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VIA E-MAIL TRANSMISSION

Eileen Donovan
Acting Secretary
Office of the Secretariat
Commodity Futures Trading Commission
Three Lafayette Centre
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Washington, D.C. 20581

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Re: Rule Certifications. New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. Submission #06.98: Changes in Electronic Trading Venue and Changes in Listed Electronic Trading Hours for Specified NYMEX Energy and Metals Futures Contracts and Increase in Listed Months for NYMEX miNY(sm) Futures Contracts

Dear Ms. Donovan:

The New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. ("Exchange") is notifying the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("Commission") that it is self-certifying the following changes noted below as further detailed in the attached notices to members. First, the futures contracts noted below will be delisted from listing for trading on the NYMEX ACCESS® electronic trading system and instead going forward will be listed by NYMEX for trading on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange's Globex® electronic trading system. (Each of these contracts is also listed for open outcry trading on the NYMEX Division trading floor and the floor listing of these contracts will remain the same.) Second, the trading hours for these contracts on Globex are specified in an attached notice. (As has been publicly announced, the trading hours will be further expanded to daytime trading hours for these contracts early next month, which will be addressed in a separate follow-up filing to the Commission. Third, the number of contract months listed for various NYMEX miNY(sm) energy futures contracts will be expanded as detailed in another attached notice.

- **Energy Futures Contracts and Commodity Symbols**
 - Light Sweet Crude Oil (CL)
 - Natural Gas (NG)
 - New York Harbor Unleaded Gasoline (HU)
 - RBOB Gasoline (RB)
 - New York Harbor Heating Oil (HO)

- **Metals Futures Contracts and Commodity Symbols**
 - Platinum (PL)
 - Palladium (PA)
 - Propane (PN)

Pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the Commodity Exchange Act ("Act") and CFTC Rule 40.6, the Exchange hereby certifies that these changes comply with the Act, including regulations under the Act; the changes will be made effective for trade date August 4, 2006.

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

Very truly yours,

Brian J. Regan
Vice President and Counsel

Att.

Notice to Members

Notice No. 400
07/27/2006

Trading Hours of NYMEX Physically Delivered Products on CME Globex®

With the migration of the after hours energy futures contracts from NYMEX ACCESS®, to the CME Globex® electronic trading platform, on August 6 for trade date August 7, the electronic trading hours and trade date logic of these products will be changed to reflect the trade date roll that occurs daily on Globex at 5:15 PM EST.

Previously the beginning of the next trade date began with the close of the trading floor. With this migration, the after hours trading session that will occur between the close of the floor and the date roll on Globex will be for the current trade date. Trading for the next trade date will begin with the reopen of Globex at 6:00 PM EST (Sun-Thurs). There will a pre-open prior to the session after the close of the floor in addition to the preopen after the date roll for the next trade date.

The complete schedule follows:

Light sweet crude oil (CL), natural gas (NG), heating oil (HO), and gasoline (HU and RB):

Sunday	6:00 PM until 9:50 AM the following day (Monday's trade date)
Monday – Thursday	3:15 PM until 5:15 PM the same day (Current trade date) 6:00 PM until 9:50 AM the following day (Next trade date)
Friday	3:15 PM until 5:15 PM (Friday's trade date)

Propane (PN):

Sunday	6:00 PM until 9:00 AM the following day (Monday's trade date)
Monday – Thursday	1:45 PM until 5:15 PM the same day (Current trade date) 6:00 PM until 9:00 AM the following day (Next trade date)
Friday	1:45 PM until 5:15 PM (Friday's trade date)

Platinum (PL) and Palladium (PA):

Sunday	6:00 PM until 8:00 AM the following day (Monday's trade date)
Monday – Thursday	2:00 PM until 5:15 PM the same day (Current trade date) 6:00 PM until 8:00 AM the following day (Next trade date)
Friday	2:00 PM until 5:15 PM (Friday's trade date)

All Exchange-defined calendar spreads, strips, and physical-to-physical inter-commodity spreads (RB:CL, HU:CL, HO:CL, HU:HO, HU:RB, RB:HO) will follow the same trading hours as their respective outright products above.

There are currently no changes in the trading times of the COMEX division products trading on NYMEX ACCESS®. Those products will continue to trade under the current trading hours and trade date logic on NYMEX ACCESS®.

If you have any questions please contact NYMEX Customer Service at 800-438-8616 or 212-299-2670.

Should you have any questions or require any further information, please contact exchangeinfo@nymex.com

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Notice to Members

Notice No. 375
07/17/2006

The Addition of Listed Months for NYMEX miNY™ Products

The NYMEX Board of Directors approved the expansion of the listed number of months for all NYMEX miNY™ products effective trade date August 7th 2006 on CME GLOBEX®. This represents a move from 3 months to a full curve of months for the product slate.

The miNY Crude Oil (QM), miNY Brent Crude Oil (QB) and miNY Natural Gas (QG) listed months will include the remaining months in the current year and the next five (5) years. A new calendar year will be added following the termination of trading in the December contract of the current year.

- The miNY Heating Oil (QH) will have 18 months of consecutive months listed for trading.
- The miNY Gasoline (QU) will have 12 months of consecutive months listed for trading.
- The miNY Brent (QB) will have 12 months of consecutive months listed for trading.

Should you have any questions or require any further information, please contact jquinn@nymex.com or the marketing desk at 212 299 2301.

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