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

**Re: Self-Certification of Notice to NYMEX Members. NYMEX
Submission 05.153: Notification of Extension of Delivery
Period for the August 2005 NYMEX Natural Gas Contract.**

Dear Ms. Jean Webb:

The New York Mercantile Exchange ("NYMEX" or the "Exchange") is self-certifying to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") the attached Notice to Members, which informs NYMEX Members, Member Firms and Clearing Members of the extension of the delivery period for the August 2005 NYMEX Natural Gas Contract for one additional day, through September 1, 2005.

The NYMEX Natural Gas Delivery Committee met on August 29, 2005 to review the status at the Henry Hub facility in Louisiana with regard to outstanding Natural Gas deliveries for the August 2005 contract. The facility had declared a Force Majeure due to the disruption of operations resulting from Hurricane Katrina. After the Force Majeure was lifted after an approximate twenty-four hour period, the Committee, under its powers cited in NYMEX Rule 220.18 Section (C)(6), extended the delivery period for the August 2005 Natural Gas Contract for one additional day, through September 1, 2005. Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Commodity Exchange Act ("Act") and CFTC Rule 40.6, the Exchange hereby certifies that the attached procedure complies 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.

Very truly yours,

Thomas F. LaSala
Senior Vice President
Compliance and Risk Management

cc: Brian Regan
Nancy Minett

Notice No. 05-360
August 29, 2005

TO: All NYMEX Members, Member Firms and Clearing Members

FROM: James E. Newsome, President

RE: Update Regarding August 2005 NYMEX Natural Gas Deliveries

The Delivery Committee (the "Committee") convened again this afternoon, Monday, August 29, 2005, to review the status at the Henry Hub facility in Louisiana with regard to outstanding NYMEX Natural Gas deliveries for the August 2005 Contract.

Sabine Pipeline, the operator of the Henry Hub facility, has reported that as of mid-afternoon today, the Hub is fully operational. Sabine Pipeline is confirming nominations at all previously-nominated interconnections at normal rates of flow, and that their prior Force Majeure notice has been recently lifted. In light of these developments, the Committee recommends the following related to the August 2005 Natural Gas deliveries. Consistent with its powers cited in NYMEX Rule 220.18 Section (C)(6), which was referenced earlier today, all participants are to immediately resume nominations/deliveries related to any remaining NYMEX obligations for August 2005 deliveries.

Due to the Force Majeure declaration associated with the interruption of services at the Henry Hub which commenced on Sunday at approximately 5:00 p.m. Central time, the delivery period for the August 2005 NYMEX Natural Gas Contract will be extended for one additional day, through September 1, 2005. All other contract terms are intact and unmodified. Further, all September deliveries are to be conducted in compliance with standard NYMEX terms.

Lastly, consistent with the prior notice, ADPs may be conducted in the August 2005 Contract pursuant to NYMEX Rule 220.17A.

Questions regarding this Notice should be directed to Thomas LaSala, Senior Vice President, Compliance and Risk Management, at (212) 299-2897, Nancy Minett, Vice President, Compliance, at (212) 299-2940, and Anthony V. Densieski, Senior Director, Market Surveillance, at (212) 299-2881.