the Heating Oil option contract;

21. at the strike prices of 11300 and 12400 for the December 2005 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;

22. at the strike price of 22700 for the December 2005 contract month of the Unleaded Gasoline option contract;

23. at the strike price of 17000 for the February 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;

24. at the strike price of 9800 for the March 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;

25. at the strike price of 21800 for the May 2006 contract month of the Heating Oil option contract;

26. at the strike price of 8350 for the September 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;

(C) On August 19, 2005, the Exchange added a call and a put:

27. at the strike price of 9850 for the September 2005 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;

28. at the strike price of 13950 for the November 2005 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;

29. at the strike price of 22200 for the February 2006 contract month of the Heating Oil option contract;

30. at the strike price of 16000 for the February 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;

31. at the strike price of 22200 for the March 2006 contract month of the Heating Oil option contract;

32. at the strike price of 22200 for the April 2006 contract month of the Heating Oil option contract;

33. at the strike price of 12500 for the April 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;

34. at the strike price of 12500 for the May 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;

35. at the strike price of 12500 for the June 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;

36. at the strike price of 12500 for the July 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;

37. at the strike price of 12500 for the August 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;

38. at the strike price of 12500 for the September 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;

39. at the strike price of 12500 for the October 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;

(D) On August 22, 2005, the Exchange added a call and a put:

40. at the strike price of 24400 for the November 2005 contract month of the Heating Oil option contract;

41. at the strike price of 12750 for the December 2005 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract;

42. at the strike prices of 24700 and 25700 for the December 2005 contract month of the Heating Oil option contract;

43. at the strike price of 22900 and 23400 for the January 2006 contract month of the Heating Oil option contract;

44. at the strike prices of 10550 and 10600 for the March 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract; and

45. at the strike price of 8750 for the June 2006 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract.

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Pursuant to the terms of COMEX Rule 16.03, COMEX Rule 17.04 and NYMEX Rule 300.20, the strike prices noted above are in increments that are consistent with the pricing for the underlying futures contract. COMEX Rule 16.03, COMEX Rule 17.04 and NYMEX Rule 300.20 permit such directed strike prices to be effective upon adoption, provided that notice to the CFTC is given within three business days of the strike price listing.

Should you have any questions concerning the above, please contact the undersigned at (212) 299-2207.

Very truly yours,

Brian Regan
Vice President & Counsel

cc: Christopher K. Bowen
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